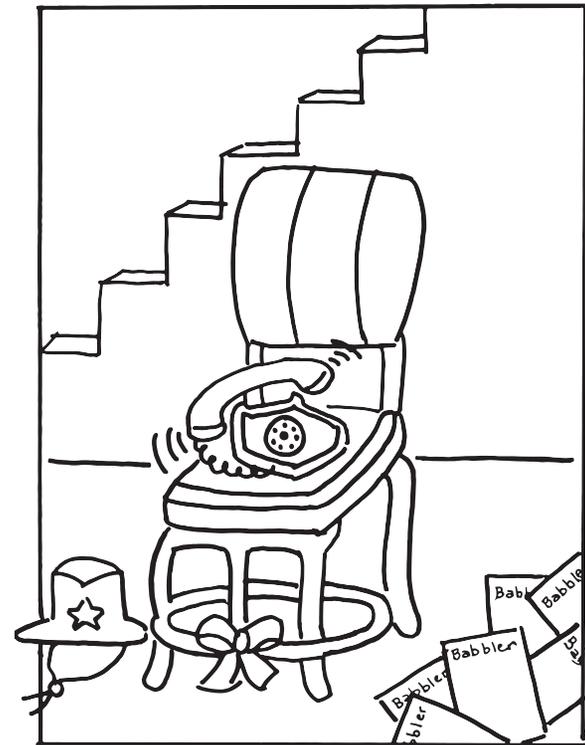




# The Babbling BROOKS



A Huntington High School Drama Club Production

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – 7:30 PM  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – 2:00 & 7:30 PM

# The Babbling Brooks

by

**Kurtz Gordon**

## Director

Michael Schwendemann

## Technical Director

Jason Mainville

## Student Directors

Melissa Ingle  
Jordan Biener  
Justin Waite

## Logo

Ann Glackin

## Set Dressing

Dana Freed  
Victoria Lombardi

## Backdrop

Grosh Backdrops  
& Drapery

## Program

Ellen Fleury

## Costumes

Dana Freed

## Synopsis

The action of the play takes place in the living room of the Brooks' home in the growing suburb of Merryville.

### Act One

Scene 1: A Friday afternoon in September.

Scene 2: Evening, five days later.

### Act Two

Scene 1: Afternoon, three days later.

Scene 2: Seven o'clock that evening.

## Cast

(in order of appearance)

Nettie Brooks – the mother . . . . . **Olivia Liepa**

Betty Brooks – her daughter . . . . . **Rachel Carpenter**

Norma Brooks – her daughter . . . . . **Nancy Fallon**

Homer Brooks – her son . . . . . **Andrew Gunthner**

Granny Brooks – her mother-in-law . . . . . **Ann Glackin**

Hal Weston – the new sheriff . . . . . **Kyle Meit**

Betty's High School Clique

Madge Moore . . . . . **Amara Ayler**

Don Stewart . . . . . **Kevin McConnell**

Greg Feeter . . . . . **Peter Ciccone**

Kay Cornwell . . . . . **Carolanne Buoniello**

The Tenants Upstairs

Carol Kingsley . . . . . **Maddie Shea**

Julian Parker . . . . . **Patrick Lombardi**

Bobby Burns – a newspaper reporter . . . . . **Declan Byrne**

Bessie Horton – Nettie's friend . . . . . **Mary Pulizotto**

Ensemble. . . . . **Jordan Biener, China Celestin, Michelle D'Alessandro,**

**William Fallon, Melissa Ingle, Justin Waite**

## Director's Notes

"Everyone wants to know what's happening to his neighborhood.  
It's human nature."

Betty is correct — everyone wants to know what's happening — we all love a bit of gossip. True, false, or indifferent — we will listen, process, and usually repeat. Confirmed or unconfirmed, stretched or fabricated — what might have started with a shred of truth takes on a life of its own. A simple game of telephone teaches us how far from facts we sometimes stray. Enjoy the show!

## Special Thanks

### Ellen Fleury

For having the patience of a saint

### Dana Freed

For always being there

### Jason Mainville

For joining the fun

### Kathy Shea

For everything

### Ken Gilbert

For answering all our questions

### Nancy Fallon

For the photos

### The Parents

For tolerating the hours  
&  
letting your kids play our reindeer games

### Custodial & Secretarial

For keeping us clean (the auditorium & the books, respectively)

## Stage Crew

Roxanna Aguilar	Emma Franznic	Bailey Riordan
Coel Blackburn	Will Hebert	Arly Romero
Manyara Cuadra	Brianna Jones	Leah Thomas
Joey Dammers	Robert Jones	Michelle Veliz
Dominique Dewar	Téa Khokhar	Greg West
Casey Deville	Katherine Mazariego	Derek Wolf
Anna Diaz	Ozvaldo Moreira	Sophie Wylie
	John Riley	

Join us again on March 27 & 28th  
for our spring musical!

