12TH ANNUAL MARY E. LAMBERT GOLF TOURNAMENT
The 12th Annual Mary E. Lambert Golf Tournament was held on September 18, 2017 at the Fall River Country Club. This was our most successful tournament to date, raising $16,623 to support more than 350 members that attend each day. Thanks to the generosity of our title sponsor, Law Offices Brian Cunha & Associates, donors and participants, we are able to help these members reach their full potential in a safe, fun and stimulating environment.

GALA 2017
The “Gala 2017” fundraiser was held on November 11, 2017 in the Club’s gymnasium. More than 400 Club alumni and friends enjoyed a fun filled evening of hors d’oeuvres, dinner, open bar, entertainment, silent auction and special raffles including: a Gronk autographed football and a cruise on the QE II. Serving the guests were student volunteers from several local high schools as well as Club’s Keystone Club. Thanks to the generosity of our title sponsor, Mechanics Cooperative Bank, all our donors, $90,118 was raised to support the Club’s 32 programs. This support allows us to continue to improve the lives of our 2,474 members. Proceeds from the Gala help us continue to keep our membership cost affordable and hours of operation convenient for the youth and families that need us most.

2ND ANNUAL HANNAH RAPOSO PAINT NIGHT
On the weekend of December 1, 2017, the Club hosted two special events in honor of Hannah Raposo. Hannah was the President of the Club’s Keystone Club and 2016 Youth of the Year, as well as a talented artist and role model who tragically died in a car accident in June 2016. To celebrate and keep the memory of Hannah alive, we held our 2nd Annual Hannah Raposo Paint Nights. Friday night was the children’s paint event and Saturday night was the adult paint event. Over 50 people participated in the events and a total of $1000 was raised. The money was distributed amongst Hannah’s three favorite areas of the Club: Keystone, Art Room and Camp. A special thanks to Hannah’s family for helping to insure this event was successful.

ANNUAL FINE ARTS EXHIBIT
The Annual Fine Arts Exhibit was held on January 16, 2018. It showcased 51 members aged 9-18 and featured over 72 pieces. All the local winners are competing at the Regional Arts Contest hosted at the Boys and Girls Club of Lowell. In the past two years, the Club has had members place first at the national contest and we hope to continue our streak!
The Torch Club also participated in Martin Luther King Day events by hosting a canned food drive and dance at the Club. Members were asked to bring in a canned good to enter the dance. Torch Club collected and donated over 70 cans to a local soup kitchen. Members volunteered at the soup kitchen organizing donated clothes, taking inventory of the pantry and passing out ice cream to those in need.

With over 50 youth participating from our Keystone Club, The Mayors Youth Council, Youth Leadership Groups and volunteers, the Martin Luther King Day of Service Letter Campaign was a huge success! Several Fall River Police Officers and Fire Fighters who served overseas shared their stories of how meaningful receiving these letters are while deployed. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King and to empower and encourage youth to make a commitment to service. Mayor Correia also attended the event and talked to the youth about issues they were facing.

HOLIDAYS AT THE CLUB!

HOLIDAY DINNERS SERVED!
THANKSGIVING: 372
CHRISTMAS: 266
IN THE NEWS

Members of the Month!

ARIANNA C.
Age: 10
Favorite Activity: Friday Night Specials

PEYTON A.
Age: 10
Favorite Activity: Group Programs

TIMOTHY C.
Age: 10
Favorite Activity: Playing foosball

QUINCY H.
Age: 11
Favorite Activity: Playing Basketball

XAVIER G.
Age: 12
Favorite Activity: Being on the Swim Team

TYLER E.
Age: 12
Favorite Activity: Playing Ping-Pong

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The club welcomed 2 new board members at our last annual meeting for a three year term:

Bob Sanford and Brian McGuinness