



# **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Christmas came early this year at the Club. Thanks to the amazing generosity of Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips, John Holzer and Joe LaPadula from Martino Auto Concepts, and representatives from the United States Marines, Sgt. Mella and Major Kilbride, every camper received a new toy or game at camp. Ms. Phillips spent some time talking with our campers about the importance of our military and first responders, and how blessed we are to have dedicated and brave men and women protect our safety and freedom.







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### **KEYSTONE CONFERENCE**

Our Teen Leadership Club, "Keystone", traveled to Atlanta in July for the annual Keystone Conference, a gathering of over 1,500 young people from across the country to learn about leadership and service. The conference kicked off with a College and Career Expo. Members spoke to different vendors about scholarships and career opportunities. They were all given their own blazers which they will use for future interviews. They attended meetings focused on leadership and mental health. Many considered the session on adulting to be one of the highlights. They also got to have some fun by singing karaoke, getting their caricatures done, attending the talent show, and playing in the games room. The general sessions featured many impressive performers from dance crews to drum lines to jazz bands.

They learned the Keystone chant and got to hear from different motivational speakers. The most memorable was the speech given by Dr. Bernice King, the daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. Abraham even waited in line to meet her and get an autographed copy of her book. The final day featured many options for community service. The members made musical instruments for a local children's hospital, built bikes for kids at a Boys & Girls Club, made care packages and built prosthetic arms. It was one of the more meaningful parts of the conference and after all their hard work, the members were rewarded with an afternoon at Six Flags. In addition, our Keystone Club was a finalist for the Community Service Award for their National Project with the National Kidney Foundation.





### **GLEN COVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISIT**

The Club hosted the July Meeting of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce in our Tween Center. 65 local business owners and associates joined together for a packed program which included a keynote from Assemblyman Chuck Lavine who had been a true champion of the work we do on behalf of kids at the Club and has supported and directed funding for

our mental health and afterschool care initiatives. The meeting was energizing and exciting when each member shared their business and then an opportunity for networking occurred immediately after. Thank you to all of the small businesses for what you do to make our local community so special!



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### **GYMNASTICS CAMP**





This summer, we are offering two weeks of gymnastics camp for rising 1st-6th graders. Most of the camp day consists of the campers learning and improving their skills in all events including bars, vault, beam, and floor. The instructors Keara and Cassandra have been amazing working with the kids, with the support of our Sports & Fitness Coordinator Giancarlo and CITs Morgan and Grace. Throughout the day, the kids take breaks and try different activities as well. After lunch

the kids get some free time outside where they'll play on the playground or try a sport like softball or participate in arts and crafts. To beat the heat, we do water day on Fridays. We also offered an afternoon session for some older gymnasts that are new to the Club. We had a total of 47 unduplicated youth participate in Summer Gymnastics 2024. We are excited to offer Gymnastics again this fall, and already off to a great start with 41 children enrolled!

#### SPECIAL VISIT



(L-R: Executive Director M. Rhodes, Rep. Tom Suozzi and Board Members K.Gelfand and J. Campbell)

We were honored to welcome Congressman Tom Suozzi to our facility on the first day of Summer Camp! His visit was a memorable event for our entire community. The board of directors, staff, and, most importantly, the children were thrilled to have him tour our facility and learn more about our programs. We are grateful for his support and interest, and we look forward to continuing our mission to provide enriching experiences for all our campers. Thank you, Congressman Suozzi, for taking the time to visit us!







#### DANIEL GALE SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY VISIT

This month, Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty visited the Club for a tour, which was especially significant since we will be honoring them at our Golf Outing in October. We are delighted to recognize Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty as the honoree of our 2024 Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament. For nearly 30 years, they have shown a steadfast commitment to improving our community by supporting the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club and our youth. We would like

to extend our gratitude to the Locust Valley Sales Office for their continued support, as well as acknowledge the legacy of their agents who have served as Board of Directors, Club & Event Committee members, and former members who grew up at the Club. Daniel Gale's dedication is evident in their time and effort to ensure that the Club provides a special experience for our kids and makes success attainable for every young person.



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