

Goodman Gazette

Two Weddings in Summer of 2007



Shoshana & Justin

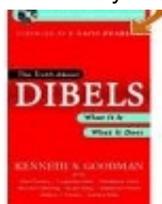
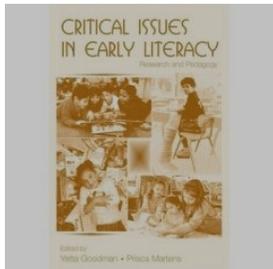
On June 15 ,the family celebrated the wedding of grand daughter Shoshana Castro(25), to Justin Pearson in Houston. Then on September 2 we gathered again to celebrate the marriage of grandson Reuben Goodman (26) to Retzina Meyer in Gloucester outside of Boston. Reuben and Retzina traveled to Norway for a friend's wedding prior to their wedding so they moved immediately into the residence hall at MIT where they will be RA's for the academic year. Retzina continues her doctoral studies at MIT. Reuben works for a tech firm in Boston. Shoshana and Justin spent time in Edmonton with Karen and Carl . They then went to Spain visiting her father Rodolfo Castro. Shoshana completed her BA in art at the University of Houston in May. They have now settled in Phoenix . (See below for more news)



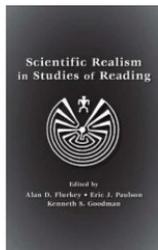
Reuben & Retzina

Re-engagement

Ken and Yetta continue to enjoy life in Academy Vilage in the Tucson desert. Both are reengaged (Yetta prefers that to retired.) Her new book, **Critical Issues in Early Literacy**, came out this year.



Ken's critique of **DIBELS**, the world's worst test came out last year. A new book, **Scientific Realism in Studies of Reading** is just out.



We also saw the Grimm Bros museum in Hesse and flew home from Dosseldorf, a surprisingly cosmopolitan city.It has a Heinrich Heine Square and Rabin strasse.

Other foreign trips in the last year were to Guatemala, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Ken got an award from the National Council of Teachers of English in November for his contributions to literacy and to NCTE.

The Goodman Diaspora

The family continues to spread. Wendy and Bob and Rachel are in Tucson. Wendy still is enjoying pre-school special ed. Bob is an example of what NCLB is doing to really qualified teachers. He's on sick leave from an untenable and demeaning position. Rachel (17) is a senior at Tucson high.

Aaron is a 2nd year lawyer with a new firm.. Josh shares Aaron's house in Phoenix working in a restaurant while preparing for a law enforcement career.

for Cheryl who lost both parents. They have just sold one of two houses in Detroit, the worst market in the country.

Eli is a sound techie for Rhino. He continues with his music and poetry and has an on-going relationship with Marcie who moved to a better chemistry job in Phoenix.

Aaron chooses to Run

When I started running about eight months ago, it was hard to run a mile.

Fast forward 8 a.m.. 9/22/07 The Flagstaff marathon: 26.2 miles of difficult mountain forest trails; elevation 8,000 to 8,600 feet; 2,200 feet of incline gains, rugged terrain; temperatures in the low 50s, winds gusting up to 15 mph, and intermittent rain.



Four hours, 51 minutes,13 seconds, 73 songs, 4 gum packs, 5 orange slices, 64 ounces of gatorade, 3 falls and 1 rolled ankle later I crossed the finish line.

The post race sensation is odd, like being hung over after a night of drinking. You are hungry but your digestion is thrown off by supplements, protein bars, gatorade, and pain killers taken to get through the race. You are exhausted but can't sleep. You want to lie down and stop moving.

n hour later I was sitting in shock at a Thai restaurant in Flagstaff. Had I actually finished? I could hardly believe I prevailed against myself and overcame elevation, weather, terrain, and distance. Only 28 men who started crossed the finish line of the full marathon. Most, if not all, are accomplished and experienced runners. I was nineteenth.



Barbara, Bess and Steve with Yetta

TTThe European Reading Conference in Berlin was emotional for us. We traveled across Germany with Steve Strauss, Bess

Altwwerger and Barbara Flores. We were in what was East Berlin. at Humboldt University Einstien taught there. We heard about literacy issues in many countries. Teachers in Finland are committed to holistic education and they top the international studies. When we visited the Berline Jewish museum and the Bergan Belson camp, which was strangely beautiful we wondered why the world has not learned the lessons of the holocaust.

