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WINTER COLLEGE TOUR INSPIRES FUTURE GOALS

This February, 19 teens and 4 staff members set out on our annual Winter College Tour, visiting the University of Rhode Island, Emerson College, Harvard University, Western New England University, and the University of Hartford. For many, it was their first college tour, sparking excitement and curiosity about campus life.

Highlights included exploring Harvard's campus, experiencing city life at Emerson, and participating in a team-building escape room challenge. A standout moment came at the University of Hartford, where alumni from the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club led a campus tour, inspiring teens by sharing their own college journeys.

As the trip came to a close, students reflected on their futures with a renewed sense of motivation. One teen shared, "I have to start working extra hard to see myself on a campus like Western New England." The Winter College Tour continues to open doors, spark ambition, and encourage our youth to dream big.

A SWEET VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Love was in the air as we celebrated Valentine's Day with our Club members. With a DJ playing a mix of music, kids filled the room with dancing and singing, creating a fun and energetic atmosphere. A special lounge area offered Shirley Temples and a place to relax and connect—it was truly a vibe, according to the kids.

Keystone members also stepped up to help make the event a success, popping popcorn and handing out cookies to wrap up a memorable celebration.

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HITTING THE SLOPES: A DAY OF GROWTH AND FUN

Our teens took to the slopes for their much-anticipated annual ski trip, traveling to Big Boulder Mountain for a full day of winter adventure. The three-hour bus ride was filled with music, laughter, and excitement as members bonded and prepared to try something new.

Once on the mountain, beginners and experienced skiers alike started on the bunny hill, with returning participants offering encouragement and support to first-timers. What began as nervousness quickly turned into confidence, as many new skiers challenged themselves to make it down a green trail by day's end.

Between runs, the group shared laughs over lunch, swapping stories—especially about the many tumbles along the way. By the end of the trip, everyone left feeling proud of their progress and already looking forward to next year's adventure. It was a fun-filled evening that brought smiles, laughter, and an unforgettable start to the new year for everyone at City Club.

WINTER BREAK CAMP FULL OF DISCOVERY AND FUN

Winter Break Camp offered our members a variety of exciting and enriching experiences. In partnership with the Center Island Bird Sanctuary, youth participated in two interactive sessions focused on owls and vultures native to our area. The hands-on learning kept everyone engaged and sparked a deeper interest in wildlife.

Members also enjoyed fun-filled field trips to Chuck E. Cheese and a local bowling alley, creating opportunities for play, laughter, and connection.

The camp concluded with a special outing hosted by the Nassau County Bar Association We Care Fund. Thirteen members attended this unforgettable event, where they were treated like VIPs with red carpet entrances, lanyards, music from a DJ, and live entertainment from a magician. The night also included a candy bar, take-home toys, and Dippin' Dots for the ride home—ending camp on a truly memorable note.

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TEENS GAIN BANKING INSIGHTS FROM APPLE BANK EXPERTS

Money Matters welcomed two managers from the Apple Bank of Locust Valley for an engaging session on banking basics. Teens learned about topics like Credit vs. Debit, Checking vs. Savings, and managing personal debt.

Members were active participants, asking questions about their own experiences and how to apply these lessons. The group left inspired and better equipped to make smart financial decisions in the future.

DANCERS SHINE IN RECITAL PREP

Our dancers are busy getting ready for their recital on June 11th! This year's classes include K–2 Hip Hop, 2–4 Lyrical/Ballet, and 3–5 Hip Hop. Pictured are the lyrical/ballet dancers perfecting their routines and showing off their skills with freestyle moves at the end of class. The kids are enjoying the chance to showcase their techniques and creativity as they prepare for the big day.

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ALL-STAR GAMES SHOWCASE TEAM SPIRIT AND TALENT

At the end of February, we hosted our annual All-Star Games, bringing together 39 players for an exciting day of competition and celebration. Athletic staff members Sean and Jason coached the teams, while Giancarlo and Bella served as officials.

This year featured two in-house co-ed matchups for 3rd/4th and 5th/6th graders. Both games were highly competitive—the 3rd/4th grade game went into overtime, while the 5th/6th grade game came down to a one-possession finish.

The event gave players a chance to shine, have fun, and be recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout the season, making it a memorable conclusion to the year.

FEBRUARY MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Tween: Matthew

Matthew is an 8th grader who has shown tremendous growth over the past year. While he wasn't as involved last year, he has really stepped up this year, even though he is only able to attend Torch Club once a week on Thursdays. During meetings, Matthew is always eager to participate, consistently raising his hand to volunteer. One highlight was when Torch Club visited the nursing home, where he enjoyed every moment, especially making bracelets with the residents.

Teen: Yulie

Yulie has always been a star at GBBGC, consistently showing up for every event and fundraiser. Recently, she has really begun to step up, becoming more confident and less shy around her peers. She has also put a lot of effort into fundraising for the big trip coming up in April. Through her hard work and dedication, she has earned the opportunity to travel with 17 other teens to California.

Stay connected about upcoming events at the Club– Visit www.gbbgc.org for the latest updates or follow us on social @grenvillebaker.

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COMMUNITY GATHERS TO DISCUSS CARDIAC SAFETY IN YOUNG ATHLETES

On February 10, more than 25 parents and community members attended a Glen Cove Hospital–sponsored discussion on the health and cardiac risks facing young athletes. The program featured Dr. Brittney Grella, MD, and Dr. Sophie Golden, DO, with Dr. Danielle Turner Cosci, Director of Health, P.E. & Athletics at Locust Valley CSD, highlighting school protocols and how staff training recently helped save a student's life during a medical emergency. We are excited to partner with Glen Cove Hospital for additional Community Cares Conversations throughout 2026.

CREATIVITY SHINES IN WINTER PROGRAMS

Our winter programs, Lego Builders and Imagination Station, were a hit! Each week, kids explored new projects—from building towers and tic-tac-toe boxes to Coke and Mentos experiments—while connecting with peers who share their interests. Creativity and curiosity were truly on full display.

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DANIEL GALE SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty was our very first Aviator Circle Sponsor just a few years ago. Since 1922, Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty has provided the highest standard of real estate services. Led by Sales Manager Ellen M. Hanes, the Locust Valley branch office exemplifies professionalism, exceptional market knowledge, and outstanding client service.

For nearly 30 years, Daniel Gale has shown unwavering support for the Club and its mission. With the legacy of sales agents serving on our Board of Directors and Event Committees as well as many who are Club alumni, we have built a strong and lasting friendship over the years.

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club was proud to honor Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty at the 2024 Alumni & Friends Golf Outing.

We are truly grateful for Daniel Gale's continued investment in our Club Kids. Their generous support enables us to provide a safe and welcoming space for our community's children each day after school, a place where they build lifelong friendships and discover that success is within their reach.

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.

TORCH CLUB SPREADS JOY AT SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING

Torch Club's annual visit to the Sunrise Assisted Living was a heartwarming success. Ten members partnered with residents to make friendship bracelets, sparking engaging conversations and meaningful connections.

The tweens and residents shared laughs, stories, and creativity, leaving both groups with a sense of joy and gratitude. This cherished tradition continues to inspire Torch Club members as they look forward to next year's visit.