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## JAMBOREE RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 29

The Milo Garden Club will hold its March meeting at the Milo Town Hall on March 11 at 1 p.m. Program will be "Soil and Water Conservation Summer Camp", slides by Joanna Terrazi.

### The Park St UMC of Milo Announces Holy Week Services for 2008

The Rev. Michele St. Cyr and the Church family of the Park St. UMC of Milo cordially extends an invitation to all community members to join us for services during Holy Week as follows:



Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Worship Service- 11:00 a.m. (Nursery care and Sunday school available at same time)

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>- Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>- Good Friday Service at Brownville Jct. UMC at 7:00 p.m. (**Note location**)

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>- Easter  
• Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. with special music and trumpet solo  
• Easter Sunrise Breakfast immediately following service- donations welcomed  
• Easter Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. (Nursery care and Sunday school available at same time)

For additional information, please contact Theresa Mudgett- Lay Leader at 943-2502 or email at [traingirl52@hotmail.com](mailto:traingirl52@hotmail.com)



The annual Kiwanis Variety Show will be May 2 and 3. All area singers are invited to sing in the Community Chorus. The first practice will be Monday, March 17, at the Milo Elementary School portable building at 6 P.M. We hope to see you there! For further information, call Stephanie Gillis, 943-2470 or Val Robertson if you have an act to perform. The theme is "Anything Goes." And we mean it!!



BABY IS GOD'S OPINION THAT LIFE SHOULD GO ON!!!!  
Introducing to the world, GABRIEL MICHEAL PELKEY, born to Kathy & Nick Pelkey of Milford on February 13, 2008 at Blue Hill Hospital. Weighing in at 9 pounds & 7 Ounces and 24 inches tall Gabriel is the grandson of Beverly (Bradstreet) D'Arcy, formally of Milo & GREAT Nephew of Judy (Bradstreet) Morrison. Grandfather is Dave Pelkey of Millinocket.

Kyle Robert Yusikones was born to Jessica (Russell) and Mark Yusikones on February 6, 2008 at 9:58



a.m. in Framingham, Massachusetts. He weighed 7 lbs, 14 oz. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Ken and Deanna Greenlaw, Chris and Rhonda Russell, Bob and Dodie Bryant, Janice Russell, Rena Cyr, and Virginia Yusikones. Kyle was welcomed home by his big brother, Nolan.

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The Milo Tourism Task Force will hold the Community Kickoff Event on Wednesday, **March 19, 2008, at 6 pm** at the Milo **Town Hall** dining room. A pizza buffet will be provided by the PCEDC. It is very important that those who have an interest in tourism in Milo and especially those who stand to benefit plan to attend this kick-off event. They do not have to be "members" of the task force, but their presence at this kickoff and eventually returning to attend a meeting outlining our findings and recommendations is critical to our success. PLEASE take the time to attend and engage members of the community you know and urge them to attend with you. Anyone who owns or runs a business in Milo **MUST** attend. Your future and that of your business could be greatly impacted!

**Milo Tourism Development Kickoff Event  
Public Invited, Pizza Buffet  
Milo Town Hall Dining Room**

**Wednesday, March 19, 2008 @ 6 p.m.**

**MILO FULL GOSPEL MISSION**

**High Street in Milo Sunday Services at 10:30  
a.m.**

**Family's welcome-Children welcome**

**Non-denominational-Rev. I. F. Kerr, Pastor**

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**BINGO...BINGO...  
BINGO!!!**

THE MILO AMERICAN LEGION POST 41 HAS  
BINGO EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT A MEAL IS  
SERVED FROM 5:00PM UNTIL 6:15 PM



BINGO STARTS AT 6:15 AND ENDS AT 9:30.



