

professional profile

CALVIN W. 'DOC' BEATTY SR.,
head foreman, Building Services

Born: Aug. 17, 1958, in Woodford County, Kentucky

Education: Graduate of Lafayette Senior High School, Lexington, Kentucky

Family: wife Cathy; children Calvin Jr., MaCayla, and La-Shay

Years in the Business: 43. My mom and dad, brothers and sisters, aunts, and now my children have all worked at Keeneland. I began working here in the afternoons during racing and in the summers when I was a sophomore in high school in 1974. Among my first jobs was picking up rocks off the racetrack for Hobart Burton, the track superintendent. I went to work full-time on the maintenance crew in 1978.

Career Highlights: Shaking the hands of Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Keeneland in 1984 and former President George H. W. Bush when he attended the races in 1997. Hosting the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Keeneland in 2015. Many years ago I flew with "Captain Tag" Veal (longtime traffic reporter for WVLC radio) in his helicopter to bring the programs from the printer in Lexington to Keeneland on race days. We strapped the boxes to the skids of the helicopter and landed in the track infield to unload. Also watching Keeneland grow and change through the years and finding new and improved ways to maintain its facilities. Helping to start the program where local school groups volunteer to assist with cleaning the grandstand after race days to raise money for field trips and other activities.

Hobbies: Repairing cars, remodeling houses, cooking, traveling

What you enjoy about working at Keeneland: I enjoy meeting all the different people who visit Keeneland from around the world. I try to make their experience at Keeneland the best it can be.



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