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## WHO'S WHO

BY BOB GILLIS

One topic that kept coming up in my conversations with new members is how interesting the profiles are of older members. If you're a Jaycee who's been in the chapter for a while and haven't been interviewed for Who's Who, I encourage you to give me a call. The profiles of veteran Jaycees not only introduce you to new members, but also applaud your impressive resumes and accomplishments.

This month, we talked to new members Liz Waskom, Ron and Jen DeBrosse, and another new member who's been involved with the chapter for several years, Pauline Brown.

**Ron and Jen DeBrosse** joined the Jaycees in the last few weeks, but have lived in Foxboro for over two years. Jen, a piano teacher, tells me that she and her husband are originally from Ohio, and moved here for Ron's new job in sales. Both enjoy what Jen calls "amateur hobbies" such as tennis, basketball and golf, and both share a passion for outdoor sight seeing.

"We joined the Jaycees to lend support and have fun," Jen says. Even though the couple have been members of the chapter for a few weeks, they've already participated in such varied

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## CRISIS AT THE HAUNTED HOUSE

Pauline,  
Liz, Jen and  
Ron, welcome  
to the Jaycees!

With the  
Haunted House  
preparations in  
full swing,  
you've arrived  
at an exciting  
and fun time of  
the year!



## from the desk of the co-editors...

Can you believe it's September already? The summer's almost over and you know what that means...it's Haunted House time! We need loads of people to make this great event a success. There are enough jobs for everyone, regardless of ability...we will train. If you don't like the dark, give me a call and help out with the concessions upstairs. I'll need someone to make sure that the baby and I don't eat the profits!

We worked the Share Program for the first time and it's a great way for new members to get involved. No experience is necessary, just a smile and a kind word. Sign up for manpower at the GM.

A special word of thanks to Bob

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events as Founders' Day, the Father's Day essay readings and the golf outing.

"The Jaycees have so many people," Jen adds, "...and we're looking forward to meeting everyone and volunteering."

Also joining the Jaycees this month is Elizabeth Waskom. She and her husband Keith have two children, 3 year old Kailey and 1 year old Connor. Both Liz and Keith are originally from Connecticut and, like the DeBrosses, relocated here for their jobs. Liz is just getting ready to return to work now after taking care of the kids for the last few years. She'll be lecturing at Boston University. The subject? Statistics.

"Ouch," I said, lamenting my own tragic experience with a college statistics course.

Liz laughed and said she hopes she can make the course fun for her students. She's had the experience, working as a teacher's assistant while going for her MBA.

"I'm excited and nervous at the same time," she adds.

She explains that Keith has been an insurance numbers cruncher for several years, but is looking to do more work in programming, having recently completed a certificate course at BU.

Liz was attracted to the Jaycees because her parents were very active in the North Branford Connecticut Jaycees. After attending the Easter Egg hunt, Pancake Breakfast and stopping by the membership booth on Founders' Day, Liz knew she wanted to join the Foxboro chapter.

"We want to start doing community service and the Jaycees seemed like the best way to get involved." Liz has signed up to work with the publicity for the Haunted House.

Speaking of the Haunted House, that was to a very familiar new member, Brown. Pauline has been helping with the preparations for several years now and I remember that she kept me up all morning of the pancake break-

fast.

I caught up with Pauline at the Haunted House while she was hard at work with an impressively large knife, sculpting a gargoyle from a large piece of foam. Pauline is very artistic, and has created a lot of the background scenery at the Haunted House, including the huge gargoyle at the entrance to the house, the portraits on the walls, as well as such background scenery as Dracula's fireplace and the portrait gallery pictures.

"Remember 'Jack the Ripper' street?" she asked. "I did that."

I asked about the first time she worked the Haunted House. "It was the year we had the tunnel," she explains, referring to the time years back when the Haunted House took a different maze across the street. "I was asked to run the meat wagon."

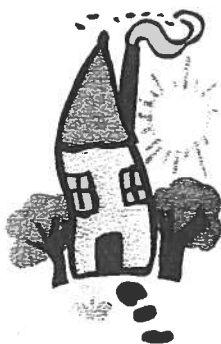
Originally from West Warwick, Rhode Island, Pauline attended Rhode Island College and the Rhode Island School of design. She managed the Rockhill Craft co-op since 1987, and these days works at Laureate Books' headquarters. She's helped the Jaycees in many capacities over the years, including acting as Haunted House treasurer, selling tickets at the road race, as well as other events.

"You've been busy," I remarked.

"I was even a girl scout leader!" she adds with a smile.

