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**Why did you join South County EDC?**

A permanent resident of South County since 1997, I was indirectly involved and partnered with SCEDC in its early years during my 12-year US Olympic Committee career. Today, I continue to be vested in South County, particularly by promoting the tremendous recreation and tourism resources unique to our region. In 2011, I officially became a member of SCEDC, representing Southwestern College’s Crown Cove Aquatic Center on Silver Strand State Beach. A marine recreation educational center serving the public, we strive to offer programs that promote the coexistence of marine recreation and environmental stewardship. Through my SCEDC membership, I am continually seeking potential partnerships and involvement that promotes South County’s quality of living, working and playing!

**The best thing that has happened/I have learned, experienced, enjoyed is...**

The relationships and networking opportunities presented through broad spectrum of represented industries is the most valuable benefit to my SCEDC membership. I have had the ability to work with so many members through my participation on committees, task forces and at regular or special SCEDC meetings. This has provided me the unique opportunity to extend my professional network beyond education and into various profit and non-profit sectors including business, healthcare, government, financial services, etc. in addition to forging new friendships.

**Fun fact about you:**

I am a Pittsburgh native and forever Steeler fan! My first office check-paying job in high-school was as a “Zum Zum” employee of ARA Services – the concession vendor at Three Rivers Stadium. On a very cold, wintry Pittsburgh Sunday back in December 1972, the Steelers were in the divisional playoff game vs the Raiders. The end of the game was near, the Steelers losing. Nobody was at the concession stands purchasing food. All of the employees were out with fans watching and holding our breath, including me on the top level of the stadium. That’s when it happened... Franco Harris’ “immaculate reception” leading to the eventual first of six Super Bowl victories for the black and gold! About 5-years ago flying back to San Diego from Pittsburgh, I got to meet Franco as we were on the same flight. I told Franco my first-hand account of that day, we shared a laugh, hug and photo op! Long lasting memory.

**Life goal:**

My professional career started in education, merged into Olympic sport management and back to education. I’ve loved every stop and challenge along the way. It has rewarded me with resources to live in the most spectacular place in the country. My immediate goal is assist my youngest daughter transfer to UC to obtain her bachelor’s degree as “retirement” is right around the corner. Phase III vision includes travel, golf-leagues, volunteering and perhaps part-time teaching.