



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

May 2009

It's a pleasure to be writing my first Wise Fox report as President—really, it is. Will I be thinking the same thing a few months from now?... maybe. Yes, definitely. Since the decision was made to pursue the position of President, I have been doing a lot of reflecting on my life as a Jaycee. Although I have accomplished a fair amount over the years, I'm looking forward to the **opportunity** to do even more over the next year.

Opportunity. It's everyone's favorite term at work. I hear my Manager use it at least 100 times per week. Although I feel that it's overused at work (and the butt of many jokes these days), I think that it's a perfect term for the Jaycees, and a great description of where we are today. Opportunity is defined in my daughter's *Merriam Webster Children's Dictionary* ☺ as 1. A favorable combination of circumstances, time, and place (write when you have the opportunity) 2. A chance to better oneself (felt the new job was a real opportunity).

Ok...so you may think that I'm crazy. How can one consider this a favorable combination of circumstances? We have a small roster, large list of projects, and a small checkbook. However, these circumstances present us with the **opportunity** to change all that, and I believe that the chapter has gained a lot of momentum over the past couple of years to be able to turn this around.

Now, having said that, let's get down to business. It's the start of a new year, and that means Founder's Day is right around the corner. At this time, we are still looking for chairpersons to run Founder's Day Concessions, Manpower, Membership Booth, and Glow Items. Founder's Day is important for us as we have the **opportunity** to earn a huge chunk of income to support many of our projects through the year. We may also have the **opportunity** to organize a concession stand for the Memorial Day Soccer Tournament. Although new for the Jaycees, it comes with the potential for some quick cash—although manpower is needed! Chances are that you will be receiving a phone call about the possibility of chairing one of these projects or several others that are open on the roster, so please consider helping out.

I'm really looking forward to working with the Board of Directors this year. They are a great group of people—for some, it's their first time on the Board, for others, it's been a while (including me), but there are still several others who were on the Board last year and are looking to continue with new positions. It's the perfect combination of members, and I thank them for making the commitment.

I also want to thank my husband Mike for giving me the support that enabled me to take on the position of President. I'm very proud of what he has done over the past year, and I'm looking forward to continuing the momentum and positive attitude that resonates in the chapter these days due to everyone's hard work and dedication to continuing the legacy of the Foxboro Jaycees.

Happy to be your President! Helene Savage

Community Development

Vice President: Julie Grant

Director: Jim Fallon

- **Book drive** If you have any used or new books that are in good shape please contact **Nancy Rivera** and arrange for drop off.
- **DVD's for Veterans** If you have any new or used DVDs please contact **Wendy Kerchoff** and arrange for drop off.
- A **Publicity** chairman is needed. This job is important in that it keeps us in a good light in the local papers.
- **Literacy Challenge**, chaired by **Monica Rigamonti** and **Wendy Kerchoff** took place last Thursday. As in the past this challenge was to benefit the charter school. The winning class will get a pizza party and a donation to their library.
- **Relay for life**, will be chaired by **Jennifer Widmer**. Please call Jen for information. This event will take place on 6/19-6/20.
- **Youth Scholarships** will be chaired by **Dawn Rossi**. Dawn has formed her committee and will be receiving the information from the school after spring break.
- **Founders' Day Parade** will be chaired by **Julie Grant**. We would like to have a large group of Jaycees in Jaycee attire to walk with us in the parade. If interested in participating please contact me.
- **Concerts on the Common:** Heather Loew has already booked all of the concerts for the summer. Excellent job Heather!
- **Kathy Brady** is taking care of the **Foxboro Sign Repair**.
- **Foxboro Clean-up Day** will be chaired by Vanessa Linke. This day will be May 9th at 9:00 A.M.
- **Jim Caffin** will be working on the **Bandstand Repair**.
- **Bob Hickey** is looking into the **Nativity Scene Repair**.

A special note: The Founders Day boot drive is just around the corner. Dave Fisler will be looking for manpower to help raise money in support of the fireworks. Dave is also looking for someone with good penmanship to make 4-5 sandwich signs for the Founders Day Committee. Any interested parties please contact Dave. Thank you

Way\$ and Mean\$

Vice President – Vanessa Linke

Director – Vanessa Caffin

Dear fellow Foxboro Jaycees,

I am very excited to start this new adventure of Ways and Means with Vanessa's help! I am looking forward to a very busy, but hopefully successful, fundraising year. As you all might know, because we did not have a Haunted House last year, we were forced to dip into the rainy day funds this past board year, so it is crucial to make sure that we work diligently this year to make the chapter some money again! If anyone is even just remotely interested in chairing a **Haunted House** or **Mini Haunt** this year, LET ME KNOW ASAP, so that we can talk!