**HAPPY 93<sup>RD</sup>!!**

The family gathered to help Allan Horne celebrate his 93rd birthday one day late because of the storm on Wed. Shown with his wife who made him his favorite chocolate cake with boiled frosting..The other photo shows Allan with his youngest great grand son Vegas James Carey, Mom (granddaughter) Jill and (son) Howard "Hap". Others attending were Jeff Horne, Tom and Carol Horne, Linda and Larry Keef, Mike and Karen Clark, and Janet Richards.

Dear Friends,

We are writing you today to tell you about an upcoming event that we are participating in that is both very important and very exciting to us. It is NAMIWalks for the Mind of America, NAMI's signature walkathon event that is being held in Portland, ME at Back Bay on May 10, 2008.

David and I are participating in the walk to help fund Crisis Intervention Training for law enforcement and corrections officers in the state of Maine. Because of state budget cuts, these programs are in danger of being lost. Crisis Intervention training for police and corrections officers helps to keep people with mental health issues from being incarcerated, and helps diffuse possibly violent situations.

We would like to ask you to come and walk with us or to donate to support our participation in this great event. Visit our personal walker pages to sign up: <http://www.nami.org/namiwalks08/MNE/cece> or

[www.nami.org/namiwalks08/mne/daveh](http://www.nami.org/namiwalks08/mne/daveh) . It features a link to our team's page there where you can see who else is walking with us. There is also a link so you can donate directly to us online. Donating online is fast and secure, and we'll get immediate notification via e-mail of your donation.

NAMI, the Nation's Voice on Mental Illness, formerly the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, is the largest education, support and advocacy organization that serves the needs of all those whose lives are touched by these illnesses. This includes persons with mental illness, their families, friends, employers, the law enforcement community and policy makers. The NAMI organization is composed of approximately 1100 local affiliates, 50 state offices and a national office.

The goals of the NAMIWalks program are: to fight the stigma that surrounds mental illness, to build awareness of the fact that the mental health system in this country needs to be improved and to raise funds for NAMI so that they can continue their mission.

NAMI is a 501(c)3 charity and any donation you make to support our participation in this event is tax deductible. NAMI has been rated by Worth magazine as among the top 100 charities "most likely to save the world" and has been given an "A+" rating by The American Institute of Philanthropy for efficient and effective use of charitable dollars. NAMI has also been given 4 out of 4 stars by The Charity Navigator for short-term spending practices and long-term sustainability.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,  
Cecilia & David Harmon

## AREA SCHOOL NEWS

**Mrs. Carey** - Corey Merrill was chosen as our Terrific Kid last Friday but he has been home sick this week and has not been able to be with us. So we would like him to have another week of having the title of Kindergarten's Terrific Kid.

**Mrs. Barden** - Our terrific kid has worked very hard this week. She has not been sick like almost everyone else in our room!! She started a new reading group and has fit in with ease. Mrs. Linda says she is very serious about her work and is a good helper to her friends. She is also very diplomatic when a problem comes up.. Her enthusiasm tickles us every day. Congratulations to Emily Monahan for her great deeds.

**Mrs. Hayes** - Our terrific kid is a great speller and her friends are very proud of her. Her reading is great and her penmanship has improved. The most special thing about her is her kind and helpful attitude. She has a very beautiful smile and a very special friend to her classmates. We are happy to have Catherine Cianci in our classroom. Thank you Catherine for being so special.

**Mrs. Dunham** - Our Terrific Kid is a boy who knows how to work hard each day until the job is done. He didn't give up during the MEA's, but kept right on doing his best. He is a good friend to all and a great helper in the classroom. He is kind and caring to all. Congratulations to Devon Cuthbertson.

**Mrs. Mills** - Our terrific kid has worked hard this week on her MEA tests. She has put forth great effort on her test. It is nice to see her work so hard. This young lady has a wonderful sense of humor. She is a great reader and has learned many of her math facts. I hope she continues to shine in our classroom. Congratulations to Rayne Berry.

