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On returning to Malaysia after my AFS year, I worked for a British film producer. After six months, went to work for an American advertising agency, McCann-Erickson, to help establish their first office in Kuala Lumpur. I was with the agency for 15 years. During my time with them, I worked in their offices in London and New York in market research, finance and management. I came to Sydney in 1980 and my career in advertising continued until I retired in 2012. Spent a couple of years working in Hong Kong, which was an exciting time leading up to the 1997 British handover of Hong Kong to China. Never been married (had no time in my busy career) but have lots of nieces and nephews, and 2 grandnieces and 2 grandnephews, and also the share of love of some of my friends' children and grandchildren. Can't believe that it's been 50 years since I attended Helix, a time that made a significant difference to my life – thanks to my two host families (the Wards and the Birches) who generously gave their time and resources to host me; to my mentors, Mary Garcia and Dick Feaser – who both pushed me to the limits; and to the many classmates who are now my life-long friends.

