



Wise FOX

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

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Hello friends.

The Foxboro Jaycees. The Blue Wave. We spend a lot of time and energy telling people who we are and what we have done. The variety and magnitude of contributions made to the Foxborough community for over 40 years are frequently chronicled and highly respected. Project success is often measured in comparison to the number of participants or amount of money raised year after year. Membership drives and publicity strive to demonstrate the breadth and depth of experiences and activities made available to members. While there is every reason for individual Jaycees and for the Chapter to be proud of these records, and there is certain nobility to upholding traditions, this persistently retrospective view has a few inherent limitations.

During September, US Jaycee President-elect Lon Fox visited Massachusetts and actually spent a Saturday morning here in Foxborough, mowing grass at Camp Lincoln Hill with the crew preparing the grounds for our haunted house. That afternoon, he spoke at the State Meeting in Mansfield, touched on critical issues faced by local chapters all over the country and his vision for the Jaycee movement. As Mr. Fox reminded us at that meeting, we in local chapters are constantly scrambling to encourage our fellow Jaycees to help with the important and valuable things we have planned to do. We could be excited about reaching out to new friends for fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and good company; yet we feel tremendous pressure to recruit new members as manpower. There is always a core group of people who will step up to help, but these people unfortunately reach a point when the sense of responsibility eclipses the joy of accomplishment. We become victims of our cumulative success. Eventually, in our fervor to get things done, 'we forget to ask Jaycees what they want to be doing.' I believe Mr. Fox was spot on with his analysis. And so I ask, my friends:

What inspired you to join the Jaycees in the first place?

What do you want to do as a Jaycee?

What do you wish to accomplish as a Jaycee? (Yes, this is a different question.)

What would you hope to share with fellow Jaycees?

What would you like to help the Chapter accomplish?

When that letter arrives, what will drive your decision to renew Jaycee membership?

I offer these not as rhetorical questions, but rather as a real invitation for each of us to step back from the rush for just a moment and evaluate our goals and expectations as Jaycees. ***The answers matter.*** To have individual goals is not selfish; these are integral components of one's contribution to the organization. Our responses are the keys to vitality of the Chapter, our continued ability to serve our community, enrichment of leadership skills of chapter members, and the enjoyment of the fellowship of interested and interesting people. ***Your answers matter*** – please share them.

Thank you,
KB

Secretary's Report

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- ◆ A moment of silence was observed for the victims of September 11, 2001.
- ◆ Minutes from Last Month's Board Meeting – Accepted



Sunshine committee

- ◆ Cards sent to **Tami Comeau and Derek & Laureen House**, who both lost family members
- ◆ Flowers sent to **Helene Savage** after hospital stay.
- ◆ Fruit basket sent to **Bob Webster** after his surgery.

- ◆ *Inventory Coordinator* – Adam Nolan. Please see Adam if you have questions regarding our Jaycee inventory. You can also contact Kathy Brady or Bob Gillis.

- ◆ *Wise Fox* –Sandy Emery- September Wise Fox sent out. As always, an excellent job by Sandy. Please let Sandy 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*
Thank you sent to **Josh Easler** (WKLB).
Thank you to **Jane Webster** for use of Lovely Agency on Call Night.
Note from Bob – I will have a very nice generic thank you letter for any haunted house thank you notes – I will even put the stamp on it – all you need to do is add the name.
Also, for **ANYONE** who donates **ANYTHING** to the haunt, please let Bob Gillis know so he may add it to the “thank you” on the website.

- ◆ *Foxboro Building Roof Repair* – Dave Fisler-Complete!!

- ◆ *Camp Lincoln Hill cleanup* –Everyone! – The gates are open; people are at the camp every day. Please come down to help make our biggest fundraiser of the year a success!

- ◆ *Electronic CPG Library* – Bob Gillis- Bob has started collecting electronic copies (i.e., Word documents) of our CPGs. Anyone with an electronic copy of a CPG, please email it to Bob, and he will list CPGs that are available on the web site. CPGs are not available for download on the Jaycee web site as they are considered internal Jaycee documents and not for public distribution. Any Jaycee can obtain an electronic copy of a CPG listed on the web site by simply mailing or calling Bob.

