

the Wise Fox

The Monthly Newsletter of the Foxboro Jaycees

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Fun, Frolic, Phones, and Bones

There is no question that the very first words I must say this month are, *THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU*, to everyone who came out to support this year's Haunted House.

It was a spectacular show, and the hard work put in by each and every one of you who participated was, without question, the reason why this project was the success it was and why our Chapter is the success that it is!

Certainly, Dave Brown is the man of the hour. His hard work on this project started almost immediately after we closed the doors last year, and he and his committee have been hard at work for over five months; well before the doors opened this year!

Congratulations, Dave, on an outstanding job!

Now, for the rest of you, who can't decide which is worse, the cold that you got from working every night, or the withdrawals from not having anywhere to go for the past week, I say... congratulations to you all and Thank You again for your hard work and dedication to this project!

60 over 60

Haunted House wasn't the only great project running this month, however. Elders Day, which was run this year by Sandy Emery and Donna Sacchetti, treated about 60 seniors to an afternoon of fun and entertainment in a theme centered around the '30's. There was a great turnout of guests and a terrific showing of members who participated and helped to, once again, make this project a success.

A job well done, Donna and Sandy.

The third-grade basketball Clinic, run by Paul Howard and Peter St. Laurent, also managed to squeeze into the busy month of October. Over 90 third grade girls and boys were instructed in the fundamentals of basketball in preparation for the start of the Foxboro Youth Basketball season. Another successful and very well run project. As an added benefit, Peter and Paul even managed to find a few extra dollars in their budget to purchase a first aid kit complete with many ice packs for those occasional mishaps in the gym.

And still another success story this month. The four-night-long Call Night Project led by Carl Bertolino resulted in our signing on 14 new members at the last General Membership

Good call Carl

Meeting. However, the aftermath of the calls and the flurry of activation at the Haunted House, led to our signing six more members since the last G.M. (*We actually swore them in after the show on Friday and Sunday nights.*)

This gain of 20 new members in



At last...time to relax

photo by K. Nordstrum/
Sun Chronicle

one month constitutes an 'in-chapter extension'... the same as if we had actually started a whole new Jaycee Chapter.

While the true spirit of what we do in Foxboro is for Foxboro, we nevertheless managed to raise the attention of the National Organization, with phone calls having been received from two National Jaycee Vice Presidents, the State President from the state of Washington, and from the National Jaycee President, Matt Shapiro.

An incredible job well done by the Membership area and the hard-working phone callers on Call Night!

The approaching months will consequently lend themselves to ideal circumstances for the Jaycees - We have lots of great projects coming up, and we have lots of new members to continue to activate.

While the Haunted House saw many of our new members become active in a great project, the projects planned for November and December should be able to interest everyone in some way.

If you'd like to see us out earning money in another way, we have our annual Christmas Tree Sale starting right after Thanksgiving.

In the Individual Development area, there is volleyball every Monday night at the Igo gym, our annual Christmas time Progressive Dinner and, the Kids Christmas Party (both in mid December). And while we may *think* it's too soon for you, (and it's not) our "How to Chair a Project and Write a C.P.G. (Chairman's Report)" class coming up very quickly in mid November.

I strongly urge all of you new

members to try to make it to this night of instruction and counselling in the ways of Jaycee project management. It's not a commitment in any way, it's only a basic preparatory course designed to give you some idea about how to run that first project that you will inevitably want to try.

You may also want to become involved with the Membership area in the near future when a second round of call nights is planned.. You might be invaluable here in helping with our future recruitment efforts. What, after all, was it that got you to join us, (other than strong-arming)? Don't you have a friend or two who might also be interested?

If you'd like to experience, and participate in, some of the many Community Development projects upcoming (projects that are designed solely to give to the community) we have many.

Included here are Nativity scene repairs and set-up, Toys for the Midwest (Older members, are you still paying attention? You, too, could do some shopping at the upcoming sale and contribute to this project - and bring

friends).

Christmas related projects upcoming include, Santa Phone, Santa on the Common, Caroling Hayride, and the Fruit Basket Projects. We will also be delivering Sand for Seniors throughout the winter.

