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*Commemorative Issue*



*"Would you believe it...?"*

# 60 YEARS CELEBRATION

1945-2005

By Hester Gill

The 60 years of success condensed into a single evening on September 10, 2005 at the prestigious Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. This was truly a tribute to past and present family, friends, customers, employees and suppliers.

It was certainly not your average anniversary party: from the ladies with their designer ball gowns to the sumptuous dinner and breathtaking décor.

An air of excitement and anticipation filled the balmy September night... the stage was set for a memorable evening of dancing, entertainment, fun and tributes.







## The theme for this party.....?

What else but a spoof of the James Bond movie titled "License to Gill" with an impressive setting in Egypt amongst sand dunes and pyramids. There was the unforgettable greeting by Lilly the Camel whereupon the Caravan moved through the tunnel of memories into the foyer. Dancing Gypsy girls were a hit among the men. Guests relaxed while socializing and sipping their favorite drinks from the hosted Gill Bars..."shaken, not stirred"...and "129 proof" to the delicious hors d'oeuvres that sent everybody scrambling for more.... Other guests kept busy having their fortunes told by the palm and tarot card readers.

Aida's Triumphant March combined with the smash hit of Mike Batt and the London Symphony's recording of the theme from "Caravans" beckoned the Gill Caravan into the main ballroom.

 GILL CARAVAN





The milieu of desert, Egyptian artifacts, palms, pyramids and richly decorated tables befitting a Pharaoh was an awesome sight.

*"License to Gill"*



## License to Gill...

After the hilarious video of the James Bond Spoof, Stephen Gill welcomed the guests with his father and founder M.C. at his side. The other two shareholders, Phillip Gill and Debaney G. Lefort, along with members of the Advisory Committee, retirees and employees with more than 25 years

of service were introduced to the guests. A video reflecting some of the humorous moments from the past was enjoyed during dinner.



## The Feast

The six-course dinner was a challenge to everybody's waistline this night...no one seemed to care...An appetizer of herb carpaccio and sautéed shrimp; English pea soup with a parmesan polenta cake; salad of hearts of palm and Zebra tomatoes marinée coupled with red onions and a garlic pepper vinaigrette; entree choices of Chilean sea bass served on artichoke ravioli, New Zealand lamb with chanterelle mushrooms and finished with a black mission fig compote, roasted pheasant breast and duck cannelloni, summer vegetable strudel; and the cherry on the cake: dessert choices between baby gala apple brulee, candied apple cake with Calvados apple brandy ice cream or chocolate chambord mousse with fresh raspberries in a raspberry sauce was more than satisfying...



# The Fun ....and the Entertainment

Non-stop entertainment was provided throughout the evening in which the New York band of Eddy Duchin's son Peter played a leading roll. A dashing white tuxedo worn by Stephen Gill made it easy for all guests to follow and dance the night away. Music was intertwined with surprise appearances of the follies and stilt dancer groups. The follies kept guests enthralled with music from "All That Jazz"; Can-Can; Mein Herr; and the unforgettable rendition of the

theme song from "Hello Dolly" in which members of the audience participated... even our own vice-chairman of the board, Stephen Gill, gave it a go! The male dancers were all dressed in their regular M.C. Gill Corporation uniforms. The stilt walkers kept everybody glued to their seats and had an elaborate display of colorful outfits that were accentuated by the colored darting lights of the evening's special effect group. When the "drunken" dancer fell on stage the audience gasped....and then breathed a sigh of relief: thank goodness that was only part of their act! The stilts closed the evening with the music of "Oh, What a Night!"



TAROT  
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1. Jack Steele
2. Marion Steele
3. Mel Durslag
4. Lorayne Durslag
5. Mike Roda
6. Jon Feitz
7. Cindy Hansman
8. Ronald K  rber
9. Dave Cross
10. Gisela Lohl
11. Manny Salgado
12. Bruce Stanford
13. Candi Burdick
14. Jacob Assif
15. Steve Nutt
16. Zeev Amiron
17. Howard Alphson
18. Dru Alphson
19. Rick Hays
20. Irma Hays
21. Paul Draghi

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27. Ron Radecky
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39. Dirk Bester
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43. Irv Freund
44. Ely Gabriel
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47. Fara Kovili
48. Tanaz Korami
49. Ken Boudreau
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52. Nancy Gill
53. Marie Durlflinger

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55. Annelize Bester
56. Hester Gill
57. Linda Gill
58. Carine Bester
59. Debaney Gill Lefort
60. Virginia Palme
61. Harry Chowbey

