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Well folks, it's time to dig in again and get involved with all the many projects coming up this month and in the following months. All four areas are busy with upcoming projects, so find one of them that you'd be able to help out with and give the chairman a call.

Elise Behn and Julie Grant are drumming up new members through their chairmen working on recruitment activity. Ken Wills will be putting the final touches on the Membership Booth and is looking for any photos you may want to display on the booth. Please see Elise if you have any snapshots you think should be included.

Yvonne and Gerry McNamara are still working on ideas for new Ways and Means Projects. If you have any new ideas you'd like to share, feel free to give them a call. This team has done a terrific job this year, and looks forward to continuing their success through the end of their terms.

Lynn Freerksen and Steve Fruzzetti have many social activities lined up for the next couple of months, please see their report and sign up for them. It's nice to get together with your fellow Jaycees and enjoy their company without having to work a project. Take the time to chat with other Jaycees, make some new friends.

Tom Whiffen and Bob Gills did a tremendous job running all of the holiday projects. Now they looking forward to several more large projects, the

Pancake Breakfast, 5-K Fun Run, Easter Egg Hunt, and Senior Appreciation Day, see their report and see where you can help out.

Not to say that I'm counting down till the end of my term, however, it is only three months away. It's time for each of you to be looking toward next year, and where you'd like to contribute by becoming a board member. I would advise each of you to step up and become involved on the board level. If you are interested in a particular board position, give that board member a call to discuss their responsibilities. I've asked Bob Hickey to chair this years Nominations Committee, so expect a call from him or one of his committee members. Make the commitment, you'll be glad you did, it's a lot of fun and you certainly become more involved with the day to day activity within the organization.

Special thanks to Bob Gillis for trouble-shooting with the problems with our Web Site. As many of you know the Web Site was shut down for a few days, due to problems with our server. Bob worked many hours to finally come to the conclusion that a new server was needed and was able to secure us a new host with a huge money savings. Thank you for everyone who has played a part in the past projects, and thank you for the individuals who are currently working on the upcoming projects. Your time and energy are deeply appreciated.

Working with you and for you,
Lynda Walsh, President

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# Individual Development

by Lynn Freerksen

**Meetings and Programs-Carl Bertolino-Get to the GM this month for Carl's award-winning chili (only \$3 a bowl). Carl is also planning a Valentines raffle and chocolates for dessert.**

**Degrees of Jaycees-Kris Long-Get your application from Kris and track your progress through the Jaycees. You move up levels as you chair projects or join the board.**

**Ski Trip-Cheryl Cushman-Another good reason to go to the GM...hear all the stories about this year's trip.**

**Scat Night-Scott and Michele Rogers- Join the Rogers at their house Saturday evening February 9 for cards and refreshments. Bring quarters....Scat is easy to learn if you have never played.**

**New Stadium Tour-Bob Gillis-Check out the new home of the Patriots, Saturday February 16 at 9:00 AM. We will probably meet together....time and place to be announced at the GM...call Bob or email him to sign up.**

**Pool Team-Adam Nolin-Adam is trying to get a team together to play pool in Plainville on Saturdays. Sign up at the GM if interested.**

**Associates Night-Lynda Walsh, Ed Groh, Lynn Freerksen- Our last hurrah before we too are associates....We are planning another fun-filled March GM to roast the more seasoned members of the Jaycees. Great food and tons of laughs.**

**The Jaycees tour...**

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**Saturday February 16  
See Bob Gillis for details**

