LABOR DAY HONORS WORKERS WHO BUILT ILLINOIS’ STRONG ECONOMY
Contributions by Workers Celebrated by Beer Distributors

Springfield, Illinois – On Monday, September 1, Labor Day is celebrated throughout the United States. The Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois (ABDI) joins the tribute to the social and economic achievements of American workers. Labor Day is a way to thank them.

ABDI Members continue to play an ever increasing role to Illinois’ economy by providing thousands of jobs with good benefits. In a recent study released by the Beer Institute, the Illinois beer industry’s total economic impact stood at more than $10.1 billion. It directly and indirectly employs more than 86,000 Illinoisans.

“The local beer distributorship employees include truck drivers, warehouse workers, sales people, and office staff,” said ABDI President Bob Myers. “Their dedication and pride in their work have contributed to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of Illinois and their local communities. Also, they contribute to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens through the sound and careful control of alcoholic liquors.”

“The hard working men and women directly employed by the beer industry assist in the profitability of more than 22,000 licensed retail outlets in Illinois,” continued Myers. “ABDI Members have been busy making sure retailers are well stocked for Labor Day with a wide number of brands so people can celebrate with their favorite beer.”

Beer distributors play a significant role in making sure that only fresh and authentic products make it to market and provide a means for new brands to enter the market. They deliver choice and variety for consumer access with traceability for timely delivery to retailers, such as grocery stores, restaurants, and bars. The state-based regulatory system also includes the important task of calculating and collecting tax revenue due to the state. According to a study by the National Beer Wholesalers Association, beer distributors’ operations generate close to $540 million in local, state, and federal taxes. That does not include the additional $499 million in excise and consumption taxes for beer sold in Illinois.

“As everyone celebrates on Labor Day, please remember the hard workers that comprise the Illinois work force, and always remember to drink responsibly,” said Myers.

ABDI Members continue to play an ever increasing economic role to Illinois’ economy by providing thousands of jobs with good benefits. They collect and pay $63 million each year in excise taxes to the state and pay more than $280 million in direct wages and health care benefits. More information on ABDI is available at www.abdi.org.

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New Partnership with Epic Brewing

June 12, 2014 (Dallas, TX) - Andrews Distributing Company is thrilled to announce a new partnership with Epic Brewing Company.

Epic Brewing Company was founded in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2010, after legislative changes allowed founders David Cole and Peter Erickson to pursue their longtime dream of opening a microbrewery. David and Peter teamed up with Kevin Crompton, a Brewmaster with more than 20 years of brewing experience to open Epic Brewing Company. Together, this team of three shared a passion for making fine ales and lagers. After just a few months of small batch production, Epic Brewing received several awards for its beers in domestic and international competitions.

Three years later, the Epic team expanded its brewery operations into Colorado with a second brewery that was built to meet growing demand. The new Denver brewery offered enough space to support efforts to grow national distribution, expansion of the brewery’s popular barrel aged beer program and the introduction of a sour beer line. Texas is the 15th state to distribute the Epic portfolio.

Despite the rapid expansion of Epic Brewing, the company has stayed wholly committed to brewing small batch, artisanal beer. Every batch produced for the popular Elevated and Exponential series is numbered and stamped with release information that is published online.

Epic Brewing Company currently produces over 39 beers, and they have developed a portfolio that is intended to offer a beer for every person and every occasion. Andrews Distributing is looking forward to creating great beer experiences by partnering with Epic Brewing Company and expanding distribution of this award winning portfolio to our Texas beer market. Distribution of the Epic Brewing portfolio to the DFW market will begin in mid-August.

Please direct any questions to Bob Sullivan, VP of Craft Beer Brand Building.

For more information about Epic Brewing Company, please visit their website http://www.epicbrewing.com.

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EXCLUSIVE SW VA DISTRIBUTOR FOR THE DAMASCUS BREWERY
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Walling Distributing Company is excited to announce their appointment as the exclusive SW Virginia distributor for The Damascus Brewery. Located in beautiful Damascus, Virginia in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Damascus is a popular tourist town and is situated on the Appalachian Trail.

Adam Woodson, owner and Brewmaster, stated that he chose Walling Distributing for several reasons but primarily because Brian Anderson, Walling’s Sales Manager, assured him that his team could successfully introduce Adam’s high quality beers to local restaurants. He knew of Walling’s history and that since Walling had been with Budweiser for 50 years they could make it happen.

There are currently 22 different brews and ciders. Adam says one of his best selling products, which is seasonal, is his Woodson Cider. His personal favorites are Beaver Rage and the Creeper. Brian and Adam agree on most everything, but Brian prefers the Reason Irish Stout.

When asked how he got started brewing beer, Adam said while attending Radford University he began making home brews as a hobby. As it turned out, his friends enjoyed his beers and he began to wonder if he could make a living doing what makes him happy.

When Adam is not in the brewery he enjoys spending time with his wife and 2 children. Adam is an avid rock climber and kayaker. He is very active in his church and says you may even find him singing in the choir.

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Celebrating 125 years of Great Beer

(LINCOLNWOOD, IL; October 14, 2013)— Founded in 1888 by Louis Glunz I in Chicago, Louis Glunz Beer, Inc. is among the oldest beer distributors in the United States and this year marks the family-run company’s 125th year of business. President Jack Glunz celebrated the milestone Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Rosemont Convention Center with a private event for family, staff, and its brewery, restaurant, and retailer partners (photos available upon request). The family celebrates an award-winning year with recognitions from the National Beer Wholesalers Association, Beverage Industry magazine, and the Loyola University Family Business Center.