Pauline is very active in the SHARE program and lends a hand to "whoever needs it." These days, she's at the Haunted House all the time, actively involved in all facets of preparation.

Pauline, Liz, Jen and Ron, welcome to the Jaycees! With the Haunted House preparations in full swing, you've arrived at an exciting and fun time of the year!



## ~~~~~A Letter from Lynda:~~~~~

I'd like everyone to join me in welcoming **Elizabeth Waskom, Melissa Constantine, Nancy Williams, Ron and Jennifer DeBrosse** to the Jaycees, all five were sworn in at our August G.M. As the numbers show, **Lynn Freerksen** and **Julie Grant** have been fulfilling their du-

ties in our Membership area, congratulations to both of you.

**Welcome-  
Melissa  
Constantine,  
Ron and Jennifer  
DeBrosse,  
Elizabeth  
Waskom, and  
Nancy Williams**

### **ARE YOU ALL READY FOR THIS?**

**Pete Sorrow** held the Pep Rally for the Haunted House on August 26th. A

number of room chairs and guides were present as well as general help. Now is the time for the Jaycees to come together and pull off yet another profitable Haunted House. Each of you should be marking your calendars with the times you can contribute to the House. Construction has begun and your help is needed. You will be receiving calls from me or Beth expecting dates and what you'd like to help out on. In the meantime, just stop by the House and lend a helping hand during construction.

A special meeting was held by **Tom Sawran** about our septic problem. I would like to thank **Tom** for all his hard work and conducting a very informative meeting. I believe everyone's questions were answered and that we have a lot more work to do on this subject, but by quoting the *Sun Chronicle* "**Problems**

**Can't Scare Jaycees"**. More information will be available at the September G.M.

**Bob Hickey** and **John Dillon** have had their hands full with all of the I.D. projects running the end of this summer. I hope that everyone got a chance to enjoy them because, as I have been warning you, our play time is just as important as our work time. Now with play time coming to an end, it is time to begin our work.

**Chris Hebert** and **Bill King** will have their hands full right after the Haunted House with all of the C.D. projects we run from November through December. As a reminder, we are still looking for a cause for our Road Race, if you have any ideas, please contact Lynn Freerksen.

**Dave Britton** and the Donations Committee have been doing a super job on keeping up with the needs of our community and continue to bring these to our attention. This is what we work for and you should have a say in the way it is spent. So remember to come to the G.M. to have your voice and vote count.

Congratulations and thank you to all who have made yet another successful month. See you all at the September G.M.

Working with you and for you.  
Lynda

## Auditorium Committee Report-Tom Sawran

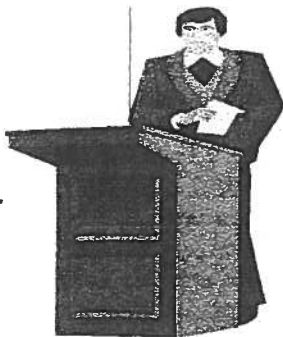
As I am sure most of you have heard by now, the sewerage treatment facility at the State Hospital has been permanently closed. This closing has left the auditorium with no bathroom facilities whatsoever. There is no where for waste water to run out of the building, so under the existing circumstances, there are no toilets and no wash-up facilities.

After a very intensive one month of fact-finding, it would appear that we have two primary options. One is to import port-a-johns to serve both our customers and our staff, with wash-up facilities being available only to the staff. All of the toilet facilities would be outside, and any wash-up facility, if constructed inside, would be very rudimentary at best. A garden hose and wash tub arrangement might be on the deluxe end of what is to be available.

The second major option would be to install a new permanent septic system on the grounds which would allow the existing bathrooms to be used on a normal basis.

Much of the ground work for either constructing such a permanent system or importing some sort of temporary system has already been explored to a large extent. Identifying the costs attendant with each plan has also been done to the extent possible to the details of the issue before us. Also at this second meeting, both additional questions as well as comments and debate were encouraged to allow everyone an opportunity to air his or her opinion.

This report is being written on Labor Day. During the coming week, more details of



prices will hopefully be forthcoming as well as the

actual design of a system. If a new system is to go ahead, pricing and scheduling must move along

steadily to even allow the system to be installed in a timely fashion. If work toward a permanent system is to be put on hold for the time being, the Haunted House committee will need ample time to prepare for setting up some type of temporary system.

In either case, it would seem that a vote on this issue is most likely to happen at the September G.M. Obviously, the most up-to-the-minute information on costs for each option will be made available at that time.

Those of us who spend night after night working this project have a lot at stake with this issue. Should anyone have any additional questions or information, please direct them to me at your convenience.

