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Heading the memorable New Year greetings I got this year was a call from a former student I haven't seen in over 50 years. Yes, over 50 years ago!
She was in my sixth grade class - in Mansfield, Massachusetts – my first year as a teacher.

We reminisced about the other students in that class and she promised to locate as many of them as she could and send them my regards and love. And she also told me about her grandson who lives in Rhode Island and is one of my Jr. Scholars... It reminded me about another of my students in that sixth grade class whose son called me a few years ago asking if he could come to meet me. That son of my former sixth grade pupil is now on our Board of Directors.
All those students of long ago – my first class - I guess you can say they were my first Jr. Scholars...

There are now over 100,000 of them from 137 schools in Rhode Island Massachusetts, California and in 5 other countries.

February 2nd on your local PBS station will air a ½ hour special - 'Feinstein Leaders of Tomorrow' – at 10:00 a.m and 10:00 p.m. I hope you can see it – and the positive difference our Jr. Scholars are making in the world... (If you don't see it then, you can view it on 'YouTube').

Would you like to know what I did after my early teaching days that brought me the riches I give now to our schools and anti-hunger agencies?... There was a book written about me years ago by a New York author, Milton Pierce, published by Prentice Hall – 'The Four Treasures of Alan Shawn Feinstein'. It's out of print now but it might be in your local library, as it is here in Cranston. There will likely never be a sequel to it, but, if there was, I would want it titled: 'My Thousands of Treasures: My Family, My Jr. Scholars, their Teachers'...

Those are the riches that really count.

As ever,

Alan Shawn Feinstein