

## Scott Morelli

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**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2000 5:55 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: My speech

Scott,

The Friendship Park Pavillion dedication on Saturday went very well. Adam did a great job. Brenda asked that he send us a copy of the speech he made so it could be entered into the "official record." So, per her request and for your files..read on!

Diane

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Adam Sevigny" <opssevigny@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <prwaterboro@sacoriver.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2000 5:31 PM  
**Subject:** My speech

> Diane,

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> There were many people who had expressed that they would like to have for  
> themselves a copy of my speech. I fixed a few gramatical errors first  
> though. Here it is:

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> Good morning. I would like to welcome everyone here today to the  
dedication

> and donation of this new addition to Friendship Park. The pavilion was an  
> idea that I had had for my eagle project for a long time. There were many  
> times when I doubted myself that I could complete such an involved  
project.

> After much thought, I became determined that I would most definitely carry  
> through from start to finish. It was the fact that I always had full  
support

> from my parents and my troop, which had a major role in my decision. One  
> thing I was sure of though, without the outstanding support of the  
> community, I would never have been able to complete such a deed.

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> During all of our hours that we labored in the planning and construction  
of

> this project, we were reminded of others who participated in unselfish  
> service like ours. I decided that this project should serve as an  
excellent

> example to the idea of being devoted to service without compensation.

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> project I knew should represent, and will stand to represent the ideals of  
a

> person who also put in countless hours for the community with an  
outstanding

> unselfish attitude.

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> Most of us once knew of a man who was always willing to go the extra mile  
> for others. A man who would be kind and dedicated to both his work and the  
> community he lived in. Such a man was Mr. Venduro Foglio. Most people  
> remember him by his popular nickname, Van.

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> Mr. Foglio was born in Biddeford on December 27th 1919. When he was  
growing

> up in Biddeford, he attended St. Mary's Catholic School. When he entered  
> the workforce, Mr. Foglio became a meat cutter at Serpico Meat Market. He  
> worked there until he was about 18. Later he worked at an American  
Pacific

> store, which also was known as the A & P. After working at the A & P for a  
> few years, he went to work at Saco Lowell, a machine shop, working some  
> nights until 2:30 in the morning.

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> Van married Leona Benton of Waterboro on September 19th 1942, and the  
couple

> lived in Biddeford until May 6th 1943. On that day, Mr. Foglio was called  
> off to serve for his country in the Second World War and his wife moved  
back

> to Waterboro to reside with her parents. During the war, he served in the  
> Army as a paramedic and traveled to England, France, and finally to Japan.  
> He only came home twice during the war, once in 1943 and the other time in  
> 1944. While he was stationed in Japan, the war came to an end. When Mr.  
> Foglio returned to the states, he set up residence in Waterboro with his  
> wife who had found them an apartment. Also awaiting his arrival home were  
> his two sons, Stephen and Douglas, who were born during his tour of  
duties.

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> Mr. Foglio found a new job at the Waterboro Patent Leather Company.  
During

> his 34 years with the company, he went back to school in the evenings to  
> earn his license in plumbing and heating. While he was working at this  
> company, Mr. Foglio took a leave of absence to manage the Serpico Meat  
> Market, where he had worked in his younger years, due to the death of Mr.  
> Serpico. He continued in this position until the family was capable to  
take

> full control again, then he went back to his full time position at the  
> Patent Leather Company.

