



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

April 2005

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Dear Jaycee Friends,

Well, the year is basically over and my term is coming to a close. Each month I sit in front of my computer monitor and think about what I can write within these reports. Mostly, I recap what happened within the chapter and what is coming up. This month was an easy month for me. I wanted to take this time to thank some individuals and reflect on this past year.

I should definitely start out by thanking my Board of Directors. Thanks for dedicating yourself this year to the Jaycees. Thanks for coming to all the meetings, reading all the emails and working so hard in all the areas. It has been a long year, and we had some movement within the board, but we stuck together, and made it through. Thanks to those who made it the entire year, as well as those individuals who stepped up when we had our empty spots.

I wanted to especially thank Tom Whiffen and Kathy Brady. Having two past presidents on the board of directors was extremely beneficial for me. These two people were always there for me. They answered my **many** questions, let me vent when I needed to, as well as gave me constructive criticism and advice. Thank you so much for all your help. I hope you know how much I appreciated it!

I also wanted to thank Sandy Emery for being our Wise Fox editor for the 2nd year in a row. Not once this year did I ever have to worry about the Wise Fox and if it was going to go out on time. The Wise Fox always looked great and chock full of information. Anytime I had a question or needed information, Sandy was there and very helpful. I think you have found your calling!

And finally, thanks to all of you who continued to be a part of this chapter. Thanks for coming out to the GM's and voicing your opinions, well wishes and even your concerns. Thanks to those who stepped up this year to chair a project or participated on a committee. This chapter continues to grow and strive because of people like you.

In my first presidential report, I promised to everyone that I would try my best and put as much effort into this job as possible. I think I accomplished this throughout the year. There were many late nights this year for me. Whether it was meetings, phone calls, or spending time in front of the computer, I know that I put 100% into this position. I hope I did a good enough job for all of you.

I also said that I thought I was a pretty organized person. Well, if I wasn't organized before, I certainly am now! All you have to do is look at my date book (AKA "The Bible") from this past year. I hope some of my organizational skills rubbed off on someone other than myself! And finally, I mentioned that one of my strengths was being a good listener. I know that this is a skill that always needs to be fine-tuned and there is room for improvement. I certainly know that I am not an exception to the rule. I hope I was able to help some people this year when they needed it. I thank you for letting me into your lives and sometimes into your problems. I hope I was able to help solve some issues and make people feel better.

It has been a long but fulfilling year. I now pass the torch, or should I say the gavel, to you, Dave. Good luck and know that there are many people in this chapter who are willing to help you next year. Please know that I am certainly one of those people!!!!

Sincerely,
Monica Rigamonti

45th Annual Installation Banquet

Saturday, April 30th, 2005

Signatures

North Attleboro, MA

Cocktails 6:00-7:00 PM

Dinner

Installation of the 2005-06 Board

Year End Awards

2005 Key Man Award

***The Presidents Party immediately following the banquet
at the Emery's***

Board of Directors

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Position	Name
President	Monica Rigamonti
Individual Dev. V.P.	Bob Gillis
Ways & Means V.P.	Dave Fisler
Membership V.P.	Monica Joshi
Secretary	Jennifer Widmer
Treasurer	Helene Savage
Individual Dev. Dir.	Jenn Allsop
Community Dev. Dir.	Andrea Cummings Amy Correia
Ways & Means Dir.	Susan Gillis
Membership Dir.	Tom Whiffen
Dues Director	Helene Savage
Donations Director	Joann Wason
Presidential Director	Adam Nolin
Chairman of the Board	Kathy Brady

Meetings & Programs	Kathy Brady/ Amy Correia
Web Master	Bob Gillis
Wise Fox Editor	Sandy Emery

Secretary's Report

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Secretary's Report – Jennifer Widmer

Minutes from Last Month's GM – Accepted



Sunshine committee

- ♦ Get Well card sent to Pete Christian
- Congratulations card sent to Lynn Freerksen
- Congratulations card sent to Mark Emery for his Service above Self Award
- ♦ Sympathy card sent to Jim Evans
- Get Well card sent to Bob Webster
- ♦ Get Well card sent to Amy Correia
- ♦ Congratulations card sent to Helene and Mike Savage

Inventory Coordinator – Chairman Needed

Please let Dave know if you have any items missing or if you have anything to put back into the Jaycees inventory! **We are looking for a new Inventory Coordinator so any interested parties please call Jennifer!**

Wise Fox–Sandy Emery

March Wise Fox sent out. Thanks Sandy!

Cards and Letters of thanks and appreciation - Sandy Emery

Thank you card sent to Dunkin Donuts for a donation. If you have any thanks to send out on behalf of the Jaycees, please let Sandy know.