**Tom Sawran -  
Project Chairman**

*In either case, it would seem that a vote on this issue is most likely to happen at the September G.M.*

The World's Shortest  
Love Story About  
Golf...

I hate golf.

I hate golf.

I hate golf.

"Nice shot."

I love golf.

.....  
In America, anyone can become president.  
That's one of the risks you take. ~ Adlai  
Stevenson  
.....

Try your luck on these puzzles...

# DRESSED

bit

## ***"DILBERT'S 25 LAWS OF WORK" (con't from last month)***

14. Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn't the work he/she is supposed to be doing.
15. Important letters that contain no errors will develop errors in the mail.
16. If you are good, you will be assigned all the work. If you are really good, you will get out of it.
17. You are always doing something marginal when the boss drops by your desk.
18. People who go to conferences are the ones who shouldn't.
19. If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.
20. At work, the authority of a person is inversely proportional to the number of pens they are carrying.
21. When you don't know what to do, walk fast and look worried.
22. Following the rules will not get the job done.
23. Getting the job done is no excuse for not following the rules.
24. No matter how much you do, you never do enough.
25. The last person that quit or was fired will be held responsible for everything that goes wrong.

### *Answers to last month's puzzles - Did you get them all?*

*6 FEET UNDER GROUND*

**GROUND**

**FEET FEET  
FEET FEET  
FEET FEET**

*BACKWARD GLANCE*

**ECNALG**

*READING BETWEEN THE LINES*

**R|E|A|D|I|N|G**

*SPLIT PERSONALITY*

**PERSON  
ALITY**

*MISUNDERSTANDING*

**STANDING  
MISS**

*SINGING IN THE RAIN*

**RASINGINGIN**

*3 DEGREES BELOW ZERO*

**ZERO  
M.D.  
B.S.  
Ph.D.**

*BOX CAR*

**CAR  
A A  
RAC**

*6 OF ONE OR HALF DOZEN  
OF ANOTHER*

**111111  
OR  
another another  
another another  
another another**

## *Secretary's Report by Lucy Wilhelm*

Tom Sawran spoke to us at last month's meeting about the lack of plumbing and toilets at the auditorium where our Haunted House will be run in October. This has happened due to the state selling the land where the auditorium is located. Through the years, the state has been slowly shutting down this building and the sewer system has been the latest casualty. Tom gave us facts and figures for finding alternative measures such as port-o-potty's or funding a septic system ourselves, hopefully with a lot of local support.

### Donations Approved at the August GM:

\$100 for the Eagle Scout Project by Aaron Schmidt for Senior Center Picnic Tables.

\$200 to Amy Lee Reynolds for the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C.

\$100 for the Eagle Scout Project by Jeff Meakham for an exercise course at the Ahern School Track.

### Sunshine:

Paul Lanza's grandmother passed away recently and a condolence card was sent.

A Get Well card was sent to Jim Hebert for some recent surgery.

### Awards:

#### Project of the Month:

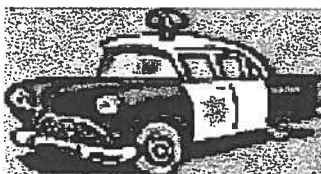
Associates vs. Regulars Softball Challenge.

#### Jaycee of the Month:

Lynn Freerksen.

#### Frog of the Month:

Paul Kelly for breaking into a truck that didn't even resemble his but thinking that it was his and that he'd locked his keys inside. This took place, amazingly enough, after the Associates vs. Regulars Softball game.



*The Regulars' softball team was going to take judicial action against the Associates because they had a stacked team. Unfortunately, all the lawyers were on the Associates' team, so the charges were dropped.*

If you look like your passport photo, you're too ill to travel. ~ Will Kommen

You can't be a smart cookie if you have a crummy attitude.

If your friend won't lend you fifty dollars, he's probably a close friend. ~ Unknown

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even though you wish they were. ~ Unknown

A study of economics usually reveals that the best time to buy anything is last year. ~ Marty Allen

Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today. ~ Herman Wouk

People who snore always fall asleep first. ~ Unknown

**We are starting a list of E-mail addresses. If interested, E-mail the Wise Fox Editors at [smrogers@ici.net](mailto:smrogers@ici.net).**

## Membership - Lynn Freerksen

Enthusiasm  
is  
contagious:

Start an  
epidemic. ~  
Don Ward

Welcome new members:

Ron & Jennifer DeBrosse  
Elizabeth Waskom  
Nancy Williams  
Pauline Brown  
Lauren Bitar

Who's Who-Bob Gillis-Bob is doing a  
**great** job interviewing & writing with his  
usual style, wit and flair.

