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**GILMAN BOWL AWARDED TO THE LEVIN FAMILY**  
**AT SUPERSTARS IN BUSINESS AWARDS PROGRAM**

WILMINGTON, DE (November 10, 2010) – The Delaware State Chamber of Commerce awarded the distinguished Marvin S. Gilman Bowl to the Harry Levin family, owners of the family business, Happy Harry's, on Wednesday, November 10 at the Marvin S. Gilman Superstars in Business Awards program. Alan B. Levin accepted the award on behalf of his father, Harry Levin, the founder of the family business, and his mother Diane Levin.

The event, held at the Hotel du Pont's Gold Ballroom, also honored eight outstanding companies as Superstars in Business and Award of Excellence winners. The program included keynote remarks by CBS News Senior White House Correspondent Bill Plante, and video tributes to the Superstars in Business award winners.

The Gilman Bowl was established as a tribute to small business leadership. It is named in memory of Marvin S. Gilman, who served as an exemplary leader and a paragon of small business in Delaware. The identity of the winners of the Gilman Bowl was held confidential until its presentation at the awards luncheon.

The Levin family (Harry, Diane, Alan and his wife Ellen) were selected for their contributions to the business community of Delaware. The family business, Happy Harry's, was a symbol of small business success for nearly a half century. Harry Levin founded his first small drug store, named "Discount Center" in 1962. His outgoing personality and customer service focus led to a new business name, "Happy Harry's Discount Drugs," by his third store location in 1965.

His son, Alan, assumed leadership of the company when Harry passed away in 1987. Under Alan's leadership, the company network became the largest drug store chain in Delaware with 76 stores and nearly 3,000 employees.

Harry Levin was inducted posthumously to the Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame in 1998, an elite group that recognizes free enterprise models of excellence; Alan Levin was inducted in 2007. The evolution of the family business led to an acquisition by Walgreens in 2006, yet the franchise name, Happy Harry's, was so well-recognized and respected, it remained the same.

The Levin family also set an example of charity and community involvement through service and leadership in numerous nonprofit, cultural, religious and educational organizations.

Alan Levin continues to serve Delaware from his current position as Director of the Delaware Economic Development Office

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EDS: A photo of Levin and photos from the event are available. Please contact Sharon Reardon at (302) 576-6578 or sreardon@dsc.com.