



Steve Warwick, president of Brent Packaging, and his wife and co-owner Connie Thomas-Warwick, with Mayor Hazel McCallion, celebrated Brent Packaging and Logistics Ltd.'s 60th birthday recently. Brent was also named the Ontario Chamber of Commerce of Ontario 'Business Achievement Award for 2008.' It is located at 5491 Timberlea Rd. in Mississauga and supplies packaging for the nuclear, military and mining industries. They also recently won a contract with Mercedes Benz. *Photo by Peter McCusker*

Guy & Dolls



The 'Guys and Dolls' fundraiser with (left to right) Event Chair Dianne Morgan, Maggie Bras, Dominique Comella and Amanda Persad, Peter McCallion, Steve Moran and firefighter Brad Welsh, is set to go Feb. 5th. The event will auction off Guys and Dolls for dates to the highest bidder. All monies raised will go to the Credit Valley Hospital. It will be held at the Mississauga Convention Centre. A 2010 Calendar will follow and all the proceeds will benefit the hospital. Other courageous friends from our community will be auctioned off including Mayor Hazel McCallion. Call today for tickets and information: 416-522-0499. E-mail: diannesm@sympatico.ca

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Record-setting performance by Howard Pechet

Guinness book honours Stage West veteran

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Here, he struck up the Stage West format – combining a stellar dinner buffet, with top plays, and recognizable TV and movie stars (like Mickey Rooney, Ginger Rogers, Vincent Price, and Loretta Swit, to name a few).

And while the dinner theatre circuit has dwindled down since then, Stage West has become, in his words, “an icon of the Canadian theatre scene.” A case in point is the 600-seat Stage West Mississauga at 5400 Dixie Road, which celebrated its 100th production last year and boasts a subscriber list of over 15,000.



Howard Pechet

“I think because of the business part (of my family background), I’ve been able to stay at it,” he comments. “We knew a lot about food and beverage.”

“We’ve got a good formula now – one or two straight plays, and then three musicals,” he continues. “I’ve been writing a lot of the musicals with Nevin Grant, and Tim French. Our latest production ‘One Hit Wonders’ got standing ovations every night in Calgary. The next one will be ‘Motown’.”

Over the years, Pechet was involved in all aspects of the productions – negotiating, meeting with directors and choreographers, casting the shows, approving set designs, consulting on wardrobe, and shopping for props.

Based out of La Hoya, California, he has backed away from the day-to-day operations, but continues to produce and oversee each and every theatrical production. He is also a director of several

corporations, including the Canadian Western Bank – which his family began in 1984.

He still makes his annual treks to London and New York to scout the hottest plays.

“You have to if you want to keep in touch, and try and beat everybody else to the rights to the better shows,” he says.

And what are his favourite moments from those 490 productions?

“The guys I was probably proudest to work with were Gig Young and Gale Gordon,” he offers. “They were both wonderful actors.”

His favourite play was “84 Charing Cross Road”, with lead actor Sandy Dennis.

“I collect antiquarian books,” he relates. “I remember the book store in London (where I bought that book). I stopped there in the Sixties and Seventies, so it was really special.”



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