“So far, our 125th year has been a wonderful celebration of our continued success,” says President Jack Glunz, grandson of the founder. “It’s been an honor to distribute beer to the Chicagoland area for so long, and we look forward to continuing to do so for many more years.”

Founded in 1888 by Louis Glunz I in Chicago, Louis Glunz Beer, Inc. (7100 N. Capitol Drive, Lincolnwood, IL 60712; 847.676.9500) is among the oldest beer distributors in the United States, proudly offering Chicagoland the most comprehensive selection of craft, specialty, and import beers representing more than 190 breweries around the globe. The 125-year-old company continually receives recognition for its innovative, family-owned business, including Beverage Industry’s 2013 Wholesaler of the Year, the National Beer Wholesalers Association 2013 Public Affairs Award, a 2013 Loyola Illinois Family Business of the Year Award, and 2012 Distributor of the Year by Beverage World. Heading the company is President Jack Glunz, the grandson of the founder, with day-to-day operations led by five of his seven children as members of the fourth generation and with members of the fifth generation also on staff. Louis Glunz Beer, Inc. is dedicated to quality service and beer education. For product descriptions, food pairings, and a list of local retailers through a “Find it near me” ZIP code search, visit www.glunzbeers.com. Find Louis Glunz Beer, Inc. on Facebook.

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Luke Washburn and Jedidiah Scott Named Winners of Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Lineman Awards  
$14,000 in scholarships awarded by National Distributors, Inc., largest high school football scholarship of its kind in the country

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine - Today Jeff Kane, President of National Distributors, Inc. and Frank J.Gaziano’s son-in-law, announced the winners of the Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Offensive and Defensive Lineman Awards during a luncheon ceremony at the Augusta Civic Center. Jedidiah Scott of Sanford High School and Luke Washburn of Oak Hill High School were named the top senior football offensive and defensive linemen in the state based on their hard work on the field, in the classroom, and in their communities. The two winners received a trophy and a scholarship of $5,000, the largest high school football scholarship of its kind in the country.

The runners-up for the Gaziano Awards were offensive linemen Greg Grinnell from Cheverus High School and Ethan Liberty from Skowhegan Area High School, and defensive linemen Jacob Fogel of Portland High School and Colin Richards of Mt. Blue High School. Each runner-up received a $1,000 scholarship and a trophy, and all six finalists received a leather jacket with the Gaziano Awards logo.

“This is always such a meaningful day for our company because of the legacy that Frank left behind. I know he would be proud of not just the winners today, but all of the great student athletes that were nominated. Our company is proud to continue this tradition and help these young men with future opportunities that are in front of them in both football and in life,” said Kane.

The scholarship and awards program for Maine senior high school football linemen was created in memory of Frank J. Gaziano, founder of National Distributors and a former college All American and professional football player with a lifelong passion for local sports. Funding for the $14,000 in scholarships is provided by National Distributors in South Portland, the company founded by the late Gaziano.

The list of finalists considered for the annual Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Offensive and Defensive Lineman Awards epitomize the character, leadership, and perseverance of Gaziano. The top recipients were selected by the awards committee based on their strong leadership on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

All eligible applicants must have been a high school senior in 2013, competed at the varsity level for a minimum of two years and have an exemplary record of positive athletic and non-athletic citizenship. As part of the selection process, the students submitted an essay and game film featuring each lineman against his toughest competition.

Applicants from all levels of Maine’s high school football three-class system were eligible for the scholarship and able to be nominated by their coaches. For more information on the scholarship program application process, or to contribute to the scholarship fund, visit www.gazianolinemanawards.org or contact Charlie Gagnon at gazianoawards@gmail.com.

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High Country Beverage Presents Donation to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

LOVELAND, COLO. – January 14, 2014 – High Country Beverage, a locally owned and operated beer distributor, is honoring their long-term commitment to helping children with cancer with a donation to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. High Country Beverage presented a check for $48,000 to the hospital on Jan. 13.

The funds will be used towards research and treatment at St. Jude Children’s Hospital. “St. Jude paves the way on treating and beating pediatric cancer,” said Steve Nicols, President of High Country Beverage. “We’re proud to support St. Jude and their innovative cancer research and saving children’s lives.”

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering research and treatment of children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. It is ranked one of the best pediatric cancer hospitals in the country.

High Country Beverage has been helping St. Jude make a difference in children’s lives for over 15 years. They have raised over $330,000 for St. Jude Children’s Hospital just since 2004!

“We are truly honored to have a wonderful partner like High Country Beverage, who not only continues to raise more money each year for the kids of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, but who also is helping to provide integral awareness into the lifesaving work being done at St. Jude,” said Jaymie Hardtarfer, event marketing representative for St. Jude Children’s Hospital. “The team at High Country Beverage continues to go above and beyond in their partnership with us, inviting us into their family.”

About High Country Beverage:
High Country Beverage is an independent Colorado family owned and operated beer distributor known for product quality and outstanding customer service. They proudly represent over 250 brands of the finest local, craft, domestic and imported malt beverages from around the world. For more information about High Country Beverage, please call 1-800-462-3615, or visit us online at www.highcountrybeverage.com.

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