

Wise Fox

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A Letter From Lynda,

Wow, March GM is here already. The year has surely flown by, and lots more yet to come. Plenty to do just jump in on any project!

Our Membership Team of Elise Behn and Julie Grant introduced three new members at the February GM and have a couple upcoming important projects. If you have a friend, co-worker, or relative that needs to get out and meet new people, or is interested in volunteerism, bring them to the next meeting. They'll be sure to thank you!

Yvonne and Gerry McNamara, the Ways and Means Pair has added several of the Founders Day projects to their agenda. Get next year started off right, chair one of these successful projects!

Tom Whiffen and Bob Gillis, our Community Development Team are slowly closing up the books on several of the holiday projects and are looking forward to a couple big upcoming ones. The Road Race and Pancake Breakfast is right around the corner, be sure to sign up for manpower.

Lynn Freerksen and Steve Fruzetti, our Individual Development Team, have been keeping us occupied with socials during the long winter months and are looking forward to ending up with Installation Banquet being a huge success.

There are many projects that need a chairman, several are for the Founders Day Celebration,

please see the Area reports and give them a call to discuss any project you may find interesting.

I'd like to again thank all of your board members. I know I always mention the areas, but I have to say that your Treasurer, Kathy Brady, has been terrific. She's done a tremendous job at keeping our numbers straight. Andrea Cummings has been a real help as your Secretary, a first role on the board, and she has been very committed to her responsibilities. Thank you George Gould for stepping into the Dues Director position, you've taken on a hard job, but we haven't been late with our dues to the State yet!

Helene, I'm glad you were able to come back on board, Donations Director is an important part of the board, and is well needed to keep donations in order. Laureen, I've been able to ask for your assistance a few times this year, sometimes just to keep me sane and I thank you for that.

Bob, I couldn't have asked for a better Chairman, when things got tough, you were there to help me out.

Please try to make it to the March GM, as you probably know it's associates night and Ed Groh, Lynn Freerksen and myself are working on a night to remember. It is our last year to be able to produce this project, and are hoping to make it unforgettable. So, remind your friends and I hope to see you there!

Working with you and for you,

Lynda Walsh, President

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# Individual Development

Vice President Lynn Freerksen, Director Steve Fruzzetti

**Meetings and Programs-Carl Bertolino-Carl gets a well deserved break this month because it's Associates Night. Thanks Carl for all the interesting programs, raffles and great food you provided this year so far.**

**Degrees of Jaycees-Kris Long-Get a form from Chris and check to see if you have moved up in degrees. If you have chaired projects or are joining the board you may have earned more degrees.**

**CPR Training-Kris Long-Sign up to be certified or recertified in this important project. Classes will be held in the evening at the Boyden Library. Dates to be announced soon.**

**New Stadium Tour-Bob Gillis-Approximately 60 Jaycees, friends and family went on a tour of the new CMGI stadium. Now that's a stadium!! Thanks Bob, for a great new project.**

**Pool Tournament-Adam Nolin- Adam is looking for anyone interested in playing in a tournament one Saturday...date will be available at the GM.**

**Associates Night-Lynda Walsh, Ed Groh, Lynn Freerksen-Since we will all be associates this year we decided to take a course on How To Be An ASSociate 101. This is also a refresher course for all those older, more mature members that have been around forever and have probably forgotten how to be associates. Great food from the North End Deli is free for associates and \$3 for regular members. Don't miss the GM this month Wednesday, March 13 at the Community Center, 8:00pm.**

**Installation Banquet-Julie Grant-The banquet will be held at Folans in Plainville at the end of April....Julie will have more information soon.**

## **Founders Day work Party-Chairman needed**

**A man realized he needed to purchase a hearing aid, but he felt unwilling to spend much money. "How much do they run?" he asked the clerk.**

**"That depends," said the salesman. "They run from \$2.00 to \$2,000." "Let's see the \$2.00 model," he said.**

**The clerk put the device around the man's neck. "You just stick this button in your ear and run this little string down to your pocket," he instructed.**

**"How does it work?" the customer asked. "For \$2.00 it doesn't work," the salesman replied. "But when people see it on you, they'll talk louder!"**

# Community Development

Tom Whiffen – Vice President / Ruler of Mordor

Bob Gillis – Director / Keeper of the one ring to rule them all

| CD Project            | Chair            | Details...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| SERVE New England     | Andrea Cummings  | Contact Andrea at 508-543-0712 if you would like to place an order. Pickup: March 23. 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; and a "meat only" package for \$9 |
| New Year's Baby Award | Monica Rigamonti | Monica delivered the new year's baby goodies to Meghan Lynn and Caitlin Elizabeth, the twin daughters of Lisa Clemons and Matt Heaney of Elm Street. A very nice picture ran in the Reporter.                                                                                                           |
| 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 is working with several schools to arrange exchanges.                                                                                     |
| 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. Kris and her committee have already done much prep work but much remains to be done. Let Kris know if you can help.                                                                       |
| Basketball Clinic     | Fred George.     | No news – we will revisit this in late Spring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Sand for Seniors      | Kris Long        | This project continues to go well; Kris is delivering sand to seniors and she is enjoying meeting the seniors.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Pancake Breakfast     | Andrea Cummings  | Please help Andrea with one of our most important and visible projects! March 24, 2002; 7:30 a.m. to noon; Foxboro High School. Tickets \$4.00 each, Senior Citizens \$3.00, Under 5 \$1.00.                                                                                                            |

