GRENVILLE BAKER
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

December 2025

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CELEBRATING TOGETHER AT OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Thanksgiving Dinner continues to be one of our most cherished traditions, bringing together Club members, their families, and our dedicated volunteers for an evening filled with community and celebration. Families enjoyed a hearty meal featuring classic favorites—turkey (with cooked turkeys generously donated by Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club), mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, baked ziti, and our always-popular cornbread—while the dessert table remained a highlight throughout the night.

This special event would not be possible without the many individuals who cooked, prepared dishes, or contributed items. We are especially grateful to Jared and Milton, two new Keystone members, who enthusiastically suited up in the turkey costume this year. Their spirited involvement brought smiles to children, families, and even alumni who stopped by to reconnect.

Staff also reintroduced an arts and crafts table, where members created photo frames and fall-themed collages, adding an extra layer of warmth and festivity to the evening.

It was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this beloved tradition such a success.

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A FUN-FILLED BINGO NIGHT RAISES FUNDS FOR KEYSTONE SERVICE TRIP

This month, our Keystone members took the lead in planning and executing a highly successful Bingo Fundraiser. Demonstrating initiative and teamwork, the group canvassed local businesses to collect donations, then assembled an impressive selection of raffle baskets and sold tickets throughout the week. Featured baskets included a candy bouquet, a Netflix & Chill bundle, a wine bottle paired with a $50 Buckram gift card, a spa-themed set, and an AMC movie package. All baskets were raffled off during the event.

The Bingo Night Fundraiser was held on Friday, November 21, and the trip-bound members worked together seamlessly to ensure the evening ran smoothly. Families and friends filled the room, cheering with enthusiasm as numbers were called. Six rounds of bingo kept the excitement high, with $25 gift cards awarded to each winner. Guests left with big smiles—and many even asked when the next bingo night would be scheduled.

By the end of the evening, our Keystone members raised an impressive $1,000 toward their upcoming service trip to California. It was a wonderful community event and a proud moment for these hardworking teens.

A SLAM DUNK EVENING FOR PASSPORT TO MANHOOD

On Friday, November 7, our Passport to Manhood program came together for an exciting outing to a Long Island Nets basketball game! This special event served as a reward for the boys' impressive GPA improvements since the start of the academic year.

The boys were thrilled to experience professional basketball firsthand—many sharing that it was their very first time attending a game at this level. The evening was filled with fun and camaraderie, from engaging activities at the Kids Zone to cheering on the Nets as they claimed a victory. The excitement continued with a player meet-and-greet and autograph session after the game, creating memories the boys won't soon forget.

Overall, the Passport to Manhood participants enjoyed a fantastic night of basketball, connection, and celebration of their hard work and achievements!

If you have a middle schooler looking for an opportunity to get involved please contact our Director of Tween Programs, Giancarlo Servedio at 516.676.1460 x231.

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INTRODUCING KIDS TO THE BENEFITS OF MUAY THAI

Our Muay Thai program, introduced a few years ago through Anthony Garcia of Garcia Muay Thai in Glen Cove, continues to be a valuable part of our sports offerings. This dynamic martial art provides numerous benefits, including improved physical fitness, stress relief, increased confidence, self-defense skills, and enhanced focus and mental sharpness.

While engaging younger participants initially proved challenging—many were hesitant about the workout—our team found creative ways to motivate them, sometimes offering a small treat after class. The program not only introduces children to an exciting sport but also helps lay the foundation for lifelong physical and mental well-being. We look forward to offering Muay Thai for years to come, inspiring kids to stay active and confident.

FUTURE HEALTHCARE HEROES: TEENS EXPERIENCE LIFE IN A HOSPITAL

This year, many of our juniors and seniors expressed interest in pursuing careers in the medical field. To give them firsthand experience, we partnered with Glen Cove Hospital for a special tour and panel with medical professionals.

The teens split into two groups and began the day in a conference room, where they spoke with professionals from various departments. They then toured the hospital, visiting areas from the emergency room—where they learned how to place an IV—to the physical therapy department. Along the way, they explored multiple units and gained insight into the vital roles each team member plays in keeping the hospital running smoothly.

During the visit, students asked thoughtful questions about education requirements, typical work hours, and what professionals enjoy most about their careers. Many participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity, noting that they enjoyed every part of the experience. Some even spoke with staff about volunteer opportunities and received guidance on how to apply.

It was an inspiring day that gave our teens a closer look at the world of medicine and the pathways to pursue it.

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MEMBERS ENJOY A MAGICAL DISNEY ON ICE EXPERIENCE

The Club was thrilled to receive 100 tickets to Disney on Ice! We shared 55 tickets with families so parents could enjoy the show with their children, and the remaining tickets were used for a special field trip for our members.

Two buses were filled with K–5 members, while a third bus carried the 6th graders. Even though they are in the teen department, they were just as excited to experience the magic of Disney. The kids loved watching the show, singing along to their favorite songs, and enjoying cotton candy and popcorn. Stitch quickly became a fan favorite, but every part of the performance—from Moana to Inside Out—kept everyone entertained.

It was a truly memorable evening, full of laughter, excitement, and Disney magic, creating memories our members won't soon forget.

NOVEMBER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Tween: Desmond S. Desmond has stepped up a lot this year. He is the Torch Club president for this school year and runs meetings very well. He is always willing to help in any way, whether at big events, on Torch service trips, or within the Club. Desmond has also made new friends at the Club and had a great month.

Teen: Andrea T. Andrea has stepped out of her comfort zone and became more engaged in the Keystone program. She is more vocal during meetings and consistently raises her hand to participate and help others. She approaches everything with a smile and makes sure those around her are doing their part while also enjoying themselves.

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INAUGURAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

On Wednesday, December 3, the Long Island Collaborative of Boys & Girls Clubs hosted its Inaugural Legislative Breakfast at Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club. The event was a great success, bringing together more than 40 guests, including Senator Jack Martins, several of his Assembly colleagues, Nassau County Legislators Samantha Goetz, Delia De Riggi Whitton, and Arnie Drucker, the Mayor of Glen Cove Pam Panzenbeck, along with board members and staff from all six Long Island Clubs—Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area, Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay- East Norwich, Boys & Girls Club of Shinnecock Nation, Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club at Lincoln House, Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, and Hicksville Boys & Girls Club.

Guests gathered in the Tween Room to connect, collaborate, and celebrate a shared commitment to advancing our mission and the youth we serve. We are deeply appreciative of the advocacy and support provided by our elected officials and look forward to continuing to work together in 2026 to strengthen outcomes for young people across Long Island.

OUR TALENTED GUEST BARTENDERS ARE:

LIZ MCGOLDRICK & JULIE MARK

LINDA CIRIGLIANO & MICHAEL FREY

MARGARET TRAUTMANN & COLE TRAUTMANN

MAKE EVERY TIP COUNT!

All tips received will benefit Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club

SPECIAL COCKTAIL MENU FOR THE NIGHT
EXCITING RAFFLE PRIZES
COMPLEMENTARY LIGHT BITES INCLUDED
DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

Let's see which team can earn the most tips and take home the bragging rights!

Can't make it to the Guest Bartender Event? No problem — visit www.GBBGC.org and leave a virtual tip for your favorite team!

Share this flyer, invite your friends, and let's make a difference together.

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