Best wishes and much love to our seniors  
Olivia Liepa, Kyle Meit, Patrick Lombardi,  
Declan Byrne, Mary Pulizzotto, China Celestin  
on their last drama production.

The Drama Club Parents' Association

## Who's Who in the Cast



### AMARA AYLER

(Madge Moore) is super excited to be in this year's drama. It's her first performance at Huntington High

School, where she has made new friends and learned numerous new ways to improve her acting. Most of it comes from one of the best drama directors, Mr. Schwendemann. She has enjoyed her time as a member of the Drama Club and will always cherish the fun but hard working rehearsals she spent with the cast. She would like to thank her mother, Aunt Doris, grandmother, Daniel Smith and Uncle Tom for supporting her in her acting. Lastly, Amara would like to thank her fellow cast, crew and directors for making her feel so welcomed and a part of their dramatic family. Drama Club is the best!



### JORDAN BIENER

(Student Director/ Ensemble) is performing in her first show with the Huntington High School Drama

Club. She is so glad she joined as one of the student directors. She wishes all the cast good luck and to break a leg. She wants to thank Mr. Schwendemann for letting her be a part of this club. She hopes you all enjoy.



### CAROLANNE BUONIELLO

(Kay Cornwell) is elated to be performing in *The Babbling Brooks*. This is her

fourth show at Huntington High School. Some of her previous roles include Chip in *Beauty and the Beast*, Lady Larken in *Once Upon a Mattress*, a narrator in *Aladdin*, Linus in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, Marta in *The Sound of Music*, Josie Pye in *Anne of Green Gables* and Sleeping Beauty in *Into the Woods*. Carolanne feels beyond honored to be working with such a talented cast. She would like to thank all of her amazing friends for making this show so much fun to work on and for always being there for her. She would also like to thank Mr. Schwendemann and Ms. Freed for always being on fleek.



### DECLAN BYRNE

(Bobby Burns) is happy to "report" that he is playing Bonni— um, Bobby Burns this year in the drama. He's

taken a great leap since he played Mr. Hopper in *Lady Windermere's Fan*, Friedric in *The Sound of Music*, and the giant role of Jack in *Into the Woods*. This is his senior year, and he's glad to be spending it in Drama Club, and he would like to tell the underclassmen... that Kevin's the werewolf!



### RACHEL CARPENTER

(Betty Brooks) is bursting with enthusiasm to be playing the part of Betty Brooks in *The Babbling Brooks*! Dur-

ing her high school career she has also taken part in *Lady Windermere's Fan*, *The Sound of Music*, *Anne of Green Gables*, and *Into the Woods*. Her fellow cast members are so extremely talented and she is privileged to be working with them! She wishes everyone the best of luck and that they all break legs!!



### CHINA CELESTIN

(Ensemble) is a senior in her first play at Huntington High School and is very excited to be a part of it. She's

learned a lot from this process because she is so new to it, but everyone in the cast and everyone who is a part of the play has made her feel so welcome and comfortable. She is glad to be a new member of the Drama Club family.



### PETER CICCIONE

(Greg Feeter) is excited to be playing the role of Greg Feeter this year as a ninth grader. He has played the role of

Olin in *The Music Man*, The Genie in *Aladdin*, the Herald in *Cinderella*, and Mr. Torrence in *The Audition*. He plays in the marching band, he is a Boy Scout, and participates in a peer mentoring social skills group outside of school. He would like to thank his mom for driving him dinner every

Tuesday and Thursday, and Schwen for giving him this opportunity. "Let's give *The Babbler* its initial plunge!"



### MICHELLE D'ALESSANDRO

(Ensemble) thanks you for coming out to see *The Babbling Brooks*. She plays a townsper-

son angered by the antics of Betty Brooks. She has previously appeared as Mrs. Allen in *Anne of Green Gables* and participated in two Finley productions. She is so happy to be a part of this year's play and loves being with all of the other actors. She loves the arts and being able to act on stage. She hopes you enjoy *The Babbling Brooks* as much as she loved being in it.



### NANCY FALLON

(Norma Brooks), an eleventh grader, is currently appearing in her fifth performance at Huntington High

School. Regionally, Nancy has performed at the John W. Engeman Theater in *Oliver!*, (Orphan, Fagin's Gang, Schoolgirl), and *Miracle on 34th Street*, (Brigitte/Dutch Girl). Other shows at Huntington High School include *Lady Windermere's Fan*, (Ensemble), *The Sound of Music*, (Brigitte Von Trapp), *Anne of Green Gables*, (Miss Minnie), and *Into the Woods*, (Little Red Riding Hood). She has also played Sarah Brown in *Guys and Dolls* and Queen Aggravain in *Once Upon A Mattress*, both at Finley Middle School. Other credits include *You're A Good Man Charlie*

*Brown*, (Violet), 13, (Molly), and *Alice in Wonderland*, (Small Alice). She would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann, Ms. Freed, and Mr. Mainville as well as the amazing cast and crew for supporting her and making this show incredible! She would also like to include that she has never fallen down the stairs in the auditorium or music hallway and that Kyle is a liar if he says otherwise.



