

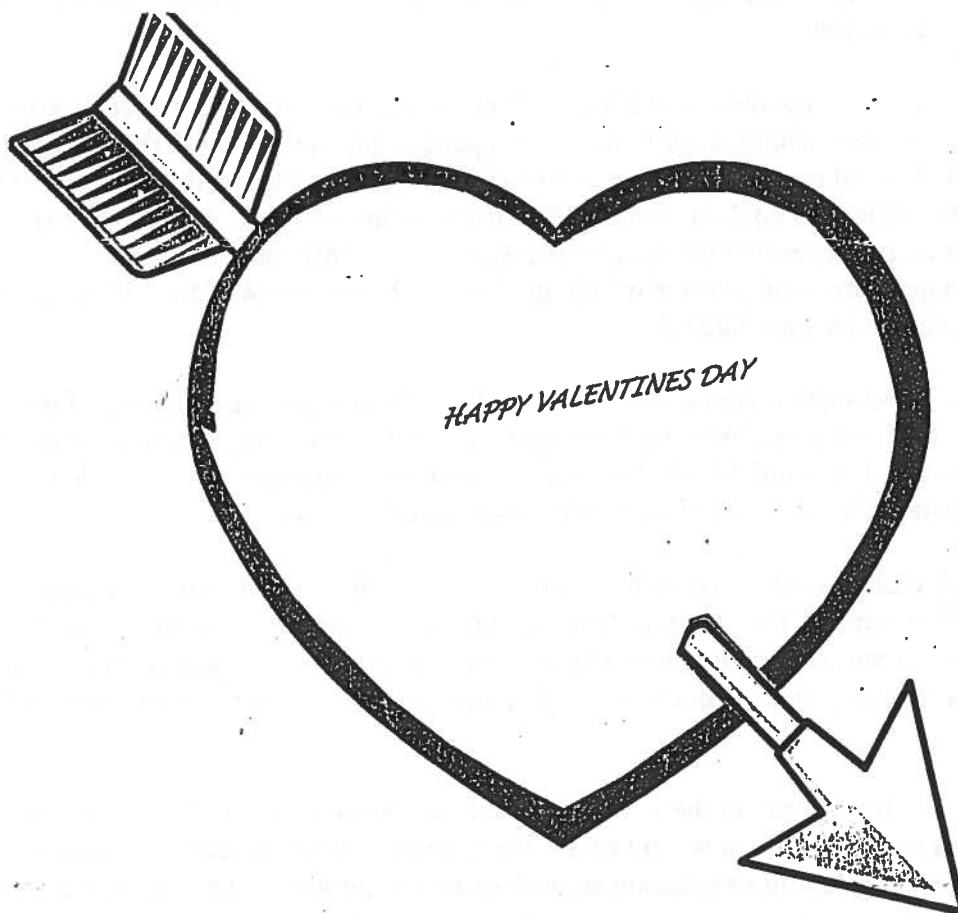
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Letter from the Desk of the President

Hi Everyone,

Things seem to be slowing down with the cold chill of winter howling around us. The board has been busy going over the budget and trying to figure out what is our true financial status is, trying to close some of our winter projects, and looking for chairmen for spring projects.

In the great spirit of the Jaycees, we have a tag team developing in the area of Individual Development. Keith Magovern, Bob Hickey, and Dave Fisler are working together to put on a great seminar. This conference will consist of How to Plan a Project, How to Plan for the Unexpected, How To Be a Good Manager and many other topics similar to these. I hope that this small snippet of what is to come will peak your interest or tickle your pallet. Oh yes, I think there will be beverages and food there but don't quote me. Call the chairmen and get involved.

Other projects that Dave will be trying to get off the ground are "Game Night and or Scat Night" and "Night at the Track" just to name a few. During the tail end of winter, or what is suppose to be the tail end of winter, everyone is still hunkered down in their house only coming out to shovel a driveway or buy milk or maybe loaf of bread for that fierce winter storm. I say laugh at Mother Nature. Venture out of the house. Come and celebrate that you do not have to buy ice to keep your beverages cold. (Tip: snow is cold)

Talking about cold snow, my Ways and Means VP has wandered home from a weekend of Jaycee skiing. He had on his face what looked to me to be a permanent smile. I think this happened for one of two reasons 1) He had a very good time that weekend laughing and having fun. Or 2) He went really fast down the slope on a cold day that his face froze in that position. It does not matter either way. He makes a great spokesman for the Jaycees with his big smile on his face. Membership is trying to get some new projects off the ground and bring in new blood. If we get new blood then we should also receive new IDEAS.

The Community Development area is now winding down form a fast moving pace of the holiday season. Most of the books are closed for the projects but if you have any outstanding receipts or CPGs please get them into the board ASAP. Lets take some of the pressure off of Michele Rogers by having all the information that she needs before she comes calling to you.

