

# THE WISE FOX

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 10th, 8:00 pm South Foxboro Community Center

Reasons you should go:

Budget Review  
Jonathon O'Brien - Landscaper will be speaking  
Chico's in the kitchen



Happy  
Father's  
Day!

June 21st

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# A Letter From Steve



Wow, has it been a month already? It's been a busy one for the new board as we get organized, and prepare a budget for the new Jaycees year. And, from what I've seen so far, this group is dedicated and enthusiastic.

Congratulations and welcome to new member **Michelle Fling** who was sworn in at the May G.M.

The Road Race went off without a hitch...a little rain, yes, but no hitch. Thanks to all who helped out. **Lynn Freerksen** and her committee should be commended for their hard work organizing and running ( pun intended ) the event. Not even the intermittent rain could dampen the fun of those who participated. Also happening in May was the annual New Member BBQ. **Lucy Wilhelm** and her committee didn't disappoint. The food was great and who could have guessed that the usually quiet and reserved Jaycees would be hankering to demonstrate their...uh...singing talents on the Karaoke machine until all hours of the morning? Thanks, Lucy. And thanks to everyone else who ran a project, served on a committee or who signed on to chair a project.

So if the month May has passed, that can only mean two things: Budget Meeting and Founder's Day are just around the corner. These are two very important events for the chapter, and I hope you will set aside some time to participate. The board has been busy preparing a budget proposal which will serve as a framework for the upcoming year. The proposed budget will be reviewed and voted on at the June GM.

And then there's Founder's Day - June 13th. This is a HUGE day for us and a lot of help is needed. Again this year we'll have a prize-deserving float in the parade, be running a concession stand and paint ball shooting gallery, and finish the day with Glow Stick sales. Glow Stick sales are our second largest Ways & Means source of income. If every Jaycee worked just a couple of hours the day would be a big success and everyone would still be able to enjoy the festivities.

Hope to see you in June.

Steve Tingle  
President



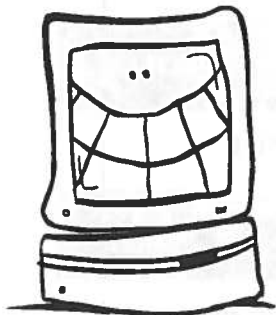
*from the editor...*

As you may have noticed, things look a bit different around here. I am happy ( I think! ) to be taking on the role as The Wise Fox editor. This publication is for all the Jaycees, I welcome any suggestions .

As I am wrapping up my first issue of the Wise Fox, I am feeling a bit nervous. Scott and Michele Rogers left a very tough act to follow. I would like to thank EVERYONE for their help and support, especially Carl Bertolino, Steve Tingle and the Rogers for answering my MANY questions and e-mails.

I would like to welcome all new members and congratulate all new board members. We have a fun and exciting year to look forward to.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer DeBrosse



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- MELISSA CONSTANTINE ~ JUNE 2
- JIM EVANS ~ JUNE 6
- THOR NEILSEN ~ JUNE 7
- PAUL O'SULLIVAN ~ JUNE 7
- TRACEY APGAR ~ JUNE 19
- MARGE ROBSON ~ JUNE 23
- PETE JAMIESON ~ JUNE 30



## Secretary's Report By Carl Bertolino

*Hi Everyone! It has been a long time since I was told to write a report for the Wise Fox and to tell you the truth, I didn't miss having to do it. Well, if you didn't know, I am the new Secretary and hopefully you will call me with all the dirt fit to print. One of my major responsibilities is to see that our Massachusetts Non-Profit Corporation Annual Report is sent out in a timely fashion. I am pleased to announce that this report was submitted to the state in the beginning of May.*

*May General Meeting - The meeting began at 8:00 pm. There were 31 members out of 110, not a bad turnout for the board's first meeting. I hope more will be able to attend as the year goes on. I know that the ID team is in the process of planning a bang up year to enthrall and excite all that come.*

*Donations: ( Scott Rogers) Scott has introduced his board to the general members. They are Sandy Emery, Dawn Wicklund, Michele Rogers, and Lauren House. This month the Donations Committee has submitted for approval the following programs:*