62. Kumari Chowbey
63. Evelyn Fisher
64. Isabel Ballesteros
65. Martin Canning
66. Jose Luis Mamolar



*Gill Bar...*  
*shaken,*  
*not stirred*

## In Recognition:

Adam Bardach's videos had again entertained our guests and their spouses and will form a part of the archives for years to come. His outstanding portrayal of M.C.'s autobiography is a true reflection of the man behind the scenes and the reason we all could celebrate the sixty years of success in a very elaborate and nonpareil way;

Adam Bardach's videos had again entertained our

"License to Gill" mirrored the theme of the evening. The secrets of success of a corporation that is so well known and respected around the world: customer comes first, quality products, innovations, trustworthy and dependable.

M.C. believed that his wife, Hester, could pull this off... Stephen Gill's marching orders and requirements were more direct: the same quality and high standards that were set at the Gill Trek 55th Anniversary party...

Showing appreciation for a job well done, Stephen presented Hester with the very rare dwarf form of an *Encephalartos horridus* (commonly known as cycad).

Unknown to everybody in the corporation, this specific cycad originated from South Africa and is growing in its natural habitat of the Eastern Cape Province in the county of Alexandria where Hester's ancestor's first settled on their ranch in the 1700s. This cycad will further enhance the vast personal collection of worldwide cycads M.C. and Hester already have. A very appropriate gift!



GO GILL!