One project that I was pleased to see with a good strong Co-Chair is Pancake Breakfast. I was happy to see Tom Whiffen and Tom Sawran pick-up this project. They should do well with this project. I hope that some of you newer members will join their committee. You will receive great training on how to run a Jaycee project through experience and maybe next year you can take on this project on your own.

Another project that is to be run in the future but must be looked at now is Concert on the Common. This is a series of Concerts that we put on for the Community that is free of charge with the explicit means to give good family entertainment, a lot of Jaycee publicity, and fun. Since no one has taken on this project I have taken the initiative and booked the bands for the coming season. The following groups are schedule so far this season: Foxboro High School Jazz Band, Chris Pappas, The Reminisants, Horns in the House, Irish Festival (donated by Roberts Funeral Home), and possibly an "Open-Mike" Night. This is looking like a great start to the summer and I know I can not wait for all this to happen.

Now, it has been rumored that the board and/or specifically me have been willing and wildly slashing the Community Development budget. Let me say this, "It is not true". Helene Savage has been working hard in finding chairmen for all the projects that are listed within her area. The first one that comes to mind is "Youth Basketball Pancake Breakfast". Helene and Bob Hickey made phone calls to perspective chairmen that she thought could take on such a monstrous project, do it well, and be able to head a committee and work with the Area VP. Her first time around making phone calls were to no avail. Everyone was busy and no one could make the time commitment that this project requires.

She called me to see what options were available to her. I gave her four:

1. She could personally run the project (which I did not want or expect since she is a member of the board and a new mother.)
2. She could maybe think of a few more people that might be interested and call them.
3. Look for a Team to take on the challenge.
4. Cancel the project.

It was not my hope that this project gets canceled. It has a history in this town for over 25 years. I do not even think a lot of members of the Jaycees have lived in this town for that long. Needless to say if any of my VPs have worked tirelessly to find a person to run a project and they could not, and can consciously say they have tried their best, then the project should not be run. This is my personal decision and one I think that the board will back me on. This decision is not made on a whim but by the actions of the chapter. We are a volunteer organization to teach leadership management training skills. The board or I should not have to taunt you, the general members into running a project. Please consider taking on the responsibility and become a chairman... for the good of the Chapter and for the good of the community.

Carl Bertolino

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By
Elise Behn

Minutes for the January general meeting:

A motion was made and passed to donate \$100 to Robert Butler and his Eagle Scout Project. This project entailed designing and building a weather shelter in the State Park.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$75 to the Attleboro Junior All American Football League. They are expected to install lights at the Walsh football field.

A motion was made and passed to transfer the Pancake Breakfast Placemat Project to the Youth Basketball Committee for one year.

Awards:

Project of the Month: Web site by Bob Gillis

Jaycee of the Month: David Fisler

Frog of the Month: Tom Whiffen

Membership Awards:

5 years:

Bill King, David Britton, and Jim Philbin.

10 years:

Paul O'Sullivan, Bob and Jane Webster, Gordon Wilhelm, Ed Groh, Peter St. Laurent, and Tom Sawran.

Vin Mitchell...Congratulations on 23 years!!

Sunshine Fund:

A card was sent to Mary Jackson. Her father past away recently. Our thoughts and prayers and with her and her family.

The Foxboro Jaycees sent a card to the O'Sullivan family for their loss. Paul O'Sullivan's father recently past away. Also, donation has been sent to Hospice of Boston in memory of Daniel O'Sullivan, with our deepest sympathy.

CPG Review:

The review has begun!!!! Bob and his committee had their first meeting to organize the CPG's. They plan to continue their endeavor, if you wish to be a part, please contact Bob Hickey at 543-4046.

THANK YOU

Dear Foxboro Jaycees Scholarship Committee,

I wanted to thank you again for granting me a scholarship that has aided me in my pursuit for higher education here at the College of the Atlantic. The past semester was an excellent time of personal and educational growth for me, especially as a member of the scientific community. This semester is proving to be even more challenging and rewarding as I look forward to future opportunities. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Katrina Zarrella

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WISE FOX REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2000

By Helene Savage

Share Program-Pauline Brown

If you would like to order a package for this month's distribution, please contact Pauline at (508) 285-5462 by February 7. Packages for this month will be distributed on February 19. If you missed the deadline for this month, the deadline for next month is March 6.

Teddy Transfer-Pam Hogan

If you have any ideas for Pam on the distribution of teddies, please give her a call!

Sand for Seniors-Bob Hickey

Bob and his helpers are very busy making deliveries of sand and salt to seniors around town. If you have a friend or family member in town that needs a delivery, please give Bob a call!

*** New Year's Baby Gift/Final Report-Linda Magovern**

Foxboro's first baby was born on January 5, 2000. Linda has awarded the parents of the child with gift certificates donated by the Jaycees and local businesses. Thanks to Linda for making this a successful project!