*Foxboro Youth Soccer Tournament held on May 23 and 24. We donated \$100 for a full-page ad in their information handout.*

*Golf Tournament for Under-Privileged Kids held on June 5 and is set up to be the best ball format.*

*Shriners Hospital Football Ad Program is set up like the All Star where only the best of the Varsity Leaguers are asked to play. Foxboro has been blessed with the addition of a few players and the Jaycees feel it right to root them on with a quarter page ad for \$95.*

*Secretary's Report: ( Carl Bertolino)*

*There is nothing new to report in this area. All is well that ends well.*

*Sunshine Fund:*

*I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support in the birth of my daughter Michaela Colleen.*

*Inventory Control: Chairman needed*

*Bob Hickey would like to see if anyone is interested in keeping track of where the Jayce equipment is stored. It wouldn't mean you'd have to keep it in your house unless that is your bag and you have a lot of wasted space to fill.*

*Wise Fox Appointment:*

*I am sorry to say that Jennifer DeBrosse did not make it to the GM so that I could parade this brave person in front of everyone but I would like to thank her for taking on this awesome task.*

*Treasurer's Report: (Helene Savage)*

*We have cash and Helene is learning the system quickly. All is well.*

*Dues Director: (Tracey Apgar)*

*Tracey is working hard and knocking on doors looking for money.*

*Membership: (Chris Hebert)*

*Mentor Program - Chairman needed*

*Jaycee Activation Apparel: Thanks to Chico, a new chairman to take on an old project.*

Secretary's Report, continued

Let's hear it for this month's new member Michelle Fling. Thanks Dave Fidler for bringing her in to meet us.

*Ways and Means:* (Lynn Freefksen)

Lynn has been able to get every project covered for Founder's Day. Concession stand will be run by Fred Badger, Glow Sticks by Pauline Brown and Shooting Gallery by Warren Cherry. Congratulations to all whom accepted the challenge and thank you.

*Haunted House:* (Pauline Brown)

The theme for this year's house will be "A Village". So far there are many great ideas to make this village come alive. Stay tuned for more.

*Individual Development:* (Tom Whiffen)

Tom and his crew are working hard to make sure that no Jaycee goes hungry or thirsty at the GM's. Keep in touch and see what is coming down the pike.

*Degrees of Jaycees:*

Tracey Apgar is working with the board. She would like to pass on this project if someone is interested.

*New Chairmen are as follows:* Paw Sox Game - Keith Magovern, Pick-Up Softball Game - Ed Groh and Bob Hickey, Softball Challenge - Ed Groh, Revolution Soccer Game - Keith Magovern, Family Day - Kevin Coleman, Canoe Trip - Steve Krug,

*Jaycee Open -* The Vice President has someone in the wings to take on this project but we are still in need of a committee. If you are interested, please call Tom or his director. There sure is a lot happening here and still more to come.

*Community Development:* (Pete Sorrow)

*Share:* Pauline Brown is pushing along with SHARE and has a lot of great packages and deals. If interested, please give her a call. Remember if you attend the GM monthly it is considered a two-hour community service project.

*Road Race:* Lynn Freerksen and her committee have done a great job and even with the rain we were able to raise \$2000 for the youth and seniors for the community of Foxboro. We promised the senior center a minimum donation so a motion was made and approved for an additional \$1500 to bring the donation to the senior center to \$2500 and a donation to the youth of Foxboro for \$1000.

*Founder's Day Planning* New Chairman for a much-needed new project - Dave Fizzler. Other projects those need chairmen Family Night OUT! On the 1st Tuesday of August, All Night Grad Party.

*Awards:*

*Project of the Month -* Pancake Breakfast

*Jaycee of the Month -* Who else but our own Past President Lynda Walsh

*Frog of the Month -* Kenny Wills for putting cold orange juice in the "Warming Ovens"

Meeting adjourned a little after 10 pm.

Congratulations to Sue Zakhary for making Foxboro's Citizens of the Year.



## INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT - TOM WHIFFEN

This will be my first of many articles on the status of ID ( Individual Development ). I'm looking forward to the challenge. ID projects are run to sometimes change and hopefully improve the lives of the individuals who are already members. If you have an idea for a new project that would fall under the area of ID please don't hesitate to let me know. I believe this will be a great year of fun and participation.

Tom Whiffen  
Individual Development

### MEETINGS & PROGRAMS - Many People

Please show up for the GM and listen to Guest Speaker Jonathon O'Brien , a Landscape and Achitect and Contactor. He will be giving advice on landscape do's and don'ts. There will also be some great food provided by chef Chico along with the usual beer and soda. The Budget will also be reviewed...be there if you want to be heard. Call me (508) 553-9687 if you'd like to help or have great ideas for a future meeting.

### DEGREES OF JAYCEES - Tracey Apgar/ Chaiman needed

This is an ongoing project, which is a great way to chart your progress and be recognized for participation. Get a Degree form from Tracey. We are currently looking for a new chairman for this project. If you could like to help please let either Tracey or me know.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING - John Zarella

The date is June 23rd at 7:00 pm at John's house. Paul Burke, a highly ranked toastmaster will be the speaker. Any questions call John at (508) 543-5937.

### VOLLEYBALL - Derek House

On it's last legs...like many of the players. The season is coming to a close. We will have a final report in the next Wise Fox. Any questions call Derek at (508) 339-3003

### FOUNDER'S DAY WORK PARTY - Tom Sawran

Immediately following the morning and early afternoon activities of Founder's Day we get rewarded for all your hard work by going over to Tom's house for a big bash. While stuffing ourselves with food and liquid refreshment we get to talk about how great we were and how great we are going to be with Glow Stick sales. A good time will be had by all. For more info call Tom at (508) 543-0087.

### PAWTUCKET RED SOX - Keith Magovern

Keith will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the next GM to attend a future PawSox game. If you're interested in batting around some early reservations give Keith a call at (508) 698-3922.

### PICK-UP SOFTBALL - Ed Groh and Bob Hickey

As soon as Volleyball ends, usually the last week of school, Jaycee field will be the place to be. Ed and Bob ( 2 of the best softball players and both regular members) will be giving us the time to meet for the first game at the next GM. Any questions call Ed at (508) 543-3250 or Bob at (508) 543-4046

### REVOLUTION SOCCER - Keith Magovern

Keith will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the next GM to attend a future Revolution game. If you're interested in kicking around some early reservations give Keith a call at (508) 698-3922.

### CANOE TRIP - Steve Krug

Steve has already passed around a sign up sheet to go on the trip. This is usually a 3-day trip with canoes, tents, camp sights, insects, and Chico. If you are still interested...call Steve at (508) 543-8526

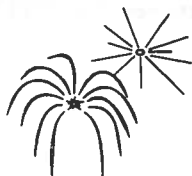
### ASSOCIATES vs. REGULARS SOFTBALL - Ed Groh

The regular members have decided they've had enough of egotistical senior citizens. They decided under the direction of General Groh that they are not going to take it easy this year on the Geritol Gang. Don't miss this exciting event! Ed will be passing around a sign-up sheet and date and time of event at the next GM. Any questions call Ed at (508) 543-3250.

### JAYCEE OPEN - Chairman needed

Annual Jaycee Golf event.

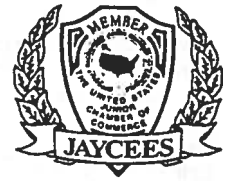
### CLAMBAKE - Chairman needed..