Particularly for you new members - refer to the roster in the back of this issue. Please do not hesitate to call me or one of the many project chairmen leading a project of interest to you, and let us know that you would like to be involved. You may want to join a project committee, volunteer some of your time to lend a hand, or simply find out more about one of these projects and what the Jaycees do.

Get involved quickly; it's the best way to really begin to enjoy the great organization of which you've become an important part.

See you all at the November G.M. this Wednesday, November 10, and at the Haunted House breakup Party on the 20th.

Tom Sawran
Chapter President
(and ghostly pub owner)



HOUSE HAUNTING — An English bobby keeps an eye on Foxboro Jaycees Lynne Poirier and Joseph Catalano, who met while serving as guides during a past Jaycees Haunted House and became engaged last month — on Friday the 13th. Planning to marry next fall, they're currently house hunting, when not preparing for this year's Olde England-style haunting, which starts here Oct. 15 in the Foxboro State Hospital auditorium.
(Photo by Frank Mortimer)

HAUNTED HOUSE

 **BREAK UP PARTY** 

NOV 20

DINNER 6:30

AWARDS 8:00

DJ AFTER

 **BETH FINCH 3201** 

HAUNTED HOUSE NEWS

I AM WRITING THIS ON THE MORNING AFTER THE CLOSE OF A GREAT HAUNTED HOUSE. WE CONTINUE TO COUNT OF THE MONEY TAKEN IN AND I FULLY EXPECT THAT AFTER ALL BILLS ARE PAID TO RETURN MONEY IN EXCESS OF WHAT WAS PLANNED FOR THIS PROJECT TO THE CHAPTER.

WE WERE OPEN 11 NIGHTS AND THE TOTAL ATTENDANCE WAS 9065. WE DID THIS IN 11 NIGHTS. LAST YEAR OVER 13 NIGHTS WE HAD AN ATTENDANCE OF 9140. OVER SUCCESS IN IS AMAZING. YES FOLKS WE TRULY CAN MAKE MORE DOING LESS. I HOPE TO HAVE MORE DETAILS AT THE NEXT G.M.

I WANT TO THANK THE OVER 195 PEOPLE WHO IN SOMEWAY HELPED WITH THIS PROJECT AND SPECIAL THANKS TO JANE WEBSTER FOR BEING SUCH GREAT ASSOCIATE PRODUCER AND MARKETER. THANKS JANE !!!

BREAK UP PARTY-- PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR THIS NOVEMBER 20 EVENT. BETH FINCH IS CHAIRING A COMMITTEE. YES EVERYONE IS INVITED INCLUDING CHILDREN , HOWEVER WE DO ASK THAT THEY LEAVE BY 11 P.M. DINER WILL BE AT 6:30 WITH AWARDS AT AT 8:00 AND DJ FROM 9:00 TO 1:00. THE WHOLE EVENT IS ON THE HOUSE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SO COME AND ENJOY. LET BETH KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING SO WE CAN GET A COUNT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. TEL 543-3201

ONCE AGAIN MY THANKS TO ALL --- TIME TO GO BACK TO SLEEP

DAVE BROWN

Membership

What an exciting month this has been! Thanks to Carl Bertolino for running a great Call Night Membership Drive!

We have 21 new members to report. They are as follows:

16 Mike Pompei	13 Kyle Monroe
6 Greg Loomis	12 Dona Monroe
9 Lisa Loomis	6 Greg Gordon
4 Robert Dring	7 Ray Lauzier
1 Linda Buckley	19 John Tyler
21 Ken Wills	10 Donna Miller
11 Russ Priesing	11 Scott Miller
5 Jim Eastman	20 Linda Walsh
2 Lynn Butler	14 Jean Tillson
14 Chris Mullen	3 Matt Davis
15 Deb Mullen	

Many of these new members were seen working at the Haunted House, so keep them in mind for upcoming projects.

As far as I'm given to understand, we have had an In House Chapter Extension because we added at least 20 members to the roster in a one-month period. I also understand that this hasn't happened in Massachusetts for 5 years. The Chapter as a whole should be proud of this because it was the Chapter as a whole that worked for it.

Now let's keep all the new members interested and active! I'm looking for a committee to concentrate on activating and acclimating new members.

See you at the G.M.!

