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# The Wise Fox

Inside this issue: Another Fun Packed Issue

# Who's Who March, 1998 by Bob Gillis

As most definitely not reported on CNN and Fox, a breaking story in last month's Wise Fox brought shocking news of possible Federal Investigation of the Foxboro Jaycees due to so-called "contest rigging."

Not only did the Wise Fox editors win the first baby contest in two cities but it was reported that new Jaycee Helene Savage won the chili fest project she herself chaired.

Federal Investigator Waylon Smithers commented, "It's very odd." Chief prosecutor Lionel Hutz added, "When that weird "who's who" guy interviewed himself we knew we were on to something."

Then you have the eerie circumstances at that 50/50 raffle at the GM a while back. Helene Savage draws that Gillis guy's name, then he goes up and draws hers."



Possible Federal Investigation of the Footboro Jaycees

We'll keep you posted on breaking developments on this exciting story. Now, an incredibly astonishing coincidence, I have randomly selected new member Helene Savage as this month's who's who interviewee.

In all seriousness, I really en-

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# From the desk of the co-editors

When we joined the Jaycees, we didn't realize how diverse its members are. This organization allows you the opportunity to meet a wide variety of people in many different jobs and life situations. While we think that this is wonderful, it creates many new challenges for the leaders. Luckily for us, our leaders were up to

that challenge. The Jaycees had another great year of fun and community service. As members, what more could we ask for? Please join us in congratulating all of the officers and directors for a great job! May the membership remain as supportive and active for the new year! Best of luck to the new board!

# Special points of interest:

- Use you voice, vote in this month's elections!
- A new Jaycee year is about to start, let's keep the momentum going - full steam ahead!
- Jaycee convention half and storage center being built, see page 6.
- Fisier is legal at last! See page 7.

#### Foxboro Jaycees

- April 5 Pancake Breakfast.
- April 11 Easter Egg Hunt.
- April 17 Harlem Rockets.
- April 25 Installation Banquet Foxboro Country Club.
- May 2 -5K Road Race.



# **April 1998**

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Becky Semple's son, Zachary, was seriously injured and will be bedridden for many months. Please take some time to send him a card or letter to keep his spirits up.

Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them-every day begin the task anew. ~ St. Francis of Sales

I always advise people never to give advice. ~ P.G. Wodehouse

If you aim high, you can't shoot yourself in the foot.

You've become a computer freak when you spend half your plane ride with your laptop on your lap and your child in the overhead baggage compartment.

You can't buy wisdom outright. You can only get it on the installment plan.

Win without boasting. Lose without excuse. ~ Albert Payson Terhune

Don't let the fact that you can't do all you want to do keep you from doing what you can do.



#### Who's Who Cont.

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joyed my talk with Helene. She strikes me as a friendly person, and unlike a typically shy new member, she and her husband Mike have jumped into many Jaycee projects right away.

We start with the basic questions and

"I saw all the projects and I liked it. I like being involved and making a difference." Helene fills in the details.

"Mike works for Commonwealth Air Conditioning and Heat," she begins. "I work in Quincy for Putnam Investments."

"How did you get involved with the Jaycees?"

"We joined on the last night of the Haunted House,"

Helene says, adding fond memories of what has been universally hailed as one of the wildest Jaycee initiations in recent memory. "Mike works with Paul Howard, and Paul invited us down to the Haunted House." She explains that Mike played maze monster and she rear-guided with Bob Webster, well regarded as one of the very best guides.

"Bob was outstanding and guiding looked like a piece of cake, so the next night I front-guided. I thought I'd have a nervous breakdown!"

While front guiding can be intimidating, Helene came back again. "I'm glad I went back," she says, adding that guiding does get easier over time. "How was your first GM?" I ask.

Helene is enthusiastic. "I saw all the projects and I liked it. I like being involved and making a difference." She and Mike are most definitely involved, with the discretionary food basket assembly and delivery, Foxboro youth scholarship, Easter egg hunt, road race raffle, and much more.

"Tell me about chili fest," I prompt.

The "Jaycee of the month" winner explains, "There were nine restaurants represented as well as six residents. Each got a scorecard and sampled each chili. Mine won."

Helene and Mike have lived in Foxboro for two years and love it. "Foxboro is not like Quincy.