Karen and Carl continue to enjoy their 40 acres of Canadian woods in Edmonton. See below for their farm adventures. They are busy researching and publishing. Karen presented in London and Copenhagen. Carl continues work in reduction of harm while fighting the battles of academia.

Noah spent the year at a college in Costa Rica. His courses were all in Spanish. He played on the Costa Rican national Rugby team. Now he is at the UC Berkeley majoring in international business.

Debi is chair of the Literacy Studies department at Hofstra. Its been a hard year

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We Lose Erwin Brandt

After an extended illness Erwin Brandt, husband to Yetta's sister Minnie, died March 2007. Noah, who couldn't get to the funeral from Costa Rica, sent this tribute that Shoshana read for him:



At the present moment my life is on freeze frame. Sadness fills my heart. We have lost one of our wisest and most fun loving relatives. I know that the next time I visit my aunt Minnie or the next time I attend a family gathering I will expect to see Uncle Erwin. He will not be with us

in the physical sense. But his spirit will always remain in our hearts and memories. In the days to come we will share our reflections of this wonderful man that we all loved. Through such a process we can all come to terms with our own grief.

As I grew up in LA with my mom and sister, Minnie and Erwin's house was always a strong base for us. Their home in North Hollywood, which has not changed since the day I was born, was a beacon of family identity for me. Erwin was a comic relief to the systematic order that Minnie likes to maintain. He would set the mood as soon as I walked through the door. I'd say, "Hi Erwin" and he would respond with, "Who's that, Susan?" Sometimes he would call me by my sister's name, but it was all in good fun. I was shocked the first time I found his walking stick and my mom told me that he was practically blind. A couple years ago. I had just finished a stone sculpture for my grandparents. I took it over to show Minnie and Erwin. He was very impressed as he analyzed the contour of the sculpture with his hands. He told me that he had never been able to appreciate a sculpture so much because he had not been so close to the artist. His words made me feel very proud of the work that I had done. As I knew him, he was never angry and always had a joke to tell. He was my great uncle and I will miss him very much. Noah

Shoshana's Events (Including Blessed)

For me this past year has indeed been an eventful one. In April I got married to an amazing, gorgeous young man named Justin Ray Pearson. Love at first sight: we met completely by chance one warm summer night in Houston Texas. In May, I graduated from the University of Houston with an art BA. My family flew to Houston to welcome our union and meet Justin's family.

After that, we left Houston, (our few special belongings in storage) and enjoyed sunny Spain. And our sweet little twosome is becoming a very exiting threesome!!! The ultrasound tells us to expect a baby girl in March 2008. To honor my beloved great Uncle Erwin she will be called Ezrial Rayn Pearson. Her middle name honors a tradition in Justin's family Though I'll always be a Goodman, I'm beginning the rest of my life as Shoshana Castro Pearson. With my husband we welcome a whole new lifestyle as we make ready for our little one.

On the North 40 Acres

Karen and Carl are enjoying being part time farmers (n Edmonton We live at 51540 Range Road 223, Sherwood Park, AB T8C1H4 Canada. Caution:. To send us something to arrive quickly and in good condition please email us for a better address karen_j_goodman@yahoo.ca; carl.v.phillips@ualberta.ca



Alpaca shearing



Potato Crop



Chicken Yard



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Ken and Yetta's Asilomar song

(words by Eli and cousins. Music by Justin)
Written at a family reunion at Asilomar CA attended by 44 of the Goodman, Brandt, Rapoport and Karger families age 1 to 90.

Chorus
Time runs out fast
Re-instated through paragraph
And I remember when
We were only children

So the man pulled up and was asking us-
"Can I help you?" and "Who do you know here?"
And I replied-"It's none of your business sir"
And Ken and Yetta told me to behave
Just tell him I'm a Goodman kid

And the neighbors all wonder if
There's a ladder up to the Goodman roof

Cause they said they saw a lot of furniture
And some monkey kids out on the roof.

And plus at four in the morning the guy
came by and called Yetta up, said
There are people laying n your driveway"
But Yetta was cool and the story moves on.

