GRENVILLE BAKER
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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SHAKING THINGS UP FOR GRENVILLE BAKER

We were thrilled to host our 4th Annual Guest Bartender Night at The Marker—an unforgettable evening filled with fun, philanthropy, and great cocktails. Community members gathered to support Grenville Baker while enjoying a lively night behind (and in front of) the bar.

Our incredible guest bartender teams—Linda Cirigliano & Michael Frey, Margaret Trautmann & Cole Trautmann, and Liz McGoldrick & Julie Mark—brought the energy, serving up delicious drinks, big smiles, and plenty of laughs throughout the night.

All tips raised from the evening will directly support meaningful resources and opportunities for youth in our community.

Congratulations to Linda and Michael for taking home the win! While they claimed the title, the true winner of the night was the Club.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported this special event. We couldn't do it without you—cheers to another great year, and we'll see you next time!

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THE JOY OF GIVING

The Club Bucks store has become a fun and rewarding experience for our members, who work hard all month to earn money they can spend on donated items. Seeing the kids light up as they pick out their favorite games and toys is always special—but what's even more meaningful is when they choose to shop for someone else.

This year, one of our fifth graders, Aiden, took that spirit of giving to a whole new level. After purchasing his gifts, Aiden decided to donate them back to the Club so Mrs. Maria could use them as prizes for other members. His thoughtful gesture showed incredible empathy and selflessness, and it was truly heartwarming to see someone so eager to bring joy to others during the holiday season.

We gratefully accept donations year-round for the Club Bucks Store. If you would like to donate new/unused toys or gifts, please contact Stephanie Urio at 516-676-1460 ext. 213

HOLIDAY MAGIC IN THE CITY

In December, the City Club continued a special tradition with its third annual trip to see the Rockefeller Christmas Tree. This year was especially meaningful, as all six Torch Club members and seven Keystone members were visiting the tree—and New York City—for the very first time.

From first train rides and discovering Grand Central to dinner at Shake Shack and exploring the city streets, the excitement was contagious. Phones were out capturing photos, videos, and holiday memories every step of the way.

By the end of the night, new friendships had formed, bonds were strengthened, and the teens left grateful for an unforgettable first city holiday experience.

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TORCH CLUB SCORES BIG FOR A GREAT CAUSE

On December 4th, Torch Club hosted a fundraiser to support their local homeless shelter by organizing a Staff vs. Torch Club soccer game. Admission to the event—and participation in the game—was made possible through donations of toiletries and other needed goods.

The event was entirely planned by Torch Club members, who voted during their weekly meeting on who would benefit from the fundraiser, what type of event to host, and which items to collect. After thoughtful discussion, they chose to hold a soccer match in the lower gymnasium, with all donated goods going to the local homeless shelter.

The game was a hit with everyone involved, including staff, Torch Club members, and a lively crowd of K–5 students who filled the gym with enthusiastic cheers. In a thrilling overtime finish, the staff secured a narrow 5–4 victory. More importantly, the fundraiser was a huge success, collecting a full basket of donated goods to be delivered to the shelter. Overall, it was a fun and meaningful event that made a positive impact on the community.

DECEMBER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Tween: Emely A. If you know Emely, you know she loves to help in any way she can. She consistently steps up to support Keystone events, helps K–5 students with homework, and even assists at the front desk when needed. Emely is always the first to raise her hand to help, and she treats all of her peers with kindness and respect.

Teen: Josue Z Last year, Josue wasn't very involved in Keystone, but this year he has stepped up in many ways. December was a month where he truly focused on helping and giving back to the community. He dressed up as Santa and played the role wonderfully, saying, "It's about making the kids smile." Josue always helps with a smile and never stops giving his time and effort.

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JAMES KALENDERIAN OF SOUNDSIDE PHYSICAL THERAPY

Aviator Circle Spotlight: *Each month, we're proud to highlight members of our Aviator Circle—a distinguished group of donors whose generosity fuels our mission year-round. These dedicated supporters sponsor three or more events or programs annually, including the Gala, Golf Outing, Basketball Program, and Day for Kids.*

Their ongoing support makes a lasting impact on the lives of the young people we serve. Interested in joining? Contact Tara Butler-Sahai at (516) 759-5437 ext. 214 or tara.butler-sahai@gbbgc.org.

James Kalenderian

James Kalenderian of SoundSide Physical Therapy has been a loyal friend and supporter of Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club for many years. As a proud member of the Club's Aviator Circle, James continues to champion our Club and its mission to empower young people.

As the Founder of SoundSide Physical Therapy, James brings more than two decades of experience and a deep passion for personalized, hands-on care. He leads his team with a commitment to cutting-edge rehabilitation in a state-of-the-art facility designed to help patients move better, feel stronger, and live pain-free.

At SoundSide Physical Therapy, every patient receives a comprehensive evaluation and a tailored treatment plan. Services include advanced modalities such as Phoenix Thera-Laser, AlterG Anti-Gravity Treadmill, Athletic Stretching, and more. Whether recovering from an injury, managing a chronic condition, or pursuing a healthier lifestyle, patients benefit from one-on-one attention, modern techniques, and a compassionate approach focused on long-term wellness.

James lives in Locust Valley with his wife and children and remains deeply committed to serving the community he calls home.

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HOOPS ARE BACK AT GBBGC!

This year, we have 26 teams competing across our 3rd–8th grade leagues. Our game schedule is set: 7th/8th grade boys play on Thursdays, while 3rd/4th and 5th/6th graders hit the court on Saturdays.

Before the holiday break, each team played two exciting games. After each matchup, we celebrated our players with special awards: Player of the Week, Team Player, and Lockdown Defender. The kids loved seeing their achievements highlighted on our bulletin boards!

This month, we're excited to expand our program with a co-ed high school league for 9th and 10th graders on Friday nights—another great opportunity for more students to get in the game.

A SNOWBALL CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER

Our Snowball-themed holiday party was a joyful finale to the year, filling the Club with festive cheer and warm holiday spirit. Members, staff, and Keystoners came together to celebrate happiness, friendship, and the magic of the season.

Children from the K–5 program gathered in the upstairs gym, where they rotated through small-group activity stations featuring interactive games, creative crafts, and a favorite highlight—cookie decorating. Throughout the event, Keystone volunteers played a vital role, enthusiastically guiding each activity and ensuring every child felt welcomed, included, and supported.

This unforgettable celebration was made possible by the dedication of our directors, who transformed the gym into a winter wonderland, making the children feel as though they had stepped straight into the North Pole.

Adding to the excitement, a Keystone member dressed as Santa Claus greeted the kids, posed for photos, and listened as they shared their holiday wishes—creating memories that will last well beyond the season.