



Wise FOX

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

November 2003

Hello friends.

What an October it has been: huge public projects with high stakes and high drama and high expectations and high demands. The Haunted House and Mini-haunt are plenty to grasp, and this year the Payson Road Playground was piled on. Each of these a daunting project in it's own right, the combination at times seemed outrageous and overwhelming. Yet, each of these very large, very visible projects has been tremendously successful. These shared a couple of interesting characteristics. Each showed the greater community, based in Foxborough but extending out in every direction, the very impressive things that a group of motivated volunteers can do. Each drew manpower from across the spectrum of age and experience in the chapter, gaining strength from the blends of persons and personalities, the institutional knowledge and the fresh and unfettered new ideas. The haunted houses are always a showcase for the skills and talents of our membership, but this year included an extraordinary number of people from beyond the roster who added to the spectacle. We beat ourselves up in October, pushing the limits of fatigue and work in too-close quarters – often to the exclusion of relaxation and family time. I found it refreshing and interesting to see Jaycees inviting friends and relatives to participate in the extensive and intensive projects, spending time together and realizing an opportunity for more than just recruiting another set of hands – sometimes even qualifying as quality time. This is no insignificant accomplishment.

Dave and Paul, congratulations on a great House; the show was exciting, the facility has benefited from the improvements you directed, and we will have the means to support so many projects.

And yes, people had fun.

Sandy and Mark, the Mini-Haunt was again a success in fundraising, community relations, and as an artistic masterpiece. Your activation of a diverse cast and crew was inspiring.

Helene, after all the hand wringing, the playground is a true gem. Children have a new safe place to play, numerous local businesses and organizations earned a shared stake in the outcome, and there has been no end to the learning experience. This has been a landmark effort, and should serve as a huge milestone on the winding road toward reuse of the former state hospital property. Very few will know how hard it was, but very many will enjoy the results for years to come.

And to all the actors, artists, guides, landscapers, painters, decorators, timers, ticket-takers, builders, cooks, cleansers, mulchers, Dirt-Dogs, negotiators, mediators, and of course luggers and tuggers – *WE DID IT!* Somehow, again, *WE DID IT!*

Now we move into a season of smaller projects, but a long list of them. Please remain involved, bring a friend or relative, be seen, be heard, and revel in the events that make all the tough hours (weeks, months) worthwhile. Check the lists of projects seeking chairs – convince a friend to work with you and make it happen.

Thank you all, keep up the good work, and enjoy the good company.

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Secretary's Report

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



Sunshine committee

- ♦ Get well card to Linda Strano

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- November Wise Fox sent out. Great work, Sandy! Call Sandy if you want anything put in, or if you have roster updates.

Cards and Letters of thanks

- ♦ Please let Bob know if you have any thank you notes to send out for Haunted House donations. You need to provide name, address, and what they donated... Thanks!

Electronic CPG Library – Bob Gillis

Anyone with an electronic copy of a CPG, please email it to Bob. He will list CPG's that are available on the web site.

Web Site - Bob Gillis

Please let Bob know about any holiday activities and he will get it on the web site right away. Our December activities are already available there.

Motions

Except for the usual motions to accept the various areas, no motions were made at this meeting.

Awards

- ♦ **PROJECT OF THE MONTH:** Payson Road Playground
- ♦ **JAYCEE OF THE MONTH:** Kevin Coleman
- ♦ **FROG OF THE MONTH:** Helene "hanging to the right/left" Savage

New Project Chairs

- ♦ Kris Long, Santa Phone
- ♦ Lynda Walsh, Santa on the Common
- ♦ Fred George and Dave Fisler, Christmas Tree Sales

Individual Development

Vice President: Monica Rigamonti

Director: Sheryl Connors

Meetings and Programs-Monica Rigamonti

There will be no speaker this month. Instead, we will have a Yankee Swap at break time!! To participate, bring a \$5.00 gift and join in the fun swapping with your fellow Jaycees!



Book Club-Kris Long

We are reading “The Life of Pi” by Yann Martel. The meeting has been scheduled for **December 9th** at 8PM at Mark Emery’s house!

Progressive Dinner--Andrea Cummings

The date has been set for **December 13th**. I hope everyone enjoys themselves at their appetizer and dinner house. Can’t wait to hear the stories when we gather back again at the dessert house!!!



Kids Christmas Party-Cathy and Dave Reid

The date has been scheduled for **Saturday, December 20th** from 10-12 PM. If you are interested in attending but haven’t spoken to either one of the Reid’s, please contact them ASAP!!!!

First Aid Training - Chairman Needed

I am looking for someone to find some information on what is involved to be First Aid certified. Please contact Monica if you are interested.

Cooking 101 - Chairman Needed

This project is back on the agenda after a really busy summer and fall. I am looking for someone to give those who are cooking inept (or just inexperienced) the basics to make a great meal. If you are interested, please contact Monica.