There's a strong sense of family and community here." Referring to the many projects she and Mike are involved with, she laughs. "It's not work for us. We like being involved and making a difference."

In addition to her impressive Jaycee projects, Helene enjoys cross-stitching, as well as reading, especially Mary Higgins Clark mysteries. She and Mike also enjoy golfing.

Helene, I very much enjoyed my talk with you. And if I may say so, you and Mike represent the dedication and commitment that new members aspire to. Your involvement with so many Jaycee activities is impressive!

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Before I go, I wanted to let the chapter know that I have volunteered to do the who's who for another year. However, if anyone out there in the chapter would like to take over "who's who" during the upcoming board changes, please feel free. I've had a great time doing this and would be happy to continue, but I don't want to step on any toes - if you'd like to give "who's who" a try, I'm OK with it.

Also, I have volunteered to work on the Foxboro Jaycees web site. I've done some fairly extensive HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language, a/k/a web coding) at work so I know how to do it. But several members, particularly Chico and Scott, have expressed interest in adding to the home page as well. I would like to emphasize that my doing

the project (in best Jaycee tradition) will be a col-

laborative effort, and I encourage anyone in the chapter to help make our web site as impressive as possible.

Well, that's all for this month. Happy Easter, all. ion) will be a col-

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March 28, 1998

Dear Fellow Jaycees:

As announced at the last General Membership meeting, the 1997 Nomination Committee has concluded its search for candidates to fill the offices of next year's Board of Directors. As set forth in our by-laws, each member of the chapter is to be given written notification at least seven days prior to our annual election meeting of the candidates for each office.

The following is the list of candidates for election at our April 8th General Membership meeting:

President

Individual Development Vice President Community Development Vice President

Ways & Means Vice President Membership Vice President

Secretary Treasurer

Individual Development Director Community Development Director

Ways & Means Director

Membership Director
Dues Director

Donations Director President's Director

Steve Tingle

Tom Whiffen
Peter Sorrow

Lynn Freerksen

Christine Hebert or Linda Magovern (contested race)

(No Candidate)

Helene Savage

Gayle Workman

David Britton

Warren Cherry or Kevin Coleman

(contested race)

Mike Savage

Tracey Apgar

**Scott Rogers** 

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Elections At

General

Membership

On April 8.

Secretary and

Wise Fox Editors

still have no

candidates.

interested?

Candidates for contested offices are listed in alphabetical order. The order in which the ballot is listed is the order that each election will be held.

There are two contested positions (Membership Vice President and Ways & Means Director) at this time. However, nominations for all offices remain open until the time of the actual election, meaning that nominations can be made from the floor. Election night is Wednesday, April 8. Please participate in your elections and attend the meeting, so that you can vote for all of our Chapter's new officers!

Faithfully Submitted

Bob Hickey, Chairperson Sandy Smith Mark Emery George "Chico" DiCicco Steve Krug

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# INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

**LET'S SEE...** It is a beautiful Saturday, the temperature is about 80 degrees, I have yard work to do, kids to play with, a wife to give devotion to, a house to build, a grandmother to, well, never mind. So what



am I doing on this fine day? Writing all about the wonderful world of Individual Development!

MEETINGS & PROGRAMS - Bob Hickey -

Your attendance is cordially requested at the General Membership meeting on April 8th so that you may participate in the greatest of democratic processes - elections. You have undoubtedly received a copy of the Nomination Committee's report in the mail, so I am sure that you will join me in the excitement and anticipation of next year's Board of Directors. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL, FOLKS!! Additionally, our guest speaker will be Beverly Crocker. Beverly is our local Creative Memories Consultant and has agreed to assist us with making a Jaycees scrap book. Your assignment: Bring any and all Jaycee pictures (or even pseudo-Jaycee pics) that you would like to share with future generations and include in our Chapter scrap book. There is no cost to you, and it will be a lot of fun to do. Give me a call at 543-4046 for details.

**DEGREES OF JAYCEES** - Tracey Apgar - Get a form to update your status from Tracey! This ongoing project is a great way to be recognized and chart your progress as a Jaycee!

**PUBLIC SPEAKING** - John Zarrella - John will be evaluating the interest level of the populace and present his ideas at the next G.M.

