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Happy Thanksgiving!



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you...

By the time you receive this WiseFox, the Haunted House colds and sore throats should be subsiding and everyone should be fully rested. Pauline Brown and her committee did a super job and the contribution by members of this chapter, family, friends, the local youths and Dean students was fantastic. I would like to thank each and every person who helped out on this huge project and contributed to its success. Your actions and commitment speak volumes about the strength and quality of the Foxboro Jaycees and this community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thanks to my fellow board members. I am proud of the depth of your participation in the Haunted House and your willingness to go the extra mile. It is very satisfying to me to know that I can count on you.

This month we have a number of new members, several of whom are familiar faces to this chapter and a number of whom the Haunted House is their first Jaycee activity. All of these individuals have had a major presence at the House this year and for that we are appreciative and grateful. Please extend a hardy welcome to new members: Gerry McNamara Jr., Sharyn Higginbotham, Dave Healy, George W. Gould, Andrea Cummings, Bill Hall, Pat MacKay, Frank Monett Jr., Ryan L. Melber.

Nominatons for September Project of the Month included:

The Teddy Transfer Family Day

Congratulations September Project of the Month - Jaycee Open

Nominationn for Jaycee of the Month included:

Dave Fisler Lynda Walsh Helene Savage Mike Savage

Congratulations September Jaycee of the Month - Warren Cherry

As part of the state re-organization process there will be a Massachusetts Jaycee statewide membership meeting on November 21, 1998 in Taunton. Anyone wishing to attend can contact me or James Calder @ (978) 692-6986. I am told that the rebuilding effort is moving forward and it is hoped that a new state organization will be in place by January. Anyone who would like to get involved should contact Eric Corey, the state steering committee chairman @ (508) 549-0868.

So now its on to the rest of our Fall calendar of events. We have some of our favorite social and community projects coming up. There are still project chair and committee positions available so what are you waiting for. Mark your calendars now for the next GM, November 11th. Hope to see you there.

Steve Tingle



I am writing my report a little late this month and I would like to first start with an apology to Jen. But if I wrote my report on time I would not have the ability to tell you that on the last night of the Haunted House I had a chance to talk to the National VP in charge of the revamping of the Massachusetts State Jaycees and it was very informative. Now I usually do not get excited about national, or even state officers for that matter, but this person said she has actually has seen our newsletter and she was amazed on the amount of energy and enthusiasm the Foxboro Jaycee's have in so many areas of the community. I would like to thank the VP's for writing their reports and getting the message out on what is happening in their areas, and to Jen for getting the information together and broadcasting it to the world. This information hopefully will be used to show that the Foxboro Jaycees are a vibrant chapter and that we want to really prosper in local government, schools, children's issues, senior citizens, and even a good party now and again. Now on to the minutes...

The meeting start at 8 PM. 33 members attended. Due to the start of the Haunted House it was a fairly quick meeting. Old Business, The Septic System has been fixed and flushing properly. Bill Hyland Memorial Fund - Some of Bill's friends ran a Golf Tournament and raised a considerable amount of money. \$11,000 has been added to the funds that the Jaycees are managing and they will be having a meeting with Bill's wife and the town's officials as to the wherefore and etc. for the skate parks. No New Business

Secretary Report Carl Bertolino - Nothing new here and everything is running well.

Treasurer's Report Helene Savage - "Need cash desperately. Can't wait for the Haunted House to start"

Membership Report Mike Savage was standing in for Chris Hebert. We had a new member join this month. Next time you see him say hello to Frank "Bones".

Ways and Means Lynn "Freakiness" - Haunted House is starting and we need Manpower for concession and the house so stop by and stay a while.

Community Development Dave Briton was standing in for Pete Sorrow. CYO Basketball - Paul Howard will talk to Dave Fisler and see what he can do to help. Lynn will take on Senior Appreciation Day. Matt Ferguson will chair Nativity Scene Set-up. Remember this will be held on Saturday after Thanksgiving so come out and give him a hand. Santa Phone - Bob Hickey will chair this project. Caroling on the Common - Linda Magovern will be looking for proper voice and improper voice so come out and sing. Santa on the Commons - Sue Zakhary will be chairing this project again. Come out and give her your support for the children. Adopt a Kid for Christmas - Michelle Rogers will be buying presents for a needy child in Foxboro.

Individual Development Tom Whiffen - Many people took on holiday projects. Haunted House Break-Up Party - Kenny Wills has taken on the awesome task of feeding approx. 100 and keeping them happy. The date will be Nov 7 at the HH. Progressive Dinner - Sandy Emery will be making sure everyone has holiday cheer. Kid's Christmas Party - Helene Savage will let our kids know that the Jaycees appreciated them throughout the year. This is a way of thanking them for allowing their parents to come out and help within the community.

Project of the Month Jaycee of the Month Frog of the Month Gold Tournament Warren Cherry

Mike Savage, for eating his wife's Birthday Cake

Meeting Ended at 9PM

Ways & Means ~ Lynn Freerksen

Good Evening, the spirits have been waiting for you... (Sorry, old habits die hard, but I found saying this gets rid of those pesky telemarketers real quick).

