



# Wise Fox

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Greetings, friends.

Summer has finally arrived, and we may not need that ark after all. While Mother Nature has not been as cooperative we may have hoped, our full slate of outdoor activities is up and running. The Blue Wave was out in force to support the new look of the annual fun run, making the Run for Mya an excellent foundation for ongoing cooperation with the folks at Gillette Stadium and in furthering the cause of research toward treatment and cure for Rett Syndrome. On Founder's Day we also demonstrated great adaptability in dealing with complications leading up to our trademark spectacular showing on both the parade route and the field. Again, the success we achieved was due to the willingness of so many members to pitch in despite less-than-ideal conditions, and our visible leadership on these days has led to several new opportunities for upcoming events.

Our experiences in June should serve as perfect examples for the coming months. The successes of the past must be seen as allowing us the freedom to try new things rather than viewed as imposing constraints. Innovation keeps projects fresh and interesting for those who have been around, offers real opportunity for newer members to feel comfortable to step up and contribute, and also sustains community interest. As with any living, breathing organism, our vitality depends upon this mixture of stability and novelty.

One characteristic that has been common to many of these annual projects recently is a willingness by project chairs to take some risks by doing familiar things in unfamiliar ways. This is a trend we must encourage throughout the coming year. In building the Planned Year, the Board of Directors reiterated the call for fresh ideas and need for creativity in acquiring the means to carry out our projects, attract new members, and to continue to provide valuable experiences to veteran members as well. The Planned Year is just that, *planned*; this is an outline carefully drafted by members, not received on the Mount carved into stone tablets. Chair a project, join a committee, propose a new activity, try a sport you haven't played in years, stop by the Common for a band you've never heard of; keep the life and learning in the calendar of events for yourself and all our colleagues. Enjoy the freedom and independence we all treasure, especially at this time of year and while so many people are actively defending our privilege to do so.

Cheers,  
Kathy

# Secretary's Report

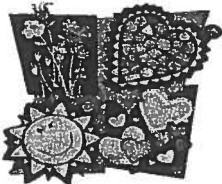
## NEW MESSAGE BOARD!

Bob has added a message board to the web site to facilitate communication and discussion in the chapter – please check it out!

**CPGs:** Anyone with an electronic copy of a CPG, please email it me. I am trying to start up a central repository for CPGs.

## Secretary's Report

- ♦ Minutes from Last Month's Board Meeting – Accepted



**Sunshine committee** – Card to Sue Gillis who was in two car accidents. Card to Dave Brown, just out of the hospital (he insisted – no flowers, no gifts). Card will be sent to former Jaycee Mona Viera, whose mother died yesterday. Card will be sent to Lynda Walsh; a very close friend of the family died this week.

- ♦ **Inventory Coordinator** – Adam Nolan. Please contact Adam for questions about our Jaycee inventory.
- ♦ **Wise Fox** – Sandy Emery – Please let me know if you have any items to go into the Wise Fox, deadline is the Sunday after the board meeting.
- ♦ **Cards and Letters of thanks** – We received thank you notes from Tyler Laracy and the Foxboro HUGS program. We sent Tyler a donation to help fund his Wrestling trip to North Dakota, and we made a donation to HUGS, a domestic violence prevention program.
- ♦ **Foxboro Building Roof Repair** – Was June 21; not yet complete. Thank you to Gerry, Dave, Andrea, Monica and all who helped with this large endeavor.
- ♦ **Camp Lincoln Hill cleanup** – Adam Nolin – Was held June 21; another cleanup will be needed.
- ♦ **Jaycee Creed Banner** – Bob will put another call into USJAYCEES to see why the delay on shipment.
- ♦ Congratulations Amy George, winner of the Bruce Springsteen tickets!

## Guest Speakers

- ♦ Paul Burke and Bill Santos from TOASTMASTERS spoke at the June GM.

## New Project

- ♦ "Glow Sticks II"

# Treasurer's \$ Note

Howdy everyone! We are 2 months into the new fiscal year, and my first term as Treasurer, and I have come to the astounding conclusion that everyone wants a check from me. In order to make life simpler and more convenient for everyone (especially me), I would like to set some ground rules:

1. My commitment to you:

a) I plan on being at every GM and Board meeting with checkbook in hand. I will gladly make myself available for the distribution or reimbursement of funds on those nights.

b) I plan on bringing the checkbook to every Jaycee event that I am working, and will make myself available at some time during that event for the writing of checks.

2. My expectations of you:

a) Call me at home (508-543-1378) or at work (617-663-3202) to schedule a time for us to get together for a check. I do not get home from work until 6:30 PM; so don't expect to reach me at home before then.

b) Plan ahead! If you are making a purchase where you need the funds ahead of time, don't wait until that day to contact me because I may not be available. Purchases over \$250 require KB's signature in addition to mine, so it might take a couple of days to arrange. Please make sure that you get a copy of the receipt to me after the purchase.

c) If you are looking to be reimbursed for expenditure, call to schedule a time to meet as well. Please make sure that you bring a copy of the receipt for the chapter records. Again, do not assume that I am available that same day.

d) DO NOT just show up at my house expecting a check. As much as I like seeing all of you, I value my limited, uninterrupted time with my family.

