

## ***Susan Pitassi***

### **How did you get involved in the Landscape industry and how did you end up at DBC?**

I started working at Simpson Norton during my senior year in high school and worked with them for 17 years. My initial job duties doing whatever was asked (answering phones /filing) . As the years progressed I got to experience working a bit in every department. In 1990 I transitioned to working full time in purchasing. In 2001 Ewing Irrigation bought the irrigation side of Simpson Norton so I went to work for Ewing at their main office in Phoenix where I spent for 14 years.

While attending the IA show in 2014 I got introduced to Jerod Watts. After we spent some time together walking the show he stated, “one day you will work for me.” He was right because I started working with Brett in DBC purchasing in July of 2015.

### **What do you find most enjoyable about your role w/ DBC?**

Not going to a lie, I really enjoy working from home it is a bonus on most days. However, it does take me away from the banter of the office and that I do miss. I do feel everybody at the company accepted me in my purchasing role and now I feel like part of the DBC family and that's truly the best part

### **How has the Industry changed since you entered it?**

Having started in the industry in 1984, boy has it changed, more vendors, specialized products, and smart controllers. By far the advances in technology have been the most drastic! Originally, we did everything with paper and pencil now you don't even need to own a pen or pencil - you can do everything from your smart phone!

### **What do you enjoy outside of the work place?**

I have 8 adorable grandchildren from the ages of 10 years to 4 months. Sam and I have one grandson who lives in North Carolina but all the rest live here in the Phoenix area. Three of them live with us so we spend much of our time is doing kid stuff which we love to do! When not on Grandbaby duty Sam and I love traveling to San Diego and Hawaii, going shopping (not Sam), to movies and we enjoy playing cards with our besties. We also entertain our friends and family at our house - it is known as Pitassi (pool) party house, so if you are in Phoenix look us up and we just might be having an event for you to stop by for!

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