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| Common Upgrade             | Bob Hickey and Fred Badger    | Congratulations to Bob and Fred for all their work on this important project, and the money they have already saved the chapter. This project will entail adding electric sockets to the existing lampposts and restructuring the entire common decoration process. This will not only benefit our Christmas projects, but also DARE night, 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 again beat Taunton and make them cry like babies. Directions are on the web site.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Easter Egg Hunt            | "Monka" Rigamonti             | The day before Easter -- March 30 on the common. The Easter Bunny got some new duds, thanks to...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Bunny Suit                 | Laureen House and Kathy Brady | Laureen and Kathy have done a great job securing a new Bunny costume for the chapter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Senior Appreciation Day    | Sue Zakhary-Gillis            | Sue will begin planning later in the Spring or early summer. If you would like to be on the committee please let her know.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Operation Enduring Freedom | Scott Rogers                  | Kudos to Scott for a very thoughtful and timely project -- Scott is looking into sending care packages to some of our service people fighting the war.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Candidates Night           | Chairman Needed               | A chair is needed for this project. This year's candidate's night is especially important to the Jaycees, as our own Bob Hickey is running for Selectmen!                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



**... 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!**

# WAYS & MEANS

VP: Yvonne McNamara ~~~Director: Gerald McNamara

**Pancake Breakfast Raffle: Chairperson Linda Magovern**

We have some great Sports prizes: Box seats to the Red Sox, Floor seats to the Celtics, New England Revolution autographed Soccer Ball, 2-30 days free membership to Rodman Health and Fitness w/ personal trainer, 30 days free to Personal Best Sport Karate Center. You can purchase your raffle tickets at the door and/or you can help your organization with selling pre-sale tickets to your friends, family and co-workers. The top 2 pre-sale sellers will win a Patriots Package. These tickets will be available at the GM or by contacting Linda or Yvonne. They will be due by the morning of the Pancake Breakfast, Sunday March 24.

**Believe It or Not – ONLY 12 Weeks until FOUNDER’S DAY, Saturday June 8.**

Founder’s Day is the Foxboro Jaycees’ Largest 1 Day Fundraiser. It is important for the chapter to start considering our Fun and Exciting Projects... We all ready have 1 chairperson; please consider being our next chairperson. Call Yvonne or Gerry McNamara if interested.

**Founder’s Day Glow Items: Chairperson George Gould**

George and his committee have elected to take on this huge 1-day project. We are in process of securing our glow necklaces. Of course, we will always need manpower to assist with Saturday evening, June 8

**A Chairperson is needed for the following:**

**Founder’s Day Concessions:** This is where we typically grill and/or sell hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, soda, water and popcorn. This is a good project and worth every dollar raised.

**Founder’s Day Shooting Gallery:** This is when children and adults are allowed to shot a paintball gun in a controlled environment.

**Founder’s Day Pony Rides:** This project was run for the first time last year and was a great success. Children have the opportunity to ride a pony and depending on you, have their picture taken too.

**Founder’s Day Soccer Shot Out:** This was also a 1<sup>st</sup> time project last year and the children loved it. Children and Adults try to kick a soccer ball though 1 of 3 openings, if they do, they get a prize.

**Founder’s Day Raffle:** Typically we gather donations during the next couple months and raffle them off during Founder’s Day.

**Concerts on the Common Concessions:** This project runs during the Concerts on the Common. It is great Summer PR for the Jaycees. Typically we sell soda, water, candy and popcorn.

IF you are interested in chairing any of these projects, please contact Yvonne or Gerry McNamara

# Membership

Vice President Elise Behn, Director Julie Grant

## **Who's Who – Nancy Williams**

We would like to welcome our newest Foxboro Jaycees, Steve and Wendy Battersby, and Amy George. Please visit the Who's who report for more information on our three new members.

## **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**

As usual Bob has been very busy updating our website, [Foxborojaycees.org](http://Foxborojaycees.org) with the latest goings on of the Foxboro Jaycees. Please visit the site to be more informed!

## **Cable Access Public Service Announcement – Tom Whiffen and Lynn Freerksen**

Lynn and Tom with their committee have been actively interviewing towns people and collecting data for the commercial. If you are interested in participating, please call Lynn or Tom.

## **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 – Final Project**

Lynn has done a terrific job getting the Foxboro Jaycees new LONG sleeve tee shirts. You too can earn one by participating in any community development project. See Elise if you haven't received yours yet.



## **Membership Booth at the Pancake Breakfast – Julie Grant**

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.

## **Founder's Day Membership Booth – Chairman needed**

Founder's Day will soon be upon us and we will be very visible all day long. We are looking for a chairman because we will have many interested people who will want to be a part of this very active and inspiring organization. Please see Elise if you are interested.

