

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

April 2004

#### Greetings

At one point earlier in the year, I asked that each of us recall why we chose to become a Jaycee. Having found myself caught up in all of the administrivia and upheaval of preparations for the transition from one Jaycee year to the next, it was time for my own review. And so, a few words about the value of few words.

The Jaycees are known for and called upon to perform an astounding array of highly-visible community services and entertainments. The Blue Wave has an unmistakable presence around Foxborough. We are invited to play a prominent role in celebrations, demonstrations, and recognition of outstanding achievements. This is one exhilarating privilege of participation in 'small' town life, and a legacy reinforced over decades through the concerted efforts of many good people. This part is easy, fun, and very rewarding.

For each instance when it is wholly appropriate to herald an occasion, there are several when the most important contribution one can offer is the assurance and preservation of undisturbed privacy, however well-intended the impulse to act and mobilize resources on behalf of the parties in distress. Consider the extraordinary example of our friends and colleagues at the Discretionary Fund, with whom we periodically collaborate: an invaluable resource, eminently so because it is fundamentally discrete. We are allowed to help because our members are trusted to demonstrate the same type and degree of respect that enables people to accept assistance when it is warranted. This is one great responsibility of leaders in a small town, and an integral part of the same legacy. This part is difficult, sobering, and very rewarding.

We each have our own goals and motivations as Jaycees. As the year comes to a close, I'd like to share one lesson I learned from my grandmother, who spent 50 years in this town reveling in every celebration while also helping people without fanfare, doing those things that just get done in the background without anyone taking particular notice of who's doing it. These are the words I sent her off with, and so I sign off here.

Care about everyone, but meddle with no one; and when your work is done, simply turn and walk quietly away

Congratulations and good luck, Monica. It's all yours. -KB



#### Secretary's Report-Bob Gillis

Minutes from Last Month's Board Meeting – Accepted (Just wondering, has there ever been a time they were not accepted? ©)



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#### Sunshine committee

Flowers sent to the Behn's celebrating the birthday of their baby boy, Barry ©

Get well card sent to Bob Klee.

Sympathy card sent to former Foxboro Jaycee Andrea Reine, whose mother passed away.

Flower Basket and farewell card sent to Elise and Eric Behn, who are moving from Foxboro. We wish them the very best in the future and please stay in touch!

#### 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- March Wise Fox sent out; Sandy has consistently produced an outstanding newsletter every month. It's obvious how much care and attention is put into this by Sandy. Thanks – we really appreciate it!

Cards and Letters of thanks - Sandy Emery. Thank you Sandy for taking on this project! If you have any thanks to send out on behalf of the Jaycees, please see Sandy. Bob Gillis/Chairman Needed.

#### **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. We have over 30 available CPGs already, and they are already benefiting both our new members, and other chapters: Tracy Folz, 2004 Community Vice President, Greenfield, WI Jaycees sent Bob Gillis an email requesting our kid's Christmas party CPG, which he sent to her. Nice to be able to help out another chapter so far away!

Jaycee Stationery has arrived; as always if you need any please see Bob Gillis. He will be turning this over to the new secretary after the April Joint Board Meeting TM

#### **Motions**

Motion to accept the nomination committee's recommendations - APPROVED Motion to increase line item #324, to \$225.00 - APPROVED Motion to increase line item #205, first aid training to \$210.00 - APPROVED

# Individual Development

Vice President: Monica Rigamonti



Meetings and Programs-Monica Rigamonti

Meetings and Programs—Monica Rigamonti---Chairman Needed Foxboro Regional Charter School's Student Life Coordinator, as well as a CSL (Community Service Learning) teacher, **Heidi Berkowitz**, will be speaking to us about the importance of getting kids involved in community service projects.

All you can eat **pizza** and **salad** for only **\$2.00**! This will be a Chairman needed project come May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Book Club-Deena Cummings**

We are reading "The Fourth Hand" by John Irving. If you finish that book early, you can read the companion book, "Blindness," by Jose Saramago. The meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday**, **April 27th** at **8PM** at Laureen House's home.

#### Cooking 102-Lucy Wilhelm

This project is scheduled for Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. People who have expressed interest and signed up for this project will get a call from Lucy with all the details.