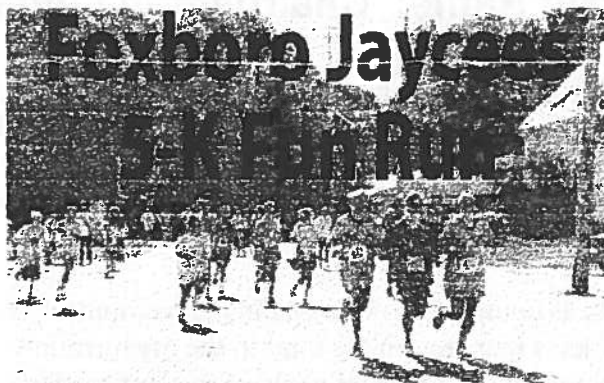
# Community Development

Tom Whiffen – Vice President / Bob Gillis – Director  
February, 2002 Report

SERVE New England	Andrea Cummings	Contact Andrea at 508-543-0712 if you would like to place an order. Pickup: February 23. Other 2002 order/pickup dates will be on the web site when available from Andrea (generally Serve is held on the third Saturday of the month, from 9-11:30am at the South Foxboro Community Center). Prices per package are regular (meat) \$16; vegetarian \$16; meat only \$9
New Year's Baby Award	Monica Rigamonti	Monica has located the first new year's <u>babies</u> (yes, twins!) and will be delivering the prizes shortly.
Teddy Transfer	Monica Rigamonti	We give stuffed bears to the Police and Fire departments -- when they go out on calls they can give them to children who experience a traumatic event. Monica was recently pictured in the Gazette and has been working with Bellingham. She is also checking to see if there is a need in Walpole.
Road Race	Kris Long.	The road race will be May 4 and the causes will be the Life Bridge Foundation, and Lindsay Norton of Foxboro. Steve Fruzetti is the treasurer and also doing t-shirts. Carl Bertolino is taking care of print design, flyers, reg. forms, and program schedules, and awards. Tom Whiffen is taking care of Route and parking lot. What's not covered.... Publicity, Manpower, and Corporate sponsors for shirts and food.. Please feel free to step up and take on any of these. Committee meeting dates will be posted on the web site.
Basketball Clinic	Fred George.	No news; Fred has talked with the Rec. Dept; at this point all they need is gym space.
Sand for Seniors	Kris Long	Kris is delivering sand to seniors this year and reports that it is a challenging project but she is enjoying meeting the seniors.
Pancake Breakfast	Andrea Cummings	Is March 24. Please help Andrea with one of our most important and visible projects! Committee meeting dates will be posted on the web site.

## Wise Fox

Common Upgrade	Bob Hickey and Fred Badger	Bob and Fred will be taking on a comprehensive project to add electric sockets to the existing lampposts and restructure the entire common decoration process. This will not only benefit our Christmas projects, but also Family Night Out, our concerts, and the town itself.
Easter Seals Volleyball	Bob Webster	It looks like Taunton has once again foolishly challenged Foxboro to a rematch. Come see us once beat Taunton and make them cry. Date coming soon.
Easter Egg Hunt	Chairman needed	A chair is needed for this very enjoyable event that the kids love. See Tom or Bob if interested.
Bunny Suit	Laureen House and Kathy Brady	Laureen and Kathy have volunteered to look into upgrading our Easter Bunny costume.
Senior Appreciation Day	Chairman needed	This is a great day in which the Jaycees invite Foxboro's seniors (usually about 100-125) to a meal and entertainment. See Bob or Tom if interested in chairing this project.
Candidates Night	Chairman Needed	A chair is needed for this project as well.



... Will be May 4, 2002 to benefit the Life Bridge Foundation, and Lindsay Norton of Foxboro. Much more to come as May 4 comes closer! See Kris Long if you can help!

*Our Thoughts, Prayers and Best Wishes are extended to former member Peter Sorrow and his family on the recent passing of his father*

*Our Best Wishes, Thoughts and Prayers are also extended to former member Patti O'Hara and her family on the recent passing of her father*

# Ways & Means

VP: Yvonne McNamara ~~~Director: Gerald McNamara

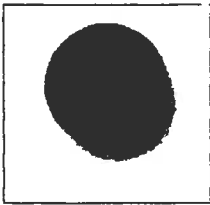
## **Christmas Tree Sales – Chairperson Dave Fisler, co-chair Gerry McNamara**

Another Great Ways & Means project that has exceeded Goal! Congratulations Guys! Dave made the Foxboro building comfortable while waiting for the next customer. Thank you all who participated during this season's tree sales.

## **Haunted House: Chairperson Tom Whiffen**

What can I say; Tom is putting the final touches on all outstanding bills. If you haven't handed in your HH Receipts, please notify Tom and Kathy Brady. We look forward to hearing the final numbers and closing out the Extravagant, Fabulous Project.

## **Pancake Breakfast Raffle: Chairperson Linda Magovern**



Lynda has been working with the raffle committee to secure a Sports Theme Raffle. Linda would also like to be able to do pre-sale raffle tickets. These tickets will be available at the March GM. We look forward to having another successful Ways & Means Project.

This area has few projects as compared to Community Development and Individual Development, but the projects that are run are vital to the organization: The Ways & Means area is responsible for achieving the financial goals of the corporation's projects where the end purpose is fundraising. Although, projects such as the Haunted House and Founder's Day provide the majority of the funds that the Foxboro Jaycees are able to disperse back into the community, all fund-raisers are equally important.

**Congratulations go out to Elise and Eric Behn on becoming to proud Aunt and Uncle to twin boys! Think they'll learn how to play basketball or golf first?**

When shopping, remember to shop local! Did you know that our local **Stop and Shop** has become a huge supporter of your Foxboro Jaycees? In addition to supporting our annual fruit basket holiday project and our annual Haunted House, the Main Street store donated proceeds generated from the raffle held to celebrate their grand opening to our chapter – a donation of \$1000.00! Thank you again to Dave Slarve, Manager, and Stop and Shop for joining with us in supporting Foxborough!



