



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

May, 2003

Spring has finally sprung, and it's a time of renewal and reemergence for everyone, including the Jaycees. This is not to suggest that we have been hibernating; during the cold, dark months thousands of people have experienced our annual traditions. We scared them, and fed them, and informed them as voters. We brought holiday magic to children, and raised money for local and national causes. All the while we were also quietly delivering sand to seniors, food and gifts to families in need, and assistance to friends and neighbors whose lives have been drastically affected by changes in personal or global circumstances. Nobody does it better.

Right here within the chapter, we're rapidly coming up to speed as your newly installed Board of Directors. I am excited about the coming year, working with a group, which includes people I've learned from, people I've learned alongside, and fledgling board members with fresh ideas and perspectives. Thank you all for accepting the challenge and opportunity to help guide our chapter. Also, thanks and congratulations to Sandy Emery, veteran Jaycee but rookie Editor, on successful publication of this, her first Wise Fox. There will be no honeymoon, no easing into the new roles for us. We begin immediately with the monumental task of planning a slate of projects and their budgets for next year. Please take the chance now to bring your informed opinions to light; our entire membership is responsible and entitled to contribute to this process. Call, write, and speak to any member of the board with new ideas, suggestions for change, support for recurring projects, or even a case for putting a project on hiatus.

In wrapping up the current year, each area also has major projects on tap. With Monica and Sheryl in ID, shake off the cobwebs with pick-up softball and volleyball or the Public Speaking seminar. Kris and Frank open in Ways and Means with our largest single fundraising day of the year with Founder's Day glowsticks, amusements, and concessions. In CD Fred George and Dave Fisler will be coordinating our Founder's Day parade entry, the road race, and Concerts on the Common. All of these rely upon extensive human resources. And fortunately, this flurry of highly visible activity provides an ideal platform for Amy and Sue in Membership to both activate current members and to introduce us to potential new colleagues.

It's blue T-shirt weather, my friends, and we shall be takin' it to the streets (and the Common, and the Booth Playground.) It is time to see and be seen; to remind ourselves of how fun and rewarding it is to be out there doing what we do amongst family and friends; and to continue to demonstrate our commitment to Foxborough and our borderless community. Game on.

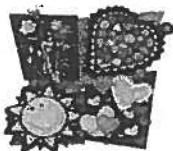
Thanks,
Kathy

Secretary's Report

Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at 8:00 PM
Minutes recorded by: Monica Rigamonti

Minutes from the April General Meeting: accepted

- ◆ Motion made to give stroke victim, Mark Ringer \$200—ACCEPTED
- ◆ Motion made to give \$100 to the Kent County Jaycees---ACCEPTED
- ◆ Motion made to give a \$20 fact finder towards the Hyland Rink Repair---ACCEPTED
- ◆ Motion made to give \$250 to the Foxboro Bereavement Group: raising the amount from \$750 to \$1000---ACCEPTED
- ◆ Motion made to give Pick-up volleyball \$100---ACCEPTED
- ◆ Motion made to give \$210 to the Road Race
***Amendment to change line item 341 to income-\$3000, expense- \$3000, and net \$0---ACCEPTED
- ◆ Motion made to give \$100 for Enduring Freedom---ACCEPTED
- ◆ Motion made to give a \$20 fact finder for Operation Family Support---ACCEPTED
- ◆ Motion made to give \$200 to the Mansfield Ambulance Fund---ACCEPTED
*** Amended to \$500---DID NOT PASS



Sunshine Report:

- ◆ Flowers and a card were sent to the O'Sullivan family. Their daughter was in a car accident, but is now home from the hospital and recovering.

Inventory Control: Chairman needed

- ◆ Jaycee inventory will be housed in the Chapel. Please see or call him with any requests. Also, if you have any Jaycee property, please let Dave or myself know.

Wise Fox: Sandy Emery

- ◆ Please let Sandy know if you would like something put into the Wise Fox for next month.
- ◆ Thank you very much Helene for all your hard work this past year!

Cards and Thanks: Bob Gillis

- ◆ Please let Bob Gillis know if there are any new updates for "thank-you" letters.

Elections: Lynda Walsh

- ◆ The 2003-2004 Board of Directors have been chosen. Thank you Lynda (and your committee) for finding such great people to lead the chapter this coming year!

