Honors:

Five Lifetime Honorary Members Named

Five AWCI members—Jack Dillard, Nathan Kimmel, Larry Fernald, Homer Bartles and Deane Rockwell—were named Honorary Lifetime Members at AWCI’s Breakfast of Champions Award Breakfast on Friday, March 22 during the 74th AWCI Convention and Exposition.

Jack Dillard

Jack D. Dillard has been associated with Storbeck, Gregory and Dillard for over 35 years. He was President of a forerunner organization of AWCI (iaWCC, the International Association of Wall and Ceiling Contractors) in 1972 and had served on the Contracting Plasterers and Lathers International Association and iaWCC Boards of Directors for six years. Jack also served as President of the Texas Lath and Plastering Contractors’ Association for two years and as President of the Texas Bureau for Lathing and Plastering. In 1982 he received the coveted AWCI Pinnacle Award.

Nathan Kimmel

The well-known President of Nathan Kimmel Inc. in Los Angeles, Nathan Kimmel has served AWCI in many capacities. He has been a member of the Board of Directors and has served on several AWCI committees. He has been recognized by both AWCI and the California Lathing and Plastering Association for his work.

Larry Fernald

Larry Fernald was active in the Contracting Plasterers’ International Association (CPIA), a forerunner organization of AWCI. He was also a founder of the Florida group that led to the formation of the Florida Wall & Ceiling Contractors Association, the largest AWCI-chartered chapter in the country.

Deane W. Rockwell

Dean Rockwell’s background includes over 40 years’ involvement in the gypsum industry, and he has been
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a member and participant in AWCI and its predecessor associations for about 30 years. Widely acquainted with key industry people in North America, Europe and Asia, he has long pressed for foreign attendance and membership in AWCI and has nurtured this as it has progressed. His wife, Helga, was born and raised in Germany. She is well known to international figures, as well as within AWCI. Among many other contributions, the Foundation Library was originally Deane Rockwell’s concept.

Homer Bartles

Homer Bartles has worked for the Southern California Drywall Contractors Association for 22 years, and is now its Executive Director. He helped consummate the merger between AWCI and GDCI (Gypsum Drywall Contractors International). He serves on several AWCI committees.