When I read about the evils of  
drinking, I gave up reading ~  
Henny Youngman

I'm writing an unauthorized auto-  
biography ~ Stephen Wright

Opinion is a flitting thing, but truth  
outlasts the sun - if then we cannot  
own them both, possess the oldest  
one ~ Emily Dickinson

***If the Wise Fox  
editors don't pay  
their annual dues,  
will they have to  
continue editing  
and publishing  
the Wise Fox?***

Mentor Program-Many Board Mem-  
bers have signed up as mentors but  
more are still needed. Julie or I will  
be calling some of the more  
"seasoned" members.

Jaycee Apparel-Carl Bertolino-Due  
to popular demand, Carl is having  
more T-shirts made. If you are a  
new member & have worked on a

Community Development or Ways &  
Means Project (excluding the Haunted  
House), you qualify for a T-shirt. See Carl  
or Lynn.

Web Site-Scott Rogers-Stay tuned for de-  
tails. Get the up-to-date info by e-mailing  
your address to smrogers@ici.net.

Call Nite-Linda Magovern-A new site is  
needed this year. A few new options are  
being explored. More information will be  
available at the GM.

Direct Mailer-Dawn Cleveland-A rough  
draft of our ad will be available at the GM.

***Don't be Shy! - Bring a friend to a meet-  
ing or event!***

### THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear Mr. Sawran:

I would like to thank you in your  
capacity as Chairman for the  
Foxboro Jaycees Scholarship.

This award is both an honor and  
a financial blessing for with this  
scholarship, I was able to reduce  
the loan portion of my financial  
aid package.

Once again, I would like to ex-  
press my sincerest gratitude on  
behalf of both myself and my  
family.

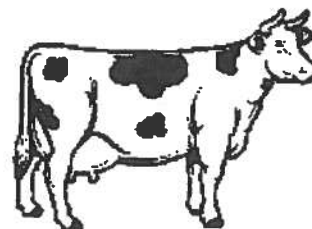
As I head to Mount Holyoke this  
fall, I pledge to continue the ser-  
vice and academic work for  
which I was recognized.  
Sincerely,

Jennifer M. McGonagle  
7-30-97

Parking  
meters  
should  
remind  
us that  
we lose  
money  
standing  
still. ~  
Bert  
Kruse

## *Jaycees Match the Mark:*

1. Name the Jaycees' Member who had a formal dinner at their house and served Lobster and Steak. They requested and gave credit to their guests who arrived with fresh hot or cold cow manure.
2. Name the Jaycee who thinks Daiquiris are made with Tang or Sunny D.
3. Name the Jaycee who said you lick, suck and then swallow.
4. Name the New member who offered to have a Daiquiri taste testing contest at their house.
5. Name the Jaycee who said they liked the tail and the other member who said they liked the head.
6. Name the Jaycee who invited the mosquitoes from last year's canoe trip over their house for their bar-b-que.
7. Name the Two Jaycees who could be found at the DARE table during family night at the commons.




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*'Jaycee Match the Mark' is a new feature (actually I just thought it up ten minutes ago) that matches members with a unique event. The event could be funny or outrageous. Answers given next month.*

*A very valuable prize (NOT) will be given to the first person who answers all the questions*

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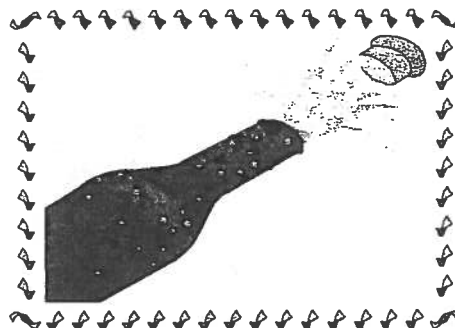


# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

If you see these Jaycees, wish them a great day!

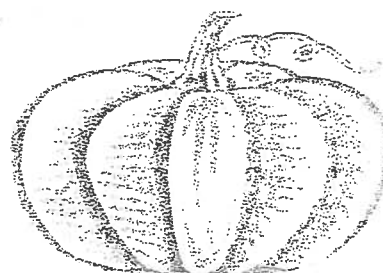
*Please call and  
leave your date of  
birth on my an-  
swering ma-  
chine...then you  
too can appear on  
the B-day list!*

**Linda Magovern	July 20
**Joan Ferris	July 26
**Fred Badger	July 28
**Beth Maddestra	Sept 2
**Firm Locke	Sept 5
**Dave Britton	Sept 22
**Michele Rogers	Sept 26
**Pete Sorrow	Sept 28
**Nancy Williams	Sept 29