**YOLLEYBALL** - Derek House - Going great guns at the Ahern School on Monday nights. From 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., \$5 will get you sweatin' with the oldies! For more information, call Derek!

FIRST AID / C.P.R. TRAINING - Gayle Workman - Project is currently in progress; give Gayle a call to get involved!

**INSTALLATION BANQUET** - George Di-Cicco - Our 38th annual "to do" will be back at the Foxboro Country Club on Saturday, April 25th. As always, we'll be honoring those who made this year a success, welcoming / installing those who will take us through next year, and looking good while we do Look at all these it! Chico and his committee fine activities has sent out invitations, and offered by ID. we all look forward to seeing you at this event. The Installation banquet committee has kept the cost April 25. at \$10.00 per person, with a cash bar available. If you

formation, please see Chico or anybody on his committee for details.

haven't received your invi-

tation yet or need more in-

### FOUNDERS' DAY WORKERS' PARTY -

Chairperson Needed - Is it already that time of year? We work hard, very hard, on Founders' Day. But we also have fun, lots of fun, at the workers' party that usually occurs after the field activities and before the great Glow Stick push. If you would like to host this event or be on the committee to assist, please see Bob Hickey or John Dillon!

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--- Welcome to Dave Fisler

Call Night II - Chairman needed.

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Founders' Day Membership Booth - Chairman needed.

Web Site Page - Scott Rogers- I've done extensive work on the site. Some of the changes include-

- information on the 5-K road race.
- links to other local web sites.
- Jaycees in the news-this shows Jaycees that have had their picture in the newspaper for a Jaycee activity.
- The Wise Fox in color for your enjoyment.

I've also placed many more pictures on the site. Some pictures are from the Haunted House, last year's Installation Banquet and the Pancake Breakfast. If a member has a picture that they would like posted on the site, please contact me.

Pancake Breakfast Membership Booth – I hope to see a lot of new faces at the GM. This is our last big membership drive for this Jaycee year.

Jaycee Activation Apparel - Carl Bertolino - Will the Jaycee hats be ready? Do you qualify for a Jaycee hat? Will hats be available at the GM April 8? What is the meaning of life? For answers to these questions, you must be at the GM on Wednesday, April 8.

New Members' BBQ – Lucy Wilhelm – This annual event will be held at the Wilhelm estate on May 16.

Direct Mailer II – Dave Brown – Final Report. There were some phone calls to Lynda for more information about the Jaycees. A copy of the Wise Fox was sent out and follow-up calls for the GM will be made.



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The Wise Fox editors have late-breaking news: The Dillon's have decided to tear down their old barn and to build a "state of the art" storage and meeting hall for the Jaycees. Aren't they just wonderful?!

> It's not what we do but how much love we put into it. ~ Mother Teresa

Everyone can be great because everyone can serve - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Find something you are passionate about and keep tremendously interested in it. ~ Julia Child

Wild women don't worry, they don't have no blues. ~ Ida

# A Letter From Lynda

I'd like everyone to join me in welcoming Dave Fisler to the Jaycees. Dave was sworn in at the March G.M. Dave has done a lot for us at the Haunted House for the past few years and because of his age was unable to join us until this past month. Welcome Dave and Happy 21st.

Well, this year is coming to an end, however we do have a few projects to complete this month. The Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, the 5th and the Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, the 11th. Hope to see everyone out lending a hand at these projects.

I can't believe this is my last report as President. This year went by so quickly, probably because we were all so busy. All of the proposed projects were run or will be run within the next few weeks, and none of them were under any of the vice presidents' expectations.

I would like to not only thank each of the chairmen of the projects but congratulate them on a job well done. I hope that each of you have learned from your experiences this year and will continue to help the chapter next year.

As for our board members, you all should be very proud of them as well as the V.P.'s themselves. You have each had a very successful year. Lynn you brought 23 new members into our chapter and that my friend is what keeps us ticking. Pete, you did a super job at Ways and Means, the Haunted House brought us a huge profit this year and that has helped fund some great projects. Bob, you helped carry out some fun socials as well as a few educational programs, which helped many of us make new friendships and rekindle some old ones. Chris, you had quite the list of projects in your area and because of all your hard work, Foxboro was enriched by the Jaycees for another year.

