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## Social Success: Creating Branded Content That Converts

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#### CliffsNotes® for this Presentation

- 1 IDENTIFY Existing Content
- 2 SELECT Which Social Platforms To Focus On
- 3 DECIDE The Types of Content To Create
- 4 DETERMINE The Best Time To Post
- MANAGE Content Using a Tool



**Increases Exposure** 

**Increases Traffic** 

**Provides Market Insights** 

**Develops Loyal Fans** 

**Generates Leads** 

**Improves Search Rankings** 

**Improves Sales** 

#### Where Does Content Fit?

- Check content you already have available
  - Images, Video, UGC, Audio, Blog/Web
  - Ask your suppliers, employees & distributor team

- 2 Check for your social media platform gaps
  - Your Content, Engagement,
     & Social Media Platforms
    - **3** Look for underserved customers & industries



## Discover Your Content





## **Creating Distributor Content**

- Develop broad brush goals
- Create a content strategy
  - Start Small
    - Set social media platforms
  - Build Deliberately
    - Select primary & secondary platforms to focus
    - Identify & develop multiple content types
    - Focus initially on evergreen and cyclical content
  - Be Consistent
    - Set a posting schedule based on industry, geography & customers
    - Select social media management platform





## **Creating Content: Taking Stock**

#### **Immediate Content**

- Overstock
- "Fire Sales"
- Behind the Velvet Rope
- Unboxing
- Customer Testimonials

#### **Planned Content**

- Educational
  - New Products
  - How-to's
- Informational
  - Explainer Videos
  - Customer Prep



### **Content Examples**

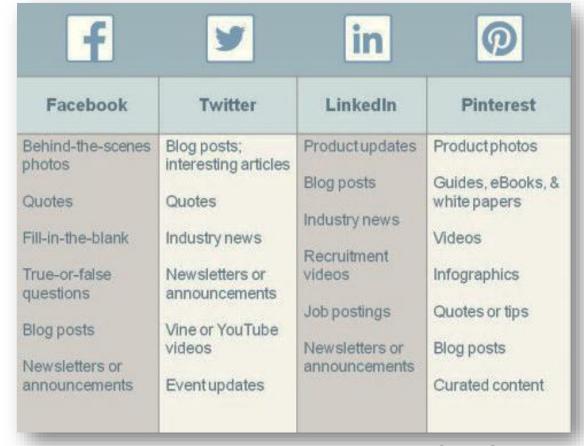
- Toolkits/Resource guides
- Checklists
- Handouts
- Downloads
- Worksheets
- Webinars
- Video series
- Podcast
- Video content



#### **List of Content Formats** ■ Helpful Application / Tool ① How-to's Content Curation Opinion Post Case Studies ■ White Papers Charts/Graphs □ Vlog Ebooks Videos Cartoons / Illustrations Surveys ◆ Book Summaries Slideshares X Tool Reviews Resources **Ouotes** Quizzes and Polls Webinar Podcasts @ Guides Pinboards Dictionary Photo Collage "Day in the Life of" Post Original Research Infographics Press releases Photos Predictions Mind Maps User Generated Content Meme Company News Online Game **Timelines**

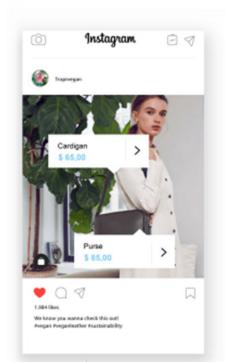
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# Distributor Content by Social Platform





## **Ways Social Media Integrates**





#### Facebook/Instagram IG Live Shopping

- - Customer Testimonials
  - Staff Features & Favs
  - Sharing the Prep or Finishing work
  - Real-time Q&A
  - Educational Outreach
    - Showcase new promo product trends
    - Unique "off label" items or leave-behinds by budget/business size





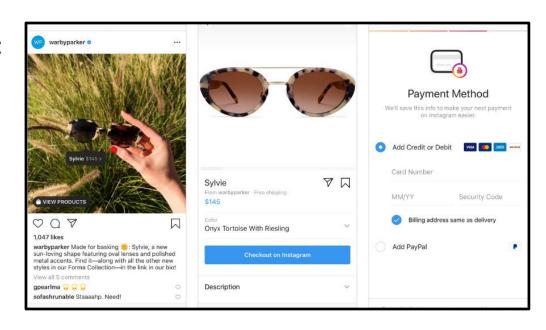


## **Omnichannel Content Marketing**

#### Reimagine customer engagement

Repurpose your promo product content across digital platforms

Include multiple touchpoints & ways to sell





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# Meet Customers Where They Reside Online

