



SPOOKY FUN AND BIG WINS AT THIS YEAR'S HALLOWEEN PARTY!



This year's Halloween Party was packed with excitement as kids enjoyed an array of festive activities, games, and prizes. From photo ops in a spooky graveyard to a lively arts and crafts station, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Children participated in a range of games, including the "eyeball" spoon race and a crowd-favorite freeze dance competition, filling the gym with laughter and Halloween cheer.

The highlight of the event was the much-anticipated raffle and costume contest. Staff members gathered the kids to announce the winners, starting with the bike raffle. Congratulations to Abraham and Rosemary, who

came closest to guessing the correct number of candy corns in the jar. Both winners were thrilled and took victory laps around the gym on their brand-new bikes.

The costume contest featured an impressive display of creativity, with all winners receiving gift cards generously provided by G. Willikers. The kids were overjoyed, showing off their imaginative outfits and celebrating with friends.

This Halloween Party created lasting memories, and the kids left with big smiles, fun stories and ready for their next adventure.





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ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GOLF OUTING

On Monday, October 7th, Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club hosted its annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament at the beautiful Mill River Club in Oyster Bay. This year, we were honored to celebrate and recognize Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty for their outstanding support and dedication to our mission.

The event saw a wonderful turnout, with enthusiastic participants hitting the green under warm and sunny skies. Golfers enjoyed a full day on the course, capped off by a lively dinner and auction attended by over 100 guests. It was a day filled with camaraderie, good spirits, and shared commitment to the Club's mission of inspiring and enabling great futures for young people in our community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who participated, donated, and supported this event. Your generosity makes a world of difference for the children and families we serve every day.



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The teens recently enjoyed an exciting week filled with unique opportunities for entertainment and education, thanks to the Club's City Club and College Prep Programs. Kicking off with a trip to Broadway, the teens attended a live performance of *The Outsiders*, where they were captivated by the powerful production. Alexandra, a self-described "theater kid" and discerning critic, gave the show high praise, confirming its impact on everyone in attendance.

The following day, the teens visited Stony Brook University for an insightful college tour. This trip was a direct response to last year's end-of-year survey, where many members expressed interest in seeing the Stony Brook campus. Club staff ensured this wish became a reality, and the tour provided members with a firsthand look at college life.



COLLEGE TOUR/CITY CLUB

The experience proved particularly inspiring for the Club's seniors, several of whom expressed interest in applying to Stony Brook. This week of activities offered the teen members both cultural enrichment and academic motivation, with lasting memories and new aspirations.



HONORING 17 YEARS OF DEDICATION

On October 10, 2024, board members, staff, and committee members gathered at the Nassau Country Club to bid a heartfelt farewell to Christine Thomaides, whose remarkable 17 years of service to the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club has left an indelible impact. Christine, a steadfast advocate for our mission and a champion for our kids, is moving on to a new chapter as Executive Director with the National Kidney Foundation.

Throughout the event, guests shared reflections on Christine's dedication and the positive influence she has had on countless lives. We are grateful for her tireless work in support of our programs, our kids, and our vision. We were also delighted to honor Christine with a special Basketball Sponsor sign, which will hang in perpetuity in one of our Club gyms as a tribute to her lasting legacy.

A warm thank you to Kathy Gelfand for hosting this wonderful event and to Susan Lenoir for the stunning centerpieces that added to the afternoons warmth and

charm. Christine expressed that while she is excited to move closer to her family, she will deeply miss the family she has built here at Grenville Baker.

We wish Christine all the best in her new role and thank her for all she has given to our Club.





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HISPANIC HERITAGE DINNER



In a vibrant celebration of Hispanic Heritage, the Keystone members came together once again to host a successful dinner, delighting attendees and raising funds for their future conference trip. Held on Friday, October 18, the event drew a crowd of 185 community members who enjoyed an array of traditional Hispanic dishes and an evening full of festivities.

The Keystone members reached out to local restaurants and gathered food donations to make the event a success. Special thanks go to Dominick's, El Tuzumal, Las Murallitas, Morgan's Deli, La Vicharra, Dominican Deli & Grill, and Locust Valley Deli for their generosity. The evening's menu featured everything from pupusas and platanos to yuca and horchata, offering a delicious sampling of Hispanic culture to all who attended.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, Stephanie Flores choreographed a lively dance performance for a group of middle school girls, who showcased their talents to an enthusiastic audience that clapped along in support. The girls' hard work and weeks of practice paid off, as they performed with energy and precision, wowing the crowd and enhancing the sense of cultural pride.