**FOR A GOOD TIME...HELP OUT AT THE HAUNTED HOUSE...  
WE NEED YOU - AT THE HAUNTED UNIVERSITY!**

**CHAIRMAN - PETE SORROW**  
**CO-CHAIR - LYNN FREERKSEN**  
**HEAD ROOM CHAIR - CHRIS MULLIN**  
**HEAD GUIDE - FIRM LOCKE**  
**CREATIVE DIRECTOR - TOM WHIFFEN**  
**PUBLICITY - BETH MADDESTRA**  
**CONCESSIONS - MICHELE ROGERS**  
**MANPOWER - LYNDA WALSH & BETH MADDESTRA**  
**BREAK FOOD - ?????? WHO'S HUNGRY????**



**HAUNTED HOUSE PHONE NUMBER 543-9530**

from the desk of  
the co-editors...  
(con't)

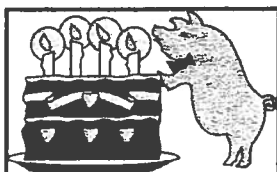
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Gillis, the only contributor to have his report in on time this month and every other month! We request that the rest of you try harder so we don't have to be up all night finishing the letter - THANKS!

Four Down and Eight  
to go.  
S+M



**THIS GUY NEEDS  
TO GO TO THE  
BATHROOM.  
WILL HE HAVE TO  
USE A PORT-A-  
POTTY?**



Michele needs help with the Haunted House concessions, so gentleman grab your wife or girlfriend and get busy. We need more pregnant women to help Michele out. Your Foxboro Jaycee chapter is calling you into action. Remember that Trojan is the official prophylactic device for the Wise Fox Editors. We wouldn't use anything else.

S+M



## Community Development - Chris Hebert

**SHARE Program**(Steve Tingle)- Pickup for September packages & registration for October packages are scheduled for September 27, at the South Foxboro Community Club, from 10-11 AM. The cost of the regular packages is \$15 (mini packages-\$8), along with 2 hours of community service. Any Jaycee Community Development project counts as community service, as does attendance at the monthly General Meetings. Helping out at SHARE counts, too, so be sure to offer Steve your help for a few hours each month.

**Rodman Ride for Kids** (Chico Di-Cicco)- Chico will once again be participating in this worthwhile fundraiser, along with Vin Gallivan. The ride is 25 miles long & raises money for several different charities. Please show Chico & Vin your support, especially in the days following, when the aches & pains set in!

**Community Center Table Upgrade** (Sandy Smith)- Sandy is still checking out different types of tables in a effort to upgrade the quality of those at the Community Center. The Board recently approved the use of our traditional yearly \$1000 appropriation to the Center for this purpose.

**Igo Scoreboard** (Tom Sawran)- The Igo School is in need of a scoreboard for its gymnasium-Tom has researched this need & presented a proposal to the Board of Directors. The Board has made a recommendation,

which will be brought to the general membership sometime in the future.

**CYO Basketball Clinic** (John Zarrella)- Plans are currently in the works for this year's clinic. It will be held at the Foxborough High School gym on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings, beginning in mid-September. Please volunteer to help John coach when the time comes.

**Food Stand Help** (Dave Britton)- At this time, Dave is waiting to be contacted to find out when our help will be needed. The proceeds from the Food Stand are donated directly to the Foxborough Discretionary Fund, so please be sure to offer Dave your assistance when he calls!

**Publicity Chairman** (Lucy Wilhelm)- Lucy is always ready to be of help in publicizing Jaycee events. If you know of any Jaycee news that should be published, or are looking for contact numbers for news organizations, give Lucy a call.

**Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk** (Beth Maddestra)- Beth will be walking 13 miles of this 26 mile walk to raise funds for the Dana Farber Hospital. She will be trying to raise funds from individuals, rather than the Jaycee organization. If you would like to donate to this cause, please let Beth know.

## CHAIRPEOPLE NEEDED

**Elders' Day** - This project involves planning & serving a mid-day dinner for approximately 50 of Foxborough's senior citizens, as well as planning entertainment for the afternoon. Anyone taking on this project is sure to receive tons of help, as this is a fun & rewarding event.

**Recreation Department Fundraiser** - Be the first Jaycee to set up & run a 3-on-3 basketball tournament! Proceeds would benefit the replacement of basketball hoops at the Booth Playground.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN CHAIRING ANY OF THESE PROJECTS CAN CONTACT ME OR MY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, BILL KING.

~Chris Hebert,  
CDVP