**Mrs. Whitney** - 4Whitney's Terrific Kid has had challenges this week. Mom has been sick. He has been sick. Dad is looking for a new trucking job. He still comes to school and does his best. Hopefully, everyone in the family will begin to feel better soon and the spring will be a change for the better. He is a terrific kid through all of these challenges! Congratulations, Alan Taylor!

**Mrs. Johnston** - Our Terrific Kid has had some challenging days this week. He has had to work independently in the classroom during math and reading, and has done a great job. He has had to keep calm in trying situations. He has done his homework all week! I'm glad to say our Terrific Kid this week is Clayton Bubar.

**Mrs. Knowlton** - Our TK is turning into a TERRIFIC student! He has been setting goals to get his work done on time and he is beginning to have some success with this! He is a great science and math resource in our room and we love seeing his 'sunny side!' Congratulations Paul Badger!

**Mrs. Gillis** - This group of three takes pride in their work,

They learned Lincoln's speech given at Gettysburg,

They set high goals and succeed they do,

Mrs. Gillis is very proud of you!

Congratulations to the Gettysburg Address Stars:

Gabe Ruffin, Lisa Ruge and Justin Larry

**Mrs. Clukey** - THIS WEEK HAS BEEN MARCH MADNESS FOR SURE, WITH MEA'S, SNOW AND RAIN, AND SCHEDULE CHANGES TO ENDURE. IT REALLY WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE A GROWN TEACHER CRY. BUT I DIDN'T BECAUSE MY CLASS WAS SO VERY GOOD. ESPECIALLY ONE BOY. HE CAME IN EACH DAY READY TO WORK. HE DIDN'T COMPLAIN JUST SETTLED DOWN TO GET HIS ASSIGNMENTS DONE. HE HAS BEEN POLITE TO ME AND TO THE OTHER STUDENTS AROUND HIM. IT IS FOR THESE REASONS I FEEL KENNY SCHOCH HAS EARNED TERRIFIC KID STATUS THIS WEEK.

**Ms. Clark** - Our terrific kid has been making great choices! She is getting her homework done, working hard, and participating in class. She is always willing to help pickup the classroom after school. She is getting along well with her peers and is beginning to solve problems on her own. We are proud of the progress Amber Webb has made this year! Congratulations Amber!



## COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn Merritt, Haley Morel and Gerald Badger were honored as Terrific Kids at our 3/7/08 assembly.

Mrs. Nott: Autumn Merritt is my Terrific Kid this week. Autumn has done a great job this week completing all of her work and staying on task. She has been a good friend to others this week and has helped out in the classroom when asked. Autumn has also been doing extra school work with a student in Miss K's class while waiting for the second bus. Good job Autumn!

Miss Brown: Haley can be counted on to return homework and her planner every day. She is a hard worker, and she always tries her hardest on assignments. She is a great friend to her peers and she is respectful toward adults. Haley has worked



quietly and independently all week, and has not gotten caught up in conversations with others during work time. Haley has worked steadily on the MEA's this week, and she continues to be a terrific kid!

Miss K: Gerald has had a wonderful week. He has arrived with a smile on his face and a super attitude. Gerald has been a super friend to the students in our class and to the younger students in the school. Our class enjoyed cross country skiing on Tuesday as an after MEA testing treat. Gerald worked extremely hard to get a good ride down the big hill. His smile stayed on his face even when his skis crossed and down he fell. He helped another student dig herself out after she fell into a deep drift. Gerald has really let his sense of humor shine through this week. Way to go Gerald!

Bus Students: Kelena, Ethan, Harley

Civil Rights Award: Haley B. For being nice on the bus.

Birthday: Josh Gray (12), Ethan (9)

Caught Being Good Prize Winners: Haley M., Cassidy, Sariah, Ethan, and Kaya.

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids. Our assembly next week will begin at 10:30

Former district nurse and great friend Sue Chaffee was welcomed back to the Cook School recently. We were thrilled to have her visit our school. She shared a book and pictures about Salem, MA where she now resides.