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Jane Webster, I.D.V.P.

Well, all the CPR Training class passed with flying colors. Our GMs may soon be one of the safest places in town to choke on your tortilla chips. Congrats to Chico DiCicco, Lynne Poirier, Sandy Smith and Bob "Spooky" Webster. For those that couldn't make it and for any new members who are interested, we will be running two- night certification courses and one- night recertification courses on an as needed basis. The cost is \$5 per course, making it the best deal in town. Call Lynne Poirier at 698-2844 to sign up.

Twenty-five diehard football fans are getting geared up for the Patriots Game social on November 7th. Beth Finch is organizing the food and parking, so call her for info at 543-3201. We'll give you all the exciting details at the GM!(We may even mention the game.)

Attention all new (and newer) members! Don't forget to mark Wednesday, November 17th on your calendars. That is the date of the How to Run a Project/How to Write a CPG seminar run by Fred Badger. This is probably the most informative course a new member can take to get comfortable with the way Jaycees run their many projects. Give Fred a call at 543-9447.

With the Haunted House and Call Night under our belt, Karen Apgar will establish new dates for her Krafts from Karen project. For the benefit of new members, this is a one evening project decorating straw hats with fabric and artificial flowers to hang on your wall or front door. Karen supplies all materials, tools, and know how. They make great teacher gifts, church fair or auction donations, or stand by gift in case Aunt Mathilda shows up unexpectedly for the holidays. Cost is \$6.00. Call Karen at 543-4731.

In December, we will again be offering the Children's Christmas Party. We are looking for a chairman for this fun and not-too-hard project. Recent graduates of the Badger school of project management are encouraged to apply. Call me at 543-6959 if you think you may be interested but need more info.

On Saturday night, December 18th, we will be having our annual Progressive Dinner. This is an event you won't want to miss, so book your baby-sitter now! Chairman Lynne Poirier is gathering a committee now, so call her at 698-2844 if you would like to participate.

Don't forget Jaycee Apparel! For our many new members, we have an exciting new assortment of Jaycee apparel. Or, have the Jaycee logo applied to your favorite (new) sweatshirt! Call Cheryl Cushman at 543-6983 for details.

Finally, don't miss this November's GM on the 10th. Not only will we hear the exciting final results of all our long nights at the Haunted House, but Barry Megquier, general manager of the Foxboro Regional Center for the Performing Arts will fill us in on the transformation of the old Orpheum movie theatre into a performance center.

Our sympathies to Brian Smith on the recent loss of his father. And for those veterans of Haunted Houses past, congratulations to John "Follow my voice" Meyer and Beth Paine of the Mansfield Jaycees on their recent engagement.

ATTENTION SMOKERS

Would you like to quit? Would you like some help?

Over the past few months, several members of the chapter have expressed an interest in quitting. If you are among them, please take a moment to fill out this survey and bring it to the next GM. (If you can't make the GM, fold up this page - my address is on the other side- throw a stamp on it, and mail it to me.)

1. I want to quit smoking using the following method:
 - a. Hypnosis
 - b. Nicotine patch
 - c. Gradual withdrawal
 - d. Cold turkey

2. I would be willing to pay the following amount to participate in a quitting program.
 - a. 0
 - b. \$5-25
 - c. \$25-50
 - d. \$50 or more depending on the program

3. For me, a support group would be an important part of any quitting program.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

If you can't make the GM, and you can't find a stamp, please call me with your ideas. The more people we get involved, the more cost effective our options become.

Thanks,
Lynne Poirier
698-2844

Lynne Poirier
8 Centennial
Foxboro, MA 02035

Community Development

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT NOVEMBER 1993

Basketball clinic - Paul Howard and Peter St. Laurent have been refereeing this project and the enthusiastic players.-Final Report

Nativity Repairs/Additions- Debbie Wood has continued this project and details to follow at GM.

Elders Day -Sandy Emery & Donna Sacchetti and committee have been hard at work . The day (The good old days 1930-1940's)was a resounding success approximately 60 people were fed and entertained.-Final Report

Toys for the Midwest -Cathy Badger and committee have been hard at work and already made arrangements for transporting the toys by the Teamsters for distribution by the Salvation Army. A toy party is in the works detail and sign-up sheet to follow.

