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ATLANTA'S OLDE BLIND DOG ANNOUNCES
IRISH PUB OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION – JUNE 14-18

May 26, 2015, Atlanta, GA... Legend has it there are over 7,000 Irish pubs located across the globe. But did you know the top Irish pub *for the world* is located in Atlanta? **Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub**, with two pubs in metro Atlanta, was chosen “Irish Pub of the Year” by the Irish Pubs Global Federation earlier this year at a ceremony in Dublin, Ireland.

“This is the first time an American pub has won this award,” explained Ron Wallace, a former UPS executive and one of the founders and principle investors of Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub with locations in Milton and Brookhaven, GA. “An award of this nature and the very spirit of a truly authentic Irish pub requires that we must throw one heckuva party to celebrate.”

“The Irish Pub of the Year Celebration,” hosted by Olde Blind Dog, is set for June 14-18.

Friends of Olde Blind Dog and the public are invited to join the festivities, including:

- Nightly specials and giveaways sponsored by Olde Blind Dog’s vendor partners, including Guinness, Guinness Blonde, Terrapin Brewing Company, and others.
- A \$500 grand prize package and drawing to be held at each location for an “Atlanta Braves Excursion”, featuring four tickets to a Braves games, transportation to/from the game via executive sedan, and \$200 Olde Blind Dog pre- or post-game meal and refreshments; drawing held on June 17 at 9 PM; must be present to win
- "Irish Pubs in America: History, Lore and Recipes" book signing on June 14, with local author and photographer Bob Meyers and Ron Wallace. Meyers and Wallace collaborated to produce a keepsake book with actual stories and photography from America’s top Irish pubs, including Olde Blind Dog. Wallace hinted, “*Makes a great Father’s Day gift!*”

Olde Blind Dog opened its first pub in Milton, GA six years ago. A second pub followed in Brookhaven in 2012. “The response we’ve had since we first opened our doors has just been tremendous,” said Geoff Kokoszka, Director of Operations. “The goal was to create a truly authentic “public house” where people gather to enjoy delicious home cooking, to celebrate, and to take time to share in community. We are proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to continuing the spirit of the finest Irish public houses or pubs as central gathering places for the communities and people we serve.”

No detail was spared in the creation of the pubs’ beautiful and authentic interiors, including the procurement and import of 17th century antique carved wooden panels and actual ‘snugs’ (booth type seating arrangements with intricate detail allowing for extra privacy) from Europe. “While our pubs are no doubt beautiful, and service levels high, our attention to detail is what really sets us apart,” said Kokoszka. “Everything we serve is made fresh from scratch. Our Guinness is stored and poured at exact standards to ensure we pour the perfect pint, every time. Our menu features traditional Irish favorites, including fish and chips and Shepherd’s Pie made with lamb, and a variety of fresh and delicious American favorites.”

The Irish Pubs Global Federation is based in Dublin and has 6,500 members worldwide. Criteria for selection included: authenticity, ambience, effective use of social media, market position, online customer ratings and warmth of staff. This is the first year that an American pub has won the award. Last year’s winner was Killian’s Irish Pub in Munich, Germany.

Olde Blind Dog was named after Wallace’s dog, Peaches, an American bulldog, who was in fact blind in one eye.

Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub is located in Milton at 12650 Crabapple Road, Milton, GA 30004 and in Town Brookhaven at 705 Town Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30319. The website is: <http://oldeblinddog.com>

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