Electronic CPG Library–Bob Gillis

Anyone with an electronic copy of a CPG, please email it to Bob. The CPG's are now available for download on the website. This is a password protected area, so please ask Bob for the username and password.

By-Laws Amendment Committee (membership age) – Dave Fisler/Helene Savage

New copies of the By-Laws will be made available at the next GM with all the new additions. Thanks Dave and committee for all your hard work.

New Project Chairmen

- ♦ Candidate's Night- Helene Savage
- ♦ Founder's Day Shooting Gallery- Adam Nolin
- ♦ Thank you all ☺

Chairmen Needed

- ♦ Inventory Coordinator

- ◆ Wise Fox
- ◆ Senior Appreciation Day
- ◆ Family Night Out
- ◆ Founder's Day Parade/Float
- ◆ Founder's Day Manpower
- ◆ Cooking 101
- ◆ Founder's Day Work Party
- ◆ Camping/Hiking Trip
- ◆ Whitewater Rafting Trip
- ◆ Haunted House
- ◆ Founder's Day Soccer Shootout
- ◆ Concerts on the Common Concessions
- ◆ Who's Who
- ◆ Concerts on the Common Booth



Awards

- ◆ Project of the Month: Scat Nite
- ◆ Jaycee of the Month: Helene Savage
- ◆ Frog of the Month: : Jennifer "Wrong Sunshine Card" Widmer

Individual Development

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Vice President: Bob Gillis

Director: Jenn Allsop

Thank you!

Jaycee friends, I was honored to be your IDVP this past year. I think ID had a great year, introduced some fun new projects (line dancing, wellness, scrap booking, skydiving, etc), and many established ID projects (Scat Night, Associate's Night, Camping/Hiking, Book Club and many more) just kept getting better.

I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to Jenn for being such an excellent director; she created or took on many projects this year, was always involved, and helped bring new life into many events. Jenn thanks again, very much.

I look forward to being Membership VP!

Meetings and Programs-Kathy Brady/ Amy Correia

Since the next GM will be election night, we will continue the tradition of having free pizza that night, so please come down to vote. There may also be a speaker, details TBA. Kathy and Amy, thank you for feeding us and bringing such interesting speakers to our meetings! Since Meetings & Programs is a yearly project, we are looking for a new chairman or chairmen to run this as of May.



Book Club-Laureen House

The April book will be "The Memory of Running," by Ron McLarty. The book club has been one of our most successful and enjoyable ID projects – if interested, please come to a meeting!

Degrees of Jaycees-Bob Gillis

Nothing new to report. Forms are available on the web site or from me.

Networking-Bob and Sue Gillis

Nothing new; please see Sue or me if you are a Jaycee and would like to list your business or service on the website and in the Wise Fox.

Scrapbooking – Jenn Allsop

Was held on April 2; Jenn will have a report at the April GM. We learned that this project is relaxing, and allows our incoming president to watch cartoons on Saturday! (To those who inquired at the board meeting, ALL guys watch cartoons. It's encoded in our DNA to love cartoons.)

Associate's night – Final Report

The event went well. Dinner was delicious (but next time let's have the salad dressing on the side, ok?), the associates laughed in the right places, and everyone had a great time. It was great seeing folks who don't come out to Jaycee events too often. Thank you to everyone who helped make Ass Night a success: Monka, Joshi, Jenn, Sue, Tom, Andrea, Tami, and Jenn's dad the DJ. Congratulations award winners! Oh, and Webster, sorry we had to cut your acceptance speech short, but we were worried about a possible wardrobe malfunction.



Installation Banquet – Kris Long/Lynda Walsh

This year's banquet will be held at Signatures, which used to be called Folans, in North Attleboro, which used to be called Sri Lanka, on April 30. Kris will have an update at the April GM. Invitations will be mailed soon and you must RSVP. Please come to this always enjoyable formal event to enjoy great food and company, applaud our achievements of last year, introduce the new Key Man, and welcome the new Jaycee board. Please show your support.

Skydiving – Jennifer Allsop

Jenn is hoping for early May to schedule time for us to jump out of a perfectly good airplane and behold the mighty power of gravity. Check out skydivenewport.com for more information. Jenn will have much more info at the April GM. By the way, most people have found that it's a good idea to tell your family AFTER you make the jump.

Cooking 101 – Chairman needed

This is a great project, especially for a new member to take on. Basically, you get a bunch of Jaycees together and make a nice gourmet meal, or in some cases, just set a pizza box on fire.