## **Founder's Day Manpower – Chairman needed**

This project coordinates and oversees the manpower needed for the day. If you are somewhat organized and would like more info, please contact Elise.

**A Bostonian dies and is sent to hell. He had been a horrible man throughout life and even the devil wanted to punish him, so he puts him to work breaking up rocks with a sledgehammer. To make it worse he cranks up the temperature and the humidity. "Love my kingdom!" laughs the devil.**

**After a couple of days the devil checks in on his victim to see if he is suffering adequately. The devil is aghast as he looks at the Bostonian happily swinging his hammer and whistling a happy tune. The devil walks up to him and says, "I don't understand this. I've turned the heat way up, it's humid, you're crushing rocks; why are you so happy?" The Bostonian, smiling big, looks at the devil and replies, "This is great! It reminds me of August in Boston. Hot, humid, a good place to work. It reminds me of home. This is fantastic!"**

**The devil, extremely perplexed, walks away to ponder the Bostonian's remarks. Then he decides to drop the temperature, send down driving rain and torrential wind. Soon, hell is a wet, muddy mess. Walking in mud up to his knees with dust blowing into his eyes, the Bostonian is happily slogging through the mud pushing a wheelbarrow full of crushed rocks. Again, the devil asks how he can be happy in such conditions. The Bostonian replies, "This is great! Just like April in Boston. It reminds me of working out in the fields with spring planting!" The devil is now completely baffled. Angry, and desperate to make hell really hell, he tries one last ditch effort. He makes the temperature plummet.**

**Suddenly hell is blanketed in snow and ice. Confident that this will surely make the Bostonian unhappy, The devil checks in on the Bostonian. He is aghast at what he sees. The Bostonian is dancing, singing, and twirling his sledgehammer as he cavorts in glee. "How can you be so happy? Don't you know its 40 below zero!?" screams the devil. Jumping up and down the Bostonian throws a snowball at the devil and yells:**

**"Hell's frozen over!! This means the Patriots won the Superbowl!"**



# Secretary's Report

Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Andrea Cummings

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

**Sunshine Report** – Sympathy cards were sent out to the Spillane family for the loss of Garrett Spillane. A card was also sent to Lynda Walsh for the loss of a close friend.

**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 – Website (Bob Gillis)

Jaycee of the Month – Lynn Freerksen

Frog of the Month – Kris “96 hr cross your heart” Long

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of former Jaycees member Debbie Murray on the unexpected recent passing of her brother.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are also extended to the family of long time Town Moderator and local leader, Garrett Spillane, who also passed away last week.*

From the Haunted House Chairman . . .

Don't Forget! There are still some copies left of the original 2002 Haunted House “Travel Through Time” video! Catch the memories, remember the fun and keep a copy of your favorite Associate Jaycee wearing make up in a room with strangers by reserving your video now! Only \$5.00, what a bargain! What a deal! Tom Whiffen will have them available at the next General Membership Meeting!

## From the Editor

The Editor would like to give this space to his good friend, Bob Hickey, who is chairing the Nomination's Committee this year:

On behalf of the Nomination's Committee, I would like to express our sincere thanks to those who have "stepped up to the plate" to take leadership roles within the Chapter for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. It is wonderful to see the quality and quantity of folks who are either continuing their commitment to the Jaycees as well as those who are getting their feet wet for the first time on the Board of Directors.

Elections will be held at the next General Membership meeting. There is still plenty of time to get involved by having your name added to the slate of candidates. If you haven't already, please take the time to talk to either myself, Sandy Smith, Paul O'Sullivan, Paul Howard or Lynn Freerksen.

A reminder that only members in good standing are eligible to run for office or vote. This means that your dues must be paid. Please see George Gould or Kathy Brady to make sure that you are squared away by the April G.M.

Regards, Bob Hickey, Chairperson, Nominations Committee



**By Nancy Williams**

We are happy to have added three new members to the fold at the February GM. Wendy and Steve Battersby attended a very exciting Scat Night at the Roger's house. They won so much money they put it toward their memberships. Actually, they remembered the Jaycee's from a Call Night last year. Wendy and Steve have three children, Tayla, 7, Nicholas, 5, and Alexis, 9 months. Wendy is a hairstylist with Hair's Boston in Franklin and Steve is a union construction worker with Peabody of Boston. Wendy's hobbies include roller and ice skating, swimming and volleyball. Steve is a football freak who can't get enough of watching it on TV and also plays whenever he can get enough guys together for a game. He also is a music buff with over 1000 CDs in his ever growing collection. They are both looking forward to upcoming social events and getting to know the other members better.

Amy George has followed her husband, Fred's lead. Fred joined us in March last year. They added a new little pumpkin to the patch during the haunted house in October. Nathan is now 4 months old. Most of us have seen his older brother, Brendan, mini-Fred, at some of our gatherings. Amy not only coaches girl's basketball but also is on the board of directors for Foxboro Youth Basketball. She is also a preschool teacher at Kinderbrook's in Plainville. She particularly looks forward to Jaycee events that are geared toward kids.

**Welcome Wendy, Steve and Amy! Glad to have you with us.**