Grade 4 and 5 students and their teachers enjoyed an hour of cross country skiing after working hard on MEA tests in the morning. Thank you Mrs. Russell for your help in allowing this afternoon to happen.



Six wonderful guest readers spent the afternoon reading to students and staff at the Cook School at our annual Read Across America Celebration. The National Education Association (NEA) annually sponsors Read Across America. Now in its eleventh year, NEA's Read Across America focuses the



country's attention on how important it is to motivate children to read in addition to helping them master basic skills.

NEA launched the Read Across America program in 1997. The nationwide reading celebration takes place each year on or near March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, who epitomizes a love of learning. Dr. Seuss's use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful.



We thank former school nurse Sue Chaffee (who won the award for traveling the farthest), principal Susan Worcester, our lovely lunch server Kelley Carroll, superintendent Shirley Wright, Seniors at Penquis (and former Cook School Students), Jessica Kahl and Travis Willette for volunteering their time to share their love of reading. Our superb afternoon was topped off with a special cake made by Susan Mulherin. Thanks also to the Cook School PTO for their help.

Certified Dental Assistants Tammy Elsenheimer, Jean Smith and their friend, Max T. Mustang (from Dr. Steinke and Dr. Caruso's office) presented a special program about dental health care. Brushing twice a day, eating healthy snacks, applying sealants, and using fluoride are the keys to a healthy smile. Thank you ladies for another wonderful program.

Are the New England Patriots this tough? This group of Brownville Elementary boys are playing football surrounded by walls of snow. It's hard to imagine baseball is right around the corner.



### Penquis Valley High School Senior Places Second in State



**Finals of the American Legion National Oratorical Contest.**

Thomas College, WATERVILLE, ME. February 16, 2008 --- Eric Sanborn, a senior at PVHS won the East Division Semi-final with his Oration on "Equal Rights". He received a check for \$150. He then moved to the Championship Contest latter the same day. Both he and the West Division winner were most impressive in delivering their 8 to 10 minute prepared Orations on the Constitution. Following the prepared Oration the two finalists were given a Constitutional topic and 5 minutes to prepare an Oration. Notes and aides are not permitted in any Oratorical Contest. Eric finished a strong second and received a \$500 check for his presentations. All of the contestants had competed and won at the Local High School / Post, and County levels before the statewide East and West semi-finals. The judges at each level are civic and academic leaders.

The National High School Oratorical Contest, sponsored since 1938 by the American Legion, is designed to instill a greater knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States in high school students. Other objectives include the development of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly and the preparation for the acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Each State winner who competes in the first round of the National Contest will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Participants in the second round who do not advance to the National Final round will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. The top three youth orators who have won all previous elimination rounds of the contest will vie for top honors in the National Contest in April at the IUPUI Conference Center and Hotel, Indianapolis, IN. In addition to the awards by winners of the various elimination rounds of competition, university scholarships of \$18,000, \$16,000, and \$14,000 will be awarded to the first through third places in the National Finals. The American Legion pays the expenses for contestants and one chaperone or coach per contestant.





Left to Right: John Doyle, Eric Sanborn and Paul L'Heureux

## Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith D. Macdougall



March came in like a Lion!  
Will it go out like a Lamb? This winter seems to go on and on with an average of two storms a week lately. Usually if we get a snowy winter, we don't get ice and freezing rain, but this winter seems to have brought it

all. Again, I remind you, please call the library if the weather is bad. Thankful patrons seem to have understood the message as we do get calls on inclement weather days now. We were closed Saturday afternoon and Wednesday evening. Both days announcements were on the radio or TV or both. Just call us to check to see if the library is open if we are your only destination.

We had new books arrive this week. I always marvel at Baker & Taylor. I called an order in on Friday morning, and the books were here Monday afternoon. That is so fast, and when one realizes that the shipping is free to libraries, I find it incredible. We usually do not buy paperback books, but several patrons asked for older titles by favorite authors, and we could only get them in paperback editions.