#### Associates Night - Andrea Cummings

Thanks to all those people who made this project a great success! We are actually making money too! We are burning DVD's of the **2004 movie** (\$5) and there is also a collection of the **past 4** years as well (\$10). Please see Monica Rigamonti or Tom Whiffen if you are interested or still need to pay.

#### Installation Banquet - Cathy Reid

This has been scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be held at the Lafayette House. Invitations have been mailed out. RSVP deadline is Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### First Aid Training - Joann Wason

This has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Wrentham Development Center. The cost will be \$12 per person. Please give that money to Joann ASAP.

#### By-Laws/Parliamentary Procedure Seminar - Lynda Walsh/Sandy Smith/Bob Webster

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, Sandy and Bob for taking this on.



Vice President: Amy George Director: Susan Gillis

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making this year's membership area so successful. We have gained 14 new members this year and they have plunged into our chapter, running projects and even taking positions on the board. I wish everyone the best of luck next year on the board and look forward to working with all of you in the future.

Who's Who-Bob Webster: Thank you Bob for doing a great job in keeping us up to date with all of our new members. If you are a new member and have not heard from him, please give him or me a call and we can add you on the list of people to write about.

Activation/Mentor Program-Dave Fisler: Dave, you have done an outstanding job with this project. As people can see, this program has really worked this year in activating and getting out new members involved in a variety of projects. Everyone is up to date and has a mentor.

Web Site Page-Bob Gillis: What can I say? Once again, another awesome job by Bob. He ensured the website had up to date information and make it just plain fun for the rest of us to read. Thank you for all of your hard work, it has paid off in bringing in new members and keeping us all informed.

Orientation-Lynda Walsh: There will be an orientation before the April GM. If you are a new member it is recommended that you attend to receive some valuable information about the Jaycees. Thanks Lynda for running this very important project.

New Members: Be sure to welcome our newest member Kim Kelly, who joined at the March GM!

Founder's Day Membership Booth: Chairman Needed Concerts on the Common Membership Booth: Chairman Needed



## Jaycees Celebrating Their Birthday This Month

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Cheryl Cushman
Laureen House
Scott Rogers
Bob Webster
Phil Wright

Be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!!



Vice President: Fred George Director: Dave Fisler

Sand for Seniors-Lauren Bitar

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Lauren and committee have done a great job this year keeping up with the demand for sand.

Lauren is currently in the process of contacting the participants and asking them if they would like a last fill up (hopefully) or if they wish use to come and collect the buckets. Again Lauren and crew-great job and keep up the good work!

Doolittle Home Support - Amy George

Amy and her committee have been very busy in preparing for this event. There has been a meeting every Monday, phone calls, and preparations for a dry run on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The main event is on April 24th. Please mark it down and return the phone calls of the manpower person for calls will be made soon. (See the flyer attached).

Winter Lights On Common - Dave Fisler

Dave has been in contact with Tree Tech, and is trying to coordinate a time and date that works. His hope is to have them down by the end of the month.

SERVE N.E. – Randy Groves

Thank you Randy for taking on this project! Pick up date is the 24<sup>th</sup>, and you may place an order with Randy no later than the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

Pancake Breakfast- Monica Joshi/Amy George

This project went great this year. We had over 800 people served, and plenty of manpower. Monica and Amy you and your committee did a great job! I look forward to hearing the final numbers at the GM.

Senior Appreciation Day-Helene Savage

Due to time constraints and conflicts in both the Bethany and the senior center, this event has been postponed until a later date to be determined.



Easter Egg Hunt-Judy Wood/Elizabeth Crimmens- The weather held off and Liz, Judy, and their committee did a great job! Thank you to all that helped out with this project.

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.

Easter Seals Volley Ball- John Zarella

John did a great job. He was able to put 2 teams together and really dominate the event. Again great job John and we look forward to hearing about it at the GM.

Nativity Scene Restoration-Randy Groves/Kris Long

Thank you, to both Randy and Kris for taking this on. As you may or may not be aware our Nativity scene is in need or professional restoration. Randy and Kris have been getting quotes for use to see just how expensive this may be. I look forward to hear what they have found out, at the next GM.