- ◆ *Guest Speakers*
Johanna Shaw, Junior Chamber Family AIDS Network spoke at the September GM.
Bob has added their link to our web site.

Motions

- ◆ Donations: Motion for \$75 donation to the PMC/Jimmy Fund – **APPROVED**
- ◆ Motion to Accept Mini-Haunt Budget as presented – **APPROVED**

New Member

- ◆ New member Karen Curran was sworn in. Welcome, Karen!

From Bob:

- ◆ Just wanted to send out a massive **THANK YOU** to Fred Badger, Tom Sawran, Gerry McNamara, Paul Lanza and Dave Fisler (and their helpers) for their **outstanding** roof repair work. Well done, guys! Also, thanks to Lynda Walsh, Kenny Wills and Steve Krug for the excellent and delicious clambake!

Awards

- ◆ **PROJECT OF THE MONTH:** Hiking/Camping Trip (Tom Whiffen)
- ◆ **JAYCEE OF THE MONTH:** Sandy and Mark Emery
- ◆ **FROG OF THE MONTH:** Tami Comeau (Hobbit tent)
- ◆ **MEMBERSHIP AWARDS:** Bob Hickey-10 years! Forgot to mention Sue and Bob Gillis also had their 10-year Jaycee anniversary last month!



Jaycees Celebrating Their Birthday This Month

**Steve Battersby
Bob Botehlo
Kevin Coleman
Mark Emery
Dale George
Chris Hebert
Paul Kelly
Dave Reid
Sandy Smith
Lynda Walsh
Ken Wills**

Be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!!

Ways\$ & Means\$

Vice President: Kris Long

Director: Frank Jager

Common Entertainment Concessions-Dale George

As reported in last month's Fox, all went great with this project. I am just waiting for the final numbers to come in so that we can close this project. Again great job Dale and crew!



Haunted House-Dave Fisler & Paul Lanza

The Haunted house is almost completed, there is still a lot to do and unfortunately manpower this year has been scarce. The people that have been up at the house have been working very hard and their work shows. I hope that by the time this Fox is received more members have found some time to donate. I understand that we are all very busy and that we are all volunteers, but in order for this enormous project to work we need a little bit of everyone's time. If you are planning to work the show nights as a guide, you need to call Monica. If you would like to sell or collect tickets you need to call Elise. If you would like to work concessions you need to call Helene. If you don't know where you want to work then give me a call! I will find a place for you! Again thank

you to all that have been working at this year's house and in advance thank you to anyone who reads this report and hears the plea for helping hands!!

Haunted House Concessions-Sue Gillis

Well, this year's concessions stand has a whole new face! The concession stand has been refurbished! Thanks to a volunteer by the name of Paul Truax, who spent a whole day working at the HH. Sue needs some good reliable people to work this year's concession stand. She would like to be able to participate in the house as a guide or in her Hubbies room. So, if you would like to sell yummy food, please give Helene a call.

Haunted House Tee Shirt Sales-Lynda Walsh

The shirts are all designed and are being printed. Now, we need someone to sell them!! If you would like to help, please give Kris a call.

Haunted House Family Night-Amy George

The date has been set for Thursday, October 9th from 7 PM to 8 PM. Walk-thru with lights on start at 8 PM and lights go off at 8:30 PM. **Please, ONLY JAYCEE FAMILIES!**

Mini Haunt-Sandy/Mark Emery

By the time you read this, we will have already opened! The "enchanted forest" looks awesome, thanks to some very talented Jaycees and their friends! We will be open weekends, 10/4 thru 10/26 from 10-4:30 on Saturdays, and 12-4:30 on Sundays. We have started the manpower calls, and if you can lend a hand please give Mark or Sandy a call.

Haunted House Breakup Party

Party will be held on Saturday November 15th, 6PM at the South Foxboro Community Center., All those who work at the Haunted House or Mini Haunt are welcome!

