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Grocers Recognize 2022 Award Winners, Hall of Fame Inductee and New Chairman

St. Paul, MN – August 5, 2022 - The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) has a long-standing tradition of honoring the best of the best by annually presenting awards to those in the industry that demonstrate excellence, have made significant contributions, and are highly respected by their peers. This year's award winners are a testament to the vitality of the grocery industry in Minnesota. The awards were presented by MGA Board Chair, Doug Winsor, and MGA President, Jamie Pfuhl on July 31, 2022, at the association's annual conference celebrating its 125th anniversary in Brainerd, MN. This is the state's premier event showcasing the pride and tremendous accomplishments of those in the Minnesota food industry.

The 2022 Outstanding Grocer award was presented to Mark Collier, Owner of Superfair Foods. He was born and raised in St. James, MN. Collier began his nearly 40-year grocery career in high school and continued to work at the store in the summers while in college. He took over the family store in 1997, making him the third generation of Colliers to operate Superfair Foods.

Knowing the importance of supporting the community, Superfair Foods is always there to lend a hand. The store has sponsored everything from the building of a new concession stand at the local baseball park to the St. James After-Prom party. Superfair Foods has also been a past recipient of the St. James Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year.

Collier is a member of the local Lion's Club in St. James and has served as the Club President three times. He served as the Board Chair of the MGA from 2016-2018, and continues to serve on its Executive Committee. Collier's leadership and passion exemplify what it means to be an outstanding grocer.

The 2022 Outstanding Vendor award was presented to Bryan Anderson of Old Dutch Foods, Inc. This award is given to those who show innovation in customer support, excellence in customer service, as well as involvement in the MGA. Just like many in the industry, in 1986, 15-year-old Anderson started his career in the grocery world as a carryout at R.C. Dicks IGA in West St. Paul.

Anderson continued working in the industry. He joined Old Dutch Foods, Inc. in 1994 as a route salesperson. As his career advanced, Anderson took on the role of route supervisor, where he served for the next 9 years. In 2006, he was promoted to Space Management Specialist and Key Account Manager, the titles that he has held for the past 15 years.

Anderson takes great pride in representing the Old Dutch Foods, Inc. brand and its rich, local heritage. Old Dutch Foods, Inc. is a family owned business that started in St. Paul in 1934. He believes relationships are the cornerstone of success. Anderson strives to showcase his company, while elevating his customer and bringing the best to market. This demonstrates why he was honored with the 2022 Outstanding Vendor Award.

Glen Gust, retired owner of Glen's Food Center, Luverne, MN, was inducted into the Minnesota Grocers Association's (MGA) Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding service and exemplary contributions to Minnesota's food industry. Glen started delivering milk at the age of ten. By his teens, he was bagging potatoes for Lyslo's Super Valu in Canby, MN. While attending college, he worked at Diamond Lake Super Valu in Minneapolis and he decided that he should get into the grocery business himself.

After serving a distinguished stint in the Army, Gust spent five years as assistant manager at a Burnsville Super Valu before opening a store in Luverne - Glen's Food Center. Over the years, he expanded the store, eventually moving into a larger building in 2003. He also opened a c-store – Glen's Food & Gas Center. Gust retired in 2016.

Gust was honored as the MGA's 1999 Outstanding Grocer and he served as Chairman of the MGA from 2012-2014. Gust's commitment to the people and community that he serves is unmatched. Gust's dedication has earned him the respect and admiration of his peers. His outstanding commitment, vision, and leadership have made a lasting impression on the food industry; this induction to the MGA Hall of Fame is a well-deserved acknowledgment of his outstanding career.

The MGA is also pleased to announce Chris Quisberg of S & R Quisberg, Inc. in Baxter, MN was named Chairman of the Minnesota Grocers Association. He took over the position on July 31, 2022, from Doug Winsor of Jerry's Enterprises, Inc. in Edina, MN.

Additionally, this year's award presentation celebrated the 125 year anniversary of the Minnesota Grocers Association. This celebration was concluded with a proclamation and remarks of appreciation from Governor Tim Walz.

The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are one of the oldest trade associations in the state, celebrating 125 years of advancing industry. We have over 300 retail, manufacture, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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