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Delancey Street rejoices

The 30th anniversary of Delancey Street, the 60th birthday of its megawatt co-founder, Mimi Silbert, and the presentation of a Lifetime Pioneer award to a relaxed and beaming Dianne Feinstein were celebrated Thursday night at the self-help rehab center, in what Nancy Pelosi called "the living room of the city." A crowd of about 700, including residents, friends, benefactors, politicians, toddlers, captains of industry, canines, socialites, actors, restaurateurs, athletes and even just plain well-wishers, overflowed the main room, heaped their plates with dinner and settled down in such festive spirits that even a well-meaning chain of politicians' speeches and presentations didn't dampen the mood.

To mark the three occasions, there were nine cakes, the undeniable stunner an 8-foot-long three- and four-layer-high cake model of Delancey Street headquarters. Its three-day creation was supervised by residents Richard Woods and Murray Edwards, who used the original building blueprints for the cake construction. They couldn't remember how many eggs were involved.

Among the notables were Sharon Stone ("There is life after 40, especially if you sober up"), Peter Coyote (who, in his own words, "matriculated in pharmacology at the Eddy Hotel"), Jerry Brown and Willie Brown (one of the few elected officials who didn't speak), Peter Magowan, Louise Renne, Carole Migden, Richard Blum, Gina Moscone, Rob St. Clair, Dugald Stermer, Sue Bierman, Mark Leno, Chris Daly, Susan Leal, Sandra Hernandez, Denise Hale, Jo Schuman Silver (who brought a "Beach Blanket Babylon" Streisand to sing to Silbert), Ed Moose, Jeannette Etheredge, Kevin Shelley, Pat Montandon, California Chief Justice Ronald George and a judicial array that included Tony Klein, Kathleen Feinstein, Thelton Henderson and William Fletcher, who were particularly thanked for providing Delancey Street with more than 14,000 residents who have completed the program in the past 30 years.