# Membership

February, 2002 Report By Elise Behn

**Who's Who – Nancy Williams:** This is an opportunity to learn more about our fellow Jaycees and Nancy may be calling you for the next Who's Who.

**Activation Chairman/Mentor Program – Tom Sawran and Steve Fruzzetti:** Please see Tom or Steve if you are a new member so you can receive your New Members Guide, and be assigned to a mentor. Steve will be recruiting the more experienced members to be mentors. Attention new members: if you haven't received a copy of the New Members Guide please get one from Steve at the next GM!

**Web Site Page – Bob Gillis:** Although we have encountered some difficulties this month with the ISP, have no fear because your web site guy is on the ball. This update in detail could be about 2 pages long, but I'll spare you the details. As always the web site is up the minute so go check out [FoxboroJaycees.org](http://FoxboroJaycees.org). Thanks again Bob for a great job!

**Cable Access Public Service Announcement – Tom Whiffen and Lynn Freerksen:** It's official. The committee has had a meeting and this project is underway. Tom and Lynn with their committee will be providing an irresistible commercial to promote the Jaycees.

**Membership Booth Upgrade – Kenny Wills:** This membership booth will be as great as we want it to be, with your simple contribution of one or two great photos of the Jaycees. Everyone is asked to please contact Elise with a picture you have to submit for the membership booth. Thank you!

**Activation Apparel – Lynn Freerksen:** Lynn has actively been looking for the best price on long sleeve tee shirts and may even have them at the next general meeting. Once you participate in a Community Development project you can earn a tee shirt. So check out the CD report for the latest projects that are in the works!

**Membership Booth at the Pancake Breakfast – Chairman needed:** This is an opportunity to recruit new members at the Pancake breakfast. Julie Grant has already stepped up to assist in chairing this project. As a new member yourself you could chair this as your first project or as a more experienced member take on an easy yet much needed assignment. Please contact Elise or Julie if you are interested.

**Jaycee Week – Chairman needed:** Traditionally Jaycee week is the end of January. This year, in February or March, we hope to show off our new membership booth and bring it into the community, either to restaurants, events or whatever creative idea you may have. Please contact Elise if you are interested.

# Secretary's Report

Meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2001 at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Andrea Cummings

**Minutes from the General Meeting** - were accepted.

**Sunshine Report** – Sympathy cards went out to Tami Comeau whose brother-in-law passed away, to Pete Sorrow whose father passed away and Sue Zakhary-Gillis whose stepdad passed away. A get well soon card was sent to Fred Badger for his shoulder surgery.

**Inventory Control** – If you have any Jaycee property or if you are looking for a certain item please contact either Linda Magovern or me. We are still trying to put together an updated master list.

**Wise Fox** – Please let Christina Pelland know if you would like something put into the Wise Fox for next month.

**Cards & Letters of Thanks** – Please let Tom Whiffen know if there are any new updates for “thank you” letters.

Project of the Month – HH Concessions / Jaycee of the Month – Linda Magovern

Frog of the Month – Sue Zakhary-Gillis *“A bridge of troubled waters”*

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Meeting: Wednesday, January 9, 2002 at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Andrea Cummings

**Minutes from the General Meeting** - were accepted.

**Sunshine Report** – A sympathy card was sent out to Patti O'Hara whose father passed away. We also sent a goodie bag to the George family as their new son Nathan was in the hospital.

**Inventory Control** – If you have any Jaycee property or if you are looking for a certain item please contact either Linda Magovern or me. We will be putting together an updated master list very soon.

**Wise Fox** – Please let Bob Hickey know if you would like something put into the Wise Fox for next month.

**Cards & Letters of Thanks** – Some Thank You cards were sent out this past month. Please let Bob Gillis know if there are any new updates for “thank you” letters.

Project of the Month – “Mini” Haunt (Yvonne McNamama)

Jaycee of the Month – Tom Whiffen

Frog of the Month – Steve “Fruit Basket” Frogzzetti



## From the Editor

Just a word to say thank you to all of the folks (y'all know who you are) who contributed material to this month's special "double issue" of the Wise Fox. Due to unexpected time constraints, Christina Pelland will no longer be able to produce our monthly newsletter. I feel privileged to have been asked to assist with taking on this project for the next few months. I As I did in 1994 - 95 (although, hopefully better) I will ensure that all the news that's fit to print is distributed monthly to the membership. Please take the time to read what's new, and feel free to give some feedback regarding improvements or items that you'd like to see in future editions of the Wise Fox!

