



# the Wise Fox

The Monthly Newsletter of the Foxboro Jaycees

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## *'Tis the Season...* for Projects!

Well, the holiday season is suddenly upon us, and so too is a list of projects as long as your arm. Or more specifically, as long as Mark Emery's arm; for most of the immediate upcoming projects fall under the area of Community Development.

These include the many Christmas related projects - Nativity Scene, Santa Phone, Santa on the Common, Santa for Seniors, - no that's *Sand* for Seniors (just seeing if you were paying attention), the Caroling Hayride, and the Fruit Basket project.

Very much relative to Christmas, though not with a locally intended impact is the Toys for the Midwest project.

Underway right now are the Christmas Tree Sales in the Ways and Means area, the ever popular Progressive Dinner and the Kids Christmas Party in the I.D. area.

What's the point? We are STILL busy! However, most of these projects are not an extreme amount of work. (Nothing like the Haunted House we just finished.) Instead, they are much easier, slower paced, and certainly, as a whole, a lot more low keyed.

These projects will, for the

most part, range in "time needed to run" from only several hours to perhaps a couple of days, and the "time needed from each member" will usually only be a couple of hours.

These are great projects for which to volunteer. You can have the chance to get acquainted with a member you have not yet gotten to know, and you can give a little time where the commitment level is low but the reward is very high.

Join in the spirit of the season with a few of your friends from the Jaycees. *Yule enjoy it!*

Of a more serious note, for just a moment, I would like to reflect on the first half of this Jaycee year.

Each May, when the new Board takes over, nearly everyone spends the first several months learning a new job. This seems to be especially true of the first-time board members. After several months of learning, the fledgling class either begins to "feel their oats" and gets ready to take off in their own direction, or suddenly becomes increasingly aware of the importance of becoming the unified guiding force for the rest of the organization.

I feel that in the case of this year's Board, the latter is

fortunately the case.

Having weathered, in our first six months, several true tests of our ability to address and work through opportunities taht were presented to us, I know that, as a group, we have grown stronger.

I ask of this board, and of this Chapter... your continued enthusiasm, along with a newly discovered sense of the meaning of "leadership training organization" (with a strong emphasis on the word "organization"), to allow us all to continue to be the great chapter we know we are.

Together, we can only get better.

As the holiday season draws nearer and our busy lives get even busier, try to take the time to enjoy the great organization of which you are a part.

I hope to see every one of you out at some activity between now and the end of the year; if it's to work, socialize or just meet a friend or two where you know there will be other Jaycees.

If by chance we don't meet between now and the rapidly approaching end of the year, let me then offer to each and every one of you a blessed and joyous Holiday and a healthy, happy New Year.

# Community Development

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT DECEMBER 1993

Nativity Repairs/Additions- Debbie and Dennis Wood have done a fabulous job in reviving these remaining two figures. Please come by the Common on or after Dec 4 to take a peek.

Toys for the Midwest -Cathy Badger and committee have distributed boxes around town at various local stores as well as the Town Hall and Fire Station. Please try to support this project for the Christmas Season.

Common Signs Upgrade - Fred Badger has agreed to chair this project and is getting prices together.

Unicef - Paula Bertolino has received approximately \$185.-Final report

Children's Hayride - Joe Catalano - **Canceled due to scheduling difficulties.**

Santa Suit and Beard - Karen Apgar - This is a continuation of the outstanding job Karen did last year on the Santa suit. A new beard and wig was purchased. Karen is making a elves suit.

Santa Phone - Marci Kaplan has been talking to Cheryl Cushman (last years chairman and Mrs. Clause) and doing a fine job to get this project rolling. Dec. 14,15,16

Santa on the Common - George Devlin - The Jaycees have small toys / candy to give and kids can sit on Santa's lap. Dec 18

Sand for Seniors - Ed Groh rounded up all the buckets and the sand will be picked up and distributed in the next week or so 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 the Common.- Dec. 4

Caroling Hayride - Donna Sacchetti - singing Christmas Carols at nursing homes as well as on common . Dec 21

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Fruit Basket Project - Beth Finch - Delivering fruit baskets to shut-ins to share the holiday spirit. Make baskets on Dec 20 and delivery on Dec 21.

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.

Hessco Drivers - Dawn Hadley - Spend 2 hours on Saturday and / or Sunday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to deliver hot meals from Southwood Hospital on Rt. 1A in Norfolk to Foxboro and surrounding towns. Get paid \$.25 per mile.

\*\* 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  
Vice President

# Membership

I hope everyone is well rested from the Thanksgiving holiday, because we are headed into a very busy season for the Jaycees! This is a perfect opportunity for our new members to work some smaller projects that offer a chance to learn how to chair a project or contribute through committee work. I strongly urge you to take advantage of these opportunities now!

I'd like to welcome the two newest members to our chapter: Dave Fiorello and Shawn Tyler. We're looking forward to seeing the two of you at a great many of our December Projects!