These are our newest adult books.

Archer, Jeffrey	PRISONER OF BIRTH *
Barnden, Betty NF	200 KNITTING TIPS, TECHNIQUES AND TRADE SECRETS
Black, Benjamin	THE SILVER SWAN

Bowen, Rhys	TELL ME, PRETTY MAIDEN
Childs, Laura	THE SILVER NEEDLE MURDER
Fairstein, Linda	KILLER HEAT (Cannot be released until 3/12)
Fluke, Joanne	CARROT CAKE MURDER
Harper, Karen	BELOW THE SURFACE (paper)
Hilderbrand, Elin	THE BLUE BISTRO (paper)
Hilderbrand, Elin	THE LOVE SEASON (paper)
Hilderbrand, Elin	NANTUCKET NIGHTS (paper)
Hilderbrand, Elin	SUMMER PEOPLE (paper)
Johnston, Joan	STRANGER'S GAME
Kunstler, James Howard	WORLD MADE BY HAND (realistic future problems)
Lerner, Eric	PINKERTON'S SECRET
Martin, Nancy	MURDER MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH (Blackbird Sisters)
Picoult, Jodi	CHANGE OF HEART
Wheeler, Richard S.	VIRGIN RIVER*
White, Stephen	DEAD TIME

\* In memory of Mary Graves Heath

For our younger juveniles we bought the Fairy series by Tracy Kane. These books have interesting, full of fun stories and delightful pictures. They will enhance the imagination of children and suggest many ideas for an enjoyment of nature. The three books in the series are:-

FAIRY HOUSES  
FAIRY BOAT  
FAIRY FLIGHT  
Library Winter Hours

**Mon. -Weds. -Fri. ---2:00-8:00**

**Saturday 2:00-4:00**

**Telephone 943-2612**

### GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER

MARCH 1976

10-Sunny L wind-2° at 6:45 am.

11-Snow 2-3 inches-20° at 9:10 pm.

12-Sunny windy-28° at 12.

13-Snow-28° at 7:15 am.

14-20° at 6 am.

15-P. sunny snow showers windy-34° at 4 pm.

16-Cloudy 20 inches or more of snow-4° at 5:45 am.

**FLAG PRESENTED TO CALIFORNIA POST #595**



Our fellow Kiwanian and Legionaire Frank Cochrane is shown presenting one of the American flags purchased by the Milo Legion #41. The flags had been sent to Iraq to be flown by Randy Kluj Jr., Son of past Post #41 Commander Randy Sr. and Janet Kluj, in his Apache attack helicopter over the combat zone. Perris, California Legion Post #595 Commander Bernie Foley accepted the flag on January 8, 2008. He was quite taken with the presentation and idea of the Milo Legion and stated the flag would be flown on special occasions with recognition for Post #41. The entire Post #595 was very appreciative to receive this special flag.



Randy Kluj Jr. – far right.



**BRAND NEW**

Brooklyn Lei Decker, daughter of Kayla Goodine and Jordan Decker of Brownville was born on February 19, 2008. She weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces.

**M.S.A.D. #41 SCHOOL LUNCH MENU  
MARCH 2008**

10-Bacon cheeseburger, peas and hash brown with fruit and milk every day.
11-Popcorn chicken, potato wedges, corn and roll.
12-Lasagna, green beans and garlic roll.
13-Baked chicken, whipped potato, peas/carrots and roll.
14-Ham pizza, garden salad and vanilla pudding.

