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Gary Baumgarten receives Prestigious Industry Service Award from the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, IL – OCTOBER 2010 – Gary Baumgarten, Owner and Treasurer of Baumgarten Distributing Co. in Peoria, Illinois, was presented with the prestigious Richard A. Mautino Industry Service Award. The presentation was made on September 21, at the 72nd Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois (ABDI) Annual Convention held at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville Hotel in Lisle, IL, which was attended by over 120 industry professionals.

Mr. Baumgarten has been in the beer distribution business since 1976. Baumgarten Distributing represents MillerCoors, Crown Imports, Guinness, Red Stripe, and Sierra Nevada products in Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties.

He served several terms on the ABDI Board of Directors, and the ABDI Benefit Plans Committee. He currently serves on the Finance Committee which he has served on for 30 years. He has attended every ABDI Convention since purchasing his distributorship, making this his 35th consecutive convention.

The award is given for outstanding contributions to the beer distribution industry. The award is named in honor of the late Richard A. Mautino, who was Vice President of Mautino Distributing Co. in Spring Valley, Illinois, and served nine terms in the Illinois General Assembly. Nominations are submitted by ABDI distributor Members and comments such as, "Face of the three-tier system," "Recognized for his lifetime of service to all Illinois distributors," "Financial expertise has been invaluable in helping maintain the stability of ABDI's finances," were made on his behalf.

The Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois, a not for profit business trade association, represents, maintains and improves the interests of its members who distribute beer of all brewers. ABDI advocates value in the three-tier regulatory system by being the unified voice for beer distributors on legislation and regulation, by promoting responsible beer consumption and by providing educational and other services to meet its members' needs. Distributors are licensed by the State of Illinois to import and distribute beer to licensed retailers.

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