**Use Messaging Apps** 



Let Tech Do the Heavy Lifting





## **Social Media Content**

- **Invest** in it
- Make time for it
- Create it
- Think evergreen
- Curate it





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# Most Effective Marketing Channels for Promo Product Pros









## TO BUILD BRAND AWARENESS

Blog Posts/Short Articles (31%)

Social Media Content (e.g., tweets, stories) (25%)

In-Person Events (8%)

## TO SECURE LEADS

In-Person Events (19%)

Webinars/Online Events (16%)

Ebooks/Guides (13%)

## TO NURTURE LEADS

Email Newsletters (31%)

Blog Posts/Short Articles (13%)

In-Person Events & Case Studies (tied at 9%)

## TO CONVERT

In-Person Events (25%)

Case Studies (23%)

Webinars/Online Events (11%)

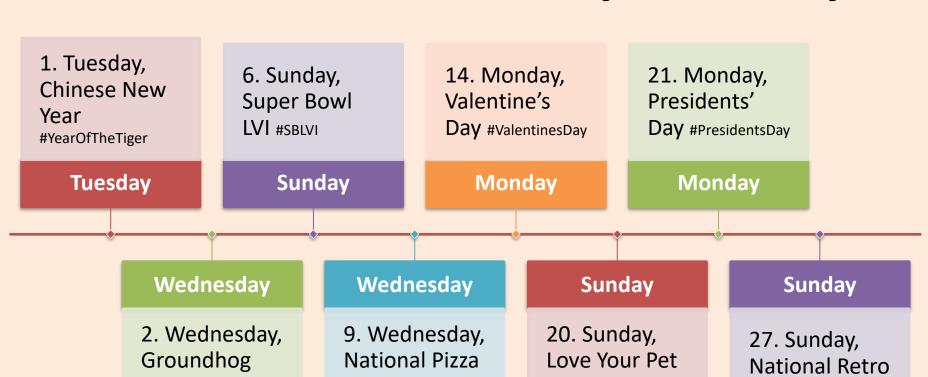
## **Social Content Planning**

- Input your events, special dates, book releases, testing periods, holidays, themes, etc.
- Use Editorial or Social Media calendar
- Use social media management tools to post out for recurring events





## 2022 Social Media Holidays: February



Day

#LoveYourPetDay

Day #RetroDay

Day

#NationalPizzaDay

Day

#GroundhogDay

## 2022 Social Media Holidays: March

4. Friday, National Employee
Appreciation Day
#EmployeeAppreciationDay

**Friday** 

8. Tuesday, International Women's Day #BeBoldForChange

Tuesday

15. Tuesday, World Consumer Rights Day #WCRD2022

Tuesday

20. Sunday, First Day of Spring #FirstDayofSpring

Sunday

#### Monday

7. Monday,
National Be
Heard Day
#NationalBeHeardDay

#### Sunday

13. Sunday,
Daylight Saving
Time begins
#DaylightSaving

#### **Thursday**

17. Thursday, St. Patrick's Day #StPatricksDay

## **Social Content Planning & Examples**

Yearly Content Calendar - Think cyclical What can be created & shared on rotation with minimal effort?

- Consider Seasonal Promo Products Push
  - Add cyclical Winter, Spring, Summer,
     & Fall Promos
- Create a social media holiday strategy
- Identify industry-specific themes
  - Healthcare
  - Education
  - Sports
  - Sales





### Use Brand Awareness & Showcase Promo Product Content

- Take Photos & Video in action at participating industry events
  - Swag Bags Stand outs
- Get Testimonials & Feedback of strategic partners and customer-facing expos & tradeshows
  - Make-and-Take experience: Invite clients, friends
     & prospects to to create and print their own
     T-shirts or promo items.
- Capture & Showcase Knowledge through Networking & Chambers
  - Quid Pro Quo Giveaway for photo or video testimonial, feedback, or social likes & shares







# **Build Content Around Promo Product Collections**

#### **Upsell & Show Customers How a Collection Works Together**

- (Year-Round) Employee incentives & rank promotions, raises & retirements
- VIP, C-Suite collection of high-end leave-behinds