As a gentle reminder, I would like to ask any new members that have not had a chance to get their membership dues paid to please take care of this as soon as possible. You will be getting a call from either Beth Finch, Sandy Smith, or myself to let you know that they are due.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the December projects!



Patti O'Hara  
Membership VP

## INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Jane Webster - I.D.V.P.

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The Patriots' Game social on November 7th was a great success - beautiful day, great crowd, and, if not a victory, at least the Pats didn't lose in regulation! An all-round winner, however, was the Haunted House Break-up Party. Great food, great DJ, great time.

And it was not all fun this month in I.D. Fred Badger ran a successful seminar on How to Run a Project that covered the basics and gave some newer members a chance to discuss their experiences working on projects. We do plan to have a follow up on How to Write a Project Report in January or February.

Coming up this month are two very special Jaycee projects. First, the traditional Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 18th. Most of the chapter signs up for this favorite, so if you haven't let Lynne Poirier know what you want to cook, bring or host, give her a call at 698-2844.

The following day, Sunday, December 19th is the Children's Christmas Party. For all those who may have attended the Progressive Dinner the night before, please note: it is free and it does not start till 1:30 p.m. This is a fun time for all those Jaycee kids who put up with our Jaycee work throughout the year. Call Chairman Karen Apgar at 543-4731 to get details and to sign up your children.

Don't forget about the Ski Trip coming up February 4, 5 and 6th. Limited space is available, so get your deposit into Bill Byrnes (698-0326) as soon as possible. Also, smokers, try to remember to give Lynne Poirier your Stop Smoking Surveys. We need your input to determine when, how and if to go ahead with this project.

Reminders: Jaycee Apparel is available from Cheryl Cushman any time you wish to place an order. Karen Apgar is running Krafts from Karen on an individual basis from her original sign up sheet. Call her at 543-4731 to find out when and what is on the agenda. Also, keep in mind that CPR will be run for us by the Foxboro Fire Department on an as needed basis. As soon as we have three people interested, I will call Lt. McNamara to schedule a class.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas GM on December 8th. Geri has some treats in store! See you there. Merry Christmas!

# Ways & Means

## Ways and Means

### *Christmas Tree Sales - Chico*

On November 27, the site was set up for trees, publicity is in the works and all trees should be ready for selection. If you have not signed up for nights to sell, please call Chico to check schedule. Please come and support the Jaycee's.

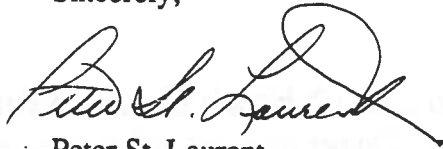
### *Spaghetti Dinner - Chairperson Needed*

I would like to have a fund raiser to help with our budget variances. If someone would like to fact find this and work with me on this project, please call me.

### *Final Note*

I would like to personally thank Dave Brown for chairing a successful Haunted House, we made a great profit for the chapter and I would really like the money distributed throughout the community to benefit Foxboro residents and the JC reputation. Also, if you have any new ideas for raising \$\$, please voice your ideas to me or Dave.

Sincerely,



Peter St. Laurent

# Meeting Minutes

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Nativity repairs are nearly complete. Contact Debbie Wood if you can help paint.

Toys for Midwest is proceeding. Toy sales to be held November 14. Area businesses to be collection sites for donated toys.

Unicef boxes to be collected weekend of November 13.

Common signs work continues. Details still being researched as to materials and letter sizes. Cost anticipated to be around \$300.

Childrens' Hayride questionable as Horse man continues to be hard to reach.

Santa Beard is being purchased. Left over money may be used to make an elf's costume.

Santa Phone will be run by Marci Kaplan. Some initial work has been started.

Santa on the Common being run by George Devlin. Has not put out any call for help yet.

Sand for Seniors being run by Ed Groh. Buckets to be collected on November 21. Everything else is all set.

Nativity Scene will be set up on December 4th. Trucks needed. Call Sandy Emery.

Caroling Hayride set for December 21. Donna Sacchetti has to see a man about a horse.

Fruit basket project being run by Beth Finch. Delivery to be about December 20. More names of the needy are needed.

Cable auction set for February 6th. Chairman needed for show help. Any member interested in chairing this effort should see Mark Emery.

Pancake Breakfast set for March 27th. Chairman needed. Work should begin soon to start coordinating ticket efforts. This project is for an experienced member to chair. If interested, call Mark Emery. Many newer members will also be needed to assist on the committee and work the breakfast.

## GUEST SPEAKER

Barry Megguier, the Director of the newly formed Foxboro Regional Center for the Performing Arts which has taken over the old Orpheum Theater Building, spoke about the work going on to convert the old movie building into a center for live stage performances. Barry spoke of the renovations, the plans for opening and the types of show (which will include old movies) that will be hosted at the refurbished building. Following a question and answer period, Barry stayed on past 11:30 to talk individually to several members at great length about various details, including needs of the center.

