



Harris Ginyard: A Second Livelihood

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After 30 years in property management, Harris Ginyard was ready to settle into retirement, but after a conversation with a colleague, he found himself embarking on a second livelihood. “Back when I was a community association manager, I became friends with Kent Rily, the founder of STATCOMM Inc., and started using his company for the life safety needs of the properties I managed,” he remembers. “When Rich, the current president, took over, I maintained that professional relationship. Right about the time I was planning to retire, I made the mistake of going to lunch with Rich, who convinced me to come work for him in the company’s marketing department. He must’ve known I’d be bored in retirement.”

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Today, as manager of marketing and advertising for STATCOMM, Harris says his favorite part of his job is human relations. “I’m a people person, so I enjoy interacting with others. It’s the same thing I liked about working in property management, so it’s neat to see that element carry over into my second career.”

Originally from North Carolina, Harris moved to the Bay Area in 1977 and resides today in Mountain View with his wife, Laura. When asked his favorite part about Bay Area life, Harris refers to the temperate climate. “On the East Coast, I was shoveling snow a lot in the winter, but I don’t have to do that here. Plus, the weather is conducive to an active lifestyle. Anything you like to do, you can do it most of the year. You can’t play golf during the winter back East because you can’t see the ball in the snow!”



Harris Ginyard is manager of marketing and advertising at STATCOMM Inc.

Outside of work, Harris engages in activities that keep him both physically and socially active. “I’m an avid golf and tennis player, and I play one of them almost every day,” he affirms. “Also, my wife and I love music: she sings and I’m a drummer. Recently, I’ve taken up the piano, which is something I’ve wanted to do for years.” In addition to sports and music, Harris enjoys socializing with friends and family. “Besides having a large group of friends, I’m a grandfather of eight, so we do a lot of gatherings, parties and barbeques at our house.”

In his life and career, Harris espouses the power of positivity in the workplace. “I believe in relating to others in a positive and constructive way,” he explains. “At STATCOMM, I work hard to create an atmosphere where everybody is important and nobody is made to feel less than the next person because of their title. I find this leads to a culture where people take pride in what they do and find more fulfillment in their work.”

When asked the first thing he’d do if he were to retire tomorrow, Harris says he’d take his favorite pastime to a foreign destination. “I’d be on a plane headed to some exclusive golf resort in a tropical setting—maybe the Bahamas.”