The second flyer fundraiser - the **Uno Dough Raiser** will be held on May 14, 2009, at Uno Chicago Grill at the Wrentham Outlets. Linda Magovern has faithfully been distributing flyers. If you did not get one yet, you can download and print one on our website (where you can also find Google map & directions to the location). Depending on the sales attached to our event, the Foxboro Jaycees can get up to 20% of the proceeds, so please tell all your friends!

We have just about a month and a half to finalize our **Founder's Day** projects for Saturday, June 13th. I would like to thank Julie Grant for chairing **Pony Rides** and Jen Widmer for picking up **Concessions**. *However*, I am still **in need of chairmen** for **FD Glow Items & Slush**. They are not difficult to run and they were the biggest and 3rd biggest money-makers last year, so please let me know as soon as possible if you are willing to chair either of these projects so that we can move into the planning phase quickly.

I am also still looking for a **Chairman** for **Concerts on the Common Concessions**. The schedule is being finalized, so it's time to plan concessions. Consider co-chairing this project during the summer with a few other people so that you don't have to be present for each concert.

Derek House & Max Loew still working on the **Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night** idea and Jen Widmer has moved the **Town Scavenger Hunt** to the Fall. We should have more details for both soon.

I am also collecting new/recurring fundraising ideas. Ideas that have been brought to my attention are:

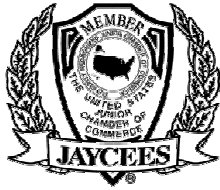
- **Appraisal Day** (similar to PBS' Antiques Roadshow)
- **Flyer Fundraiser - Baskin & Robbins**: The Baskin Robbins recently opened at Patriot Place. Imagine handing out flyers on Founders Day!
- **Community Yard Sale** (could be combined with the Appraisal Day above)
- **Spaghetti Dinner**
- **Hole-in-one Golf Insurance**

Please let me know if you would be interested in chairing any of the above. I have contacts, basic info, or perhaps even a CPG for most of the potential projects. I will gladly help you get the project started if you need support!

As always, I'd love to hear from you with ideas, questions or concerns.

~ Vanessa

Membership Awards



Sharon Hall-----2 years

Heather Loew-----1 year

Secretary's Report

Monica Rigamonti

Minutes from Last Month's GM- Accepted

Sunshine

Dish Garden was sent to Dennis Brennan for the passing of his father.

Dish Garden was sent to Sandy Emery for the passing of her mother.



If you know of anyone who needs sunshine, please either call (508-543-1433) or email me at mozer16455@comcast.net.

Inventory Coordinator – Chairman Needed

We are in the process of locating our entire inventory and trying to consolidate it in one central location (if possible). For right now, if you have any Jaycee inventory, please let Monica know. I am looking for a Chairman. This person would be in charge of knowing where the Jaycee inventory is and scheduling the distribution when needed.

Wise Fox–Jennifer Widmer

If you have information that you would like to add to the Wise Fox, please email Jennifer at neonlady79@hotmail.com. Also, if you move, please send Jennifer your new address.



Cards and Letters of Thanks and Appreciation – Nancy Rivera

If you need any cards or letters sent on behalf of the Jaycees please let Nancy know. You need to provide Nancy with all the necessary information.

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:** Monster Mini-Golf
- **Jaycee of the Month:** Bob Webster
- **Frog of the Month:** Greg Widmer (for not knowing the difference between Jim Evans and Jim Fallon)

Individual Development

Vice-President: Monica Fisler

Director: Dave Fisler

Hi Everyone. Dave and I are looking forward to being on the board this year and helping out with ID. This is gearing up to be a great year already. Please let us know if you have any ideas for ID or if you'd be interested in chairing any projects that need a chairman.

Meetings and Programs- *Chairman Needed.* We are looking for a chairman for this project. We have had great response for members taking on a month and providing snacks, which we will continue to do. If you would like to be in charge of coordinating this please let either us know.

Contact Bob Gillis if you are looking for a contractor or want to let people know about your business. He has created a great Networking page, take advantage of it. Especially now, you want to make sure you advertise your business.

Check out the Jaycee website for the latest book club news. The May book will be *Fight Club*, by Chuck Palahniuk. The meeting is scheduled for May 20th. If you need more information on future book club events, check the Jaycee website or contact Laureen House.

Associates' Night is being chaired by Keith Magovern. Please contact Keith if you would like to help. Come to the next meeting to hear more information.

Installation Banquet will be chaired by Helene Savage, Julie Grant, and Jennifer Widmer. By the time this Wise Fox is out the banquet will have already taken place.

A huge thank you goes out to Bob Webster for taking us to a Comedy Night performance on 4/18. I heard a great time was had by all and that several Jaycees were in attendance.