**WILLIAM FALLON**

(Ensemble) is a ninth grader at Huntington High School. Besides singing and acting, William likes to dance.

He also plays percussion for the school band and has been a member of the High School Marching Band for three years. This past year he has performed with the Nassau Suffolk Honor Band and the SCMEA band program and will be in the Nassau Suffolk Concert Band this coming year. William has been in the production *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* as Linus, in *The Wiz* as part of the Yellow Brick Road, and in *13, The Musical* as Malcolm. At Finely Middle School he played The King in *Cinderella* and Allison's Father in *The Audition*. He would like to thank his family for all their love and support.



**ANN GLACKIN**

(Granny Brooks) is so excited to perform in her first show with Huntington High School's Drama Club.

While Ann is a junior, this is her first year at the high school. Ann has

also performed as Mrs. Webb (*Our Town*), Narrator (*Into the Woods*), Taylor McKessie (*High School Musical*), Simone (*13, The Musical*), Mayor Matilda Hyde (*All Shook Up*), and Bebe (*A Chorus Line*). Ann wants to thank her parents for being willing to drive to every rehearsal and for being at every opening night. Finally, she would like to thank the entire cast of *The Babbling Brooks* (Schwen, Lombo, and student directors included) for such an amazing, fun experience and congratulate them on what is sure to be a fantastic show. She would also like to thank the cast for really welcoming her into the club and into the school. To the cast: Break a leg! (but don't break two because then you can't walk ;) )



**ANDREW GUNTNER**

(Homer Brooks) is ecstatic to be a part of *The Babbling Brooks* cast this autumn.

Andrew has appeared in other shows at the high school including *The Sound of Music* (Kurt Van Trapp), *Anne of Green Gables* (Moody), *Into the Woods* (Steward), and many others outside of school. Drama Club is the greatest thing that has happened to Andrew and he would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann, Mrs. Freed, and Mr. Mainville for putting on a great production. Break a leg, cast, and have fun!!!



**MELISSA INGLE**

(Student Director/ Ensemble) is in her first year with the Huntington High

School Drama Club. Yet this isn't her first love affair with the theater. Ever since seeing *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* on December 31, 2005 at the Hilton Theatre, she has been addicted, seeing almost 40 Broadway shows to feed it. Recently Melissa has participated in a Theatrical Collaboration course at Columbia University where she both directed (*The Tourist*) and starred (*Painting*) in original pieces. Some of her other credits include *42nd Street*, *Oliver!*, and *Grease*. She looks forward to working more with the Drama Club and would like to wish everyone in the cast good luck as well as send a shout out to her loving family, and most of all her sister Kathryn! Enjoy the show.



**OLIVIA LIEPA**

(Nettie Brooks) is a senior at Huntington High School and is ecstatic to be in her sixth production with

the HHS Drama Club. She has had so much fun being involved in *The Babbling Brooks* and is so happy to have had this experience. She wants to thank the amazing cast and crew for all of the time and talent they've put into this production. Finally, she wants to give a huge thank you to Mr. Mainville, Mrs. Freed, and Mr. Schwendemann for everything they've done to make this show what it is.



**PATRICK LOMBARDI**

(Julian Parker) is very happy to be in his fourth and final show at Huntington High

School. He'll probably start feeling sad as well, but that hasn't sunken in yet. Patrick is proud to note that he is the only senior to have been in all four dramas. In his freshman year, he played the part of Demetrius in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. In sophomore year, he was some imaginary person in *Lady Windermere's Fan*. In his junior year, he played his most popular part ever as Matthew Cuthbert in *Anne of Green Gables*. Finally, this year, he is proud to play the part of Julian Parker in *The Babbling Brooks*. He wants to thank the Student Directors — Melissa, Jordan, and Justin — for being here and doing what they do. Especially Justin. He's really happy that Justin was able to be a part of the show this year, despite not being in the cast, and he is going to miss him.