# Meeting Minutes

## *General Membership Meeting - November 10, 1993*

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

New stationery has been received and is available for anyone needing it from either Paula Bertolino or Tom Sawran. Also, copies of the By-laws are being made and will be available for distribution at the next G.M. New call lists have been distributed to the Board members.

Thank you note received from Mrs. Madeline Smith (Brian's Mom). Correspondence from H.S. Guidance Dept. confirming scholarships information for next year. The new regional newspaper, The Country Gazette, has offered to run any calendar or press release information we may have. Contact Paula Panasis at 528-2600 x 240.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

No recent communication with accountant. Software package to be purchased to use on Jaycee computer.

### **INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT**

Not much new sold of Universal Jaycee Apparel. Cheryl has catalog.

How to Run a Project/How to Write a CPG project will run November 17 at Fred's house.

Patriots Social tickets sold out, game was fun, Patriots lost, almost everybody supported the tailgate party, a few people had their own party. Everybody had a great time.

Crafts from Karen was held one night and will be held again sometime.

Volleyball continues Monday nights at the Igo Building, 7:00p.m.

Progressive Dinner is scheduled for December 18. Talk to Lynne Poirier or Sandy Smith if you haven't signed up and are interested.

Haunted House party will be held November 20 at Community Center.

Ski trip will be held first weekend in February. Cost is \$100 per person. Contact Bill Byrnes.

Kids' Christmas party still needs chairman.

Smokenders survey was included in last Wise Fox. Respond if interested.



# Meeting Minutes

## **MEMBERSHIP**

An activation committee is currently being sought to help familiarize our newer members with the programs and practices of the Jaycees.

Another call night is planned for sometime in February to coincide with the manpower needs of the pancake breakfast.

Two more new members were sworn in at the meeting.

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

Dave Brown reported that \$15,000+ had already been turned over to the Chapter as profits of the Haunted House project and that the balance would follow as soon as the final bills were paid. Work is already underway to develop the potential for our use of the building next year. We have so far been granted permission to set up a locked storage room to house the props that we would like to save for next year.

The coffee mugs finished at a loss. Committee decided to give remaining cups away to those members active enough to be in attendance to actually claim one.

Christmas Tree sale being led this year by G. DiCicco (Chico) will set up just after Thanksgiving. Lots of manpower help is needed to sell trees. Sign up with Chico.

A spaghetti dinner was offered up as a fact finder to be considered as a new ways and means project. Anyone interested in exploring the potential or possibilities of whether such a project should be run, should contact Peter St. Laurent.

***(THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS RAISED AT THIS MEETING.)***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Following introduction by President Tom Sawran informing the membership of the Board's recommendation on the forthcoming proposal, a presentation was made by Bill Grieder of the Founders Day/Recreation Building Committee requesting the Jaycees to become a major contributor to the new Recreation Building being constructed at the Booth Playground. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to donate \$5000.00 to this project. This donation will place the Jaycees along with the Foxboro Rotary as the two major contributors to this project.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$1000.00 to Foxboro Midget Football to help with the continuing construction of the new Ernie George Field. Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn and another motion was made to refer the question to the Board for further study. This motion was seconded, and approved by the membership.

Following a presentation by Jane Webster representing the Foxboro First Night Incorporated, a motion was made, seconded and approved to donate \$250.00 to

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## **G.M. WAYS AND MEANS cont'd.**

Foxboro First Night Incorporated, to help fund the start-up costs of a Foxboro "First Night" program. A \$20.0 fact finder was also appropriated to investigate what interest there might be in running a Jaycee booth or activity at the event. Chairman needed.

**Project of the Month** - Call Night - Carl Bertolino

**Jaycee of the Month** - Paula Bertolino

**Frog of the Month** - Ed Groh - The Sticky-Fingered Frog

*Meeting minutes submitted by Carl Bertolino, Secretary Pro Tem*

NOTICE

HAUNTED HOUSE BOOKS

ARE CLOSING

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY

OUTSTANDING BILLS

ASAP

TO

DAVE BROWN

# Dates and Happenings

**Christmas Tree sales**  
Chico

**Sand for Seniors**  
Ed Groh

**Nativity Scene**  
December 4

**December GM**  
Wednesday, Dec. 8

**Santa Phone**  
December 14, 15 & 16

**Santa on the Common**  
Saturday, December 18  
George Devlin

**Progressive Dinner**  
Saturday, December 18  
Lynne Porier 698-2844

**Children's Christmas Party**  
Sunday, December 19  
Karen Apgar 543-4731

**Caroling Hayride**  
December 21  
Donna Sacchetti

**Fruit Baskets**  
December 20 & 21

**Ski Trip**  
February 4, 5 & 6  
Bill Brynes 698-0326

**Pancake Breakfast**  
March 27

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**\*\* PLEASE POST \*\***

Please inform me as soon as you have dates for meetings deadlines and events so that I can post them here.

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8:00 pm

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for the raffle!

# Christmas Free Raffle Free

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*Merry Christmas  
from  
Geri Ayres*

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