Camping Hiking – Chairman needed

Tom Whiffen is offering to co-chair/mentor this project with a member. This has been one of the most enjoyable Jaycee projects each year – in previous years, Kathy Brady and Tom Whiffen hiked up Mount Washington (highest peak in New England!), and many members enjoyed exploring, easy to moderate hikes, geology, walking trails, food and drink, drink, and good company, and so far NO ONE has connected the fact that the Jaycees were camping the same weekend when the Old Man of the Mountains “collapsed.”

Whitewater rafting – Chairman needed

Dave Fisler is offering to co-chair/mentor this project with a member. This is another very enjoyable project, very exciting, very memorable, and sure to generate many great memories and frog stories!

Ways and Means **Ways and Means**

Vice President: Dave Fisler

Director: Susan Gillis

I would like to thank everyone this year who stepped up and chaired a Ways and Means project.

Because those of you who chose to take on a project this year, we as a chapter have had and will have the monies to fund our CD projects and other endeavors.

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Haunted House 05-Chairman needed

This year this project will be a little more involved. We have currently do not have a location at which to run the project. A committee is looking into new locations; however I would like to have the chairman on board to work with this committee in the event a location can be found. Any interested parties please call Fiz.

Founders Day

Glow sticks-Monica Rigamonti

Concessions-Jennifer Widmer

Ponies-Krystie Apgar

Shooting Gallery-Adam Nolin

Slush-Sue Gillis

Soccer Shoot-Out-Chairman needed

Concerts on the Common Concessions-Chairmen Needed

Please let us know if you are interested.



April Jaycee Birthdays **April Jaycee Birthdays**

Cheryl Cushman

Laureen House

Nicole MacKay

Keith Mueller

Scott Rogers

Bob Webster

Phil Wright

Be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!!!

Community Development **Community Development**

**Co-Directors: Andrea Cummings
Amy Correia**

A note from Andrea.....

First of all, thanks go to Amy for stepping in and helping me out tremendously when I needed it most. Thanks go to everyone who has stepped up and either chaired a project or participated on a committee.

Electrical Common Upgrade Tom Sawran

Hopefully everyone saw the picture in the paper of our \$1000 donation to this project. Updated totals will be given at the GM.

Sand for Seniors---Mike Wood

Thanks Mike for all your hard work. It has been a very busy season! Hopefully everything is starting to wind down.

Doolittle Home Support-Manpower---Tom Whiffen

This ran on March 19th. The Blue Wave was in full force that day.

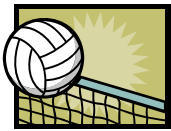
The auction rose a little over \$9000. Thank you to everyone who came out that day and helped. It was a huge success.

Easter Egg Hunt-Bob Gillis and Lauren Bitar

This was held on March 26th. The weather was beautiful. Hopefully everyone saw the article that was in the Reporter. Thank you to everyone who helped out!

Youth Scholarships-Krystie Apgar

Krystie has met with her committee. Essays are due in April. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to read all the great essays.



Easter Seals Volleyball---Keith Mueller

This has been scheduled for April 9th in Taunton.

Mother's Day Essays--Niki Melish

Thank you Niki for taking on this project. If you are interested in reading some cute essays, please contact Niki.

Father's Day Essays--Krystie Apgar

Thank you Krystie for taking on this project. If you are interested in reading some cute essays, please contact Krystie.



Concerts on the Common---Jennifer Widmer

Thank you Jen for taking on this great project. She has already booked some bands. We are looking to find sponsors. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Jen.

Senior Appreciation Day---Chairman Needed

This is a project where we do something for the senior citizens of Foxboro. It can be a dinner, or an event like BINGO. It can wide open! Please contact Andrea or Amy if you are interested in chairing this project.

Candidates Night---Helene Savage

This will be held on April 21. This is a project that involves those candidates who are running for town positions. We coordinate a live discussion with Cable 8 and the local newspapers. We are basically the master of ceremonies. It is an informative project that helps you learn more about your town and the people who are representing us. If you are interested in helping out please contact Helene.

Family Night Out---Chairman Needed

This project is held on the second Tuesday in August. This is a project that allows the community to see the different organizations that can provide services. In the past, the Foxboro Police Department has also provided the Kid Care Identification Kits. If anyone is interested, please contact Andrea and/or Amy.

Founder's Day Parade/Float---Chairman Needed

Each year, there is a parade that kicks off Founder's Day. We have in the past built a float. If anyone is interested in chairing this project, please contact Andrea and/or Amy.