Common Signs Upgrade - Fred Badger has agreed to chair this as well as get clarification on proper size of signs.

Unicef - Paula Bertolino has received and distributed the materials and will be contacting people to help in the collection in the next 2 weeks after haunted house.

Children Hayride - Joe Catalano will be chairing this project and will be schedule a date with Russ Jones for a weekend in the beginning of November.

Santa Suit and Beard - Karen Apgar - This is a continuation of the outstanding job Karen did last year on the Santa suit.

Santa Phone - **Chairman needed ****- This is an excellent project for a new member. The chairman will put an add in the Foxboro Reporter and parent or an adult will send the name of the child and a time to call. The committee will make the calls as Santa .

Santa on the Common - George Devlin - The Jaycees have small toys / candy to give as kid can sit on santa's lap .

Community Development

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

NOVEMBER 1993

Elders Bingo - A donation of \$60.00 to help defer the cost of Elders Bingo a budgeted line item.- Final Report-

Sand for Seniors - Ed Groh - The chairman and the committee members go around and hand out buckets of sand in late October to elderly and shut-ins and replenish as needed.

Nativity Scene Setup - Sandy Emery - Get a group of Jaycees together and move Nativity scene from storage building (located across south St. from community center) to bandstand on common.- sign up sheet at GM.

Caroling Hayride - Donna Sachetti - singing Christmas Carols at nursing homes as well as on common .

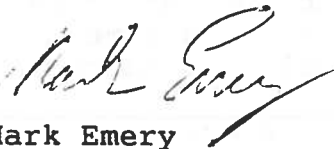
Fruit Basket Project - Beth Finch - Delivering fruit baskets to shut-ins to share the holiday spirit.

Auction Help - **Chairman needed** - The human Services group holds an auction in early Feb. the JayCees provide lugging and tugging (manpower)

Pancake Breakfast - **chairman needed** - The Jaycees run this project for CYO basketball in April but early ticket sales are a must . This is a large project not a first time project.

****** The projects listed are good first projects and a great way to find out what the Jaycees are all about giving a little back to the community.

Thank you


Mark Emery

Meeting Minutes

NOTE: For the benefit of the many new members at this GM, the definition of each project was explained thoroughly prior to each report during the meeting. Their definitions are not included in the Minutes below.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Paula Bertolino)

Sunshine Fund: Brian Smith's Father has passed away recently. A sympathy card was sent out to Brian's family letting them know that we are making a donation to Our Lady of the Lake Church as the family has requested.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Cheryl Cushman)

Nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP (Patti O'Hara)

Call Night (Carl Bertolino) - A very successful project. Approx. 750 calls were made that evening. In general, 120 were interested. As a result, we brought in 14 new members at this GM! Thanks to all who helped.

Honorary Membership - was presented to Cliff Curry at the GM. Both he and Eddie rich have always been helpful and generous in their own way to the Jaycees and this was our way of thanking them.

WAYS AND MEANS (Peter St. Laurent)

Haunted House (Dave Brown) - Family night Thursday, October 16 at 7:00. All Jaycees and their families invited. Officially open Friday, October 15. Tickets go on sale at 6:30 but show begins at 7:00. We have a final goal of 10,000 people. The scripts are ready for distribution. An advertisement made on 11.70 AM radio recently and there is plenty of newspaper advertisement (see the attached articles). Also, there's an add on local cable.

Jaycee Coffee Mugs (Deb Wendell) - Approx. 250 mugs have been ordered. They will be sold at the Haunted House at \$2.95 filled with either coffee or hot cocoa. The actual price we pay for the individual mugs is \$1.81/cup. We expect a gross of about \$285. If the mugs are a sell-out the first few days of the HH, more will be ordered.

Christmas Tree Sale (George DiChico) - 180 trees have been ordered and will come in November. The sale will take place in the same location as last year. Manpower needed. The sign-up sheet will go around next GM.

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INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT (Jane Webster)

Jaycee Apparel (Cheryl Cushman) - Cheryl will be bringing in another sign-up sheet the next GM for those who are having trouble getting to the S.S.E. shop during shop hours and she will bring the order there for us. We are encouraged to wear JC apparel at our functions as often as possible. S.S.E. is open M, W and F from 4:30 - 7:30 and Saturdays 10:00 - 3:00.