Camp Lincoln Hill Cleanup: Chairman Needed

- ◆ This project includes cleaning up the camp for miscellaneous projects. If anyone is interested, please contact the new secretary, **Bob Gillis**.

Individual Development

Vice President: Monica Rigamonti
Director: Sheryl Connors

Meetings and Programs—Monica Rigamonti

- Cindi Haddad will briefly speak about the Foxboro Bereavement Group.
- Jack Authalet will briefly speak about the Doolittle Home.
- A sign-up sheet will be going around at the May GM for anyone who would like to help out with food and refreshments for each individual meeting. I would like to form a small committee. Judy Wood has agreed to spearhead the programs for this year.

Degrees of Jaycees—Dave Reid

- If you'd like to track your progress as a Jaycee, please see Dave Reid. Thank you Kris for taking on this project this past year.

CPR Training—Fred George

- Fred is still in the process of coordinating dates that are good for all parties involved. STAY TUNED!

Book Club—Lynn Freerksen

- By the time you have read this, we will have already discussed the book, "Lovely Bones." More information about the new book, as well as the date and time of the next meeting, will be given at the May GM.

Home Buying and Selling Seminar—Jane Webster

The date on this project is Tuesday, May 20th at 7:30 PM. Location is TBD. You can learn about buying, selling, and refinancing a home. Other topics can also be discussed as well. If you are interested, please contact Jane.

BUYING AND SELLING A HOUSE SEMINAR

Jane Webster 508-543-6959

- Buying / Selling Strategies
In Today's Market
- Financing Options
- Home Inspections
- Closing Costs



Tuesday May 20th 7:30

Call Jane for Details

Public Speaking—Monica Rigamonti

- Due to work commitments, this project has been postponed until **Wednesday, June 18th from 7:00-8:00 PM at the SFCC**. A sign-up sheet will be going around to see who is interested in attending. Toastmaster Paul Burke will also speak briefly at the June GM.

Networking—Bob and Sue Gillis

- We have started a link to our Jaycee Website that will list any Jaycee who has a business and would like to let other Jaycees know about it. If you would like to have your business listed, please contact Bob or Sue.

Community Development

Vice President: Fred George
Director: Dave Fisler

SERVE N.E. (Cathy Kelson-Reid)-Thank you Cathy for stepping up to chair this project. Pick up was April 26th and all went well. Cathy has asked that people please be on time to pick up your orders. Next order date is May 19th and pick up will be May 31st.

Teddy Transfer (Monica Rigamonti/Chairman Needed)-Teddy bears are available for agencies to comfort children. If anyone has any information, ideas or would like to chair this project please contact Fred George or Dave Fisler.

Holiday Lights On Common (Committee)-We are still waiting for the right conditions to take the lights out of the big trees. I have spoken to Tree Tech who would like to help us out with this and on future projects that would require their assistance.

Sand For Seniors (Lauren Bitar)-Excellent job done by Lauren and her helpers!! They delivered over 90 buckets of sand to the seniors of Foxboro. Lauren has sent out letters to all recipients for pick up of their buckets or a last delivery of sand. This is a final report!

Pancake Breakfast (Amy George/Kris Long)-Another successful CD Project!! Amy, Kris and their committee did a great job-over 700 people served. A huge thank you to all the Jaycees and the young basketball players who came out to manpower this project. The Blue Wave is alive and well!! Amy will be presenting a check to Foxboro Youth Basketball at the May GM. This is also a final report!!

Senior Appreciation (Chairman Needed)-This project has been postponed till sometime in August. Dave Fisler has done some of the legwork on this project and if anyone is interested in chairing this project please contact Dave or Fred George.

Road Race (Kris Long)-This project is well under way. The 'Run for Mya' will be on June 14th starting at Gillette Stadium and for a new twist Kris and committee have created a 10K road race along with the annual 5K to try and get more of a turnout. Now this new twist will take more manpower, so please contact Kris if you can help out.