**The books for fiscal 2003 will be closed the night of the July GM.**

**Please be sure to turn in any receipts you may have, on or before that night!!**

**Contact Dave Reid if you have any questions.**

# Membership

Vice President: Amy George  
Director: Susan Gillis

**Who's Who-Bob Webster:** This project is a great way for our newer members to have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the chapter by sharing some information about themselves. Bob had a chance to interview our newest member, Randy Groves. Thank you to Bob! If you are a new member and have not yet received a call for an interview, please let Bob know.

**Activation/Mentor Program-Dave Fisler:** Dave has stepped-up to chair this project-thank you Dave! This project entails finding seasoned members and matching them up with newer members. As a mentor, your job is to get the new member involved in the chapter and projects and to introduce them to other members. If you are interested in being a mentor, or if you are a new member, please give Dave a call.

**Web Site Page-Bob Gillis:** Bob has been working hard on getting the Haunted House site up and running-it is now complete. Please check it out: [www.foxborojaycees.org](http://www.foxborojaycees.org). Bob, as usual, has done a fantastic job on this site. He has also been updating the site with our day-to-day stuff, and a new messaging board for the chapter has been added. As of last week the JC website reached 25,000 hits. Thank you Bob-great job as always. For more information, or if you have something you would like added to the website related to a project, contact Bob.

**Haunted House Membership Booth Data Entry-Helene Savage:** This project is now completed. Thank you Helene and everyone that helped her gather and input all of the data for us.

**Founders Day Membership Booth-Bob Gillis:** Final report- although we did not get any members out of this one, Bob was there answering questions about our organization. We had 2 raffles-2 winners were chosen and prizes were sent out. Thank you Bob.

**Concerts on the Common Membership Booth- Chairman Needed:** If you are interested in chairing this project, or at least chairing one concert night, please call Amy.

**Activation Apparel-Helene Savage:** This is now complete-thank you Helene. If you have not received your tee shirt yet, please contact Helene.



**New Members Social (aka New Members BBQ)- Sandy Emery:** Sandy has taken on this project-thank you Sandy. It will take place at The Emery's house on August 16th. A committee meeting will be held soon. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sandy.

# Individual Development

**Vice President: Monica Rigamonti**  
**Director: Sheryl Connors**

## ***Meetings and Programs-Monica Rigamonti***

- Vicki Withers will be speaking about H.U.G.S and the Life Line System.
- Anyone still interested in signing up for helping out with food and refreshments, please see me at the GM.

## ***Degrees of Jaycees-Dave Reid***

If you'd like to track your progress as a Jaycee, please see Dave Reid.

## ***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.

## ***Book Club-Lynn Freerksen***

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Kris Long's house. We will be discussing the book, "Drowning Ruth," by Christina Schwarz.

## ***Pick-Up Volleyball-Bob Webster and Mark Emery***

Come out and play some volleyball. **Thursdays from 6 PM until dark** at Booth Playground. All are welcome. Learn how to play volleyball from experienced players! There is a \$1 charge for each session. This will cover any expenses and provide us with a break-up party at the end.



## ***Pick-Up Softball-Chris Olson***

Come out and play some softball or just cheer on the players! We have already started. Every **Monday at 6 PM** at the Jaycee Field (Cocasset River Park). All are welcome!

## ***Founder's Day Work Party-Bob Hickey (Final Report)***

Bob graciously offered his house again this year. We were able to take shelter from the rain, and eat some wonderful food. Thank you Bob and Dave Brown for your hospitality and hard work.

## ***Public Speaking--Monica Rigamonti (Final Report)***

On Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, <sup>Bill</sup> Santos from the Toastmaster Achievers Club shared valuable tips on how to become a better public speaker. Thanks to all of those who attended.

# Community Development

**Vice President: Fred George**

**Director: Dave Fisler**

## ***Teddy Transfer. - Cathy Kelson-Reid***

Teddy bears are available to any organization to give to children in frightening situations. If you know of any such organization please contact Cathy.

## ***Winter Lights On Common – Takedown Committee***

Looks like good weather is here and the call will be made to Tree Tech for their assistance. More info. to come

## ***Enduring Freedom - Elise Behn***

Last contact with Elise had this project well under way with packages ready to send overseas to our troops. More information will follow at the next GM.



## ***Doolittle Home Support - Amy George***

It seems that this fine establishment and Foxboro landmark is feeling the budget crunch much like others and we have been asked to help out. Many of us meet Jack Authalet at the May GM, who explained some of the difficulties they are experiencing. Amy and committee are planning an auction sometime early in December. Watch and listen for more info.

## ***Hyland Rink Repair - Paul Howard***

The project is done and just waiting to pay all the bills. Great job goes out to Paul for a job well done!

## ***Road Race - Kris Long***

I would like to start by saying thank you Kris Long and her committee for a job well done!! The project went off on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We had over 200 runners start from Gillette Stadium, run through some town roads and ending back at the stadium. I would also thank all the members who participated in this event from mapping out the road course, setting up the course, road crew and to all who had parking duty and various duties at the stadium. Kris will have more info at the GM

## ***Concerts on the Common - Linda Strano***

First concert was June 19<sup>th</sup> with the FHS Jazz Band and the second concert was June 26<sup>th</sup> with Horns In The House. Good job Linda! The concert schedule is listed on the JC web site.



# Family Day 2003



**Who:** Anyone who wants to spend some time with their family and loved ones

**What:** A trip to the zoo!

**Where:** Depending on numbers, either Roger Williams Zoo in Providence or Southwick's Zoo in Mendon.

**When:** Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rain date: Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Why:** Do we need a reason to get together to have some fun?

If you are interested in attending, please call Monica Rigamonti at 508-541-9257.

