

November:

My son got married last week...

She is a delightful girl from my wife's homeland, Thailand. As her parents could not be present, I had to write them requesting her hand in marriage for my son – a Thai tradition. It was a beautiful ceremony; I gave the bride away.

If you would like to see some photos from the wedding, please visit my wife's Face Book page – search Pat Feinstein and just mention you would like to 'befriend' her.

Next week I start my twentieth year of visitations to my Leadership Schools. My office walls are festooned with picture from my life's journey, but dearest of all are the photos of the children and teachers I have met and bonded with along the way.

Many years ago when I met with the King of Thailand, I was so impressed when he told me of the respect he had for teachers. As a teacher myself then, it so buttressed my pride in my profession.

That was some 40 years ago. Never did I conceive that today I would owe my allegiance to so many wonderful teachers and principals who share my heart and inspire their youngsters.

The best days of my life have been spent with my family – and that includes you.

East year in my school visits, I realize more and more the great influence teachers have on the future. When it comes time for me to rest, I will have no regrets on how I spent the final chapter of my life. I spent it in the company of giants.

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