Regards,

Bob Hickey, Chairman of the Board

*A first grade teacher in Pittsburgh explains to her class that she is a Steelers fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they, too, are Steelers fans. Everyone in the class raises their hand, except one little girl. The teacher looks at the girl with surprise and says, "Janie, why didn't you raise your hand?" "Because I'm not a Steelers fan," she replied. The teacher, still shocked, asked, "Well, if you are not a Steelers fan, then who are you a fan of?" "I am a Pats fan, and proud of it," Janie replied. The teacher could not believe her ears. "Janie, why are you a Pats fan?" "Because my mom is a Pats fan, and my dad is a Pats fan, so I'm a Pats fan too!" "Well," said the teacher in an obviously annoyed tone, "that is no reason for you to be a Pats fan. You don't have to be just like your parents all of the time. What if your Mom was a moron and your dad was a moron, what would you be then?"*

*"Then," Janie smiled, "We'd be Steelers fans."*

## Who's Who?

By Nancy Williams

Mike Wood joined us in October following wife, Judy's, lead. She joined a few months before him at the Newcomer's BBQ in August. Mike works managing investment data for an investment management firm, SSGA. He was previously very involved with sports but finds his time limited these days between work and raising a family. Mike has two sons, Chris, 14 and Daniel, 12. His hobbies include photography. (Let's keep him in mind for next year's Santa on the Common photo department.) He did a great job rear guiding at the haunted house this year. Mike enjoys watching sports, especially football and basketball games. He's looking forward to the Super Bowl tailgate party. Mike and Judy both look forward to their vacations at Palm Island on Florida's west coast. Great having you with us Mike!

# From the State

Greater Taunton  
Jaycees  
Third Annual

## Mardi Gras

Musical by Spinn  
Productions

Frank Santos  
R-Rated Hypnotist

7pm - 1 am

March 9th

Tickets \$20.00

Holiday Inn

Limited Seating

Taunton, MA

Reserve 8 & over

You Must be 18 & older to attend  
For info or tickets please call Lucy @

508-824-7537, Heather @ 508-287-1821 or Jean  
508-884-9490

A woman goes to her boyfriends' parents' house for dinner. This is to be her first time meeting the family, and she is very nervous. They all sit down and begin eating a fine meal. The woman is beginning to feel a little discomfort, thanks to her nervousness and the broccoli casserole. The gas pains are about making her eyes water. Left with no other choice, she decides to relieve herself a bit and lets out dainty fart. It wasn't loud, but everyone at the table heard the poof. Before she even had a chance to be embarrassed, her boyfriend's father looked over at the dog which had been snoozing at the woman's feet and said in a rather stern voice, "Skippy!"

The woman thought, "This is great!" and a big smile came across her face. A few minutes later, she was beginning to feel the pain again. This time, she didn't even hesitate. She let a much louder and longer fart. The father again looked at the dog and yelled, "Dammit Skippy!" Once again the woman smiled and thought "Yes!" A few minutes later, the woman had to let another one rip. This time, she didn't even think about it. She let rip a fart that rivaled a train whistle blowing. Once again, the father looked at the dog with disgust and yell, "Dammit Skippy, get away from her before she poops on you!"

# From the President's Desk

(The following letter was intended for publication with the January edition of the Wise Fox. Please accept my apologies for not having published in a more timely fashion, however, I trust that you will find the message to be timeless and as important now as ever – Bob)

## *A letter from Cynda*

*Happy New Year to all! This past year has certainly been a successful one!. The Foxboro Jaycees were very instrumental in the building and completion of the In-line skating rink as well as the new skate-board park. We presented another award-winning float in this years Founders Day Parade. We introduced a new and very successful addition to our Haunted House by adding the new mini-haunt at the Walpole Mall. We brought past and present members together to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. We witnessed our name in lights with two billboards for our Haunted House. We've added 12 new members to our group by spreading the word of the Jaycees and what we have to offer. Soon you will be receiving the new Little Green Phone Book with our picture proudly displayed on the cover.*

*We've also faced some challenges this year, September 11th being the hardest to believe. We kept strong and did just as our President asked, we went on with our lives and never stopped believing in the strength of this country and it's people. I can honestly say that we, as a chapter, have become closer to one another, just as the American people have. We've put aside our individual differences and been more patient with one another. I am proud of each of you and your continued support of this chapter. So many chapters have fallen over the past several years, but ours has remained strong, and it's because of the friendships that have been fostered here.*

*Special thanks to your board of directors, you've done a tremendous job this year, and I for one am very grateful to you. I look forward to working with you all for the remainder of my term as your president and your friend.*

*Keep the spirit alive, spread your experience of the Jaycees with your friends and neighbors, the best gift can be the one of volunteerism.*

*Please read each of the area vice presidents reports and find a project for yourself. If you have any questions about the projects or perhaps you would like to kick off a new one, feel free to contact the area vice president or me.*

*Thanks again for your continued support, and God Bless. Working with you and for you!*

*Cynda Walsh, President*

