



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF GRENVILLE BAKER

The 75th Anniversary Committee recently kicked off celebrations with a planning meeting that sparked a nostalgic idea: reviving some of the Club’s most cherished past events. One standout memory was the Grenville Baker Birthday celebration—a fun-filled day that brought the community together for games, prizes, and plenty of laughter.

YoYo, who fondly remembered their value from years past. Volunteering at the event, they joyfully handed out Club bucks to younger kids, passing on the tradition.

The event featured a variety of DIY games crafted by the creative staff. Activities included a balloon pop dart game, memory challenges, a Hot Wheels car race, and the crowd favorite—the chicken toss. Members eagerly moved from station to station, earning Club bucks for their wins. These Club bucks held special meaning, especially for older members like CiCi and

At the end of the day, members chose prizes such as Ring Pops, slime, and Play-Doh, leaving everyone grinning with excitement. No birthday celebration is complete without cake, so the festivities wrapped up with a hearty rendition of “Happy Birthday” to Grenville Baker.

This nostalgic celebration marks a fantastic start to the Club’s 75th anniversary year. Here’s to many more joyful events ahead!





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HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE CLUB

The Club was filled with joy and laughter as we welcomed a special visitor—Santa Claus! The excitement was palpable as Santa arrived, spreading holiday cheer to members of all ages. Even the teens couldn't resist getting into the festive spirit, and as Santa prepared to leave, they joined him for a heartwarming group rendition of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

The holiday fun didn't stop there. Some of our K-5 members joined in on the Locust Valley Tree Lighting ceremony at Thomas Park. The event was a magical experience, complete with cookies, hot cocoa, and light-up giveaways that delighted everyone. Our members were given the honor of flipping the switch to illuminate the tree—a moment that brought smiles all around, even when they got a little eager and turned the lights on early. The crowd's laughter added to the festive atmosphere, making it a memory to cherish.





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CLUB BUCKS STORE: A HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHT

Another highlight was the Club Bucks store, where our members had the chance to shop for gifts using the Club Bucks they earned. The store was stocked with an array of items, including toys, sports equipment, and home décor. While some kids chose to pick out something special for themselves, most used their hard-earned Club Bucks to shop for their siblings and parents. Watching their excitement as they carefully selected gifts and left with their arms full was truly heartwarming.

The spirit of giving and the joy of the season were on full display throughout this special week. From singing with Santa to lighting up the town tree and shopping for loved ones, it was a celebration that embodied the magic of the holidays. A big thank you to Nassau Country Club and everyone who helped make these moments possible for our members!



GBBGC WELCOMES KELLY



We're thrilled to welcome Kelly Walles as our new Director of Development!

A lifelong Oyster Bay resident, Kelly brings extensive experience in fundraising, marketing, and community engagement,

with past roles at Northwell Health Foundation and Portledge School.

Kelly will lead the Club's fundraising efforts, driving donor support, corporate partnerships, and special events to achieve our goals. Welcome aboard, Kelly!

CELEBRATING SHIRLEY



After 17 incredible years, Shirley Durkin-Freni, our HR Specialist, retired on December 30. She fostered a positive workplace culture and was honored with the inaugural Hinkley Award for her impact.

We celebrated Shirley's legacy with a special farewell lunch and wish her all the best as she enjoys retirement in Charleston with her grandson, Joey!



What a show-stopping performance by our talented theatre program participants! This program focused on essential theatre skills, offering a well-rounded curriculum that enhanced performance abilities while inspiring creativity and self-expression.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and cheered them on – we can't wait for the next show!

BASKETBALL IS IN FULL SWING . . . THE SQUEAK OF BASKETBALL SNEAKERS FILL THE GYMS!



SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 7, 2025

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BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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CREATIVITY IN ACTION

Due to the popularity of this program, we are excited to announce that we are offering Theatre Program sessions for grades 3rd-5th from February 5 -April 9. Registration is now open, so don't miss the chance to be part of this incredible experience!

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Acting! SINGING! Dancing!

It takes all three to become a "Triple Threat"!
Triple Threat Academy – Journey Across Oz!
 Life after Dorothy for the Munchkins was great, no witches, and they finally had peace! Until one day they found themselves with no water in their city. Join a group of brave and bold Munchkins as they journey across the land of Oz to the Winkie Forest where they climb Mount Tumbledown to figure out just what's blocking their water!
 Join us for a 12 Week Program
 This program will focus on basic theater skills, offering a well-rounded curriculum that enhances performance skills and fosters creativity.
 February 5 -April 9
 Grades 3rd-5th • Time: 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. • Fee: \$250
 Dates: Feb. 5, 12, 26 - March 5, 12, 19, 26 - April 2, 8*

Guest Bartender Night
FEB. 5, 2025
6:15 PM

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