



Who Am I?

What year did I graduate? **1969**

Who did I go to the senior prom with? **Did not attend. Hadn't really "discovered" girls yet. Unfortunately, I was very slow in that dept. but really liked it once I did! Oh, yeah!**

What organizations did I belong to in high school? **Spanish Club, French Club, Slide Rule Club, National Honor Society. You know, all the really "COOL" stuff!!!**

What grade was I in when this picture was taken? **9th grade**

What state do I live in now? **Moraga, California; just east-north-east of downtown San Francisco in the Easy Bay Hills and very close to Berkeley. ("Protest" anyone?)**

How many kids do I have now? **Two - a boy Kyle and a girl Kimberly**

What is or was my occupation? **Retired CEO - International Oil Trading Business in Singapore; Bangkok, Thailand; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Subic Bay, Phillipines.**

My closest friend in HS? **Chris Vieira '69, Sonny McClard '69, Stuart Hill '69, Jon Swain '69, John Noffke '69, Homer Laird '69**

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What have I been doing since high school?

After graduating from the University of Houston in 1972 I took my first job in Manhattan, New York. Interestingly enough, I could see the World Trade Towers (either near completion in 1972 or actually completed - don't recall exactly) from my office window at Two Penn Plaza. The NBA offices were one floor below my office so that was sort of cool.

Anyhow, all of my career was in one way or another tied to the oil business; six and one half years in the offshore oil drilling sector where we drilled countless wells in the South China Sea for Atlantic Richfield just off the coast of Java, Indonesia as well as setting production platforms for Royal Dutch Shell Oil Co. in the North Sea not too far from Stavanger, Norway. Can you say "cold" boys and girls? I knew you could!

Later I worked for eighteen years for a very large independent oil trading concern all over the world but I spent most of my time in London, our refinery in Aruba, our offshore (tax exempt) trading office in Bermuda, and various Asian locations. I am most fond of Asia and I really like the people very much. In Asia I lived in Singapore, among other places, on three different occasions for a total of seven years (two and one half years as a bachelor; two years with my bride and then two and one half with my wife and kids) and we very much liked being there.

Backtracking a bit; I (finally) got married to the love of my life in 1981. We met in Houston as we both worked for the same company. She's a honey! We met late Dec. of 1980 and decided to get married two weeks later which we did in Hong Kong. We've been together now for over twenty-five years. We have 2 kids; Kimberly at University of California Santa Cruz in the Santa

Cruz Mountains (party central - going into fifth year - where's the diploma?) and Kyle, a Junior in High School, also affectionately known as Mr. Super Drummer. Kyle and three of his buddies formed a band and have performed at various venues. They are really very good. Kyle is also in Concert Band and Jazz Band at his high school.

I was very, very fortunate in that I was able to retire in early 1997 and I moved the family from our last location, the old Subic Bay U.S. Naval Air Station in Philippines, to the San Francisco Bay area. Although the weather is great and the scenery is excellent here we, unfortunately, really do not care that much for the specific part of California where we now reside (too many people who think a little too highly of themselves) and we'll be moving after Kyle graduates from high school; New Mexico, Texas or maybe back to Singapore or Hong Kong. Anything but this place. We thought of moving back to the Houston area on two occasions and traveled to Houston (Woodlands) to look at homes but, in the end, we really did not want to uproot Kyle in the middle of high school. Anyhow, enough about me, already! If you've made it this far you are definitely an insomniac.

I hope all my classmates are doing very, very, well in deed. All the best to each and every one of you! I have, over the years, maintained contact with a few of my classmates, which is not so easy to do when you have a new address every few years! I am not a big fan of computers but I have to admit that the internet/e-mail has really served us well in terms of keeping people connected or to get them reconnected. I'll also take this opportunity to salute and thank Randy Melton for the outstanding job he has done of keeping this "CHS 1969 family" well informed of various significant events. Well done, Randy! Many thanks!

I continue to have very fond memories of all the great people that made up the very special CHS class of 1969. It really was a most excellent group. Stuart Hill and I have talked about this on a number of occasions in recent years. I especially appreciate how I was welcomed into the CHS community even though I was new to Channelview towards the end of the 8th grade (transferred in from Los Angeles). I just want to say, "Thank you so very much!" I don't believe I really ever had an opportunity to really say that before.

I envy you guys that grew up in Channelview and formed friendships from kindergarten through twelfth grade and beyond. I attended nine different schools before graduating from the fabulous CHS in 1969. Consider yourselves very lucky people, in deed. Money can buy a lot of things, but one of the few things it cannot buy are lifelong friendships (and for everything else there is, of course, MasterCard - Just ask my wife- she can confirm that 1,000%!)

PS: I guess I was every bit of 110 lbs. (soaking wet) in the photo. I've eaten a few more meals since then and I am 203 lbs. right now. Probably (absolutely) I need to drop about 25 to 30 lbs, but who doesn't ? The good news is that I still have plenty of hair to go with the extra pounds!
Kindest regards to all,
Who am I? I'm Hans Muller - The Dutch Kid!