CPR Training (Jane Webster) - The Fire Department will be instructing another course soon. Further details will follow.

Family Day (Ed Groh) - Was held on Sept. 26 at the Haunted House auditorium because of rainy weather. 60 people showed.

Patriots Game Social (Beth Finch) - Nov. 7 - Buffalo Bills game. The tickets have all been sold. A follow-up call will go out to all signed-up.

Crafts from Karen (Karen Apgar) - will be held again after Haunted House season is over. Date to be announced.

Volleyball (Bob Webster) - Began Sept. 13 at 7:15 pm. It will be a very competitive game but should be lots of fun. \$6.00 pp at the Igo Gym. All are encouraged to play.

Progressive Dinner (Lynn Pourier) - Committee needed.

Meetings and Programs (Geri Ayres) - Lynne and Peter have graciously volunteered to help clean-up after the GM. Thank you.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Mark Emery)

Basketball Clinic (Paul Howard) - Final Report. 91 have signed up. Very successful. Extra \$ went to new Jaycee kit and upgraded basketballs.

Nativity Repairs - (Deb Wood) reports that the scene will be finished by Christmas.

Elders Day (Sandy Emery and Donna Sacchetti) - Very successful project. 53 people were served. Thanks to all who helped.

Toys for the Midwest (Kathy Badger) - Two meetings have been held. Letters to churches regarding drop-off sites are going out on Oct. 14. Letters have been typed up and ready to be mailed. A \$200 appropriation for stamps/ mailing expenses was approved. Transportation has been provided for trip to St. Louis, MO by the Salvation Army. Donna Miller, one of our new members will be advertising Discovery Toys at the Haunted House in hopes to sell these toys at a possible future Discovery Toys party for the

Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (cont'd)

Jaycees. For a sale in excess of \$225, a \$45 profit of toys will go to the Midwest. These are educational toys (for age 0-12).

Rodman's Annual Bike Race (Jim Evans) - We received a thank you letter from Jim Evans for our donation (see attached).

Midwest Buttons - pending

Common Signs Upgrade (Fred Badger) - A quote of \$50 - \$100 per sign was initially given - we will pursue making our own signs. Ken Wills will give prices to Fred for aluminum.

Unicef (Paula Bertolino) - 3/4 of the boxes have been distributed. Thanks to those who helped out. Pick-up will be the middle of November.

Children's Hayride (Joe Catalano) - will take place either Oct. 31 or the first weekend in November. Pending.

Santa Suit/Beard (Karen Apgar) - awaiting book to order new beard - suit pending

Santa Phone - No one has volunteered to chair this project yet.

Santa on the Common - George Devlin has volunteered to chair this project.

Elderly Bingo - (Mark Emery) A donation has been made of \$60 to frey refreshment costs.

Sand for Seniors - Ed Groh has volunteered to chair this project.

Nativity Scene - Sandy Emery has volunteered to chair this project.

Caroling Hayride - Donna Sacchetti has volunteered to chair this project.

Fruit Baskets - Beth Finch has volunteered to chair this project.

OLD BUSINESS

Special State Board Meeting (Tom Sawran) - Sept. 23. The state organization had this meeting to authorize funds to hire an attorney to investigate alleged mishandling of project money.

NEW BUSINESS

Generator Purchase (Bob Webster) - The cost for the generator was \$100. Repairs were made to it and it is being stored at Peter St. Laurent's house. It is available for use. Contact Peter if anyone needs it.

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Project of the Month - Basketball Clinic

JC of the Month - Carl Bertolino

Frog of the Month - Fred Badger (Frog on a Tree-Swing)

Guest Speaker: Bill Erskins - Beer Tasting.