Concerts on the Common (Linda Strano)-It's that time again to kick back on the common on Thursday nights and listen to some music. Linda is very excited and anxious to get this project going. Linda will have more info at the GM

Doolittle Home Support (Amy George)-Amy has been working with Jack Authalet on this project. Jack will be at the May GM to explain the cause and answer any questions we may have. Amy will be sending around a sign up sheet for a committee at the May GM.

Membership

Vice President: Amy George
Director: Susan Zakhary-Gillis

I hope everyone had a pleasant Easter and are starting to enjoy what "spring-like weather" we are receiving. I am hoping to see all of you (old and new members) at the upcoming events. There is plenty for everyone to lend a hand. If you are a newer member and are unsure of anything please contact me and I would be glad to steer you in the right direction. I am really excited about this year and hope that we can all work together to make this year as good as the last one.

Who's Who-Bob Webster: Thank You Bob, for stepping up for this yearlong project. For the newer members, this is a way that we as a group can get to know you a little better. If you are a newer member and have not received a phone call or interview please let myself or Bob know.

Activation/Mentor Program-Chairman Needed: I am currently looking for a "seasoned" member to lead in this project. This project entails finding mentors and matching them up with new members. As a mentor your job is to activate the member by getting them involved and introducing them to other members. If you are interested please contact me.

Web Site Page-Bob Gillis: Thank you Bob for continuing handling the web site. The web site keeps changing everyday! If you have the time take a look! www.foxborojaycees.org If anyone should need to post anything on the web site please contact Bob.

Haunted House Membership Booth Data Entry-Lauren House: Lauren is looking for a little help with data entry any help would be appreciated. Please contact Lauren if you can help.

Easter Egg Hunt Membership Booth- Lauren/Derek House: Thank you for your help with setting up and manning the booth. Many people came and enjoyed looking and learning a little more about the chapter .

Concerts on the Common Membership Booth- Bob Gillis: Bob has again volunteered to organize the manpower needed for this project. This is a relatively easy way that you can help out while enjoying the music on the common. If you are interested in helping out one night, please contact Bob.

Activation Apparel-Helene Savage: Thank you Helene for helping out with the ordering and distribution of this year's activation apparel. If you have any suggestions for this year please let Helene or myself know. Also, we have children's sweatshirts (\$9) and children's T-shirts (\$5.25) available.



Who is Serve New England?

Serve New England is an independent, private and non-profit program building on and supporting the interests of their participants in local communities. Their participants provide over 100,000 volunteer hours to their communities every month working individually or in local teams. Serve teams work with sponsoring agencies in 350 Chapters (churches, senior centers, apartment complexes, etc.) in New England. There are no eligibility requirements for our participants - anyone can Serve New England!

What is a Food Co-op?

The Serve Food Co-op is a New England wide food buying cooperative for people who volunteer at least 2 hours per month anywhere in their communities. Every month Serve Food Co-op participants can order frozen meats, vegetarian items, fresh fruits and vegetables, while saving about 30% off the retail price of these foods.

Who can participate?

Everyone is welcome to participate. Everyone is eligible to register at a local Site.

What is Volunteer Service?

Serve defines Volunteer service as, "Anything you do for someone else, outside of your immediate family, without pay." You decide how you want to serve in your community. If you are already volunteering, then you're already doing your part, and there's no need to do extra for Serve. You can always join the hundreds of Serve participants who help during "Bagging Week" at the Serve warehouse in Canton, Mass. Our satellite warehouses located throughout New England always appreciate extra help. You can also check with your Site coordinator; Serve Chapters can always use extra help.

Where does the food come from?

We purchase from private producers, growers and wholesalers in New England and the United States. None of the food is donated or government surplus. Each participant's money is pooled with the money from thousands of others, so our buying power is greatly increased. Through collective buying, low overhead, and volunteer power, we are able to provide our participants with high quality, fresh food. The Serve package varies each month. It regularly contains five to ten pounds of meat, four to six varieties of fresh vegetables, two to four varieties of fresh fruits, staples like rice or pasta and a few specialty items.

How many packages may I buy?

You may order as many packages as you want. Just pay for each package and perform 2 hours of volunteer service. Many families order more than one package each month.

How do I buy special packages?

Serve occasionally offers special packages, such as the Holiday package in November and December, Spring Ham Special in March, and Steak packages during the summer months. These have specific purchasing requirements. Check with your Site coordinator.