The event not only celebrated Hispanic culture but also achieved its fundraising goals, bringing in enough funds to send at least two members to the upcoming Keystone Conference—a significant milestone in the Keystone members' ongoing efforts. They continued their fundraising momentum the following Wednesday, October 23, by hosting a fundraiser at Moe's in Greenvale, which donated 25% of the day's proceeds to support the Keystone members' conference attendance, raising an additional \$283.

Thanks to the Keystone members' dedication, the support of local businesses, and the community's enthusiasm, the evening was a resounding success that will have a lasting impact on the Club's programs.



BASKETBALL IS



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Registration to Open September 23. Registration Closes Nov. 1.

GBBGC Basketball Leagues

3rd-4th Grade League (Boys)
3rd-4th Grade League (Girls)

7th-8th Grade League (Boys)
7th-8th Grade League (Girls)

5th-6th Grade League (Boys)
5th-6th Grade League (Girls)

NO PROGRAM FEE FOR THE BELOW LEAGUES
9th-10th Grade League (Boys & Girls)
11th-12th Grade League (Boys & Girls)

3rd - 8th grade leagues: Workouts November 4-8.
Open Gym for 9th-10th/11th-12th November 8.

League practices start on Monday, November 18.
Practices and game days will be determined once teams are formed.

SAVE THE DATE! Championship Saturday ~ March 22.
Program Fee: \$100. Current Annual General Membership (\$85) required for all players.

K-2 Instructional (Boys & Girls) Two Practices To Choose From

Wednesdays (Grade K: 4:00 p.m. - 4:55 p.m. • Grade 1: 5:00 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.)

Thursdays (Grade 1: 4:00 p.m. - 4:55 p.m. • Grade 2: 5:00 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.)

Fridays (Grade 2: 4:00 p.m. - 4:55 p.m. • Grade K: 5:00 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.)

Registration to Open September 25. Registration Closes December 20.
(Instructional practices will run January 8 through March 14.)

Program Fee: \$100. Current Annual General Membership (\$85) required for all players.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

NO CHARGE!

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Parents must accompany children!

Día de Acción de Gracias

**Martes 26 de Nov. a las
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

ABIERTO A LA COMUNIDAD!

¡Los padres deben acompañar a los niños!!

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE EVENT CONTACT: 516-676-1460 EXT. 213

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Save Date for Tuesday Dec. 3rd from 6pm-8pm. We are co-hosting a **Holiday Sip and Shop Event** at Pagio Gallery in Oyster Bay on Spring Street. 10% of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Club!

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The Pagio Gallery to benefit
Greenville Baker
Boys & Girls Club

The Pagio Gallery is a contemporary fine craft gallery located in historic Oyster Bay, NY.

The Gallery is host to a magnificent curation of varying works to include: contemporary jewelry, oil paintings, industrial sculpture and small furniture pieces, art prints, wood sculpture, pottery, candles/reed diffusers, organic soaps and lotions, and more!

All proudly designed and fabricated by professional NY based artists.

The Holiday Sip and Shop Event will be the perfect opportunity to shop for quality and unique gifts you will not find elsewhere.

10% of sales will be donated to Greenville Baker Boys & Girls Club

Tuesday, December 3, 2024
6pm-8pm
19 Spring Street Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Kindly RSVP by
November 26 to
Melissa Rhodes at
melissa.rhodes@gbbgc.org
or text 516-417-6276

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Poinsettia Fundraiser

Spread holiday cheer to your family and friends by supporting the Club this season!

Order beautiful poinsettias at www.GBBGC.org, available in red or white. Choose from three sizes:

- 6.5"** (ideal for tabletops) ~ \$15.00
- 8"** (a large floor plant, about 28" tall) ~ \$35.00
- 12"** (extra large floor plant, about 35" tall — perfect for framing a fireplace or doorway) ~ \$80.00

Place your orders by Wednesday, November 20.
Pickup will be at the Club on Tuesday, December 3, between 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for helping us continue to provide meaningful programs and services for local boys and girls!

135 Forest Avenue Locust Valley, NY 11560