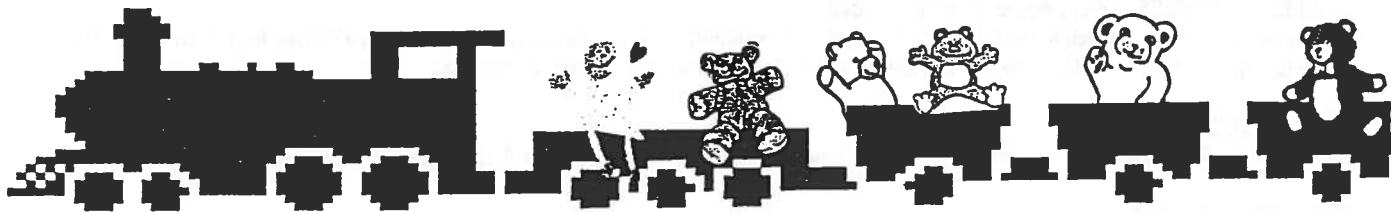


# The Teddy Transfer

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



## ALL ABOARD!



FIRST STOP: AHERN MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOXBOROUGH, MA  
OR  
THE SENIOR CENTER (COUNCIL ON AGING)



NEXT STOP: FOXBOROUGH FIRE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT



LAST STOP: HOMES OF CHILDREN WHO NEED THE LOVE OF A TEDDY BEAR.

**The Foxborough Jaycees, in conjunction with Mrs. Fitzhenry's fifth grade class and the Council on Aging, has formed the "Teddy Transfer". As some of you may know, when members of the police or fire departments go on calls, they bring teddy bears with them to comfort children during a frightening situation.**

**The "Teddy Transfer" involves the collection of teddy bears, dolls or other stuffed animals. We are asking you to help us gather as many bears as we can, so that we may provide the Foxborough Fire and Police Departments with a steady flow of bears. You can assist us by dropping bears off at the first train stop, Ahern School or the Senior Center. We'll be sure to get your bears on their way to a child who needs it. Thank you for your help in this charitable project.**

Please note: We can only accept brand new bears. Also, please be sure that they are "child-safe", i.e. no button eyes that can fall off and be swallowed.

For additional information contact Scott Rogers at the Foxboro Jaycees, 543-0712

[www.ici.net/customers/fjaycees](http://www.ici.net/customers/fjaycees)

*Ways and Means*

By  
Lynn Freerksen

**Help Wanted**

**Must love children, paintball and noise**

**Founders Day Shooting Gallery - Warren Cherry Warren is fixing the shooting gallery and adding new bells and whistles. This popular attraction is a lot of fun to work so sign up today.**

**Help Wanted**

**Looking for energetic, enthusiastic persons for fast paced:**

**Founders Day Concessions - Fred Badger/Jim Hebert Fred and Jim are putting the finishing touches on the Founder's Day menu. Sign up and sling some hash with all your friends.**

**Help Wanted**

**Perks include wearing glow things on your head, being the center of attention for a mob of children and adults, and wearing glowing things around your neck.**

**Founder's Day Glow Sticks - Pauline Brown 30 to 40 people are needed to help sell the 4000+ glow sticks from 7-9:30 pm. There's nothing like out into that sea of glow around the field before the fireworks and knowing that you helped make that possible. Get glowing and sign up today.**

**Help Wanted**

**Clever, imaginative, strange, bloodthirsty, weird, wild, mad, crazed persons needed for:**

**1998 Haunted House - Pauline Brown The Haunted Village is the theme for this year. As of this printing there is only one room left to haunt. Get in on the ground floor of this annual event. Next meeting to be announced soon.**

**WEB SITE: [www.ici.net/customers/fjaycees](http://www.ici.net/customers/fjaycees)**

By the time you read this the Foxboro Jaycees' Web Site will have received over 1000 hits - CONGRATULATIONS

Additions to the Web Site for May:

New Members Link:

- 1. Michaela and Theresa Bertolino

Jaycees in the News:

- 1. Gayle and Christopher Workman - presenting Dave Healey with a CPR video.
- 2. Bob Hickey - moderating candidate's night.
- 3. Susan Zakhary - receives Citizen of the Year from South Foxboro Community Center.
- 4. Cathy Hickey - mentor and new Metco tutor.
- 5. Julie Grant - presents prizes to the winners of the Mother's Day essay contest.
- 6. Heather Tingle - working at the mail carriers Food collection for the Discretionary Fund.

