PATENT No. 790,861

“I persevered and now have a barrel that defies comment.” - Nellie Bly

Like Nellie Bly, ISDI has persevered and is ready to launch into the next quarter century.
Proving Itself

• The steel drum is a cylinder.
• It can be rolled, so that one person can handle it.
• It is rugged and survives the most trying conditions.
• It provides added value in secondary uses including reuse, reconditioning and recycling.
History of the Steel Drum

The steel shipping container has proven to be more than a match for a number of challenges.

• The history of shipping containers dates back over 4,000 years, when cylindrical containers were a standard package throughout the ancient world.

• With the advent of steel in the United States, the American Steel Barrel company was awarded the first patent for the true 55-gallon steel drum with straight sides.
History of the Steel Drum

• World War I bought a growth spurt to the fledging industry, which tripled to more than 30 companies by the end of the war.

• At the beginning of World War II, the industry began to gear up again. The 55-gallon, 18-gauge drum proved to be a crucial link in transporting vital materials with production reaching 30 million at the peak of the war years.
Today

- Today, steel drums make up approximately 24 percent of the industrial packaging market.
- The industry produced over 28 million new steel drums last year.
Steel Drums as an Economic Indicator

U.S. GDP or Industrial Production vs. U.S. Steel Drum Production, 2003 to 2018

- % U.S. GDP Change
- % Change Industrial Production
- Steel Drum Production - U.S. x 1,000 units

Steel Drums as an Economic Indicator
Original Members

- Bennett Manufacturing Company
- Central Can Company
- Chicago Pail Manufacturing Company
- The Cleveland Steel Barrel Company
- The Draper Manufacturing Company
- The F.C. Thornton Company
- Fein's Tin Company, Inc.
- Florida Drum Co., Inc.
- Hirsch Cooperage & Steel Package Co.
- J&L Steel Barrel Company
- Manion Steel Barrel Company
- National Enameling and Stamping Company
- National Steel Container Corporation
- Niedringhaus Metal Products Company
- The Ohio Corrugating Company
- Owens-Illinois Can Company
- Pressed Steel Tank Company
- Rheem Manufacturing Company
- Sexton Can Company, Inc.
- Southern States Iron Roofing Company
- Stainless Steel Products Co.
- Standard Can Company
- The Stevens Metal Products Company
- U.S. Steel Products Company
- United Steel Barrel Company
- Vulcan Stamping & Manufacturing Company
Current Members

ISDI
Represents the manufacturers of new steel drums in North America. Our mission is to promote the use of steel drums and represent our members before regulatory and legislative authorities.

Associate/Supplier Members
- American Flange & Manufacturing Co., Inc.
- CDF Corporation
- Con-Tech International
- Hentzen Coatings, Inc.
- KNS Companies, Inc.
- Merco Machines
- Nucor Steel
- REMY International
- Rieke Packaging Systems, Inc.
- Self Industries, Inc. (Berger)
- Universal Chemicals & Coatings, Inc.
- U.S. Steel Corporation

International/Other Members
- Ten-E Packaging Services, Inc.
ISDI 75th Anniversary Celebration

ISDI Meeting
Napa, California
April 30, 2019