



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

January 2008

It is hard to believe the month of December has flown by and we are all on the end of our holiday celebrations. The New Year is just around the corner with a year of new promises, resolutions, and hopes for change. The month of December has been quite an adventure for our family as we welcomed our newest member, Abigail Grace Widmer. Abigail came in as the newest Junior Jaycee in quite an adventure for the few who have not heard. She was even born in Foxboro which was unlikely since we live in North Attleboro and were going to the hospital in Norwood. For those who don't know the story Abigail entered the world on I-95 right before exit 8 on December 6th. Needless to say the month of December has been centered on the home for me as I know it also was for many of you. I hope the holiday season treated you and your families well and you are ready to kick off a new year strong.

The month of December has been a busy holiday season of parties and community based activities. I thank all the Jaycees that came out to set up, support, break down, and lead our large variety of projects this month. The Progressive Dinner seemed to go off with a bang and was a great celebration to bring the chapter together and take a break from our busy personal and Jaycees lives and enjoy each others company. Greg and I were also still up at 1am but for a much different reason with a 3 day old and thought about calling but weren't sure who would still be sober at that point. KB and team did a great job repairing and setting up the Nativity Scene and decorating the common. This project takes up a good amount of time on the weekend but is something we hear people in Foxboro talking about year round. I heard a rumor from the North Pole that Santa had made many phone calls to talk to the children of Foxboro about what they wanted for Christmas. Thank you to all the elves who helped put this project into action. The children of the Jaycees had a delight one Saturday morning enjoying some sugary breakfast, creating some crafts, and squealing in delight over presents from Santa. Santa and Mrs. Claus also came to visit the common and sat in the cold to take many pictures with all the children who came to visit them. Kris with the assistance of other Jaycees and the Boy Scouts this year helped make some money for the chapter this holiday season. Thanks to all those who showed up for one hour or many hours to keep this project alive and make all the other projects possible. All of these projects big and small bring delight to the chapter and community and would not be possible without the help and support of all of you.

The New Year is coming soon and may even be here by the time you receive this letter. I know all of us are making resolutions for the New Year and promises to make changes in our lives. Maybe this year is also the time to make a change in your Jaycees life. Come out to a GM lately maybe the New Year is that opportunity. Come out and support a project you haven't been to in the last few years. Or not to push it too hard but maybe even come out and chair a project in 2008. I hope to see many of you in the New Year and hope the holidays found all of your families in good cheer and good health.

Jennifer Widmer

Community Development

Vice President: Mark Emery Director: Mark Kerchoff

Book Drive – Vanessa Linke

If you have any books that you would like to donate to the Dana Farber Institute, please see Vanessa.



ALS Fundraiser---Bob Hickey

The event is scheduled for March 2008 at the Mansfield SportsPlex. More details to follow at the GM. This will be a waffle ball tournament for 5 person teams.

Publicity---Monica Fisler

This is a new project that will place an ad in the Foxboro Reporter once a month letting the public know what is happening within our chapter.

Sand for Seniors – Chairman Needed

We deliver and refill buckets of sand for local senior citizens.

Nativity Scene (take down)---Kathy Brady

If you can help take down the Nativity Scene in early January, please contact KB.



Santa on the Common – Mark Kerchoff---FINAL

Santa and Mrs. Claus are now on vacation! Thank you Mark and your crew for running this project. .

Caroling on the Common – Sandy Emery---FINAL

Thank you Sandy for running this project. I am sure the town of Foxboro and the residents of the Doolittle Home appreciate the beautiful music and warm hot chocolate.



Fruit Baskets – Lauren Bitar---FINAL

Thank you LB for running this project. I'm sure the people of Foxboro were very appreciative of our hard work and generosity.

Santa Phone – Monica Fisler---FINAL

Many children enjoyed receiving a phone call from Santa. Thank you Monica for running this project. Thanks also go to all the Santas, Mrs. Claus's and Century 21 for providing the space.



Adopt a Kid for Christmas – Wendy Kerchoff---FINAL

Thank you Wendy for running this project. I am sure the three children enjoyed all the gifts that you bought for them.



Christmas Tree Sales – Kris Long---FINAL

Thank you Kris for running this project and re-establishing a connection with the Boy Scouts.

Doolittle Home Manpower – Chairman Needed

Lugging and tugging of auction items at FCA on March 1.



Literacy Challenge---Chairman Needed

This project entails the Jaycees going into the Charter School here in town and seeing which class can read the most in a given time frame. See Mark if you are interested.

Way\$ and Mean\$

Vice President: Monica Fisler

Haunted House – Mark Emery

We are waiting for the last couple of bills to be paid but for the most part, this project is closed. Thank you again Mark for running this year's house.



Orpheum Ticket Sales – Sandy Emery---FINAL

A group of about 18 Jaycees saw the play rendition of "A Christmas Story." Everyone had a wonderful time and we made \$198 in the process! Thank you Sandy for running this project.

Scrapbooking Fundraiser – Monica Fisler

This project will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2008. The price for Jaycees is \$25. Membership does have its privileges. If you are interested in coming, please contact Monica so she has an accurate number of who will be attending.

Ski Trip Info

Here is preliminary information from Linda Magovern about this year's ski trip. It will be a day trip to Nashoba Valley. If you are interested, please contact Linda at 508-698-3922.

