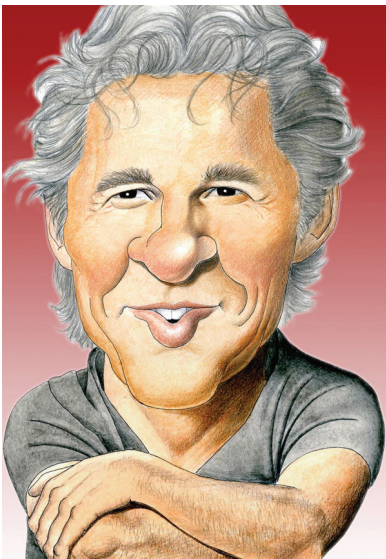


# Richard Gere turns 60



■ **1949:** Born August 31 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

■ **1973:** First major acting role in original London stage version of ***Grease***

■ **1978:** Interest in Buddhism sparked on first visit to Nepal

■ **1980-82:** Movie career takes off with ***American Gigolo***, followed by ***An Officer and a Gentleman***

■ **1990:** Stars with Julia Roberts in hugely popular ***Pretty Woman***

■ **1991:** Sets up ***Gere Foundation***, to preserve Tibetan culture

■ **2002:** Wins Golden Globe Award as Best Actor in musical ***Chicago***

■ **2009:** Opens small luxury inn near his home in Westchester, New York