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Doug Galli, Kirk Leff Elected to NY Convenience Store Hall of Fame

SYRACUSE NY - The New York Association of Convenience Stores has announced that Doug Galli and Kirk Leff have been elected to the New York Convenience Store Hall of Fame.

NYACS will induct them at its annual Chairman's Banquet on Thursday, May 17, 2018 in Syracuse. Friends and industry colleagues are invited to attend, and may register by visiting the NYACS web site, www.nyacs.org, or calling 877-384-8829.

The Hall of Fame honors individual retailers and suppliers for exceptional achievement in, and distinguished service to, New York's convenience store industry.



Doug Galli



Kirk Leff

Doug Galli is Vice President and General Manager of the Crosby's convenience store chain owned by Reid Petroleum Inc., based in Lockport NY. Crosby's has 85 locations throughout Western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania.

Galli has served on the NYACS Retail Board since 2012 and was Chairman for two years. Under his leadership, NYACS elevated the quality of its educational programming at the annual Trade Show & Convention, a key to improved retail attendance each of the last three years.

Before joining Crosby's in 2004, Galli spent 29 years with Tops Markets, working in both the Tops and Wilson Farms C-store divisions.

A native of Liverpool NY, Galli now resides in Amherst. He and his wife Karen have three daughters and three grandchildren. He served on the Sweet Home School Board for 15 years. A long-distance runner, he has participated in marathons across the country.

Kirk Leff retired this month after 28 years with McLane Company Inc., a leading wholesale distributor based in Temple TX, most recently as its Vice President of Sales, Marketing, and Business Development.

His career included an eight-year stint as President of McLane's Northeast Division, based in Baldwinsville NY. During that time, he served on the NYACS Associate Board, including one year as Chairman.

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Leff joined McLane in 1989 at the Suneast Division in Florida. His career included assignments at McLane Western, McLane Concord, McLane Northwest, McLane Northeast, and McLane Corporate in Temple TX. After moving from Central New York to Texas in 2010, he remained an ambassador for NYACS with national chains that were acquiring stores in New York.

Prior to joining McLane, Leff worked for the Walt Disney Co., Perkins Restaurants, and Gooding's Supermarkets. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Kirk and his wife Ruth reside in Orlando FL.

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ABOUT NYACS

Headquartered in Albany, NYACS is a private, not-for-profit trade organization that forges a favorable environment for New York State's diverse community of neighborhood convenience stores. It provides its members with vital knowledge, a unified voice on legislative and regulatory issues, and ways to share ideas, address common challenges, and build relationships.

ABOUT McLANE

McLane Company Inc. is one of the largest supply chain services leaders, providing grocery and foodservice supply chain solutions for convenience stores, mass merchants, drug stores and chain restaurants throughout the United States. McLane, through McLane Grocery and McLane Foodservice, operates over 80 distribution centers across the U.S. and one of the nation's largest private fleets. The company buys, sells and delivers more than 50,000 different consumer products to nearly 110,000 locations across the U.S. In addition, McLane provides alcoholic beverage distribution through its wholly owned subsidiary, Empire Distributors Inc. McLane is a wholly owned unit of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (NYSE: BRK) and employs more than 20,000 teammates.

ABOUT CROSBY'S

Crosby's, a division of the Reid Group, is headquartered in Lockport NY. The company operates 87 Crosby's convenience stores throughout Northwestern Pennsylvania and Upstate New York. The Reid Group, founded in 1922, is a full-service independent motor fuel marketer providing a comprehensive range of products and services for retail motor fuel outlets and convenience stores. The Lockport-based company serves retail and commercial customers.