- ◆ Nashoba Valley in Westford, MA
- ◆ Tickets: \$34
- ◆ Rental of ski equipment (optional): \$22
- ◆ Tubing for 2 hours: \$18



Secretary's Report

Monica Rigamonti

Minutes from Last Month's GM- Accepted

Sunshine

- *** Flowers sent to Fred Badger for a heart attack
- *** Flowers sent to Jen and Greg Widmer for birth of their daughter, Abigail Grace
- *** Card sent to Mike Savage for the death of his grandmother



If you know of anyone who needs sunshine, please either call (508-353-1937) or email me.

Inventory Coordinator – Kathy Brady

If you have any Jaycee inventory, please let Kathy know. You must see Kathy Brady to sign out any Jaycee equipment.

Wise Fox–Monica Rigamonti

If you have information that you would like to add to the Wise Fox, please email Monica at mozer16455@comcast.net.



Cards and Letters of Thanks and Appreciation – Wendy Kerchoff

If you need any cards or letters sent on behalf of the Jaycees please let Wendy know.

Electronic CPG Library–Bob Gillis

The CPG's are available for download on the website. This is a password-protected area, please contact Bob for the username and password. If anyone would like to submit a CPG in electronic/softcopy please email them to Bob.



Awards

- **Project of the Month:** Craft Fair/Vendor Night
- **Jaycee of the Month:** Monica Fisler
- **Frog of the Month:** Monica "What are the Rules for the Scavenger Hunt?" Fisler

Jaycee Birthdays



Deena Cummings
John Zarella

Individual Development

Vice-President: Vanessa Linke

Meetings and Programs-Chairpeople Needed

Please join us for the January GM for Chili and Corn Bread. Cost for dinner is \$2.00. Please try to bring exact change. If you are interested in taking over a month, let me know because I still have some months that are free. Thanks so much to all who have helped so far or have signed up for a month!

Book Club-Laureen House

Please let Laureen know if you would like to be added to the monthly Book Club email distribution list.

- January Book: "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert
Meeting: January 16, 8:00 pm, hosted by Jen Diederich

Networking-Bob Gillis

Let Bob know if you would like to have your business added – and for the rest of you: be sure to check out the list regularly to see additions!

Degrees of Jaycees-Sandy Emery

Make sure you get credit for the blood, sweat, and tears that you sacrifice along with your time – download the form (http://www.foxborojaycees.org/b_degrees/b_degrees.html), fill it out, and send it to Sandy.

CPR/First Aid Training – Kris Long

Scott Rogers offered to teach some CPR courses early next year, most likely in January, and Kris will coordinate the details with him. Please stand by for further information.



Associates vs. Regular Volleyball – Jen Diederich---FINAL

Plain and simple---the Regulars won hands down!!!! Thanks Jen for running this project.

Scat Night – Kris Long

Our gracious host this year will be Kris Long. It is scheduled for February 9th, 2008.



Progressive Dinner – Kathy Brady---FINAL

Thank you KB and committee for putting together another wonderful Progressive Dinner. All the appetizers, dinners and desserts were delicious, the houses were beautifully decorated and the company was pretty good too!



Kids' Christmas Party – Dawn Rossi---FINAL

Thank you Dawn for running this project. I am sure all the children loved visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Ski Trip---Linda Magovern

Thank you Linda for taking this project on. See more details in this Wise Fox edition.



Membership

Vice President: Wendy Kerchoff

Director: Bob Gillis

Activation/Mentor Program-Monica Fisler

We will have shirts at the next GM! Come out and get your shirt! Show off your support for the Jaycees by wearing Jaycee apparel! We will have hats and mugs too.

Who's Who-Monica Rigamonti

Nothing to report this month. We will have another "Did You Know?" write-up in the next Wise Fox.



Web Site Page-Bob Gillis

As usual, Bob has done a great job letting not only the Jaycees but also the rest of the world know what we have been up to. If anyone has pictures from any of the December projects that you would like Bob to put on the website, please email them to him.

How to Write a CPG/Chair a Project---Monica Rigamonti

Have you ever wanted to run a project but didn't know where to start? Well, come on out before the January GM on 1/9/08 at 7:15 to learn about writing CPG's (Chairman Planning Guides) as well as some useful tips for Chairing a Project. This is a perfect project to be a part of if you are a newer member and would like to get your feet wet!!!!

New Member Orientation---Monica Rigamonti

Are you a new member and would like to learn the ins and outs of the organization in a small group environment? Come on out before the January GM and ask all the questions you want.

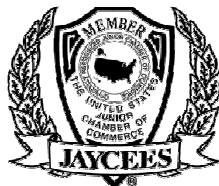
Jaycee Week

There is a committee forming to run Jaycee Week in the near future. If you would like to be on the committee, please let me know. The more the merrier!

New Members

Know anyone that is interested in becoming a Jaycee? Bring them to the next GM! We'd love to meet them!

Membership Awards



Vanessa Linke-----1 year

Lisa McGahan-----2 years

Deena Cummings-----4 years

Vin Mitchell-----31 years

January 2008 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year!	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 7:15—How to Write a CPG/Chair a Project---SFCC GM-- 8PM—SFCC (CHILD)	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Book Club 8PM at Jen Diederich's apt.	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	30		

February 2008 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 SCAT night at Kris Long's house
10	11	12	13 GM-- 8PM---SFCC	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Book Club---8PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Board Meeting	28	29	