October 14, 1993

Foxboro Jaycees
PO Box 169
Foxboro, MA 02035

Dear Foxboro Jaycees:

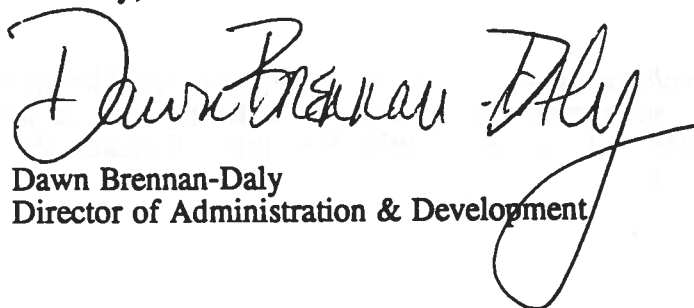
Thank you for your recent generous contribution of \$250.00 to the Rodman Ride For Kids benefitting the Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps.

Your donation is greatly appreciated. Without caring people such as yourself, our ability to serve these children in need would be greatly reduced.

The Action Corps has been dedicated to the concerns of abused, troubled and neglected children of Massachusetts for more than 24 years. We maintain ten programs throughout the Commonwealth which offer a safe home, a school in which to learn and a professional staff able to help them change the course of their lives. With support such as yours, we will be able to continue caring for children in need for years to come.

Please retain this letter for your tax purposes. And, once again, thank you for support of this important work.

Sincerely,



Dawn Brennan-Daly
Director of Administration & Development

WAYS & MEANS

HAUNTED HOUSE - D. Brown

Well, as you know the Haunted House was a great success due to the hard work and time contributed by all. We worked eleven nights and had over nine thousand people go through. Dave will have a report of figures at the GM. This was a big project and we get better ever year. I hope we are able to do it again next year. Thanks to all that helped.


JC COFFEE MUGS - D Wendell

On the nights we were open the coffee mugs were on sale. I don't have all the numbers but I believe we sold 150 mugs. The balances are still available and the committee will decide what to do with them.

XMAS TREE SALE - Chico

To serve the community, the Jaycees will be selling Christmas Trees at Camp Lincoln Hill. Chico will be forming a committee for manpower, publicity and set up. It's a great time of year and the trees will look great. Look for more details to follow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter St. Laurent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "S".

Peter St. Laurent - WMVP

Haunting romance blooms from local house of horrors

By Frank Mortimer

For a horror buff like Joe Catalano, it was a perfect night to become engaged.

The date? Friday the 13th.

The place? A campsite along a river which perilously dunked them and their canoe twice that day.

The precious moment? Seconds after a shooting star crashed earthward.

Lynne Poirier of Foxboro and Joseph Catalano of Norwood, whose romance started at the Jaycees Haunted House, became engaged on Aug. 13.

They plan to marry at St. Mary's Church a lucky 13 months from now. The reception will be at Lakeview Pavilion.

"It will be an all-Foxboro affair," said the 27-year-old Poirier.

Daughter of Arthur and Carol Poirier of Gilmore Street, she is an administrative assistant at Wellfleet Communications in Billerica.

Catalano, 28, son of Joseph and Lois Catalano of Norwood, is the owner of American Video Services in East Walpole. He teaches electronics in Boston and does most of the low voltage wiring at the haunted house.

Their romance started at the haunted house last Oct. 24, when both served as tour guides and organized a hayride.

Catalano offered to fetch the cider with her from The Big Apple in Wrentham. "It was our first date — with my roommate as chaperone," Poirier said with a smile.

If "chaperone" evokes an earlier era, that's fine
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with Catalano, who spun the clock back a few decades with his old-fashioned proposal.

After dating Poirier for 10 months, Catalano went to her parents' home on Aug. 10 and popped the question — to them.

First, he called her father outside. "I asked if I could marry his daughter. He said, 'Congratulations. Now you have to go in and ask Carol.'"

"I'm glad he did it," Poirier said. "When I picture coming home and saying, 'I'm getting married'...well, it was easier knowing that they had a inkling already."

And inkling? Her parents even saw the ring before she saw it.

It was that ring, a diamond with five smaller diamonds on each side, which led Catalano to propose on a traditionally unlucky date.

Knowing the couple would be on a three-day Jaycees canoe trip down the Saco river in Maine that Friday, the 13th, the mother of the bride-to-be asked him to wait until Saturday.

Like any red-blooded son-in-law in training, he agreed to the request — then ignored it. And came up with a great excuse.

The group stowed the gear (and he hid the ring) in the cars during the first day of paddling, but knew

they'd have to carry the equipment in the canoes the next day.