17-Chicken burger, scallop potato and carrot sticks.
18-Penquis special-egg, sausage, cheese on a biscuit and potato log.
19-Shepherd's pie, hot carrots and roll.
20-Breadsticks, sauce/cheese and 3 bean salad.
21-Turkey deluxe-turkey, cheese, bacon, lettuce & tomato, icy juicy and cuke slices.
24-Chicken nuggets, cross trax fries and cheesy broccoli.
25-Ravioli, mixed vegg. and dinner roll.
26-Sloppy Joe w/mozzarella cheese, winter blend vegg. and peanut butter cookie.
27-Egg sandwich, corn chowder and crackers.
28-Soft taco, rice pilaf and green beans.
31-Cheese pizza, garden salad, strawberry cup and pretzels.
April 1-Hot dog in a roll, baked beans and cole slaw.
2-BLCT, string cheese, carrot/celery sticks w/ranch dressing.
3-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic roll and apple crisp.
4-Cheeseburger, potato smiles and kernel corn.

**TRC Community Calendar**

Visit <http://calendar.trcmaine.org/> for a full listing.

**Monday, March 10**

- 9:00a Monday Morning Quilters
- 11:45a Meals for ME
- 4:00p PCEDC quarterly meeting
- 6:00p Volley Ball
- 6:30p Atkinson Selectmen
- 7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00p Order of the Eastern Star
- 7:00p Milo Annual Town Meeting

**Tuesday, March 11**

- 9:00a Womancare Outreach
- 1:00p Milo Garden Club
- 3:00p MSAD #41 Technology Committee
- 5:00p Milo Water District
- 5:30p Line Dancing
- 6:00p Milo Area Writers Group
- 6:30p Post #92 Bingo
- 7:00p Sebec Historical Society Meeting
- 7:00p Sebec Village Associates

**Wednesday, March 12**

- 6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis
- 8:00a Lake View Assessors
- 9:00a Milo - VA Advocate
- 10:00a Church Thrift Shop
- 6:00p K.I. Riders
- 6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters
- 6:30p LaGrange Selectmen
- 6:30p Order of the Rainbow
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115
- 6:30p Brownville Selectmen
- 7:00p Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00p Bowerbank Selectmen

**Thursday, March 13**

- 11:45a Meals for ME
- 4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class
- 6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112
- 6:30p Line Dancing
- 6:30p BJHS Card Party
- 7:30p Composite Lodge #168

**Friday, March 14**

11:45a Meals for ME  
6:15p Post #41 Bingo  
7:30p Piscataquis Lodge #44

### Saturday, March 15

10:00a Women and Wellness Workshop

### Sunday, March 16

2:00p Brownville Historical Society Meeting  
2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do  
6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:00p Brownville Jct.: Scrapbooking  
7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous

## Italy Part 15 By Virgil Valente

Thursday Nov. 15

We left Bolzano at 8 for Venice and our final full day of our trip. We made one rest stop and arrived in Mestre, the mainland part of Venice about 11:30. After getting a ticket which allowed the bus to cross the bridge to the islands of



Venice we stopped in the only square of Venice that has vehicular traffic. We picked up our carry on luggage and walked to the public transportation office where Fernanda purchased our tickets for the water bus. It was 13 Euro for all day.

We went down the main canal and stopped at the train station which was a short distance to the Hotel Continental. Our rooms were ready but what a job finding them! The building was a former palace and not designed as a hotel. Our room was 384. We started out in a hall with the rooms numbered starting with 106. We went up a set of stairs and found room 136. The next floor the room was 386. To get to our room we had to go down the corridor to another flight of stairs then go down that corridor and up another set of steps. I probably went to our room 5 or 6 times in the day we were there and I still had trouble finding our room and also finding my way out. Our room was worth it though. The windows opened on the Grand Canal and we could watch the gondolas and water taxis as they went by.

At 12:30 we went out to lunch at Becks which was across the street and to the right of our hotel. It was cafeteria style. I had spaghetti in marinara sauce. At 2 we gathered and walked to the train station area where we picked up a water bus and went down the Grand Canal to the Rialto Bridge. We met our guide there and picked up our whispers so we could hear him. From there we walked through a maze of streets and over bridges until we got to St. Marks Square. Our guide told us that the population of Venice continues to decline and most people travel from the mainland to work during the day.