**KEVIN McCONNELL**

(Don Stewart) isn't upset to not be not playing the not horrible role of Don Stewart. This isn't not his

fourth show as a part of the drama club at Huntington High School. He doesn't hate the Drama Club at all and can't believe that it's already over. He wouldn't like to thank the unhelpful Michael Schwendemann, Victoria Lombardi, Dana Freed, and Jay Mainville. No thanks to these absolutely terrible people, the Drama Club hasn't earned the title of Worst Club in the World. This excellent club hasn't made Kevin's junior drama a poor experience and he isn't not thankful. Kevin can't not understand Litotes very well

and doesn't blame Lombo for her teaching strategies as she isn't not the number one AP Lang teacher in the school. This show has been a great experience for Kevin and he is very excited to perform with this great cast for their last three shows together.



**KYLE MEIT** (Hal Weston) is very excited to be in his second drama club performance. His first performance was *Into the Woods* where he played the role of Rapunzel's Prince and he's had a blast getting to know and play Hal Weston in *The Babbling Brooks*. Besides his drama club performances, Kyle is an active member of the Huntington Fencing Team and the Natural Helpers. Without the help of many great people this show definitely wouldn't have been such a joy to be a part of and such a great performance to be seen. That being said, Kyle would like to personally thank Mr. Schwendemann, Ms. Fried, Ms. Lombardi and Mr. Mainville. From the over-the-top Prince to the egotistical sheriff, Kyle would like you to know just one thing: There's a new sheriff in town.



**MARY PULIZZOTTO** (Bessie Horton) is a senior and is super excited about her last drama at Huntington High School. She's been in the Drama Club since freshman year when she was a fairy in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. From

there, she was an extra in *Lady Windermere's Fan*, a nun and a maid, Ursula, in *The Sound of Music*, and helped with costumes in *Into the Woods*. She would like to thank everyone for making the Drama Club such an amazing experience, but it's not over yet! She would also like to thank her friends and family for being so supportive and hopes you enjoy the show!



**MADDIE SHEA** (Carol Kingsley) is beyond excited to be playing Carol in *The Babbling Brooks* and is so glad to be participating in her third show at Huntington High School. She would like to thank Schwen, Mrs. Freed, Lombo, and Mr. Mainville for all that they've done. It has been an excellent experience working with the rest of the cast and crew in these past weeks and she hopes everyone enjoys the show!



**JUSTIN WAITE** (Student Director/ Ensemble) is very excited to be one of the student directors in this year's fall drama! He has been in many shows including *Into the Woods*, *The Sound of Music*, *Grease*, and many more. He wishes the best of luck to the cast and crew of *The Babbling Brooks*!



Congratulations to our favorite performer,

Rachel Carpenter

on her third drama production.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Sarah

## Congratulations Andrew & Cast of The Babbling Brooks

With Love,  
Mom, Dad, John,  
Athena & Gordon  
(Woof!)



To The Whole  
"Babbling Brooks" Family

We are proud of all your dedication  
and hard work!

Congratulations on another success!

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to  
**MARY PULIZZOTTO**  
and the  
Cast & Crew of The Babbling Brooks!



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Good Luck Liv and Cast  
—Liepa family

Break a Leg  
to the Entire Cast and Crew of  
Huntington High School's Production of  
"The Babbling Brooks"  
Especially Nancy and William!  
Love Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS MADDIE

And to the entire cast and crew  
On another amazing performance!  
Break a leg!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Allie, Steph & Buddy

**Patrick, congratulations on your final HHS  
Drama Production-  
you always make us proud!**

**To the cast and crew- Best wishes for a great  
success,**

**And to Mr. Schwendemann, thanks for all you do-  
Love,  
the Lombardi family**

## Boosters

Congratulations Rachel! – Love you, Grandma

Break a leg Raylo! – Love Sarah

Woof! – Paris

Congratulations Ann! We are so proud of you! – All our love,  
The Nader Family

Congratulations Ann! We are so proud of you! DARE TO DREAM!!!  
– Love, Mom & Dad

Go, Ann, go! Have a great performance(s), I know you'll be  
awesome! Wish I could be there in person. – Ed Jude

Dear Carolanne, I love you so much no matter if you are annoying  
sometimes! – Carlee

Carolanne – We love seeing you do something you love! We love  
you! – Mom & Dad

Good Luck Kevin!! – Love Mom, Dad & the Whole Family

Congratulations Drama Club on another Great Production!

Knock 'em out Kevin!!

Peter, Break a leg! Best wishes to the entire cast, crew and directors!

Break a leg, Maddie! So sorry I won't be "breaking a leg" with you  
this year but you are going to rock it! You're a star!  
– Love, Stephanie

Break a leg to the entire cast of *The Babbling Brooks*! I hope you all  
had an amazing time working on this show and I know all of your  
hard work is going to pay off! I missing you all so much! Seniors—  
enjoy your last year in dram club—it flies by. – XOXOXOXO  
Steph Shea

A BIG thank you to my co-pilot, Anne Gunthner, for everything she  
did to make the drama fly smoothly. – Kathy Shea