Associates Night - Chairman Needed

It’s that time again to think of the many ways we can make fun of the over 40 crowd! Oops--I mean, show them how much we care. See Monica if you are interested.

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.

Nativity Scene Repair, Setup and Takedown-Adam Nolin

Adam has stepped up to be responsible for this year's set-up and takedown of the nativity scene. Thank you Adam!!

Caroling on the Common- Jen Allsop

Jen has stepped up to take on another nice little project for a rookie. If anyone is interested in participating in this project, please contact Jen. Caroling will be on Thursday Dec 18th.



Santa Phone- Kris Long

Phone calls will be made on Tuesday Dec 16th and Wednesday Dec 17th. If anyone is interested in making calls or would like to have a call made to someone, please contact Kris.

Santa on the Common- Lynda Walsh

Santa will be on the common after the Kids Christmas Party on Dec 20th. If you can help out please contact Lynda.

New Year's Baby-Monica Joshi

Monica is just waiting for the end of the year and a baby to be born!

Senior Appreciation Day-Helene Savage

Helene is trying to coordinate dates and times with the Orpheum Theater and Bethany Church for dinner and a show for the seniors

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.



*Wishing everyone a very
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!!*

Way\$ & Mean\$

Vice President: Kris Long
Director: Frank Jager



Haunted House-Dave Fisler & Paul Lanza

We did it!!!! What an awesome year we had-over 5600 people! CONGRATS on a very successful year to Fizz & Paul and all the crew for this years house. This year's house numbers were very strong throughout the whole 12 nights. This year's rooms were great, there was a great diversity among them all. Guides.... what can I say. We had quit the variety and a lot of new faces, Monica great job! Again thank you to each and every one of you who put forth the effort to make this year a great year! I'd also like to thank this year's publicity committee- Tom & Yvonne and all the committee really explored and dared to try new avenues. I look forward to hearing everything that worked and didn't work at this month's GM!! Great Job! Once again I would like to thank everyone who participated in either one or both of these projects. It's your dedication that helps the Jaycees continue.

Haunted House Concessions-Sue Gillis

Hey Sue, I can't remember if we all thanked you for the yummy candy!!!! Concessions this year-where do I start? We had a new face on concessions. Sue dared to try a lot of new things and man, did it work! Her numbers were unbelievable! I can't wait to hear the final tally at the GM! Sue thanks for your hard work-you have paved a new road for concessions!

Haunted House Tee Shirt Sales-Lynda Walsh

Lynda Walsh took this on last minute and as usual did a great job! She had Pauline design the shirts, and we went to a new color!! It was so nice to see Linda Magovern again, and she commented to me that she was very excited she was asked to come and sell t-shirts. She and Lynda did an awesome job selling shirts. Thank you Lynda & Linda!!!

Haunted House Family Night-Amy George

The kids had fun decorating pumpkins and their Trick or Treat bags! Great job, Amy!



Mini Haunt-Sandy/Mark Emery

What can a VP say, except thank you! Mark & Sandy did a phenomenal job!!! Over 2300 people attended! You guys have shown great leadership, it was really nice to see and hear the stories of how some of the Associates that haven't been around for a while, came out to help with this project. Special thanks to Kathy & Katie Hickey for doing this years food!

Children's Christmas Party

December 20, 2003



Santa is done making his list and checking it twice! Please call me at 508-543-1378 or email me at Cathkelsonreid@aol.com to let me know if you will be attending the Children's Christmas Party. I will need the age and sex of your child/children so that Santa has a gift for him/her. Santa will have a gift for children 10 and under. **Santa is done making gifts for the party, so if you have not contacted me, please do so ASAP!**

The party is for the children of Jaycees so they may see Santa 1 on 1 before he goes to the Common for the children of Foxboro. See him without the wait!

Haunted House Guide Meeting

Thursday, November 6th at Lynda Walsh's house at 7:30 PM.

All the guides are invited to come and share their stories/memories from the Haunted House-which will be used in the Break-Up party skit.

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

I know there's a game that you want to go to! Here's the schedule-pick a game and bring some friends-and make some money for the chapter while you see the game for free!!! Call me-lets talk~

11/16/03	Patriots vs. Dallas Cowboys - 8:30 PM
12/7/03	Patriots vs. Miami Dolphins - 4:15 PM
12/14/03	Patriots vs. Jacksonville Jaguars - 1:00 PM
12/27/03	Patriots vs. Buffalo Bills - 1:30 PM



Christmas Trees-Chairman Needed

The trees have been ordered but I still need someone to step up and take this project on. We start selling trees the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This would be a great project for a mentor and/or his mentee to take on together!



