



# Wise Fox

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Greetings!

We are headed into my favorite time of year! Ok, so you may think it's my favorite time of year because of the upcoming turkey feasts and pie. Although those things are great, there are things that are greater. At home, this is my favorite time of year because I spend more time with my family and good friends. I also get to hear Caitlin singing "Toe-Knee-Chest-Nut-I-Love-You," and Meagan singing her heart out in her school show. As a Jaycee, we are also headed into my very favorite time of year. Ok, so some of you Haunted House fanatics may take offense to that, but I don't think that it's any secret that I was never great in costume (I made a REALLY bad Batgirl as a guide) or in makeup (I was never fortunate enough to get the professional make-up jobs).

But getting back to my favorite time of year...as a Foxboro Jaycee, I can participate and contribute to an organization that does good things for good people, while feeling good about myself! I didn't know this when I first joined, but it didn't take me long to realize it.

My most vivid memory of any Jaycee event was right after Mike and I joined. I had helped out with assembling fruit baskets, and had taken a day off of work to transport them from the Community Center to St. Mark's and then to Lorraine Garland's garage, and then also volunteered to deliver discretionary fund packages that night. It was a lot of work and time spent in one day, especially since I really had no clue why I was doing it, other than that fact that I had heard from a few people that the group needed help. I was aggravated that I had overcommitted my time when I could have done some Christmas shopping or errands.

Ok, so I had committed to doing some deliveries, so Mike and I showed up at Saint Marks and observed for a while. The group of people there were amazing—shuffling packages, making sure that everyone had ample food, etc. Some lucky families were even getting Jaycee Christmas Trees! We collected our first delivery address not really knowing what was in store for us, loaded our truck with the family's goods and food, and off we went.

We made many stops that night all around town, all to families in different settings. However, there were several commonalities with all of the stops...the people receiving the packages were good people, they were experiencing some really bad luck, and when we opened the door to deliver their goods and food, they could not stop thanking us, some crying, over generosity that was not ours. It certainly made me take a second look at how fortunate I am, and also how lucky I was to be a part of a great group. The packages were (and still are today) a culmination of generosity from several different groups—first and foremost, the Discretionary Fund that helps so many people, but also, the local businesses and community groups who contribute as well. I'm proud to say that the Jaycees are part of that group, and I hope that we will be for many years to come.

There are many projects on the Jaycee roster that can give you the same feel-good-feeling—whether it's assisting the Discretionary Fund with deliveries, assembling fruit baskets, assisting with sand deliveries, singing on the Common, or passing out hot chocolate to children. Why don't you give one of them a try this season? Looking forward to seeing you soon, and best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!

Helene Savage

# Community Development

**Vice President: Julie Grant**

**Director: Jim Fallon**

Nancy Rivera dropped off six cartons of books to Dana Farber last week. She is still collecting used or new books that are in good shape for the Book Drive. Please contact Nancy and arrange for drop off.

Wendy Kerchoff has not collected any DVD's for Veterans in a while, so if you have any new or used DVDs please contact Wendy and arrange for drop off.

Nancy Rivera ran an ad in October for our Jaycee Week events in addition to our General Membership Meeting information. Look for her November advertisement that will mention projects like the Antique Appraisal/Vendor Fair.

Jim Caffin is in the process of repainting the bandstand floors and walls.

Jim Fallon is working on painting and plastering the nativity scene pieces that need a lot of work.

**WANTED:SUPPLIES FOR THE SOLDIERS-** Jennifer Widmer is collecting supplies for our soldiers in Iraq, most especially our fellow Jaycee Deena Cummings. We are going to be sending a monthly package to Deena. The Jaycees will pay to mail the package and hopefully our fellow Jaycees will provide the supplies for the box. Please donate magazines, snacks, drinks, books, and other supplies to make a large sandy patch feel more like home. Please bring your donations to the GM or contact Jennifer Widmer to organize them.

If you would like to help out with the Hyland Rink repair, contact Kathy Brady.

Wendy Kerchoff is our Adopt a Kid for Christmas chairman.

Mohsen Khalifa has decided to chair Sand for Seniors again this year!