Wise Fox Monthly Newsletter:

The last three issues of the Wise Fox were placed on the website. The roster isn't on the site and I tried to edit out other sensitive material. The last two months are in color. In the near future, Bob Gillis will be taking over the web site. Till then, you can contact me with suggestions, comments, and pictures to be placed on the web site. Scott Rogers

**DONATIONS COMMITTEE - I would like to welcome new members of**

**the Donation Committee: Sandy Emery, Joan Ferris, Lauren House,**

**Michele Rogers and Dawn Wicklund. In addition, I would like to thank**

**them for taking on the extra responsibility for this important and**

**challenging committee.**

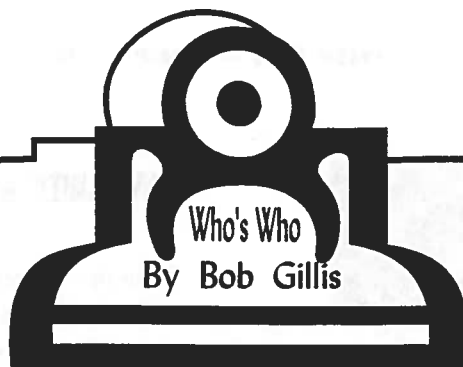
**Scott Rogers - Donations Director**

**Teddy Transfer**

**- formerly Teddy Bear Program - it's named and up and running. See flyer for additional information.**

**Scott Rogers**





## June 1998 - Dave Fisler

Well, the rain has finally stopped, the sun is back and it looks like Spring has really arrived. By the time you read this the chapter will be deep into Founder's Day activities, and lots of help is needed. Please assist in any way you can - helping with the float, selling concessions, manning one of the booths on the field, or selling glow-sticks. It's a lot of fun.

As I began a second year of "Who's Who" I'd first like to congratulate new Wise Fox editor Jen DeBrosse for having the courage to take on this project. As I often saw from speaking with Michele and Scott Rogers, editorship of a monthly newsletter (especially for a chapter as busy as ours) is a daunting and challenging project. We wish Jen every success (and everyone, let's try to get those articles in on time, okay?).

Before proceeding further, as this is the first issue of a new year, it seems appropriate to explain again that "Who's Who" is a fun way to introduce new members to the chapter, and a great way for veteran members to be recognized for their impressive accomplishments. I want to reiterate that "Who's Who" is not "Hard Copy" and I will not put anything in here you don't want to see. I print what you want to print, and we keep it light and fun.

In reviewing the last year of Who's Who I found that nearly all of the profiles mentioned the haunted house. It's amazing how many new members this one mega-event has brought to the chapter, and this month's profile is no exception. New member DAVID FISLER, like Thor Nielson, has been associated with the Jaycees for a long time but was unable to formally join because he was not yet 21.

Dave joined the Jaycees this past March at that GM, but has been a familiar face at several chapter events, most notably the haunted house, for a few years.

"Joe Catalano told me the Jaycees needed help at the haunted house," Dave begins. "Along with Peter Saint Lauren and Steve Krug, I did electrical maintenance at the house." Indeed, Dave is a very familiar and omnipresent figure at the house; and for months before and all during the event, you'll see him setting up, getting materials, fixing wiring, checking switches and connections, and making sure that the electricity is flowing where it should be.

But what about shocks? Electricity is very dangerous and there's always a danger of even the best electricians getting shocked.

"Oh, we get shocked occasionally," Dave says. "The tools are insulated and we're very careful." He adds that electricians learn never to take another person's word that the power is really off, but always check it themselves.

"Sounds like the number of people killed by 'unloaded' guns." I say.

"Exactly," Dave concurs. "You always check it out yourself."

He continues that one of his greatest challenges is the large electrical panel behind the stage at the haunted house, which has shocked him on more than one occasion.

Although he is a very competent and professional electrical engineer, Dave has no great love for the antiquated electrical panel.

"How old is that thing, anyway?" I ask.

Dave smiled. "Let me put it this way. My grandfather ran a hotel in Sharon and he had one just like it to power the place. It's at least pre-Vietnam."