Dave, you and your committee did a super job on the donations for the year. We had a wide variety of subjects to contribute to this year. The work that you and your committee did this year enabled us to get explicit facts about the donation before voting on it, you and your committee worked very hard for us all this year, and it shows in all of the publicity we got this year as well as the thank

Tom, you had a very tough job ahead of you this year, not because of anything that past dues directors didn't do, but because of the situation with the State Jaycees. You have done a thorough job at getting them back up to speed with our membership. I actually believe that they now have me listed, only because I received my first Jaycee magazine last month since three years ago.

Lucy, thanks for everything. You did a great job as secretary this year. I know how hard it is to keep up with the many motions and votes that happen dur- because we were all ing board and general meetings, and when I asked you to look back at anything you had the

you cards that keep rolling in.

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answer for us and we all appreciated your efforts.

Steve, thanks for the support. As presidential director, you didn't direct me, but there were a couple of times that I directed you, and I appreciated the fact I knew you would be there for me.

Bill, John, Julie, and Sheri thanks for all of your work on the board. As directors, I hope that you gained some experience this year and had fun learning.

Beth, thanks for your support this year. You're the

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#### **Another letter From Lynda**

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one that brought me into this organization four years ago and it seems that I've been following in your footsteps ever since. I have always admired you and your spirit. I will continue my work here in Foxboro as I know you will in Scottsdale.

Steve, what can I say, you've done a fantastic job as treasurer this year. I remember a few months where you were at your wits end because of major computer problems, but there was never a G.M. that the facts weren't on the table, or that you didn't have an answer for any questions from the floor. I know that you will make a great President next year and I'm looking forward to being a part of your board.

Michele and Scott, I know we've had some difference of opinions this year as to what the Wise Fox should be, but overall you both did a super job at getting the word out to the membership on time in a formatted piece. Thank you both.

Thank you all for a super year and I hope to see everyone for elections during the April G.M. I wish all of the upcoming board best of luck in their new positions, and look forward to working with you.

Signing off for now.

Lynda





"It's worse than I first suspected, Mr. Binkley—you don't even have a funny bone."



"It says here you're intelligent, honest and reliable. What makes you think you'd be an asset to this company?"

### **Community Development**

# **Upcoming Projects**

SHARE (Pete Sorrow & Pauline Brown)- April 25 Road Race (Lynn Freerksen)- May 2 Pancake Breakfast (Ken Wills & Chico DeCicco)-April 5



Easter Egg Hunt (Helene Savage)- April 11
Harlem Rockets Game (Mike Savage)- April 17
Candidates' Night (Mark Emery)
Mothers' Day Essays (Julie Grant)
Teddy Bears for Tots (Scott Rogers)
Concerts on the Common (Jim Hebert)

Many thanks to the chairpeople (and their committees) of the following completed and ongoing projects:

Pete Sorrow- Camp Lincoln Hill Fence Repair
Lucy Wilhelm- Publicity Chairperson
Jim Hebert- Sand for Seniors
Dave Brown- Youth Scholarships
Pete Sorrow- Police Monument Fundraising Help

#### **CHAIRPEOPLE NEEDED:**

Founders' Day Float Founders' Day Planning Fathers' Day Essay Contest

~ Chris Hebert CDVP

# **Ways and Means Report**

Pancake Breakfast Raffle - lynda Waish founders' Day Shooting Gallery - Chairman Needed

Glow Sticks - Pauline Brown
Concessions - Chairman Needed

Pete Sorrow W & M YP

## BABY WATCH

(WHO'S EXPECTING, WHEN and GENDER)



Paula & Carl Bertolino April 18, 1998 Female

Congratulations to the Bertolino's as they enter parenthood, again!

### **Teddy Bears for Fire & Police Departments**

Scott Rogers is running a program in which the Foxboro Jaycees and other community support groups will donate teddy bears for children who require assistance from the police and fire departments. First of all, we need a catchy title for the program. We look to run this project on an annual basis. Anv suggestions, comments or interest in helping out, please contact Scott.

Also, Scott is looking for assistance with the web page, no computer skills necessary, just creative ideas.

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT by LUCY WILHELM

#### Donations:

\$50 - Take Down Booster Club

\$200 - Attleboro Red Cross Relief Fund for Attleboro Blast Victims HAPPY 21st B-DAY, DAVE!