**The following projects need chairmen as incentive if you chair a project you get a FREE Jaycees Sweatshirt. These are very important community projects:**

**Winter Common Upgrade**

**Caroling on the Common**

**Santa Phone**

**Santa on the Common**

**Fruit Baskets**

**Help, PLEASE! ☺**

# Ways and Means

**Vice President – Vanessa Linke**

**Director – Vanessa Caffin**

Dear fellow Foxboro Jaycees,

**Website Advertizing:** If you would like to place an ad for your business (in addition to the member networking page), please contact Bob Gillis. Available ad spaces start at \$49.99 for 180 days.

**Pampered Chef Party:** Thanks to Jen Widmer for running the Pampered Chef Party fundraiser. We don't have the final numbers yet, but it looks like it was a successful event. We appreciate the many Jaycees that placed an order as well!

**Showcase Live Ticket Sales:** Vanessa Caffin is continuing to look into a ticket sales fundraiser through the Showcase events at Patriot Place. More details to follow.

**Vendor Fair with Antique Appraisal Day:** Sandy Emery is chairing this event on **Saturday, November 21, 2009, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the American Legion Hall** on Mechanic Street. It will combine our previously held vendor fair with an appraisal day, so bring in your items! For only a \$10 per-item donation to the Foxboro Jaycees (or \$25 for three items), you can have items appraised by Paul Royka, nationally known expert, author and appraiser seen on television! He has over 20 years experience buying & selling fine art & antiques. He has made many radio & television appearances and was formerly an appraiser on the PBS series Antiques Roadshow. Visit: [www.ROYKAS.com](http://www.ROYKAS.com)

NOTE: Paul Royka and Foxboro Jaycees assume no responsibility for loss or damage to items brought for appraisals. Verbal appraisals only. No weapons, coins, stamps, jewelry, rugs or ancient antiquities.

**Gillette Stadium Events:** I am looking for a chairperson to organize manpower for the 2010 season. Last year, eligible events started in the April time frame, so we want to get started soon with the planning.

If you are interested in running a Ways & Means project, feel free to give me a call so that we can chat. Some suggestions are:

Community Yard Sale	Ticket Sales at Showcase Live
Spaghetti Dinner	Harlem Ambassadors
Golf Event (with Hole-In-One Insurance?)	Scrapbooking Fundraiser
Ticket Sales at the Orpheum	Monster Mini Golf Fundraiser
Spelling Bee	Raffles / Auctions

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 Linke

# Membership

**Vice President: Heather Loew**

**Director: Max Loew**

Thanks to everyone for making Jaycee Week such a success! We had a great time and hopefully generated some renewed interest in the chapter around the community.

## **Membership Committee:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:30pm at the Loews' house. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us - we encourage everyone to help us increase chapter membership. If you have ideas for getting new members, we are interested in hearing from you. Email me with any suggestions.

## **Activation/Mentor Program - Chairman Needed:**

We are in need of a chairman for the activation/mentor program. There are several new members that need mentors, so let me know if you would like to coordinate this or if you are interested in being a mentor.

## **Jaycees Apparel:**

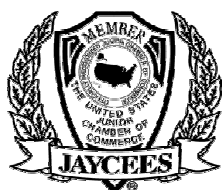
Sweatshirts are available for Jaycees who chair a project or are a Board member. If you chaired a project and would like to get a sweatshirt as reward for your hard work, please contact me. We also have t-shirts if you need one for working at any of the upcoming events.

## **Website – Bob Gillis:**

Be sure to check out the website for all the great events coming up in November and December. As always, if you have anything to add, please contact Bob directly.

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the Jaycees, please let me know so that we can give them more information. Please encourage prospective members to visit the website or email me at [membership@foxborojaycees.org](mailto:membership@foxborojaycees.org).

# Members



Lauren Bitar----- 20 years

Julie Grant-----13 years

Jen Hesford-----6 years

Mark Kerchoff-----4 years

Wendy Kerchoff-----4 years

Mohsen Khalifa-----1 years

Stephanie Maziarz-----2 years

Monica Rigamonti-----8 years

Jeanne Suttie-----3 years

Greg Widmer-----4 years

# Secretary's Report

**By: Monica Rigamonti**

Minutes from Last Month's GM- Accepted

## ***Sunshine----***

Dish Garden was sent to Scott Rogers for the passing of his mother-in-law.

If you know of anyone who needs sunshine, please either call (774-847-9076) or email me at mozer16455@comcast.net.

## ***Inventory Coordinator – Mohsen Khalifa***

If you have any Jaycee inventory at your house, please call Mohsen so he can add it to his list. If you would like any Jaycee equipment, please call Mohsen.

