



Wise Fox

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Greetings.

Granted, there was not much at stake and no hotly-debated questions to be answered; but, are we not alarmed that fewer than one in five registered voters turned up at the polls for the recent national primary? It has been rare for more than 25% of eligible people to spare twenty minutes of their precious time to participate in any election here in Foxborough. Can we truly believe that we are that busy, that other activities are that much more important, that everyone else will take care of this and the results will be satisfactory? Or, is it merely that much easier if not more entertaining to sit back and wait to express an opinion regarding the results?

Here in Foxborough, there will be two town meetings and three more elections between now and November, with the possibility of an additional special election. Numerous surrounding communities have similar schedules, with large projects with huge financial commitments or open seats in local government at stake. Who will make the choices for us? Be one of those people. In less time than it takes to draft an angry letter to the editor or a petition to march around door-to-door, one can have a real and timely influence by marking an actual ballot. Neighbors, colleagues, and other members of your household may just notice what you're doing and be inspired or at least reminded to come along. Now People you know, who shared interests, with whom you've discussed the issues.

It is a glint off the double-edged sword of the information age that it has become so easy to register dissatisfaction and have it broadcast rapidly. Dissent and opinion can appear in type and be distributed literally at the speed of light; speculation and fiction travel at the same rate as pure observation and fact. Sifting through the volume of information requires exponentially increasing amounts of time and effort. Help ensure that we get it 'right' the first time; vote, and encourage those around you to do the same. Here is one more opportunity to be the leaders that our community counts on us to be. Support a worthy candidate, run for office, and spend some time learning about your options. If government is to be of laws rather than of men, the process needs to be driven by informed choices rather than the cult of personality.

Select carefully and thoughtfully the directors who lead our chapter, the committee members who advise our schools and finance decisions, the representatives who speak for us in Boston, and the Executive who will be our voice in the world arena. Attend town meeting and stay for more than one question; read a little about what is happening in nearby towns, since these issues are affecting our friends and colleagues and employees and employers and may soon face each of us at home. Remember that there are people, our family and friends, right now risking their lives on a daily basis to offer even the slightest hint of these rights and privileges to citizens of another land, because enough American voters over time demonstrated that their beliefs support such actions. At every level, our individual votes matter. They matter now, and down the road.

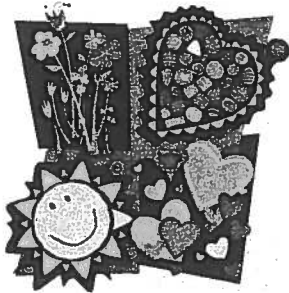
Who's making the decisions? We are.

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Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report-Bob Gillis

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



Sunshine committee

- ◆ Card sent to Diane Florence.
- ◆ Card sent to Elise Behn

Inventory Coordinator – Dave Fisler/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- January February Wise Fox sent out; always a great job by Sandy! Call Sandy if you want anything put in, or if you have roster updates.

Cards and Letters of thanks - Bob Gillis/Chairman Needed.

I am looking for someone to take over this project.

- ◆ Thank you card sent to Dan Murphy for the Patriots Tickets for our raffle.
- ◆ Thank you card sent to Donut World for donation of hot chocolate to caroling on the common.

Electronic CPG Library – Bob Gillis

- ◆ Anyone with an electronic copy of a CPG, please email it to Bob. He will list CPGs that are available on the web site. Thanks Tom Whiffen for the disk containing all the CPGs and documents – Bob will get them on the web site soon!

Motions

- ◆ Motion to donate \$400 to Foxboro Youth Baseball for Uniforms – APPROVED.

New Directors

- ◆ We welcome Deena Cummings as our new Dues Director, and Monica Joshi, who will also be taking on a director position on the board.

Guest Speaker

- ◆ Phil Cunningham, of Bay Colony Productions and the Orpheum Theater, spoke to us at the GM.

GM Raffle

- ◆ Monica held a free raffle of Valentine goodies; Sandy Smith and Mike Wood each won a basket.

Individual Development

Vice President: Monica Rigamonti

Meetings and Programs-Monica Rigamonti

Keith from The Village Cheese Shop will be speaking to us. Meatball Subs for only **\$2.00!**

Book Club-Kris Long

We are reading "Yakota's Officer Club" by Sarah Bird. If you finish that book early, you can read the companion book, "Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch," by Gregory Maguire. The meeting has been scheduled for **March 23rd** at **8PM** at Monica Rigamonti's house.