Mother and Father's Day Essays- Judy Wood

This year Judy is trying a new twist she is going to run these together. This will give the kids a choose ether to write for Mom or Dad. For more information call Judy Wood

Youth Scholarships-Liz Crimmins

Liz had over 60 scholarships for her and her committee to grade. They narrowed the field to the 10 best essays. Thank you, Liz and her committee!



Concerts on the Common-Dave Fisler and Linda Strano

Thank you, to both Dave and Linda for taking this on. We are all look forward to the summer concert season.

Palladino Spelling Bee- Lynda Walsh and Lynn Freerksen

Thank you, Lynda and Lynn for running this project. A good time was had by everyone-even the audience! Looking forward to the reviews at the GM

Candidates Night - Lauren Bitar and Kathy Brady

Thank you, To Lauren and Kathy for picking up this project and running with it. The event will be on April 22nd. If you are interested in helping with this project please contact Lauren or Kathy.

Band Stand Light Repair- Dave Fisler

Dave will be repairing a light fixture that got ripped out of the ceiling. He says this will be done prior to concerts.

Payson Road Playground TWO- Helene Savage

Helene is currently looking into doing more for the area. If you are interested in helping her please give her a call.

Founders Day Parade- Chairman Needed

**Editors note:** 

Founders Day is right around the corner! Along with all the work that has to be done, we always look for a way to have some fun. The Founders Day Dance will be held again this year on May 22nd at the Plainridge Racecourse. Those of you who attended last year can attest to the fun we had! And, you don't have to wear a suit!!

Tickets are \$20.00 per person, which includes a buffet dinner and dancing to music provided by a DJ. The racetrack welcomes gambling as well!

See Sandy Emery, Mark Emery, or Lynda Walsh if interested. It would be nice to get a couple of tables together again this year.

Camping/Hiking Trip - Joann Wason

Sites have been reserved for July 15-18<sup>th</sup> at Franconia State Park (same location but different sites than last year). If you are interested in going, please contact Joann or Tom Whiffen. Also, if you have not already paid, please do so ASAP.

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

Information about start time and location (Booth Field) will be given at the April GM.

Whitewater Rafting Trip---Dave Fisler and Andrea Cummings

If you are interested in whitewater rafting this year, please see either Dave or Andrea. More information will be given at the April GM, but we know that if we book early, there is a discount!

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

There is a link to the website that lists any Jaycee who has a business and would like to let other Jaycees know about it. If you want your business listed, please contact Bob.

The following projects need a chairman. Please see Monica if you are interested or have any questions. Jaycee Golf Open Canoe Trip Founder's Day Work Party



Who's Who Bob Webster

Julia Sechen is a new member who didn't require any recruiting. She actually came looking for us! Nancy Thorton, a business associate of Julia's' was a longtime member of the Boston Jaycees. Nancy told her many stories of the projects and fun the Jaycees had. So, Julia decided to do a little research and find a good Jaycee chapter to join. She looked at Boston and Taunton but, found that Foxboro was the cream of the crop. After spending many hours reading our "extensive" website, she came out and signed in at the February GM.

Julia grew up on the South Shore where she was a gymnast at Cohasset High School. She attended Wellesley College for one year before she moved down to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It was there that she graduated with a degree in Biology. She has since received a Masters Degree in Environmental Engineering from Northeastern. She now lives in Mattapoisett and works for the Lakeville DEP in the waste and clean up department. She monitors the activities of hazardous waste removal companies in the area. (Wait till she sees Camp Lincoln Hill!)

Julia is anxious to get started with Jaycee activities and has been given Dave Fisler as a mentor (oh my!). She worked the Pancake Breakfast and saw enough syrup and coffee to last a while! She is planning on attending the second installment of Cooking 101 this week. And, rumor has it, she is considering taking on the job of Treasurer next year! Now, that will certainly keep her active.

Welcome aboard, Julia!

#### Guest Speaker

Keith Noftel, one of the owners of the Village Cheese Shoppe, spoke to us about the Shoppe. The web site is www.villagecheeseltd.com

New Project Chairs

Founder's Day shooting gallery - Adam Nolin

Concerts on the Common - Dave Fisler and Linda Strano

Bandstand repair - Dave Fisler ("Oh, and this one time, at band camp...")

