

2019 Honorees



Dr. Larry Rosenthal believes that improving his patients smiles, through “conservative cosmetic dental techniques, has a positive and powerful impact on their overall appearance and self confidence. Brought up in Brooklyn, He completed his residency at Montefiore hospital and Graduated from New York University. Dr. Rosenthal is an accredited member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. In the 1980’s Dr Rosenthal developed the procedure called the “Smile Lift” which patient’s from around the world visit his dental office to experience.

He is also responsible for many of the wonderful smiles of players on the PGA tour and is known by many of his friends as the “Dentist of the Stars”. He is an avid golf and a member of Trump (Palm Beach) and Hampton Hills.

In his new book OPEN WIDE(R): A Guide to Smile and Facial Aesthetics to Enhance Your Confidence, Appearance, and Overall Health , Dr. Larry Rosenthal breaks down the myths, deceptions, and misconceptions about dental care and empowers you to take charge of your smile and the lifelong health you’ve always wanted and needed.

He is Director of the Aesthetic Hands on Continuum at The Rosenthal Institute at New York University, Expounding his philosophies, experience and expertise in aesthetic dentistry extensively Dr. Rosenthal lectures, publishes, and teaches throughout the country. Profiled on television, radio and in many leading publications such as Vogue, Town & Country, W, Elle, Glamour, Forbes, The New York Times and the Wall street Journal he spreads the word about his excitement for aesthetic dentistry and the powerful impact it can have on his patients lives.

One of the biggest blessing in life is that his mother is alive at 100, and though not here, his father always told him that “he should go for it”. He lives by those words, and claims that’s who he owes his successes in his life to.



Mike Diffley has been the Head PGA Golf Professional at the Pelham Country Club since 1988. He is a proud graduate of St. John’s University, where he is one of 2 golfers selected to be in the Athletic Hall of Fame. He grew up in Queens, NY, attended Christ the King High School, groomed his game on intercity public golf courses and competed on the Met PGA Junior Tour. Not only has he played locally but he has played the Florida Mini-Tours as well as the Sunshine Tour in South Africa in the mid 1980s. Mike has also played in two Buick Classic PGA Tour events (1990, 1992), 5 National Club Professional Championships, 2 Senior Club Professional Championships, 2010 US Senior Open, and the 2011 Senior PGA Championship.

Mike is as unique as he is charismatic and has gained an incredible reputation for his work with mental coaching. His thirst for education and incredible talent for communication has made him a leader in the Met Section and is someone that professionals, amateurs, and juniors seek out to improve their game and their mental preparation. His students include over 25 top playing PGA Professionals, elite amateurs, and players on all 3 major tours including the PGA, LPGA, and Champions Tour.

As a St. John’s University Alumni, he has also dedicated an incredible amount of time and energy to supporting his alma mater. He is heavily involved in fundraising and alumni activation and in 2016, a long-time dream of Mike and other former members of the golf team was realized when St. John’s University opened a new indoor facility for their nationally recognized golf team.

Few professionals have been as active in the section during their careers as Mike. As a member of the Met PGA Board and Nominating Committee for numerous years, Mike has been heavily involved with the incredible growth of not only the Section but the Foundation through our Junior Tour, First Tee, and PSAL programs. Mike has been recognized with many section awards including 1991 Merchandiser of the Year, 2013 Teacher of the Year, and the 2016 Horton Smith Award.