GRENVILLE BAKER
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

October 2025

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FUN & FUNDRAISING AT THE ALUMNI & FRIENDS OUTING

On Monday, October 6, supporters of Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club gathered for a fantastic day of golf, pickleball, and celebration at the beautiful Glen Head Country Club.

The day kicked off with a delicious breakfast, followed by a noon shotgun start for golfers, who enjoyed a gorgeous afternoon on the rolling greens with drinks and lunch served on the course. Meanwhile, our pickleball players hit the courts for a spirited two-hour round robin tournament full of fun and friendly competition.

Later in the evening, all attendees came together for cocktails, dinner, and an exciting program honoring Amy & Len Margolis of Le Joaillier Fine Jewelry — longtime friends and supporters of the Club.

The night was filled with energy and generosity, featuring a silent auction with amazing items such as Islanders tickets, golf outings, and Ryder Cup memorabilia. Raffle prizes included gift certificates to top restaurants, spa packages, themed gift baskets, and more!

Alum and comedian Peter Bales emceed the evening, keeping the crowd laughing while hosting a lively auction and presenting awards to our top golf and pickleball participants.

The evening concluded with the much-anticipated Golf Ball Drop, made possible by the Locust Valley Fire Department. Congratulations to our lucky winner, Matt Higgins, who walked away with a grand prize of $10,000!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who sponsored, attended, or supported this wonderful event. And a special congratulations again to our honorees, Amy & Len Margolis, whose dedication and generosity continue to make a lasting impact on Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club.

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GBBGC WINS BIG AT THE 2025 NORTHEAST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 2025 Northeast Leadership Conference did not disappoint—Grenville Baker came home with a sweep of awards! Congratulations to our outstanding honorees: Barbara King, named Northeast Area Council Liaison Board Member of the Year (Chairman, Honorable Colin O'Donnell, accepted on her behalf); Maria Arana, our caring and creative K–5 Director, who received the Trailblazer Award; and Marc Bilbrey, our amazing Associate Director, honored with the Inaugural Goodwins, Hammersley, and Bushnell Award. We are so proud of each of them!

MINI COLLEGE TOUR INSPIRES TEEN GIRLS

On September 23rd and 24th, 13 teen girls — including 10 seniors and 3 juniors — embarked on a two-day overnight college tour upstate, traveling together in a white minibus for an unforgettable experience.

The journey began with a visit to SUNY Purchase, where the group took part in an hour-long campus tour. They asked thoughtful questions, explored the grounds, and got a real sense of what college life could look like. Later that day, the group headed to Mercy University, a school many of the girls had already applied to. Their tour guide brought the campus to life with energy, humor, and personal stories — so much so that the students broke into applause at the end of the visit! Their enthusiasm paid off too — everyone received application fee waivers.

That evening at the hotel, the excitement was still going strong. The girls stayed up discussing their college plans, helping one another with questions, and imagining their futures — a powerful moment of peer support and shared ambition.

On Day 2, the group visited the stunning Storm King Art Center. With perfect fall weather as their backdrop, the girls enjoyed a peaceful day of walking, taking photos, and soaking in the art and nature.

Overall, the Mini College Tour was a huge success — sparking excitement, building confidence, and bringing the college journey one step closer for these inspiring young women.

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LOCUST VALLEY DENTIST WITH HEART AND PRECISION

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.

Dr. Adrianne Koster

Nestled just across the street from the Club, Dr. Adrianne Koster's dental practice has become a trusted cornerstone of the Locust Valley community. An award-winning dentist with over 20 years of experience, Dr. Koster is celebrated for her skillful, detail-oriented approach to both family and aesthetic dentistry.

Dr. Koster began her career in several of Manhattan's top dental practices, where she quickly earned a reputation for precision, compassion, and a keen eye for cosmetic detail. Her passion for excellence led her to pursue advanced training in cosmetic dentistry at NYU's Rosenthal Center, home of the prestigious Aesthetic Advantage program. Under the guidance of renowned mentors, she refined her mastery of high-tech cosmetic treatments and patient-centered aesthetic dentistry. After completion, she was invited to join the faculty—an honor that reflects her dedication to staying at the forefront of modern dental care.

Today, Dr. Koster brings that same commitment and care to her Locust Valley office, where she helps families maintain healthy, confident smiles. Patients praise her for her warm, friendly demeanor and her thoughtful, educational approach to care. She takes time to ensure each patient—young and old—understands their treatment options and feels empowered in their oral health journey.

Beyond the office, Dr. Koster is an enthusiastic supporter of Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club's mission to build strong, thriving families. Her blend of clinical excellence and heartfelt connection makes her not just a trusted dentist, but a valued community partner.

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WELCOMING BACK OUR DEDICATED HOMEWORK HELPERS!

With homework being one of our busiest programs — especially during the first month back when students are adjusting and workloads are high — we're thrilled to welcome back our four amazing and committed volunteers who are ready to jump in and support our kids. On just the second day of the Club being open, one returning member — who always found focus in the yellow room last year — looked around and asked, "Where are all the nice ladies? It's homework time!" It was such a touching reminder of how much our volunteers mean to the kids.

When the volunteers arrived later that day, that same child lit up with joy. It was a special moment for both the student and the volunteers — a perfect example of the impact that small, consistent acts of support can have.

We're so grateful for our volunteers, not just for their time, but for the relationships they build and the encouragement they provide. Their presence makes a lasting difference, and we're lucky to have them as part of our Club family.

SEPTEMBER YOUTHS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten: Genesis E.
1st Grade: Genesis V.
2nd Grade: Mackenzi L.
3rd Grade: Leone H.
4th Grade: Aviana W.
5th Grade: Alex G.
Tweens: Larissa P.
Teens: Andy S.
Tween Power Hour: George H.

MINDFUL MOMENT

To put mindfulness into perspective, I often think of a quote by Eckhart Tolle: "In today's rush, we all think too much — seek too much — want too much — and forget about the joy of just being."

Children are like little sponges; they soak up everything around them. When we move through our days feeling rushed, anxious, or distracted, our children often pick up on that energy. But when we slow down and practice mindfulness—pausing, breathing, and being present—they begin to mirror that calm too.

By practicing mindfulness together, we're giving our children lifelong tools to build confidence, handle big emotions, and bounce back from challenges with resilience and grace.

When we believe in kids,

they learn to believe in themselves.

For 75 years, we've been a second home to countless children, nurturing their potential in ways you might not have realized. Our wide range of programs enrich kids' lives and inspire them to positively impact their communities. It's time you knew: when we take care of children, they take care of the world.

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