Catalano and Poirier fell out of their canoe twice the first day. Fearing this would happen the second day, with the ring in a bag instead of on a fiancée's finger, Catalano proposed that night, under "50 bazillion stars."

"A shooting star went by — that's when I asked her," he said. "I asked her if she'd like to spend the rest of her life with me."

The couple plans to marry on Nov. 12, 1994.

Like many a love affair, this wasn't love at first sight. Not for Poirier, at least.

As members of the Foxboro Jaycees, they crossed paths two years ago at the haunted house wrapup meeting.

"She wouldn't give me the time of day," he said.

"I don't even remember you then," she confirmed.

Is it possible? As Malachi the Wondering Wizard, Catalano wears a Hollywood-style latex mask that moves with his face.

He has enjoyed science fiction and horror movies since age six, and can recite many bloody plots. Specializing in masks and electronic wizardry, he has worked on haunted houses since he was 16.



TAKING SOME RIBBING — Dave Brown, who lost 50 pounds over the past two years by dieting and walking, had no trouble keeping slim while running this year's Jaycees haunted house. The spooky fundraiser begins tomorrow (Oct. 15) and runs for 11 nights through Oct. 31 (closed Oct. 17-20, 25-26). The shows begin at 7 p.m. at the Foxboro State Hospital auditorium at 13 Payson Rd. Tickets go on sale at 6:30 p.m.
(Photo by Frank Mortimer)

TOOLS FOR GHOULS



Gordon Wilhelm of Cocasset Street and son, Chris, join Tony DePasquale of Main Street outside the Jaycee Haunted House, where they are building an exhibit fit for a king — bloody Henry VIII. The haunted house begins Friday, Oct. 15 and runs for 11 nights through Oct. 31 (closed Oct. 17-20, 25-26). The shows begin at 7 p.m. at the Foxboro State Hospital auditorium at 13 Payson Rd. Admission is \$5 on Friday and Saturday, and \$4 all other nights, part of which is donated to the Friends of Wrentham State School. Tickets go on sale at 6:30 p.m. (Photo by Frank Mortimer)

Ghouls, goblins and ghosts are all for a good cause

By Heather A. Swails
STAFF WRITER

FOXBORO — Dave Brown is waiting for his shipment of skulls, wondering out loud where the delivery van is. A volunteer holding a disembodied limb in his hand jokes that he's seen the van parked over by the cemetery. "By the way," he calls after Brown, "I need some heads and parts."

"We buy body parts in bulk," says Jane Webster, walking up the subterranean tunnel towards the stairs that lead up to the auditorium. Brown follows, still worrying about his skulls. "If they're not here tomorrow..." He clenches his fists in imitation of the infamous Mr. Hyde.

Foxboro residents, don't be alarmed. It's just the Foxboro Jaycees and their corps of volunteers up to their Halloween shenanigans again. They've been planning their annual Haunted House since early spring — so they can't be blamed for their ghoulish humor.

It's the fifth annual haunted house, raising funds to benefit local organizations and support the many community projects hosted by the Jaycees during the year. The house, which last year drew more than 9,100 shock-seeking visitors, will open this Friday and run through Oct. 31.

Brown, producer of the haunted show, says it may be the last one at the Foxboro State Hospital auditorium at Payson Road.

"The buildings are getting mothballed beginning next week," he said.

That means the buildings, built between the late 1800s and the 1940s, will be cleaned out and boarded up.

The extra work this year, he

said, was getting permission from the state Division of Capital Planning and Operations to use the building. Up until a few months ago, the buildings were controlled by the state Department of Mental Retardation, and it was a foregone conclusion in past years that the old auditorium and part of another building would host the haunted house.

Plenty of good causes

Webster, assistant producer of the haunted house, explained that the proceeds go towards haunted house expenses, donations, and Jaycees projects.

"Last year we grossed about \$40,000," she said.

After expenses, which each year include a required special detail police officer and firefighter, about \$25,000 was donated to the groups who volunteered in the haunted house project, the Jaycees projects fund and the Friends of the Wrentham State School.

"Our biggest donation is to the Friends of the state school," said Webster.

