

Interview with Tim and Sue Coker

Although Tim is not technically retired, Sue retired from SDG&E in 2001 and Tim left in 2003.

Sue began her career with SDG&E in 1980 in the Call Center (also known as the “fish bowl”) at the Electric Building. She then worked in the Escondido district office for a year before moving on to Lighting Services. For over two years, she worked the Outreach program for SDG&E spending time at home shows, street fairs and the Del Mar Fair to provide the public with information about SDG&E and the programs we had to offer. She ended her career in Marketing in July 2001. Sue was an active member with the Energy Speakers Corp and also worked with Gary Cotton and Junior Achievement.

Tim has not really retired and is working for an electrical contractor doing standby line work. He trained at line school and became a journeyman lineman. He was an electric troubleman for over 10 years until 2003.

They have traveled some in the USA in their RV and have taken some cruises to Alaska and through the Panama Canal.

They are surrogate grandparents to two great boys, ages 3 years and 7 months. Sue and Tim enjoy babysitting for them and the boys truly light up their lives.

After retiring, Sue spent several years working for Casa de Amparo doing fundraising and as a mentor to at-risk children ages 6 months to 5 years old. She found it both rewarding and challenging.

Sue says the best thing about being retired is she has her own schedule, but she always seems so busy! She often wonders how she ever got things done while working and balancing home and family. Sue guesses it was because she was younger then!

Her best memory about SDG&E, beside the people that she worked with, was when she got to see a crew move a hawk’s nest to safety. She also loved doing power plant tours.

Tim and Sue enjoy their home, their family and their friends.