Bob Webster would also like to get everyone in shape for Volleyball. Contact Bob if you are interested in playing. Play will resume on Tues., May 5 at Booth Playground. Remember it's \$1 for Jaycees and \$2 for non-Jaycees.

The Camping/Hiking trip will be Thursday, 7/16 thru Sunday, 7/19. Contact Mohsen Kalifa for more information.

Looking way ahead to next Ski Season the Jaycee Ski Trip for 2010 will be Friday, Jan. 22nd through Sunday, Jan. 24th. Julie has already reserved the Mountaineer Inn at Mount Snow, where we've gone in previous years. We will have a group rate on lift tickets and rooms, with five star meals included. There will only be 25 rooms available, so you need to contact Julie, if you are interested. She already has at least 10 rooms taken and anticipates filling up the entire inn with Jaycees. There is a 15 person hot tub overlooking the mountain, a sauna, bar, pool table, and a free wine and cheese reception. We can also bring our own alcohol.

Kathy Brady gathered a few Jaycees on April 27th to participate in the Picadilly Pub's Trivia night. Thank you Kathy.

We are looking for chairman for Founder's Day Manpower. For anyone who doesn't mind making a few phone calls and sending around a sign-up sheet at the May GM this would be a great project. Perfect for new members to get to know all the Jaycees through a phone call.

Looking forward to relaxing after Founder's Day? Vanessa and Jim Caffin will be hosting the Work Party this year. With prime location on Leonard Street. Come eat, relax before heading down to help sell Glow Sticks.

Membership

Vice President: Heather Loew

Director: Max Loew

Welcome to our newest members – Vanessa and Jim Caffin, Nancy Rivera, Jim Fallon, Jen Fellows, and Mike Yang! You will read more about them in the next few editions of Who's Who. We are looking for a chairman for the upcoming year to highlight our new members in the Wise Fox. If you are interested, please let me know.

Website: Be sure to check the website for the latest information on upcoming events. (<http://www.foxborojaycees.org>). Thanks to Bob Gillis for a great job! Please contact him if you have any pictures or updates to post.

Membership Committee: Since the committee was so successful last year, I would like to continue to brainstorm for membership ideas. We will probably start these meetings in July. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us.

Activation/Mentor Program: We are in need of a chairman for the activation/mentor program. Also, if you are currently a mentor and need ideas for the new members, there are great ideas listed on the website (under site map/documents).

Apparel: Sweatshirts are available for Jaycees who chair a project or are a member of the Board. If you chaired a project and would like to get a sweatshirt as reward for your hard work, please contact me with your choice of size. Also please let me know if you are in need of a Foxboro Jaycees t-shirt or hat.

Membership Booth: With summer just around the corner, it is a great time to recruit new members at many of our events. We will need chairmen for the membership booth at Founders Day and Concerts on the Common. If you are interested in chairing either of these events, please let me know.

I'm looking forward to this year and hope that we will continue to recruit some new members as well as activate current members. If you have any ideas, questions or concerns feel free to contact me.

2009 Annual Awards

- Key Man: Vanessa Linke
- Chairman of the Year: Vanessa Linke
- CD Project of the Year: Kris Long and Wendy Kerchoff, Concerts on the Common
- Individual Development Project of the Year: Jennifer Widmer, Progressive Dinner
- Membership Project of the Year: Vanessa Linke, Membership Committee
- Ways & Means Project of the Year: Vanessa Linke, Monster Golf
- Project of the Year: Mohsen Khalifa, Sand for Seniors
- New project of the Year: Jennifer Widmer, Family Fun Night, Bowling
- Officer of the Year: Vanessa Linke
- Director of the Year: Heather Loew
- Rookie of the Year: Heather Loew

May 2009 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Installation Banquet
3	4	5 Volleyball	6	7	8	9 Foxboro Clean- Up Day 9am
10	11	12 Volleyball	13 General Meeting 8pm	14 Pizzeria Uno Fundraiser in Wrentham	15	16
17	18	19 Volleyball	20 Book Club	21	22	23 Founder's Day Boot Drive
24	25	26 Volleyball	27 Board Meeting 7:30pm	28	29	30
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June 2009 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Volleyball	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Volleyball	10 General Meeting 8pm	11	12	13 Founder Day
14	15	16 Volleyball	17 Book Club	18	19 Relay For Life	20 Relay For Life
21	22	23 Volleyball	24 Board Meeting 7:30pm	25	26	27
28	29	30 Volleyball				

Jaycee Birthdays



**Vanessa Caffin
Monica Rigamonti
Mindi Sohr
Gloria Welch**

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Meetings and Programs

**Don't miss the next GM on Wednesday, May 13th,
at 8:00 PM**

Come to welcome Helene at her first meeting as President!