I can't say enough about how well everything went this year. Pauline did an outstanding job of running the show. Everyone who helped out, Jaycee or not, put in a tremendous effort and made the whole show run smoothly. I am writing this on the last night of the Haunted House, there are no figures yet, but more info. will be available at the GM. Again, thanks to all. OUTSTANDING!

1998 Haunted House Concessions - Helene Savage/Tracey Apgar
These two were a force to be reckoned with.
Concessions made more this year than any other. I
can't wait to see the final figures on this project also.

1998 Christmas Tree Sales - Sheri Duarte
Help may be needed to fix up Camp Lincoln Hill so that
we can sell the trees there this year. More details
will be available at the GM.

General Meeting
Wednesday November 11, 1998
South Foxboro Community Center
8:00 pm

Who's Who, by Bob Gillis November 1998.

First things first; I'd like to spread the word now that come next May, with the changing of the board, I'd like to pass off "Who's Who" at that point to anyone willing to take up the task. At that point I'll have been doing it for two years and I feel it'll be time for a change, and the time of yearly change seems to be good timing. So if you're interested, please let me know – I'd really like to see someone pick this up next May.

In the wonderful world of the world wide web, We have nearly 1400 "hits" (visits) to the Jaycee site at this writing. I am happy with the work done on the Jaycee web site so far, and I hope you are too. This project has been a *blast* for me and I'm using a lot of lunch hours to get creative on the site. I'm scanning in pictures as I get them, and encourage you to lend me your pictures for one day so that I scan them in. It doesn't have to be haunted house pictures – any Jaycee activity or event will look good up there. I'm already thinking of some fun stuff to do with all the Christmas activities that are upcoming. (By the way, scanning works just like a photo copy machine so your picture will be unharmed.)

As I write this it's Saturday October 24, and we put a record 1200+ people through the house tonight. Pauline and Lynda (and everyone else!) you've done a hell of a job; the house is running better than ever and many of my groups are now saying, "Better than last year!" It's easy to be excited when the house is running so well and so many people are having such a good time.

Speaking of the house, I caught up with this month's who's who interviewee, Chris Mullen, and we both removed make-up after last night's show.

Chris is a veteran Jaycee for five years. He and his wife Debbie have two children: Jillian, who's 16, and Alexandria, 4. Another Haunted House lover, Chris has won the coveted "Most creative and artistic" award twice, with his Indiana Jones based "King Inky Minky" and "Jaws" sets. His friend and "partner in crime" Bill Wivell, who is not a Jaycee, has helped Chris our many times, and even played the role of "Salty" in the Jaws room several years back. This year, of course, Chris' room is the "Children of the Corn" set with Farmer Mullen. His set boasts evil dirt, evil corn, evil cows and goats, and most frightening of all, evil manure.

Born and raised in Foxboro, Chris works for the Tree and Park Department. His initial contact from the Jaycees was on call night, when Patty O'Hara ("who sounded so sweet on the phone," he remarks) told him about the Jaycees. "Sure, I'll go!" he told her, not knowing what to expect. "This was right before the haunted house," he explains. "That's where I was sworn in." In addition to helping found the share program and working on many projects, he calls his work on the award winning Founder's Day float with the live band "one of the highlights of my Jaycee career."

Chris has served as membership director, and helped design the course for the road race. But clearly, he loves the haunted house.

"It's great to see new people coming to the haunted house," he says, adding that it's wonderful to see the veterans as well. "But [the haunted house] is a major commitment," he says. "You're giving up a month and a half of your life."

Chris is clearly very dedicated to making his room the very best it can be. "Today," he explains, "I came down early after work, around 4, to do some

tweaking. I replaced a bulb in one of the pumpkins, spray-pained some tiles in the ceiling that didn't look good, and added flame-retardant to the corn." It's important to Chris that his set always looks good; it's his strong conviction that EVERY group deserves the best possible show, a point he drives home to the kids working in his room.

"I can't say enough good things about the kids working my room with me this year," he says. "Without the kids it just wouldn't work. Angela, Bobby, Richard

and Timmy are flexible and just awesome."

Chris adds, that Brian, another one of the room kids, deserves a lot of credit for learning the lighting system and making everything work so well. "Those kids are so good," Chris praises. He adds that while everyone tends to focus on just the guides and room people, the kids – maze monsters, light-switchers, noise-makers—all help enhance the show.

Chris concludes that he believes the competition between rooms is "very healthy." He adds that he sees quality in every room, and the competition can only make the rooms better – and that makes for a better show.

Chris, as always, it was great talking to you!



Dawn Cleveland ~ November 5
Carl Bertolino ~ November 11
Bob Gillis ~ November 19
Chris Cronin ~ November 22
Dave Brown ~ November 29

Any Jaycees having a birthday in December? Let Jen D. know: 543-5815

Community Development

by David Britton

By the time you read this report the 1998 Haunted House, "The Village," will be completed. Congratulations to Pauline, Lynda and their committee for making this years Haunted House a success.