#### Sunshine:

~A bouquet of Get Well Balloons was sent to Zachary Semple. He recently broke his back and will be "flat on his back" for quite some time. Please drop him a note if you have the time.

~A beautiful orchid plant was sent to Barbara Hyland to let her know we are thinking of her as she battles the dreaded "C" word.

#### New Members:

Dave Fisler - Welcome Dave!!!

### New Chairpeople:

Mark Emery - Candidates' Night

#### Awards:

10 years - John Zarrella

35 years - Jerry Norwood

Project of the Month - Foxboro Human Services Auction

Jaycee of the Month - Lynn Freerksen

Frog of the Month - Gayle Workman

# HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE!

# Thank you notes.....

We received a thank you note from Lorraine Garland of the Foxboro Discretionary Fund.

Only one thank you note? Everyone must be slacking off with Spring fever. Let's get going with the 5K Fun Run!



Did you know???

- --On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament Building is an American flag.
- -- All of the clocks in "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- --No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- -- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- --All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
- --Winston Churchill was born in a ladies room during a dance.
- -- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- --There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous" tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.
- --The longest place-name still in use is a New Zealand Hill called: Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateatuipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwenuakitanatahu
- --It is estimated that Americans consumed 10 million tons of turkey on Thanksgiving Day. Due to turkey's high sulfur content, Americans also produced enough gas to fly a fleet of 75 Hindenbergs from L.A. to New York in 24 hours. (non-smoking flights, of course)
- -- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- -Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- --In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
- -Al Capone's business cards said he was a used furniture dealer.
- -- The only real person to be a Pez head was Betsy Ross.
- --The Ramses brand condom is named after the great pharaoh Ramses II who fathered over 160 children.
- --When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home, the stadium becomes the state's third largest city.
- --The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life".
- -- A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.
- -- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
- -- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- -On an American one-dollar bill, there is an owl in the upper left-hand corner of the "1" encased in the "shield" and a spider hidden in the upper right-hand corner.
- -It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- -- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- -- Paul Reiser plays the piano on the "Mad About You" theme song.
- --The male gypsy moth can "smell" the virgin female gypsy moth from 1.8 miles away.
- --The name for "Oz" in "The Wizard of Oz" was thought up when creator, Frank Baum, looked at his filing cabinet and saw A-N and O-Z, hence "Oz".
- -- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- -- Mr. Rogers is an ordained minister.
- -- John Lennon's first girlfriend was named Thelma Pickles.
- -The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

- 10 Words That Don't Exist, But Should:
   Submitted by Tim Mercer
- 1. AQUADEXTROUS (ak wa deks' trus) adj. Possessing the ability to turn the bathroom faucet on and off with your toes.
- 2. CARPERPETUATION (kar' pur pet u a shun) n.
  The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string or a piece of lint at least a dozen times, reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum one more chance.
- 3. DISCONFECT (dis kon fekt') v. To sterilize the piece of candy you dropped on the floor by blowing on it, assuming this will somehow 'remove' all the germs.
- 4. ELBONICS (el bon' iks) n. The actions of two people maneuvering for one armrest in a movie theater (airplane).
- 5. FRUST (frust) n. The small line of debris that refuses to be swept onto the dust pan and keep backing a person across the room until he finally decides to give up and sweep it under the rug.
- 6. LACTOMANGULATION (lak' to man guy lay' shun) n. Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk container so badly that one has to resort to the 'illegal' sioe.
- 7. PEPPIER (pehp ee ay') n. The waiter at a fancy restaurant whose sole purpose seems to be walking around asking diners if they want ground pepper.
- 8 PHONESIA (fo nee' zhuh) n. The affliction of dialing a phone number and forgetting whom you were calling just as they answer.
- 9. PUPKUS (pup'kus) n. The moist residue left on a window after a dog presses its nose to it.
- 10.TELECRASTINATION (tel e kras tin ay' shun) n. The act of always letting the phone ring at least twice before you pick it up, even when you're only six inches away.
- -- The average person wakes up instantaneously.
- -- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- --Stewardesses is the longest word that is typed exclusively with the left hand.
- --"Testify" comes from the Roman practice of affirming the truth of a statement made in court by swearing on one's testicles.

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