# M.C. Gill Corporation Employee Honor Roll

Name	Years	Name	Years	Name	Years	Name	Years
Lyons, Joe		McClanahan, Ivan	17	Guzman, Joe	9	Vredenburg, Mark	7
Siebold, Chuck		Mays, Cynthia	16	Hernandez, Angel G.	9	Gardner, William	7
Stover, Agnes		Morett, Francisco J.	16	Johnson Jr., James	9	Solio, Orlando V.	6
M. Mahoney, Mac		Perez, Jorge V.	16	Capati, Raul	9	Toney, Grady	6
Gravelle, Bill		Rizo, Jesus	16	Mata, Paul	9	Vasquez, Juan	6
Dominguez, Frank		Ward, Terry L.	16	Narducci, Mary	9	Dougherty, John	6
Dominguez, Ike		Rodriguez, Manuel	16	Peraza, Fernando	9	Lopez, Ray J.	6
Gill, Merwyn C.	60	Torres, Armando	16	Solis, Salvador S.	9	Severe, Daniel	6
Valdez, Joe P.	52	Morales, Rudolph	16	Wu, Jane	9	Bravo, Christian	6
Ortega, Pete	45	Foelsch, Andrea	16	Cohen, Martin	9	Giffin, Philip	6
Gill, Stephen E.	45	Duran, Edwin J.	15	Riveros, Alexander M.	9	Gutierrez, Yadira	6
Navarro, Juan	38	Turcios, Jose Luis	15	Wood, Perry	9	Lopez, Alicia	6
Navarro, Rafael M.	38	Saldana, Juan	15	Marroquin, Cesar A.	9	Nunez-Paz, Carmen	6
Ramos, Antonio	38	Fisher, Walter L.	15	Reyes, Porfirio	9	Quezada, Martin	6
Navarro, Jose M.	37	Turner, Shirley Y.	15	Veloz, Luis E.	9	Villavicencio, Yesenia	6
Gill, Phillip C.	36	Ruiz, Arturo	14	Gomez, Gilberto L.	9	Castro, Patricia	6
Gill, Ellen	35	Puentes, Manuel	14	Montes, Ana M.	9	Perez, Elpidio	6
Rodriguez, Rodolfo	35	Santos, Renee N.	14	Pinto, Rosa P.	9	Rodriguez, Cumberto	6
Mireles, Alberto M.	32	De Vasquez, Virginia	14	Beal, Armond E.	9	Boehn, Leonida	6
Mireles, Juan	32	Ramirez, Alejandro	13	Caisip, Rainier A.	9	Draghi, Paul L.	6
Gabriel, Eleuterio	30	Verdon, Rose	13	Covarrubias, Belen	9	Guerrero, Daniel	6
Capati, Camilo	30	Aldridge, Adriana	13	Guerrero, Luz E.	9	Molina, Armando	6
Stanford, Bruce	30	DeGood, Paul	13	Gutierrez, Noemi	9	Avila, Maria	6
Arriola, Javier	29	Martinez, Pete	13	Rivera, Margel G.	9	Lai, Brian	6
Boze, George C.	29	Reyes, Aristeo	13	Solis, Manuel	9	Ceja Jr., Francisco	6
Haro, Roberto	29	Botello, Daniel	13	Bugarin, Guadalupe	8	Estrada, Francisco	6
Zavala, Jose G.	29	Freund, Irv J.	12	Avalos, Jose	8	Hernandez, Pedro	6
Garcia, John	28	Sanchez, Gilbert	12	Garcia, Jorge	8	Lopez, Luis	6
Luna, Jose R.	28	Sanchez, Salvador	12	Barrios, Juan O.	8	Chambers, Fred	5
Arias, Juan R.	28	Lopez, Jose	12	Campo, Robert A.	8	De Asis, Anita	5
Saldana, Antonio H.	28	Perez, Ernesto	12	Felix, Jesus M.	8	Gallagher-Coplen, Debra	5
Pessina, Jorge S.	27	Saldana, Claudio	12	Rodriguez, Jose A.	8	Hernandez, Robert	5
Pessina Sanchez, Hector	27	Gonzalez, Maribel	11	Santillano, Maricruz	8	Cowan, Daniel	5
Villanueva, Oscar L.	26	Gudiel, Luis	11	Ding, Chia-Yuan Susie	8	Malool, Ronald	5
Saenz, Jaime	26	Loesch, Charles	11	Perez, Jose L.	8	Chico, David	5
Torres, Prisciliano G.	26	Anderson, David S.	11	Rimban, Joel P.	8	Flores, Miguel	5
Dorries, Elizabeth	25	Rodriguez, Sandra E.	11	Zarazua, Eloy R.	8	Wade, Irene	5
Urena, Benito M.	25	Page, James	11	Brodsky, David	8	Aparicio Caldera, Manuel	5
Mendoza, Arnulfo	25	Cherry, Walter A.	11	Sierra, Manuel B.	8	Hernandez, Gabriel	5
Ojeda, Rogelio	24	Estrada, Enrique M.	11	Guzman, Jose	8	Crespo, Don	5
Sedano, Luis G.	24	Torres, Gabriel O.	11	Lopez, Javier	8	MacLeod, Jessie G.	5
Sanchez, Juan P.	24	Palacios, Victor	11	Montoya, Juan M.	8	Trejo, Mayra A.	5
Robison, Chester J.	24	Rivera, Nestor Zepeda	11	Orduna, Benito	8		
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Burdick, John A.	21	Bradute, John	11	Villagran, Paul	8		
Guillen, Noel A.	21	Dale, Gary	11	Cruz, Graciela	8		
Perez, Agustin S.	21	Garcia, Roque M.	11	Cuevas, Jose A.	8		
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Russell, Larry A.	20	Munoz, Feliciano	10	Castillo, Santos	7		
Tapia, Ma Guadalupe	19	Varela, Agustin	10	Salazar, Taide	7		
Gonzalez, Jose	19	Arevalo, Jose A.	10	Larrazabal, Rafael	7		
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Rizo, Felipe	17	Archuleta, Eduardo	10	Lidikay, Janet	7		
Saldana, Prisliliano	17	Barajas, Alfredo	10	Vasquez, James	7		
Atwood, Edward	17	Muniz, Francisco J.	10	Vazquez, Cipriano	7		
Junez-Molina, Maria Teresa	17	Franco, Dennis J.	10	Canlas, Anthony	7		
Rodriguez, Luis M.	17	Mendoza, Carlos	10	Milauskas, Michael	7		
Donnelly, Fred	17	Moreno, Juan	10	Reyes, Gudelio	7		
Arvizu, Larry	17	Canillo, Yolanda	10	Coppedge, Charles W.	7		
Cabrera, David	17	Boudreau, Kenneth A.	9	Ramirez, Alejandro	7		

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# Epilogue

September 10, 2005

We have entered the final phase of the corporation's life under my command. This corporation, its history and future legacy will shortly be in the care of the next generation of Gills.

To them and their prosperity I commit our future. They shall continue the commitment and follow the path I have pursued. They shall venture on roads I had never traveled before and steer the corporation into exciting new places which are still undiscovered and unknown... for the benefit of all.

— Merwyn C. Gill,  
*Founder and Pioneer*



Clockwise from top:  
Stephen Gill, Phillip Gill,  
Debaney Gill Lefort



Clockwise from top:  
Stephanie Gill Frederick,  
Jennifer Gill, Chris Lefort,  
Denise Gill Wilkinson,  
Darren Gill, Jim Lefort,  
Courtney Gill, Matt Gill,  
Mike Lefort

## *Second & Third Generation Gill*