## ***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:** Who's Who
- **Jaycee of the Month:** Heather Loew
- **Frog of the Month:** Vanessa Linke for submitting an embarrassing Jaycee photo from Relay for Life to the National Jaycees---it made the Jaycee magazine!!!!



# Jaycee Birthdays

Dennis Brennan  
Sandy Emery  
Sue Gillis  
Julie Grant  
Yvonne McNamara

Bill Dempsey  
Monica Fisler  
Janice Graves  
Heather Loew

# Individual Development

Vice-

**President: Monica Fisler**

**Director: Dave Fisler**

Hope everyone had a safe and fun Halloween. We are now getting into the holiday season how fun and exciting.

Meetings and Programs – We'll be having a Thanksgiving dinner at the next GM. Please see the flyer in this Wise Fox.

Networking – Bob Gillis will post your business online for others to see. Just an fyi, we can not use the Jaycee Roster as a solicitation tool, but you can advertise your business on the website.

Book Club – The next meeting will be at the House's house on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and we'll be discussing "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde

Halloween Scat – Thanks Bob for hosting a successful scat night.

Kids Christmas Party – **Chairman Needed** I can't believe it's that time again for holiday projects. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting this.

Progressive Dinner – **Chairman Needed.** It's a great night to get dressed up and enjoy the holidays and good food. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting this event.

Come join us at the GM for a  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
Dinner will be served at 8:00pm  
and the cost is \$2.00 per person

# CLASSIFIEDS

## WHO'S WHO: *Nancy Rivera*

### **Who's Who----by Monica Rigamonti**

Sometimes, instead of spotlighting a new member of the chapter, we will focus on members who have been in the chapter for many years. Here are the ABC's of Andrea Cummings. Hope you learn something new about one of our veteran members.

**A**ndrea

**B**eth

**C**ummings

**D**onations director is my current position on the board.

**E**leven year member

**F**our siblings Jen, Kim, Deena and Ryan

**G**ood cook

**H**ates bananas!!!

**I**D VP was my favorite VP position

**J**une 17 is my birthday

**K**ey West is where my next vacation is.

**L**ive with Aaron Johnstone

**M**ini cupcakes are my favorite dessert to make and share

**N**ieces Jordan and Jade. Nephews Michael and Aiven

**O**utdoor activities camping, kayaking and bike riding are a lot of fun.

**P**hotography is what I studied after high school

**Q**uilting is something I do in my spare time& I didn't make that up just to use the letter q.

**R**AV-4 is my new car

**S**olar Seal, Shaw Glass in Easton MA is where I work

**T**astefully Simple is some of my favorite food

**U**tah is a place where I have visited numerous times to see my family

**V**P positions of Membership and Ways and Means, I have not held

**W**hite water rafting is also something I loved to do.

**X**-ray when I was 11 because I got a needle lodged in my leg

**Y**MCA is the gym I go to.

**Z**ip lined for the first time this summer in CT

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donate magazines, snacks, drinks, books, and other supplies to make a large sandy patch feel more like home. Please bring your donations to the GM or contact Jennifer Widmer to organize them.

**JAYCEE STUFF:** Mohsen is the new inventory coordinator and wants to know where all the Jaycee stuff is located. If you have anything to report call or email Mohsen.

**PROJECT CHAIRMAN:** Looking for project chairman in all areas and for new projects that are in your mind to create. As incentive if you chair a project you get a FREE Jaycees Sweatshirt.

**BLANKETS FOR THE DISCRETIONARY FUND:** We are gathering blankets at all Jaycee events including the GMs for the Discretionary Fund. We are collecting new blankets to hand out with the fruit baskets at the holidays through the Discretionary Fund. We are hoping to have enough to hand out with every holiday basket.

### *November 2009 Jaycee Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 General Meeting 8pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Board Meeting 7:30pm	26 Happy Thanksgivin g!	27	28
29 Wise Fox Reports Due	30					

### *December 2009 Jaycee Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Membership Cmte. 7:30pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 General Meeting 8pm	10	11	12



13	14	15	16 Book Club	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Board Meeting 7:30pm	24	25	26
27 Wise Fox Info is Due!	28	29	30	31		

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# *Meetings and Programs*

**Don't miss the next GM on Wednesday, November 11th,  
at 8:00 PM.**

**Come join us for Thanksgiving Dinner and find out about all of  
our many holiday projects we need assistance with. Dinner will  
be served at 8pm and the cost is \$2.00 per person.**