Stadium Events- Crew Chairman Needed

Ok, this is something that you can chair and have fun at it!!! Isn't there a Football game you would like to see??? Well here's the chance, you can work a game FOR FREE...NO CHARGE FOR PARKING EITHER! And you could make money for the chapter while your having all this fun!!!! Give me a call!!

Christmas Trees-Chairman Needed

I need someone who would like to chair an easy project. I will be ordering trees this week and would love for someone to step up and take this project on!



IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR THE HAUNTED HOUSE

TICKET SALES MANPOWER ELISE BEHN 508-543-7521

CONCESSIONS MANPOWER HELENE SAVAGE 508-543 6231

GUIDES MANPOWER MONICA RIGAMONTI (HEAD GUIDE) 508-541-9257

MISC INFO KRIS LONG 508-698-9573 (home) 508-212-8307 (cell)

MINI HAUNT MARK OR SANDY EMERY 508-543-3634

The Haunted House needs Guides!

- If you are interested in being a guide at this year's Haunted House, please contact Monica Rigamonti at 508-541-9257 (home) or 508-353-1937 (cell).
- Guide Training has been scheduled for Sunday, October 5th and Monday, October 6th at 7 PM in the Guide Building. Here you will receive your script, and walk through the Haunted House.
- Even if you can't make those nights, call Monica. She is always down there and will take the time to walk you through the camp and give you the training that you need!

Individual Development

Vice President: Monica Rigamonti
Director: Sheryl Connors



Meetings and Programs-Monica Rigamonti

There will not be a guest speaker at this month's meeting.

Thanks to everyone for bringing the correct amount of money for the food and drinks-it helps a lot!!

A look ahead...Thanksgiving dinner at the November meeting!

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

Jaycee Website provides a link that lists Jaycee's who have a business. If you would like to have your business listed, please contact Bob or Sue.

Book Club-Lynn Freerksen

We are reading "The DaVinci Code" by Dan Brown. The meeting has been scheduled for **November 11th** at 8PM at Tami Comeau's house!

Progressive Dinner--Andrea Cummings

The date has been set for **December 13th**. So set that date aside in your calendars! Andrea will be looking for volunteers to host or cook.

Jaycee Open---Monica Rigamonti-final report

Twenty-six people golfed on September 20th and had a wonderful time. After golfing, we all enjoyed Carl Bertolino's cooking at Kris Long's house. Thank you to all who helped me with this project!

Clambake-Kenny Wills/Steve Krug

We ate lobster, steak, little necks, mussels, fish, salad and even more. We even got some money back! The food was wonderful and so was the company. Thank you Kenny, Steve and Lynda for all the hard work. I know people had a great time!

Scavenger Hunt-Tom Whiffen

The scavenger hunt did not go off this year. However, Tom has already made next year's chairperson's life a lot easier. He made a new hunt list! Perhaps we can try to do this project again in the spring.

Ski Trip-Cheryl Cushman/Paul Kelly

Well, it's getting to be that time again-this will be the 31st Annual Ski Trip! **\$50 deposits are due immediately to reserve your spot.**

Community Development

Vice President: Fred George
Director: Dave Fisler

Playground Project-Helene Savage

Letters were sent to the General membership to provide an overall status on this project. Manpower for the October 14th build is needed, please give Helene a call if you can help!



A part of a fundraising effort, a **Patriots Game Package** will be raffled off on October 23rd. The game is on October 26, and the package includes game tickets, parking, lunch, and a on field tour of the facility. Tickets are \$10.00 each, or 3 for \$25.00. Call Helene for info.

Teddy Transfer. - Cathy Kelson-Reid

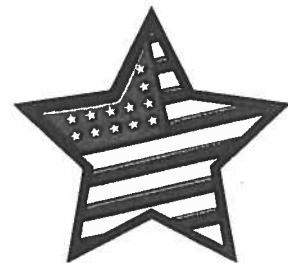
Teddy bears are available to any organization to give to children in frightening situations. If you know of any such organization please contact Cathy.