American Red Cross Blood Drive/Final Report-Linda Magovern

Linda helped organize a Blood Drive that was held at St. Mark's Church on February 3. Thanks to Linda and her committee for their hard work with this project!

Pancake Breakfast-Tom Whiffen and Tom Sawran

Our own juice guys have graciously volunteered to run the breakfast this year, although I can't seem to convince them to donate any Nantucket Nectars! If you would like to assist Tom and Tom with the preparations for this year's event, please give them a call.

Concerts on the Common-Carl Bertolino

Carl has been hard at work over the last few weeks booking bands for this summer's concert series. The following are the acts that he has booked for this year:

June 15-Foxboro High School Jazz Band

June 22-The Reminisants

June 29-Kristina Pappas

July 6-Horns in the House

July 13-Irish Night (Sponsored by Roberts Funeral Home)

July 20-Open Mike Night

If you have a friend or family member that would be interested in participating in Open Mike Night (or maybe you would like to show off your own talents), please give Carl a call! Thanks to Carl for all of the great work.

A chairman is needed for the following upcoming projects:

**Candidates Night
Senior Appreciation Day
Youth Scholarships**

If you are interested in becoming the chairman or participating in any Community Development Project, please contact VP Helene Savage.

Way\$ and Mean\$

Tom Whiffen

• **Meat Raffle - *Frank Monett***
More info at the next GM.

• **Harlem Rockets- *Tom Whiffen/ Dave Britton***
The game will be held in March at the High School gymnasium. We will be running concessions and a raffle. For more info call Tom Whiffen at (508) 553-9687

Membership Report

February 2000

By: David Britton

Who's Who – Derrick House

Mentor Program – Mike Savage is continuing to assign new members to more experienced members. If you are an existing member that would like to mentor someone please see Mike.

Jaycee Activation Apparel – Chico, If you worked a project and do not have a JC T-shirt see Chico or me and we will get you one.

Web Site Page – Bob Gillis, If you have not seen the site in a while check it out. Bob is constantly adding and changing the look. The site is <http://home.ici.net/~fjaycees/>. We are also looking at the cost of getting our own domain; more information will be available at the GM.

Activation Chairman – Chris Hebert

JC Membership Information Social - chairman needed, Inplace of JC Week, we will be contacting the local churches and ask for permission to have a coffee/donut social after mass. I would like to get a few members at each of these events to talk about why they joined the Jaycees and their experiences. I am thinking about having this social at the Bethany, St. Marks, St. Mary's in Foxboro and Mansfield. If anyone is interested in chairing this project, member of these parishes or would like to help out please let me know.

Membership Booth at the Pancake Breakfast – Linda McGovern, Linda has agreed to chair the Membership Booth at the pancake breakfast. This is a good opportunity for us to try to recruit new members. Linda will be raffling off an autographed New England Revolution shirt to anyone over 21 that gives her their name, address and phone number.

BRING IN A FRIEND OR CO-WORKER

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS, BRING A FRIEND OR CO-WORKER TO FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. IF THEY JOIN YOU RECEIVE A COMMENTARY JC MUG AND THE NEW MEMBER RECEIVES A T-SHIRT.



Individual Development

By
Dave Fisler
And Keith Magovern

Wow leave for a month and my area explodes with many needed things to do. This month brings to us some training and some fun. Hope everyone finds something they enjoy.

If you do not see a project you would want to participate in, call me to suggest something you would like. We will see what we can do. Well on with the report...

Meeting and programs *Scott Rogers* - This month again is bring a friend month. You bring a friend they sign up give us their dues money and you get a mug.

Degrees of Jaycees *Tom Whiffen* - Tom has all the forms and information you need. So see Tom or myself to start or continue tracking your progress through the Jaycees.

Volley Ball *Mike Savage* .Volley ball is alive and well, it is being held at the Ahern School every Monday night at 700 PM. The cost for this is \$6.00. This is an excellent way to get some exercise during these cold winter months.

Ski trip *Cheryl Cushman* The ski trip was over this past weekend. Many members were very excited about it and I can not wait to hear all about it at the next GM.

Super Bowl Party *The Roger's* This event was Sunday the 30. It was B.Y.O.B and other refreshments. It should be a good game and a good time for all.

Associates Night *Tom Whiffen* Yes it is time once again to wet our pants laughing as we roast I mean host the 40 plus crowd. Tom has a good show in store for us. Any info or stories about our Associates please contact or Email Tom.

CPR Training. This important project was taken on by a new member, *Pam Flemming*.

**How to write a CPG,
How to Chair a project,
Public speaking,**

Conflict resolution and Leadership training Have all been combined. Both *Keith Magovern and Bob Hickey* will be running these projects. They will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

Scat Night, Chairman needed. This is a fun project good for new members to meet and host them in this fun filled card game. If interested in this please call or see me at the meeting.