Founder's Day Manpower---Chairman Needed

We have many projects that occur on Founder's Day and we need all the help that we can get. The chairman of this project works with each individual F.D project chairman and makes sure we have the appropriate help needed. We do this by making phone calls are made to the roster. If anyone is interested, please contact Andrea and/or Amy.

Membership **Membership**

Vice President: Monica Joshi

Director: Tom Whiffen

This has been a great year for us. We've had about 11 new members since the beginning of this term. Tom and I would like to thank everyone who took on a project in the Membership Area!

Who's Who-Bob Gillis-new Chairman needed

Look for Bob's report on Niki Melish in this month's Wise Fox. Also, anyone interested in taking on this project please let either Tom or I know. This is a great way for someone to be the first to learn about our new members.

Activation/Mentor Program-Sandy Emery

If you haven't heard from your mentor, please see me. I'll be happy to get you in touch with him/her.

New Members

Welcome back Linda McGovern!

Web Site Page-Bob Gillis

Everyone should check out this website. It's just that incredible. OK, I admit, I had a few chuckles on April Fools Day. Great job Bob!! Thank you so much for continuing to do such a great job.

4th Quarter Call Night – Monica Joshi

By the time this report gets out, we will have completed Call Night. Look forward to hearing the results at the next GM.

New Member Orientation – Tom Whiffen and Monica Joshi

Hey guys, we're having this terms final Orientation before this upcoming GM.

To add a little excitement, anyone who brings a guest with them to the next GM will get a "free" brand spanking new Foxboro Jaycees Mug! If the person you bring joins, you'll receive a 2nd mug to complete your set of 2.

Let all of your friends know that before the next GM we will be holding an Orientation if they want to learn more about the Foxboro Jaycees. Orientation will be at 7:15 p.m. at the SFCC.



Who's Who

Niki Melish

She's been a bank robber, a Voodoo priestess, and Queen of the Fallen Angels. She's run some of the most imaginative rooms at the Haunted House. She loves Chocolate, Lobster, shrimp, and pizza with black olives, mushrooms and onions. She's a closet Trekkie, has a drink named after her (the Niki Drink: Midori and Lemonade, sweet but good!). She's strong-willed, intelligent, hard working, very spiritual, and in touch with nature and Mother Earth, and is one of the most interesting people you may ever meet. She's Niki Melish, this month's who's who victim!

BG: "Where did you grow up?"

NM: "Foxborough, aka Jocksboro (some fun jock bashing from my high school days!)"

BG: "What do you do for a living?"

NM: "I work at CVS in Sharon where I'm a Photo Tech and Pharmacy Tech. but my dream job would be making music videos."

BG: "How did you learn about the Foxboro Jaycees?"

NM: "My Uncle Paul and Aunt Tami were Jaycees and invited us to go to the Haunted House (Old England year [1993]).

BG: "That was the year Sue and I joined – we guided back then... Why did you join the Jaycees?"

NM: "Aside from still having scars from where my mother held me and offered me up to Jack the Ripper, I fell in love with the idea of the Haunted House and the Jaycees in general. I couldn't believe you could have so much fun while helping the community. I want to do as much as I can to help the Jaycees continue to help the community and others in need."

Niki has always been a friend to the Jaycees, and her dedication and enthusiasm are contagious. She readily took on the task of Head of the Rooms at our last haunt (and did a great job).

She has been a familiar face at many Jaycee events for years, and became a member last year when she turned 21. Like some of other younger members, it's hard to image that Niki is ONLY in her twenties. In my friendship with her I've seen that there is a quiet maturity and wisdom that is usually reserved for people who are much older. She has a deeply spiritual side, and while working at the haunted house she shared many fascinating stories with me. I encouraged her to share one now.

NM: "Years ago I was climbing a mountain in Ireland to get to ancient caves with my dad, where I proved to him that ghosts/spirits exist. Inside the cave I pointed next to me and told him there was a presence there He, being the atheist of the family, laughed and took a picture with the digital camera. When we got back to my Great-aunt Madge's house and looked at the picture, there was a smoke form of a human standing right where I was pointing. Dad jumped off the couch and told everyone that it was not there when he took the picture. Now he believes!"

In addition to chairing one of our essay contests, Niki will be joining the Jaycee board in May as our ID Director and is excited about some new ideas. Niki, we're so happy you've joined us. Welcome!

April 2005 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Easter Seals Volleyball, Taunton
10	11	12	13 New Member Orientation 7:15PM General Meeting 8:00 p.m. S. Foxboro Community Center	14	15	16
17	18 Patriots Day	19	20	21 Candidates Night	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Installation Banquet 6PM Signatures

May 2005 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 General Meeting 8:00 p.m. S. Foxboro Community Center	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				