Founders Day Soccer Shootout - Brenda Correia

Pickup Volleyball - Bob Webster and Mark Emery

Founder's Day Concessions - Fred George and Ken Wills

Sandy Emery - Cards and Letters of Thanks

Bylaw Amendment - Dave Fisler

Whitewater Rafting - Andrea Cummings and Dave Fisler

Playground Dedication - Helene Savage

#### Notices and Updates

Spelling Bee .....

The correct spelling of "ROSEY" is R-O-S-Y. Please make a note of it.

Web Site

If you missed the April Fool's Day Jaycee Web site page, go the web site "site map" and click on "April Fools" page. See the website that has caused thousands of Jaycees to concur: "Robert Gillis has WAYYYY to much time on his hands."

#### Chairman Needed

Founders Day Parade

Founders Day Raffle

Jaycee Golf Open

Canoe Trip

Founders Day Work Party

#### **New Members**

We welcome Kim Kelly, sworn in before the March GM.

#### Awards

PROJECT OF THE MONTH: Scat Night-Judy Wood

JAYCEE OF THE MONTH: Lynda Walsh

ROOKIE OF THE QUARTER: Monica Joshi

FROG OF THE MONTH: There were no frog nominations this month, so the GM attendees agreed to give the frog to Steve Krug again – we feel last month's frog merited another month!

Jaycee Gold stars

Bob Gillis awarded Tom Whiffen a \$30 Home Depot gift card for his outstanding effort in finding over 100 mistakes on the web site. Laureen House is our second winner, awarded a \$10 Barnes & Noble Card for 10 errors found! Every error found and fixed means a better web site and the contest continues! Find 10 errors and win a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card!



Vice President: Kris Long

I wish the next VP great luck, with their new year. I ask that everyone show them the support you all showed me. I learned something new with every project that was run. The wisdom and experience that is within this chapter is phenomenal! Thank you, I look forward to another year of everlasting memories!

#### Haunted House: Dave Fisler & Paul Lanza

The final report will be made at this months GM!

#### Pancake Breakfast Raffle - Lynda Walsh

Great Job Lynda and thank you Liz for all your help! With the help of many hands Lynda and crew raised \$785.00!!!! Awesome!!! Thanks!

#### Chili Fest - Mark Emery

Unfortunately what was going to be an awesome project was squashed! Due to health regulations the chili fest will not be able to run. Thanks for everything Mark, your intentions were great.



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#### Founders Day-June 12th

Founders Day Pony Rides- Julie Grant, Deena Cummings & Kim Kelly This year we have a Tri- committee! This project is a fun one and takes lots of help! So please call any of them and lend a hand!

#### Founders Day Soccer Shoot Out- Brenda Corriea

Brenda will need lots of help setting this up! So please call her and let her know you're available!

#### Founders Day Concessions-Fred George & Kenny Wills

This is a great one day project; we will need plenty of hands on help! Give them a call and sign up early!

#### Founders Day Shooting Gallery-Adam Nolin

We have the gallery and now we have the chairman! Anyone that has some pointers for Adam on this please call him!

Founders Day Glow Items-Joann Wason has volunteered to take on this big money maker. Thanks, Joann!!!

#### Chairmen Needed:

Founders Day Raffle-This is what ever you would like to do! Get some great prizes do some advertising on them, and then sell raffle tickets that day! Give me a call or send me an E-mail if you're interested in taking this on!





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Susan Gillis

Robert Gillis 154 Beach St. Foxboro, MA 02035





The GM is on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
The Village Cheese Shop will be our guest
Meatball Subs-\$2.00!



### JAYCEES NEEDED!



Jaycees

BACK, BY POPULAR DEMAND!

## Cable 8 Auction

508-543-0766°

April 24, 2004

Help "The Doolittle Home"

Foxboro Cable and The Foxboro Jaycees have joined together to bring an old favorite back ... to help benefit "The Doolittle Home" in Foxborough.

The Auction will be held Sat., April 24<sup>th</sup>. We need your help from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Please, pick a shift of two hours.
- You will be able to bid on items.
- You'll be supporting an awesome cause.
- We'll supply refreshments.

Contact Amy George if you're interested. Be expecting a phone call, so chose a time that is best for you and plan a fun day with us!

Thanks in advance for your help. Also, if you have an item/service you'd like to donate, please call Amy.