-Chorus-

And we used to take trips as a family
we'd travel about and have a beautiful time
when we went to Hawaii Reuben got some
nun chucks
and Debi wasn't happy- but she's alright now
and the Luau and the seven pools
and the black sand beach in Oahu

And we'd go to Muskegon and Shirley would
cook
And Dan would sail with us out on the lake
Out there in Puerto Rico we were some
rowdy kids

And someone said- "ah, no more trips"
So it stopped for a while but now we're
back,
At Monterey, next year Hawaii again?
Chorus

And Ken and Yetta should have never
moved
From the house they had with the
memories

With the citrus trees and the swimming
pool
Where we use to swim in the Tucson sun
But I guess that they had to move along,
With the rest of life and the rest of us.
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Reengagements 2006-7

As you see above, we stay involved in writing, speaking, research and working with colleagues including past and current students. Our national and international travel

continues in spite of a bit more difficulty getting through airports for Ken. Yetta warned her remaining doctoral students to finish by May 2008. She is at the University a few days a week for them, to supervise the eye movement lab and work on a grant on reading in Asian languages. Ken and Yetta have a series of dissertations by bright students from China, Taiwan, Korea and Japan.

In addition to his writing on the reading process, Ken fights NCLB, Reading First, and other educational absurdities. He's had some input through local Congress Reps.

We were honored by our LRC Department by a Festschrift to celebrate our retirement. This was a small invited conference with

scholars outside of Tucson, colleagues and graduate students presenting papers. Some presented on closed-circuit TV. An edited volume will be published..

We've had many visits from friends, colleagues and family who come for local events and the warm weather. We enjoy sharing the beautiful Rincon Valley surrounded by the mountains and flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert. We welcome others- just call ahead to be sure we'll be home at Academy Village.

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Some thoughts from Yetta

Teachers, Kids and Schools

Some of the stories we hear from American teachers about the impact of testing, narrowing curriculum, and mandates that restrict their ability to use their professional knowledge in their teaching continue to be disheartening. Yet at the same time we meet teachers and educators and visit schools, both here and abroad, where kids are engaged in rich curricular experiences asking their own questions, exploring books and learning without the limits of one-size fits all tests and text books.

Our German experience

As we met warm and friendly Germans wherever we went we could see how events in our own country could easily lead to the inhumanity and destruction that Germany inflicted on itself and Europe. We came away more committed than ever to support a process of peace and social justice with others at home and around the world. We need to work with those who are committed to caring for each human being in every nation so that they may have a safe learning and living environment free of hate and tyranny. The alternative can lead too easily to genocide and the destruction of humanity.

And a Thought from Ken

For a variety of reasons I've been personally active in opposing the punitive No Child Left Behind law and similar legal mandates in each of the states.

The best reason is that Yetta and I and everything we have learned about literacy and how it develops are marginalized by the mandates of this law.

It establishes what I call the Pedagogy of the Absurd. NCLB treats science fiction as science. It has put the astrologers of literacy in charge of literacy's space program.

This year NCLB finishes a seven year authorization. If it's reauthorized for another seven years public education will have been effectively destroyed by 2014. If the law remains as it now is it is no exaggeration that virtually ever school in America will be labeled as failing.

Now it appears we're won a major victory. We've raised issues about the need to change or abandon NCLB sufficiently that we've countered those in the Bush administration and the neo-conservatives who wanted to renew NCLB and make it even harsher. The decision of whether to renew it and in what form will be put off until 2008. And that should make it an issue in the Presidential election.

But to really win we have to convince the politicians that parents, teachers and students will not tolerate renewing NCLB. I'm now calling for resistance. Thomas Jefferson taught us that resistance to tyranny is an essential of democracy. Parents must protect their children from the abuses of tests. Teachers must refuse to carry out the absurd mandates. And students must demand fair and flexible curriculum

Join us to Celebrate

Did you know that the man you may know as Ken, Kenneth, Kenny, Grandpa Kenny, Uncle Kenny, Dr. Goodman or simply, Yetta's Husband, Will be **80** December 23, 2007

We're having an Open House at the Goodman Abode 7914 S Galileo Lane, in Academy Village Tucson, Arizona 85747

Beginning at noon until.....
Please join us for food, fun, friends, neighbors,, family
RSVP to Wendy Goodman by e-mail: twinky2@q.com

or phone 520-326-7049

Please indicate if you will be traveling

from out-of-town. We have a special rate for rooms at the Radisson Suites on Speedway in Tucson.

Please, no gifts!



Travels with
Ken and Yetta
Guatemala, Taiwan, Berlin,
Istanbul,, Puebla,
Budapest