After seeing some of our group off in their gondolas for a ride in the canals and visiting St. Marks where the bones of St. Mark are supposedly located, Georgia and I decided to return to the hotel and do a little shopping in the area as the prices seemed better there. Fernanda had told us which numbers of water buses would take us back to the hotel so we didn't have a problem. I was able to find a good buy on a particular piece of Venetian glass I was looking for.

Before our included farewell dinner many of the tour group gathered in our room to rehearse a song the girls had composed to the tune of Gilligan's Island. We had our farewell drink in the dining room at 7:15 and dinner at 7:30. Our meal started with lasagna, and then salad and chicken breast cooked with peppers. Our dessert was panna cotta. While we were eating people were going from table to table to say goodbye to one another. We were all leaving at different times and very early. We wouldn't see one another the next day. Most of us did gather in the lobby to have a group picture taken before going to bed early.

Friday Nov. 16.

People started to leave around 3AM. Our call was at 4:15 with luggage out at 4:45. We had a boxed breakfast waiting for us in the dining room.

The water taxi picked us up at 5:15. Steff, Mary and I were accompanied by the Vaughn's and the Greenbaum's. We left by a small dock at the back door of the dining room. The driver quietly weaved his way through narrow canals until he got to the lagoon and then I felt just like James Bond. We took off and were zooming across the water. It is the first time I arrived at an airport by water. It took us about 20 minutes to make it across the lagoon. As we got off the boat, we along with our luggage were picked up by a van and were taken to the terminal. We left for Milan on an Alitalia flight at 7:30 arriving at 8:30. We went through customs and left for JFK at 10AM.

The flight took 8 ½ hours and we arrived in New York at 12:30. We had to go through customs and then could recheck our luggage before walking to our next terminal to get our boarding passes to Portland.





All 17 of the Mainers made it to our gate and decided to have lunch at one of the restaurants. We left our gate at 4:20 but due to air traffic we didn't take off until 5. We still arrived in Portland at 5:45, a half hour ahead of schedule. At this point we had been up about 22 hours, but we stayed up until 8 so we could get back to our time.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about our trip. Italy is such a gracious country. Everyone is so friendly and whenever I had trouble I could always find someone who spoke English. I would love to go again in a couple of years but only time will tell.

The pictures this week are the view from our room, a couple of scenes around Venice and St. Mark's Cathedral.

Editor's note: Thanks to Virgil we have had another chance to escape the snow and cold and enjoy a narrative tour of Italy. I will sure miss the descriptions of the country, but especially of the food!

#### IN MEMORIAM

##### **Baker Sr., Arthur G. "Art"**

BROWNVILLE- Arthur G. "Art" Baker Sr., 64, went to be with his Lord and Savior Feb. 29, 2008, in Sebec, under the bright blue sky, in the Maine woods that he loved so much. He was born Nov. 13, 1943, in Patten, the son of Peter and Effie (Campbell) Baker. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Marcia (Gerald) Baker of Brownville; his best friend and companion, his dog, Chloe; two daughters, "Daddy's baby girl," Toni Perreault and her fiancé, Gene Moulton, of Harmony, and her two boys, Christopher Lane and his fiancée, Beth, of Patten and Joshua Young of Orono; and Karen Kotowski and her husband, Andrew, and their two sons, Christopher and Steven of New Jersey; three sons, Tellis and his wife, Deannie, and their two daughters, Abigail and Tessa of Bucksport; Allen and his son, CJ, of Connecticut; and James and his two children, Tyler and Megan of Massachusetts; three sisters, Marguerite and Kent Michaud of Florida, Phyllis and Roland Wilkins of Patten and Virginia Anderson of Patten; and two brothers, Charles of Patten and Peter of Alton. Art will be missed by his many special "coffee friends," along with Pastor and Mrs. Isaiah Hill, whom he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his parents; three sisters, Ethel, Mary and Winnifred; as well as three brothers, Tellis, Clarence and Albert. Art loved everyone and especially, "papa's little angels," Abigail and Tessa; and two special sisters-in-law, Ardis of Sherman and Donna of Crystal. Art loved the outdoors and all of God's creation. He also loved his