Cooking 102-Lucy Wilhelm

This project is scheduled for **Saturday, April 10th**. If you are interested in attending, please contact either Lucy Wilhelm or Monica Rigamonti.

Associates Night - Andrea Cummings

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 AT THE ORPHEUM THEATER! DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM AND SHOWS IS AT 8 PM.

Check out the flyer in this month's issue!

Installation Banquet - Cathy Reid

This has been scheduled for **May 1st**. It will be held at the Lafayette House. Be on the lookout for invitations. Please make sure you RSVP in a timely manner.

First Aid Training - Joann Wason

Joann is still looking at a couple of different options so we can use the best of our budget. More information at the March GM

By-Laws/Parliamentary Procedure Seminar - Lynda Walsh/Sandy Smith

This will be a training session to learn or become better familiarized with the Jaycees By-Laws as well as Parliamentary Procedures, including Roberts Rules of Order.

This project will run shortly after the new Board of Directors are sworn in. This project is open to everyone. Thank you Lynda and Sandy for taking this on!

Camping/Hiking Trip - Joann Wason

Sites have been reserved for **July 15-18th** at Franconia State Park (same location but different sites than last year). If you are interested in going, please contact Joann.

Degrees of Jaycees-Dave Reid

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

Membership

Vice President: Amy George
Director: Susan Gillis

Who's Who-Bob Webster: Bob has been doing a great job helping us to get to know our newest members. If you have not been contacted by Bob, expect a phone call soon!

Activation/Mentor Program-Dave Fisler: Dave has been very busy pairing up our newest members with some seasoned Jaycees. If you are a new member and do not have a mentor, please let him know. Also if you are interested in being a mentor, please give him a call.

Web Site Page-Bob Gillis: Bob's website has been keeping us up to date with all of the happenings of the Jaycees. It has even attracted new members! Keep up the great work Bob!

Orientation-Lynda Walsh: Thank you Lynda for taking on this project. Stay tuned new members for the date and time of our orientation.

Activation Apparel-Amy George: - Hats and T shirts have been ordered and are due in very soon. Let me know if you need anything.

Pancake Breakfast Membership Booth: Chairman Needed

Founder's Day Membership Booth: Chairman Needed

Funway Cafe Night: Chairman Needed



Jaycees Celebrating Their Birthday This Month

Nate Emery
Dave Fisler
Lynn Freerksen
Ed Groh
Mark Norian
Tom Whiffen

Be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!!

Way\$ & Mean\$

Vice President: Kris Long

This has been a great year for ways and means, although I haven't met my personal financial goal for the chapter I have surpassed in other ways. I have learned and witnessed how a large group of people are willing to sacrifice their time and much more, for a community. We as a whole are very special people; I think that some where in the Jaycees name "Giver" should be mentioned. We are givers, the biggest! I thank you for every experience I have had and will have in the future. We are a great group of people and I'm very proud to be a part of the Foxboro Jaycees.

Haunted House: Dave Fisler & Paul Lanza

We have been waiting for some final bills to come in to close this project; I believe that there will be a Final meeting on this project very soon! Again Great Job To everyone!

Chili Fest – Mark Emery

This is going to be a fun project and I look forward to Mark's ideas! Plans are in the making- details to follow.

Pancake Breakfast Raffle - Lynda Walsh

Thank you Lynda for stepping up! This project is going to be fairly simple Lynda will be getting Gift certificates and other prizes! If you would like to help her in the sale of the raffle tickets please let her know. You can leave a message for her, 508-543-2668!

Founders Day!!!!

Yes its that time again, we have to start figuring out how many sites will need, so If there is a project that interest you in the list below please call me and I will be happy to put your name as a chairman!

CHAIRMAN NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Founders Day Concessions~

This is one of the biggest project for the day , you will have to shop, get man power, cook, order grills, and much, much more!

Founders Day Pony Rides~

Julie Grant has run this for many years, and I'm hoping, many more to come !!!

Founders Day Soccer Shoot Out~

This is a fun project, and relatively simple! We get a bunch of balls the kids kick the balls at targets and get a prize!!!