

J. P. Self Earns ADSC Associate Member Emeritus Status

For those of you who have been associated with the ADSC in the past, the name of J. P. Self will be very familiar to you. You will remember him as a robust man with a striking personality. He was on the ADSC Board of Directors for several terms and, as a matter of fact, he was the first Associate Member to be elected to the Board.

J. P. Self grew up in Texas and was quite the high school and college athlete when he graduated from Northwestern University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. After a two year stint in the Army in Germany, he moved back to Dallas to teach school, met his wife, Beverly, and was introduced to Hugh B. Williams. Mr. Williams offered him a job at Joslyn Manufacturing where he learned the equipment so he could sell rigs for Hugh B. Williams. After Hughes Tool bought Hugh B. Williams in 1959-60, J. P. was transferred to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to be Hughes Tool's Eastern Regional Sales Manager. In 1968 he took a job working for Calweld, a division of Smith International, also as their Eastern Regional Sales Manager.

In 1973, J. P. Self & Associates, Inc. was founded and he became an independent dealer of drilling rigs and a complete line of supplies for the foundation drilling industry. The company represented Kennametal, Jiffy Products and Atlantic Equipment Company. During this time he was very active in many ADSC projects, including serving on the Board of Directors, being chairman of the ADSC Membership Committee and Associate Members Committee, and a strong supporter of ADSC's educational programs. If there was an ADSC meeting, he was there with his wife, Beverly, and son, Chris.

J. P. retired at the age of 65 in 1998. Beverly continues to work everyday for the company and Chris is now President. The Selfs have four children, Kenny, Chris, Kerry and Julie. ADSC members will remember that



J. P. Self

J. P. was an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer. Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2001 and currently lives in an assisted living facility.

It's important to pay tribute to ADSC heroes while they are still on this earth. J. P. Self is one of those heroes who helped form the association into what it is today. His untiring efforts to promote the work of the ADSC and his support of so many projects, will always be remembered. It's the ADSC's privilege to grant J. P. Self Associate Member Emeritus Status.

DYWIDAG-Systems Names Kerry Allen Regional CEO of the Americas

Effective January 1, 2007, DYWIDAG-Systems International has named Kerry B. Allen as their Regional CEO of the Americas. Kerry, who was previously CEO of DSI-Lang Geotech, LLC, will be responsible for the DSI Post-tensioning and geotechnical business in the United States, Canada and Latin America. Kerry, a long-time supporter of the ADSC, has previously served two full terms on the ADSC's Board of Directors and chaired the Anchored Earth Retention Committee for a number of years. Kerry was the chairman of the Field Day component of the ADSC's Geo³ Quality Assurance Quality Control Technical Conference. He has been the recipient of many ADSC awards.

Mike Kelley, currently Western Branch Manager for DSI, will move into the position of Geotechnical Business Unit Manager, also on January

1, 2007. He will be responsible for geotechnical sales in the United States. Mike has been very active in the ADSC's West Coast Chapter over the past several years.

Congratulations to both Kerry and Mike Kelley on these promotions.

A Tribute to Some Old-Timers: Joe and Edy Myers

Every once in a while, a story comes our way from one of our members that just needs to be told. That's the case with this tribute to Joe and Edy Myers



Joe Myers

that was provided by their long-time friend, Mike Powell of Powell Drilling in San Jose, California.



Edy Myers

Mike met Joe and Edy in Chicago in the 1940s and they were like brothers to him. After they were both drilled for the Foundation Drilling after a lot of years.

When Case hired Mike, a high school dropout, they hired him as their helper on an old buck. When Caisson Corporation was formed, they all went to work for Caisson in Niles, Illinois. Eventually, Case bought Caisson Corporation and Joe and Edy went back to Case.

Mike left Chicago in 1962 to start drilling in California to start drilling, but lost touch with his friends. He eventually formed Powell Drilling in 1970 and joined the ADSC. His sons and grandsons are now working for the company as all drill rig or crane operators. It was for the success of Powell Drilling that Mike went back to his experiences in working with Joe and Edy who taught him how to work, how to live, and how to

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