Dave is very generous with his time for the chapter, and does electrical work not only for the haunted house but at Camp Lincoln Hill, and wherever else he's needed.

Dave works for Galloway Electric in Needham, and also for himself at Fisler Electric. He explains that being an electrician has changed a great deal in the past ten years. It's not just wires and switches anymore. "Things are far more integrated. I do data lines, security systems, home theater...if it involves a wire, I do it."

The Dedham resident says he joined the Jaycees because he saw "Good people and good causes." He adds, "I enjoy helping people. I ran the 5K in less than half an hour, did the bike marathon with Chico, sold Christmas trees..." Dave adds that, "If it's a decent cause, I'll work for it."

In his spare time - of which he admits there is little - he enjoys gardening, biking, hiking, and games that challenge the mind, like cards and chess. Expect to see him at many of the upcoming Jaycee summer events.

Well, that's all for this month. Congratulations and best wishes again to the new board. New members, I invite you to be profiled in who's who. It takes ten minutes on the phone and is painless. My number is 543-9435.

To that mysterious member who is still (playfully?) dodging who's who, I have another year to interview you, so watch out!

There's a lot of Jaycee activities this summer, and help is needed. Let's make this one of the best years in Jaycee history.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## SHARE PROGRAM - PAULINE BROWN

Next month's share date is June 27th, the special is six eight ounce steaks for \$13.00 with the purchase of a regular or vegetarian package. If you are interested please call Pauline before June 15th, call-in day.

## BUILDING AT CAMP LINCOLN HILL - PETE SORROW

The repairs should be finished by mid-July.

## POLICE MONUMENT REPORT/ FINAL - PETE SORROW

The dedication ceremony was held on Memorial Day on the common. The stone is very nice and has already been landscaped by the town.

## FOUNDER'S DAY FLOAT - LYNDA WALSH

The float is coming along well. Hope to see you all there.

## FOUNDER'S DAY PLANNING - DAVE FISLER

Dave will be giving everyone a call to set-up manpower for founder's day activities. Please be generous with your time and lend a hand. We need people to man the concession stand, shooting gallery and to sell glow sticks before fireworks.

## CABLE ACCESS GRANT/ FAMILY NIGHT OUT - CATHY HICKEY - KEVIN COLEMAN

There will be free activities and resources for all ages with the theme of "Anti Drugs and Violence in our Community". Family night will be held on the common August 4th, from 6 till 9 pm. We are looking for committee members, If interested please call Cathy or Kevin.

## SENIOR CENTER MOVE - PETE SORROW

The seniors are all moved into their new building. The moving was over by noon.

Sincerely,

C.D.V.P. Pete Sorrow

## PUBLIC SPEAKING



ARE YOU AFRAID OF SPEAKING IN PUBLIC?

NEED TO KNOW WHEN TO ADD A JOKE OR STORY IN THE MIX?

WANT TO GET EVERYONE'S UNDIVIDED ATTENTION?

THEN...

DON'T MISS THIS PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM!

TIME, 7:00 PM

DATE, JUNE 23RD

PLACE, JOHN ZARELLA'S HOUSE

SPEAKER, PAUL BURKE ( HIGHLY RANKED TOASTMASTER)

MORE INFO, JOHN ZARELLA AT (508) 543-5937

*MEMBERSHIP - CHRIS HEBERT*

PLEASE JOIN ME IN GIVING A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER, MICHELLE FLING  
GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD MICHELLE!

Thanks go to the chairpeople of these recently completed Membership projects:

Scott Rogers (Jaycee Web Site)  
Carl Bertolino ( Activation Apparel)  
Lucy Wilhelm ( Pancake Breakfast Membership Booth & New Members' BBQ )

A new chairperson is needed for the Mentor Program - please see me or the Membership Director, Mike Savage, if interested.

Please to be sure to volunteer and hour or two at the Founders Day Membership Booth...contact Dave Britton to reserve a time.

See you all at Founders Day!

Chris Hebert  
MVP

*Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day. - Sally Koch*

*From what we get we can make a living, what we give, however, makes a life. - Arthur Ashe*