Winter Lights On Common – Takedown Committee

Dave has been playing phone tag with Tree Tech and the focus of the project has changed just a bit. Our thought is to leave them up and to repair or replace what's already there.

Enduring Freedom - Elise Behn

Elise is ready to start collecting items to ship out. There is a list of specific items to send-please contact Elise if you need more info.



Doolittle Home Support - Amy George

Amy is looking for more committee people to help in a potentially large project. There was a meeting on Sept 30th, and if you are interested please contact Amy.

Road Race-Kris Long

The bills are paid, but there are still some loose ends to tie up. More info to come

SERVE N.E. - Cathy Kelson-Reid

Contact Cathy if you would like to place an order for this month. Orders must be in before Oct 12th and pick up will be Oct 25th. Cathy has asked to move up the pick up time to 9-9:30.

Senior Appreciation Day-Helene Savage

Thank you Helene for taking on this project! She has already made phone calls and will be looking for manpower when she decides What, Where and When. Please contact Helene if you can help out.

Holiday Share- Chairman needed

Please contact me if interested in chairing this project. This will be the second year for this project and I would be glad to work with someone on the project.

Road Race (2004)- Chairman needed

Please contact me if interested in chairing this project for next year. Now I know last years Road Race isn't quite finished but the thought is to get started early.

If anyone is interested in chairing any of the following holiday projects please contact Dave Fisler or me:

Caroling on the Common
Santa Phone
Santa on the Common
Fruit Baskets
Adopt a Kid Christmas
Nativity Scene Repair
Nativity Scene Setup and Takedown
New Year's Baby



WHO'S WHO

By Bob Webster

This report was slated for last month's Wise Fox but the author got caught up in enjoying the summer and just plain forgot! Anyway....

We had a new member swear in at the August GM. (was it the blue margaritas?) Her name is Jen Allsop and her long time chum Cathy Kelson-Reid introduced her to the Jaycees. Jen is single and grew up in Bellingham. She has lived on Sherman Street in Foxboro for three years and is a manager at a mutual fund company. She attended the New Member's Social, which was right down the street at the Emery's, and she looks forward to being involved at this years' Haunted House.

Now, that is all the information I could come up with from talking with Jen. But, through my "who's who moles", I have discovered that Jen is quite the adventurer! She has made multiple sky diving jumps, as well as being a certified underwater diver. She does extensive traveling and has taken professional racecar driving lessons. It sounds like she should be chairing some interesting ID projects in the future!

Welcome to the Foxboro Jaycees, Jen!

Membership

Vice President: Amy George
Director: Susan Gillis

Who's Who-Bob Webster: Check out Bob's interview of our newest member Jen Allsop.

Activation/Mentor Program: Dave Fidler: Dave has the handbooks ready and has been pairing up our newest members with mentors. We are looking for some people to volunteer to be mentors. If you are interested in this please let Dave or myself know. Thanks.

Web Site Page-Bob Gillis: Bob is doing a great job handling our web site. He has added many new features to it. Check out the great things he has been doing by logging onto www.foxborojaycees.org. If anyone should need to post anything on the web site please contact Bob.



Call Night/New Member Orientation -Helene Savage: Great job Helene! We had one member join at the August GM. Thank you Kris, Lynda and Jen for coming and helping out this night.

Norton Jaycees Call Night-Amy George: Helene, Kris and myself went to Advest in Easton to help out Norton with their call night. Thanks guys for a job well done. The help was greatly appreciated.

Haunted House Membership Booth: Judy Wood- Thank you Judy for helping out with this project. We will once again be doing a survey at the haunted house. This year will be a little shorter and easier to keep track of so we won't lose track of this project. If you can lend a hand at this please contact Judy or myself. Thanks.

Jaycee Week- Chairman Needed- This project generally is run either in January or February. I would REALLY like to see this project run this year. We can be as creative as we want to be with it. If you are interested in this PLEASE contact me.



To the Board of Directors:

Thank You for the nice fruit basket you sent after my recent surgery. I'm recovering nicely, am back to work and being a pain in the ass again!

Thanks again,
Bob Webster

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