In past years, haunted house donations have allowed the state school group to purchase new therapy equipment for school clients, as well as other equipment and needs not met by the state's budget allowance for the facility.

Haunted house funds have also gone into the Foxboro Discretionary Fund, and Jaycees-sponsored projects such as Santa on the Common, Elders' Day, annual scholarships to graduating Foxboro seniors and youth sports. They have even gone towards the purchase of a video camera for the Foxboro Fire Department to use in arson investigations, said Brown.

The actual construction of this



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Jane Webster and Dave Brown are ready at the Foxboro Jaycees Haunted House to scare their visitors and raise some money for the Jaycees charitable projects.

year's haunted house began at the end of August. It usually takes six weeks to complete, but with 60 volunteers this year, "we're running ahead of schedule," said Brown.

The volunteer corps this year hails from organizations such as the Newcomers Club, the Blue Hills and Plainville Jaycees, Boy Scouts Troop 7, Cadet Girl Scouts Troop 839 and the high school.

For the first time, the haunted

house will carry a special theme — Olde England. Visitors may expect to find themselves wrapped in thick London fog, with Jack the Ripper peering from the shadows. Who knows?

The haunted house will open at 6:30 this Friday. It runs for 11 nights through October, but will be closed Oct. 17 through 20 and Oct. 25 and 26. Tickets are \$5 for Friday and Saturday shows, \$4 for all other nights. Parking is free.

Jaycees ready to scare you

BY CHRISTOPHER BEGLEY
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FOXBORO

J — Jack the Ripper is back!

That's right, the murderous fiend who killed seven women over a two-month span is back.

Jack is roaming the halls of the former Foxboro State Hospital as part of the annual Haunted House sponsored by the Foxboro, Canton and Planville Jaycees.

From the time you enter the lobby to when you leave through the English Countryside exhibit, you are in for a scare, producer Dave Brown promised.

In the lobby, as you await the 15-minute tour, you begin to learn about all seven of Jack the Ripper's murders.

You can read how Jack's first victim, Emma Elizabeth Smith, was too embarrassed to tell the police what happened and died the next day.

If she had told, police speculate, the other six murders might not have happened. Instead, Jack continued killing.

In between reading about Jack's exploits, there will be five televisions set up around the lobby, which seats 300, showing outtakes of numerous horror films.

When it's time to go inside, hold on to your hat — that's when the excitement begins.

As you make your way down the dark hallways, you travel by 10 different exhibits set in the 1800s.

While walking through a set intended to give you the feeling of being in 19th-century England, you will witness a live re-enactment of Jack slicing the throat of one of his victims. After the murder, Jack takes off and runs toward you.

From there, you will walk into a parlor of King Henry VIII and watch the beheading of his wife.

The death theme continues as an English grave robber digs up a body in search of valuables.

One of the most interesting

AT A GLANCE

WHERE: 13 Payson Road, off Route 140.

WHEN: Every Wednesday through Sunday night through Halloween at 7 p.m.

FEE: \$5 on Friday and Saturday nights; \$4 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

next: the story of Sweeny Todd and his wife.

Sweeny was a barber who killed his clients by cutting their throats. Once the victim died, the body would be sent down to his wife who would make meat pies out of it.

In between rooms, you have to watch your step. There are barking dogs, cats lying in sewer runoff and skeletons that lunge forward. Visitors are led into the office of Dr. Jekyll as he makes a concoction that will turn him into his alter-ego, Mr. Hyde.

This is the first year that the Jaycees have had a "theme" for their haunted house, that being Olde England.

While designing this year's sets, Brown said he bought a book that gave ideas on how to build different set designs.

Brown said he would like to raise \$30,000 this year and hopes to attract more than 10,000 people. Last year, 9,100 visitors took the two-building tour and \$22,000 was raised. Part of the money raised goes toward the Friends of Wrentham State School.

The Jaycees also use the money for scholarships, a hazardous waste collection day in Canton, an Elders Day in Foxboro, and last year a donation of safety helmets was made to the Foxboro Little League. Boy Scouts Troop 7 and Girls Scouts Pack 848 will also benefit from the haunted house.

Those who helped this year were Jane Webster, Tom Sawran, Cheryl Cushman, Carl Bertoline

