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## Stephenson Wholesale Co.'s Dick Dunham Inducted into CDA Hall of Fame



SCOTTSDALE, AZ - Dick Dunham, vice president of operations at Stephenson Wholesale Co., Durant, OK, was inducted into the Convenience Distribution Association (CDA) Hall of Fame Sept. 13 at the Convenience Distribution Business Exchange (CDBX) in Scottsdale, AZ.

Dunham, who has spent nearly his entire professional career with distribution and grocery companies, was presented the award by Sherwin Herring, CEO at Southco Distributing Co., Goldsboro, NC. He's been at Stephenson Wholesale Co., which does business as Indian Nation Wholesale, for the past 21 years and served as chair of the American Wholesale Marketers Association (AWMA), CDA's predecessor organization.

"Dick participates in everything that CDA offers - the CDBX, annual convention, Day on the Hill, and Industry Affairs committee meetings at vendor locations," said Herring, who succeeded him as AWMA chair. "You name it, whether it is at the state, regional or national level, Dick is there working and participating."

The CDA Hall of Fame Award recognizes industry executives for outstanding and long-standing contributions to the convenience distribution industry and their commitment and service to the association.

Dunham is an eager participant in the educational programs offered by CDA and other associations. He credits them with helping him make sure Stephenson stays ahead when it comes to adopting new and better ways to meet the ever changing business climate.

"He's a smart guy," said Randy Long, president of Long Distribution, Corinth, MS, who over the past 15 years has served on committees with Dunham and listened to him in a variety of situations. "He's that rare combination of a smart, savvy operator and a great guy to be around. He's always in a

good mood. I've never seen him grumpy. It's infectious with the people around him and leads to better problem-solving. He makes work fun and play fun."

Dunham has been one of CDA's most dedicated and active distributor members, noted Kimberly Bolin, CDA's president and CEO.

"Dick has been such a great contributor to CDA and our industry in general," commented Bolin. "His insight and leadership have been extremely valuable over the years, and at the same time, his bright spirit and sense of humor helps us to always keep things in perspective. We are honored to include Dick Dunham in the CDA Hall of Fame."

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*The Convenience Distribution Association (CDA) is the trade organization working on behalf of convenience products distributors in the United States. Its distributor members represent more than \$92 billion in U.S. convenience product sales, serving a wide variety of small retail formats.*