#### **Showcase Product Collections by Situations**

- (Year-Round) Caregiver/patient/expecting parents
  - "Go" bags
  - New parent survival kit/tips
- (Seasonal: Fall) New student/college team
  - First day of school/semester
  - Homecoming (Year-Round)
- (Seasonal: Summer) Travel & refresh kits
- (Year-Round) Reunions, girls' trips
- (Year-Round) Specialty & subscriptions

## **Showcase Company & Organizational Culture**

Employee, Student, Teams & Staff
Remote Work Sets
Welcome Aboard for New Hire
Milestone Celebrations
Back to School

#### **Product Collections by Industry**

Caregiver/Patient/RN
New Student/College Teams
Yoga & Fitness Studios
Auto Repair & Dealerships









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#### **Best Times to Post Content**



**Facebook** 

Best Time: 9 am

**Best Day: Wednesday** 



LinkedIn

Best Time: 12 pm

**Best Day: Wednesday** 



Instagram

Best Time: B2C 8 am | B2B 12-1 pm

**Best Day: Tuesday** 



#### **Best Times to Post Content**



YouTube

Best Time: 12-3 pm

**Best Days: Thursday, Friday** 



**Pinterest** 

Best Time: 8-11 am

**Best Days: Friday, Saturday** 



**Twitter** 

Best Time: 12pm, 5-6pm

**Best Days: Monday, Thursday** 



#### **Best Times to Post Content**



**TikTok** 

Best Time: 10 am

**Best Days: Monday** 



1 Identify Your Primary Social Media Platforms

2 Select the Social Media Management Tool

**Connect Your** Social Media Platforms to Tool



## **Social Media Management Tools**

Manages your social media posts by sending your content out to your social media platforms on preset or designated schedule.

#### **SMM Tools**

- AgoraPulse
- Post Planner
- Sendible
- Hootsuite
- Buffer
- Sprout Social
- Hubspot



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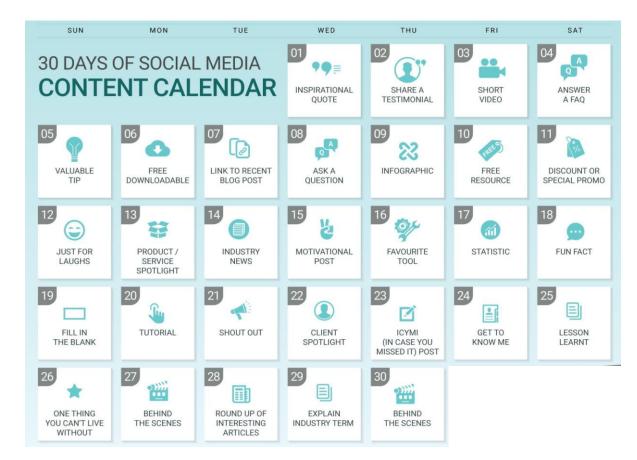
## 30 DAYS OF POSTING IDEAS FOR DISTRIBUTORS

#### **SAMPLE CONTENT IDEAS**



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# Example: 30 Days of Social Media Content





## 30 Days of Content: 1-15

Day 1: Introduce yourself

Day 2: Post a quote

Day 3: Share a helpful tip

Day 4: Go Live

Day 5: User Generated Content

Day 6: Call for customer feedback

Day 7: Ask a question

Day 8: Go behind the scenes

Day 9: Offer a flash sale or discount

Day 10: Promo product review

Day 11: Showcase themed products

Day 12: Promote email sign-up

Day 13: Introduce an employee

Day 14: Do a giveaway

Day 15: Send followers to your website



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## 30 Days of Content: 16-30

Day 16: Say thank you

Day 17: Open Q&A

Day 18: Share a testimonial

Day 19: Share a fan photo

Day 20:
Recommend a
strategic partner
business

Day 21: Share an old photo

Day 22: Share a news/blog article

Day 23: Caption a photo

Day 24: Spotlight a customer / Customer Case Study

Day 25: Post a quote from an expert

Day 26: Sneak Peek

Day 27: Share a blog post

Day 28: Post a funny meme or picture

Day 29: Promote a distributor event

Day 30: Host a Q&A



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## Questions...Did You?

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