

50 Years

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WOW, that's hard to believe. It seems like ages ago but the time has gone so fast it seems like just a short while ago. There have been so many changes and so much progress that time just feels like it is speeding up. Maybe it's the getting older.

Hi Class,

I've spent my whole career [the last 43 years] in Silicon Valley. The entire time has been in technology companies. The last 25+ years has been primarily with small start-up high risk companies. It's exciting and keeps the heart beating probably too much some times.

We have lived in Morgan Hill, CA for ~20 years. It's just ~ 20 miles from San Jose and is a community set by itself. It's a mixture of ranching, farming, technology companies and suburbs for people working in the Valley. It brings back some of my Poky roots but in a larger town. I'm currently working with 2 startup companies. One is in High Tech and we do most of the business in China. The other is in a different technology sector for me. It is medical waste disposal equipment along with our equipment for conversion to oil and energy [anyway it's supposed to be]. The manufacturing is in China and some beginning activity in South America. So we'll see if either can be successful

My wife Trish and I have been married 20 years. For the last 25 years, Trish has led a consulting practice which specializes in leadership development, executive coaching, and team building. She's never tried to coach me so we get along well. She typically works with mid-size Silicon Valley companies but her clients also represent the retail, transportation, financial services, and local government sectors as well.

We have a pretty busy schedule so not too much down time

Our son, Kalum who you see in the picture is 16 and will begin his junior year this fall at the local HS, Live Oak. He runs and plays basketball so I'm pretty lucky and get to see meets and games most of the year.

My oldest son Brian is married with one daughter, 20 years old. She is trying to make it into the women's pro golf sector.

My daughter Amy has 3 sons, 16, 14 and 10. They live nearby so I get to see them often.

I want to thank Bob and Doug for putting all of this together and everything that's been done on Bob's Website has been great. Being able to see all of the past pictures and the letters from all of you has been really nice for me as I never have gotten back to Poky much and only for very short stays.

I'll be thinking of all of you on the day of the celebration. Also will be thinking of all of our classmates/friends that passed away way to early.

Best regards

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