

# Spotlight at St. Mark

ANDREA & RICHARD BUICE

*“We absolutely love being part of St. Mark and all that it stands for in the community.”*

**BACKGROUND:** St. Mark choir members **Andrea** and **Richard Buice** are California natives; she was born in Oakland, and he was born in Glendale.

They met in 1964, while working for Addressograph-Multigraph in San Francisco. After marrying in San Mateo in 1966, the couple moved to Los Angeles, where **Richard** began his career in the workers' compensation claims industry. He is still connected to this endeavor 50 years later as a structured settlement broker.

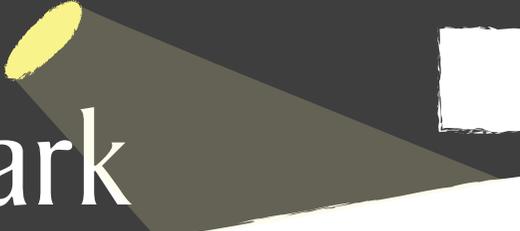
**Andrea** worked 20 years for an insurance executive in Woodland Hills, where they lived for almost 40 years before moving to Orange County.

They have always been involved in music of some kind—in fact, Andrea thinks their relationship started when she loaned Richard her LP of “Camelot”! They have sung in church choirs all of their married life, except for a few years when Richard stayed home with the kids on Thursday nights so Andrea could get “away” for awhile. Besides singing at Mark, they sing in other choirs as well, Richard with the South County Sound Barbershop Chorus, and Andrea with Harbor Singers, a women’s group in Costa Mesa.

**FINDING ST. MARK:** Their church lives have been very active, starting at First Presbyterian church in Santa Monica. In the San Fernando Valley, they were members of St. James Presbyterian in Tarzana and still have many connections there. When they moved to Orange County, they first lived in the Baywood community across the street, and gave St. Mark a try. Says Andrea, “We knew from the very first Sunday that the openness and inclusiveness of St. Mark was just a great opportunity for us to be where we belonged.”



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Both of them have become active in St. Mark life since joining the church in 2011. In addition to the choir, Richard serves on the Social Events Committee and enjoys Bible study. Andrea is on Session and serving on the Worship Commission.

**FAMILY LIFE:** The couple has two children, Jeffrey and Caryl. Caryl lives in Newport Beach with her husband, Bill, and their two children, Gavin (age 11) and Lexie (age 9). Jeff lives in Memphis with his wife Elia and her children (their step-grandchildren!) Gibson, Elijah and Annika. Jeff also has a 19-year-old daughter named Skyler from a previous marriage, and she lives in Denver.

**INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:** The Buices enjoy traveling, swimming, singing and just being “almost retired”. Grandparenting is an extreme joy and they love having the opportunity to be so close to the young ones.

***The Buices say, “Thanks to all the friends we have made here; and we look forward to meeting many more in future years.” We say, thank you to Andrea and Richard for contributing your talents to enriching our St. Mark community!***