Thanks for everyone who volunteered to chair a CD project during the holidays. I hope you can find a project that you would like to chair or assist with, we can use your help. Also, if anyone has any old CPG's from any CD holiday projects please give them to Pete Sorrow or Dave Britton, many of the new chairmen our asking for them.

CHAIRMEN NEEDED

Camp Lincoln Hill Clean-up - Chairmen needed

Winter Common Upgrade - Chairmen Needed

Each year during the holidays we decorate the Common with holiday decorations such as ribbons and lights.

HELP NEEDED

Share Project - Pauline Brown

Pauline is always looking for people to assist her monthly in preparing the SHARE packages. Give her a call at (508) 285-5466.

Teddy Transfer - Scott Rodgers

With the new school year just beginning, Scott is busy getting the Aherns students onboard with collecting Teddy Bears in their classrooms. If any Jaycees would like to donate a Teddy please see Scott.

CYO Basketball Clinic - Dave Fisler

Senior Appreciation Day - Lynn Freerkson

We lie to run this project in February, its a way for us to give back to our senior citizens in town. We provide them with a day out that includes a hot meal and entertainment.

Nativity Scene Repair/Setup - Matt Ferguson

It requires you to put together a committee that is responsible for setting up and taking down the Nativity scene in the Common. Also, to make any repairs such as painting, last year the Nativity set had some extensive repairs and should not require any this season.

Community Development, cont.

Santa Phone - Bob Hickey

This is a fun project that really excites the children. Santa calls them on the telephone to find out if them have been naughty or nice and what they would like for Christmas.

Caroling on the Common - Linda Magovern

Discretionary Fund Fruit Baskets - Michele Rodgers

Santa on the Common - Susan Zachary

Adopt a Kid for Christmas - Michele Rodgers

If you would like anymore information on any of these project or would like to chair one of them please give Pete Sorrow or David Britton a call.



Kid's Christmas Party

If you are interested in the Kid's Christmas Party, please call Helene with your children's names and ages.

Date: To Be Announced

Individual Development By Tom Whiffen

<u>Ski Trip</u> - January 28 - February 1 (Cheryl Cushman)

Annual excursion to Sunday River. Lift tickets, slopeside condos and nightly parties...don't miss it. Contact Cheryl for more information.

<u>Haunted House Break-up Party</u> - Nov. 7th 6:00pm @ the H. House (Kenny Wills)

Come enjoy the skits, video, dancing and food.

<u>Kids Christmas Party</u> - (Helene Savage)

Committee has been formed; dates will be announced at the next GM. (See ad in this Wise Fox).

<u>Progressive Dinner</u> - December 5 (Sandy Emery)

Committe is being formed. \$20.00 per person, (see page ad).





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

PAULA BERTOLINO

ANDREA CUMMINGS

GEORGE GOULD

BILL HALL

DAVE HEALY

SHARYN HIGGINBOTHAM

PAT MACKAY

GERALD MCNAMARA

RYAN MELBER

FRANK MONETT

BRIAN SOUCY

MONA VIEIRA

MEMBERSHIP

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to our newest members, many of whom were sworn in at the Haunted House. Welcome to the Jaycees!

MEMBERSHIP PROJECTS

Who's Who (Bob Gillis)- Read all about your fellow Jaycees each month in this informative monthly item.

Jaycee Activation Apparel (Chico)- If anyone has participated in a Community Development or Ways & Means project, but hasn't received their t-shirt, please let Chico or me know.

Web Site Page (Bob Gillis)- Bob has been updating the Jaycee website page- be sure to check it out at http://home.ici.net/~fjaycees. It looks awesome!

CHAIRPEOPLE NEEDED

Mentor Program Activation Chairman

Call Night

Please see Mike Savage or me if you'd like to chair one of these projects.

~Chris hebert Membership Vice-President

Come on Back and Join the Foxboro Jaycees and Friends for our 26th ANNUAL SKI TRIP!

WHEN:

January 28th - January 31st, 1999 (Super Bowl Weekend)

WHERE:

Sunday River Ski Resort - Bethel, Maine

COST:

\$240 Per Person

DEPOSIT:

\$50 By December 1st - Balance Due 1/10/99

Checks Payable to: Sunday River Ski Resort

-OR- Pay by Credit Card!

WHAT YOU GET:

- Slopeside Condos 3 nights (4/room) w/full kitchen *****No guarantees of being in one condo complex location****
- Large Clubroom w/Fireplace, Indoor Pool, Jacuzzi & Sauna
- 3 Day Lift Ticket
- Saturday Night Pizza Party
- Beer & Wine provided for Friday & Saturday @ Rec. Room ONLY
- Fireworks
- Tax & Gratuity
- Breakfast & Lunch in Condo or @ area Restaurants/Cafeterias
- Friday Night Pot Luck Supper or @ area Restaurants
- This is a great trip for Non-Skiers also!
- Non-Skiers get "Sunday River Bucks" to spend @ mountain shops
- Cross Country Skiing, Ice Skating & Tubing available
- Guaranteed Learn-To-Ski Programs available

Deposits and Questions:

Paul Kelly @ 207-928-2124 / Cheryl Cushman @ 508-543-6983 Paul Kelly, Ski Trip Chairman