Cornerstone Baptist Church family and would have spent every moment with them if possible.. Spring burial will be at Exeter Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Art Baker Fund, care of Crosby & Neal, P.O. Box 750, Guilford, ME 04443, to help the family with expenses.

##### **Valente, Katherine D.**

SPRING HILL, Fla. - Katherine Ruth "Cissy" Valente, 71, passed away peacefully Feb. 23, 2008, surrounded by her loved ones, after a brief battle with cancer. Kathy was born Oct. 23, 1936, in Milo, to Madelyn Washburn Deschamps and Ernest Deschamps, who both predeceased her. She graduated from Milo High School in 1954 and received her associate degree from Plus Gray's School of Business. Kathy moved from her long-term home in Windham to Florida in 1986, where she resided until her death. Kathy loved her family and friends deeply and enjoyed spending time with them at the family cottage on Schoodic Lake. She enjoyed traveling extensively, both inside and outside of the United States. Entertaining at her homes in Windham, Naples and Spring Hill, Fla. Her home was always open to all who knew her and she passed that huge legacy on to all of her children. Her love for life, the twinkle in her eye and her infectious smile were a gift to all who knew her. She never spoke badly about anyone and was a great sounding board to the numerous teenagers who considered her home on Falmouth Road their second home. Kathy "Cissy" is survived by her four children, Deanna Valente, Ernie Valente and his wife, Julie, Renee Tringali and her husband, Paul, all of Windham and Scott Valente and his wife, Nancy, of Raymond. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren; four sisters, Rosemarie and her husband, Lewis Eastman, of Spring Hill, Fla., Rena and her husband, Glenn Stanchfield, of Tamarac, Fla., Polly and her husband, Lee Ellis, of Brooksville, Fla., and Lakeview and Nancy and her husband, Bruce Bantle, of South Windsor, Conn.; her former husband, Henry Valente of Windham; numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of Kathy's life will be held 1 p.m. March 8 at Verrillo's Restaurant, Riverside Street, Exit 48, Portland. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Windham Cancer Support Group, care of Amy Tringali, 34 Walter Partridge Road, Windham, ME 04062. A burial ceremony will be held in the spring.

##### **Seth Korona**

Milo, Maine - Seth Korona, 27, formerly of North Lauderdale, FL, died March 3, 2008, at a Dover-Foxcroft, Maine hospital. He was born December 2, 1980, in St. Charles, IL, the son of Ernest F. and Georgia (Hussey) Korona. Seth was predeceased by his father, Ernie Korona. He was beloved by his mom, Georgia Korona, his sister, Katy Korona, and his Auntie Bretta, all of Milo, his Auntie Anne and cousin Matthew, both of Coral Springs, FL; and his special dog, Max. Private memorial services will be held in the spring at Evergreen Cemetery, Milo. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Milo. Messages of condolence and memories may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).

##### **Roy, Jacqueline**

BROWNVILLE - Jacqueline Roy, 71, died March 6, 2008, at a Bangor hospital. She is survived by her husband, Henry; her sister, Patricia Laskowski; her children, Beverly, David, Mary, Elizabeth, Janet, Donna and Raymond; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Jacqueline was the town clerk of Brownville for many years. Upon retirement she enjoyed quilting, gardening and painting. There will be a memorial service held 1 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Brownville Junction Alumni Hall.

**PAWS will be holding their monthly Food Sale at Maine Savings Federal Credit Union on Park Street in Milo, on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. From 10am-4pm.**