Haunted House Breakup Party

Saturday, November 15th 6 PM

South Foxboro Community Center

**All those who participated are invited to come and
celebrate the successes of the Mini-Haunt and Main
Haunted House**

Individual Development

Vice President: Monica Rigamonti
Director: Sheryl Connors



Meetings and Programs-Monica Rigamonti

John Davis (a concerned neighbor) will speak briefly about Camp St. Augustine. Thanksgiving dinner- cost is **\$2.00**. Please try to bring the correct amount of money.

Degrees of Jaycees-Dave Reid

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Networking-Bob and Sue Gillis

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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!

Ski Trip-Cheryl Cushman/Paul Kelly

The date has been scheduled for **January 22-25, 2004**. We will be skiing at Mount Snow and staying at The Mountaineer Inn. A \$50 deposit is due immediately to reserve a spot. Check out the flyer in this month's issue.

Kids Christmas Party-Cathy and Dave Reid

The date has been scheduled for **Saturday, December 20th**. Please contact the Reid's with any questions and/or requests. Check out the flyer in this month's issue.



Progressive Dinner-Andrea Cummings

The date has been set for **December 13th**. This is a fun social to start off the holiday season! For those of you who are not familiar with the dinner, here's how it goes: The evening starts out with appetizers-where there are 3 or 4 sponsors who will host. Then, on to dinner at another person's house. The dinner houses range from 8-12 guests. Then we all gather for desert at onè house, and brag about the wonderful dinner we just had! People are needed to host, cook appetizers, cook dinner, or provide deserts. If you are interested in attending, please contact Andrea.

Community Development

Vice President: Fred George
Director: Dave Fisler



Playground Project-Helene Savage

Another extremely successful project! See the attached update report Helene has submitted. Great job to all who participated!

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 has sent out packages to our troops and has more things to send out for a second round of packages. Thank you Elise!

Doolittle Home Support - Amy George

Amy is looking for more committee people to help in a potentially large project. If anyone is interested, there will be a committee meeting Nov. 10th at 8 PM at my house

SERVE N.E. - Cathy Kelson-Reid

Contact Cathy if you would like to place an order for this month. Orders must be in before Nov 9th and pick up will be Nov 29th. 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. Helene has already made phone calls and is planning to have a dinner and possibly a show in partnership with the Orpheum Theater. Please contact Helene if you can help out.

Holiday Share- Jen Allsop

Thank you Jen for stepping up to run this project. It's always nice to see new members taking on projects. Jen will need help with this project so if anyone is interested in cooking and or serving for this project please contact Jen or myself.

Road Race (2004)- Chairman needed

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Meetings & Programs

The GM is on Wednesday, December 10th.
Join us for our Yankee Swap!
Bring along a \$5.00 gift, and join in the fun!!



Happy Holidays



WHO'S WHO

By Bob Webster

So, you all thought there were no "rocket scientists" in the Jaycees.....**Wrong!!!**

Karen Curran, who joined at the September GM, is probably our first. Karen earned her undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering from Boston University. Seeing limited employment opportunities in that field, she went on to get her masters in mechanical engineering and went to work for the government. And, while earning those degrees, she still found time to be a member of the varsity swim team at BU!

When Karen isn't busy overseeing the operation of our Federal buildings in Boston, She and her husband, Andrew, are raising daughters Allison (4 ½) and Megan (2 ½). The family moved to Foxboro in December of 1998 from Hyde Park. Karen is originally a southern gal, hailing from Houston, Texas.

Karen became interested in the Jaycees through a recent call night. Good job, Lynda Walsh! And, she has already dug right in at the Haunted House. She is the front guide with the purple, metallic hair who goes by the name of "Violet". She's also the one who always refers to her groups as y'all! Welcome, Karen.



We also have new addition from the October GM and her name is Monica Joshi. Monica was sucked in...I mean **referred** by another newer member, Jen Allsop. They work together at a mutual fund company, where Monica is a corporate trainer.

Monica recently moved to Attleboro from Rhode Island, but she has actually lived in many places. She attended high school and college in Alabama and has also lived in Georgia. Looks like another "southern belle"! She gets a big kick out of the Boston accent on a lot of people she runs into.

Monica had already helped on a Jaycee project before she even joined. She was the official "Ice Cream Girl" at Family Night Out. She loved her first trip through the Haunted House and was scared as can be. She liked it enough to try rear guiding the next weekend. She has also signed on to chair Adopt a Kid for Christmas and the New Year's Baby projects. It sounds like she will earn that Caribbean Cruise that she and Jen are taking later in January! Welcome, Monica.

Fruit Baskets-Lauren Bitar

Lauren has stepped up to run this project but is willing to co-chair with someone if interested.
Thank you LB

Adopt a Kid for Christmas-Monica Joshi

Another new member is taking on a project! Monica has taken on this yearly project and is very excited about it. Thank you Monica!

New Year's Baby-Monica Joshi

Yet another project for this new member. Thanks Monica!

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
- Nativity Scene Repair
- Nativity Scene Setup and Takedown
- New Year's Baby



Happy Thanksgiving to all!