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> Shortly after earning his plumbing and heating license, a new business was  
> created in Waterboro. Foglio's Plumbing and Heating became his second job  
> for many years. He was very good at his job and always gave service with  
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- > smile. He became well known throughout the town for his undying need to
- > unselfishly help and please others in anyway he was able to.
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- > Van was also a Lieutenant in the Waterboro Volunteer Fire Department. One
- > interesting aspect of the fire departments in the surrounding towns were
- the
- > facts that they all had dart teams. Well, we can see where this one is
- > going. Mr. Foglio built himself a good reputation as an excellent dart
- > player and competed in dart games against other locals in the other fire
- > departments. Not all of being part of the fire department was fun and
- games
- > though. When the Fire of '47 broke out, he was there to lend his
- > assistance. For the whole duration of the fire, Mr. Foglio only returned
- > home once to change his clothes and tell his wife to move out of town with
- > the boys and to go to Biddeford. During the fire, the apartment that they
- > lived in was burned, and they lost all of their belongings that were left
- in
- > the building.
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- > After the fire, Van bought property and built a small house no larger then
- > 18' by 32'. Slowly he added onto the original building while working two
- > jobs, volunteering in the community, and raising a family.
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- > Mr. Foglio was a generous man. He always preferred to be anonymous with
- his
- > gifts of kindness whenever possible. One such way he remained an
- anonymous
- > was when he collected food baskets around Thanksgiving and Christmas for
- > people who were in need, he would always add as much as he could.
- > Sometimes, when he noticed that someone was having a hard time, he would
- > send them a basket of food himself without any mention of where it came
- > from.
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- > When St. Matthews Church burnt to the ground on December 7, 1989, Van
- > offered to assist in the reconstruction process. Mr. Foglio so graciously
- > provided his time and efforts to do all of the plumbing and heating within
- > the building. He never expected at any time to be compensated for his
- work.
- > He found satisfaction by knowing he had helped bring joy once again to
- the
- > church community.
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- > Mr. Foglio was also the Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer
- for
- > Waterboro, and served in these two positions for about 13 years. Everyday
- > he conducted business with a smile and was more then happy to bend over
- > backwards for people. It was a rare occasion that Van missed being
- involved
- > with the town and its politics. He spent a lot of his time helping to
- > establish different ordinances for the community.

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> He was always there for everyone; right up until his death on June  
> 20th, 1994.

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> A popular quote is "Lead from the front; not from the rear." Mr. Foglio  
> demonstrated to the whole community what is meant from that statement. It  
> was he who showed us to live for unselfish service. To do things not for  
> money, but for comfort of the soul, knowing that you have lent your  
> assistance by doing what you could. To live in such a manor to put others  
> before yourself is the most honorable and terrific example of the highest  
> degree of personal satisfaction that can be achieved. Van had, above all,  
a  
> sense of pride knowing he was able to do so much for so many people. His  
> moral character will serve as the most respectable model for all citizens  
of  
> this town, state, and of the nation to follow.

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> I would like to extend at this time my sincere thanks to the Board of  
> Selectmen and Pine Tree Council for the approval of this Eagle Project,  
and  
> Mrs. Diane Winne who directed all of my efforts and energy to its  
> completion. Great thanks to Mr. Stephen Foglio and Mr. Douglas Foglio for  
> all of their hard work in making this project possible. It is true that  
> they are indeed their fathers sons, and are following his model of  
> outstanding citizenship. Without them both, I would never have been able  
to  
> complete this tremendous goal.

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> I would also like to take the time to mention Troop 399 who put in a  
> substantial amount of the 463 hours that were logged, in the construction  
as  
> well as enhancing the aesthetic beauty of the park by pruning the trees  
and  
> raking of pine needles. It is amazing to see how much everyone worked  
> together willingly to accomplish the task I had for them. Thank you all.

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> To all of the local businesses and people that contributed to this worthy  
> project that, they may accept this certificate as a small token to the  
> monumental appreciation that I owe to them. I would like to ask that a  
> representative of the following businesses or individual to please come  
> forward to receive this certificate of gratitude. It reads:

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> Certificate Of Appreciation  
> Presented to: (name of business or person)  
> In appreciation for your generous contribution to the Friendship Park  
> Pavilion, a 2000 Eagle Scout Project in Memory of Mr. Venduro A. Foglio.  
> With your help, a dream came true, and a community was touched.

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> List of businesses:

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> T.K. Machining Inc.

> The Milk Room

> McCoy Trucking

> Kasprzak Insurance

> Kasprzak Builders

> Eagle Industries, Inc.

> Douston Construction, Inc.

> Deer Pond Fuel, Inc.

> J.P. Carroll Fuel Co.

> F.R. Carroll, Inc.

> Shop 'n Save

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> People:

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> Stephen Foglio

> Douglas Foglio

> Diane Winne

> Donald Macomber

> Chris Brulotte

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> Finally, I thank everyone for attending this dedication to Waterboro's most

> esteemed citizen, Mr. Venduro A. Foglio. Please feel free, at this time, to

> join me in the refreshments under the pavilion. Thank you all so very much.

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