



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

December 2009

Greetings!

I hope that this Wise Fox finds you still content from your Thanksgiving break. Most of us (including myself) are already busy planning for the upcoming Christmas season. As always, the Jaycees will be out in full force over the next few weeks--having fun, helping others, and making the most of this holiday season.

Although we are not having the greatest of years for fundraising, I **hope** that we can put some of our great Ways and Means ideas to work in 2010. Although it's been a difficult year for manpower, I have **faith** that we can continue to recruit new members and re-activate some seasoned members. But, most of all, and despite these challenges--being the leader of the greatest young people's organization in the world brings me a lot of **joy**, especially during the holidays. The following are some additional holiday thoughts as we head into the Christmas season!

Join us for the Yankee Swap at the GM on December 9th!

Are you already thinking about New Years resolutions for 2010? If so, please consider spending time with the Jaycees a part of them.

Yuletide greetings to you and your family!

Christmas projects are plentiful—Caroling on the Common, Fruit Baskets, Santa Phone, Kids Christmas Party, Progressive Dinner, Winter Common Decorating, Santa on the Common, to name a few!

Excited to see the newly refurbished Nativity Scene, thanks to Julie Grant, Jim Fallon, and committee!

Eternally grateful to everyone on the Board of Directors and all others who continue to donate their time and energy to make this chapter successful!

Spirit—defined as: an attitude or principle that inspires, animates, or pervades thought, feeling or action. I hope that you can find some Jaycee spirit this season, and in 2010!

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year in 2010!
Love from my family to yours—Helene Savage

Community Development

Vice President: Julie Grant

Director: Jim Fallon

Winter Common Upgrade and Nativity Scene set up will take place this **Saturday, December 5th, at 9:00 A.M.** Please come out and join us for this festive occasion. We will be wrapping the posts with garland and bows. We will need a few good men and/or wonder women to lift the Nativity Scene pieces from my truck to the bandstand and from the Chapel to the truck. If you have a truck, two other trucks would make things go even quicker so that we can make only one trip from the Chapel on Oak Street to the common. We will also be putting lights on some of the trees. I am working on trying to get the big pine tree lit this year as well.

Caroling on the Common will take place on **Thursday, December 17th, at 6:00.** I will be chairing this project. I have done the ad, message board, music booklets and posters. I put in a request to get hot chocolate donated from Dunkin Donuts this year. Last year they donated water because they would need more time to do the hot chocolate. Hopefully this gives them enough time.

Calling all Santas and Mrs. Claus(s)! Santa Phone is being chaired by **Dave Brown.** It sounds like a lot of fun this year since he is having it at his house. Volunteers will be meeting at Dave's house on **17 Merigan Way on Tuesday and Wednesday December 15 and 16th from 6:00-7:30.** This year Santas will make calls from their cell phones (bring chargers). If you do not have a cell phone, we can help out with that. For those not familiar with this project, we need volunteers to pretend they are Santa and Mrs. Claus and call a list of children that parents have submitted to us through our newspaper ad, or the Jaycee website. There is a script to guide you through the conversation. If you have someone you want called, email Dave david.brown36@comcast.net or call him at 508-543-9686 with the child's name, phone number, and any preference as to call date and time, what they like to do or talk about (likes, hobbies, sports activities, things they want for Christmas). **Pizza and soda will be served.**

Dave Reid will be chairing this year's Santa on the Common which will be Saturday, December 12th at noon following the Individual Development project, Kids Christmas Party. Dave has Santa and Mrs. Claus and the photographer all lined up for this event. About 300 Children will sit on Santa's lap for a free picture. Cookies and other goodies will be handed out. If you would like to help, contact Dave Reid.

200 Fresh Fruit Baskets will be assembled and delivered along with the Discretionary Fund food boxes on December 20th at 5:00 P.M. **Bob Gillis and Lauren Bitar** will guide their flock through this fun, festive project filled with merriment and laughs- guaranteed with those two ☺ Meet at the South Foxboro Community Center.

Nancy Rivera dropped off six cartons of books to Dana Farber in October. 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 November for our Antique Appraisal/Vendor Fair. She will be running one the second week in December for our December projects in addition to our General Membership Meeting information. Thanks Nancy for our continued **publicity**.

Jim Caffin is still in the process of repainting the **bandstand** floors and walls. He has run into some problems, so we may be bringing some paint up this weekend to touch things up when we set up the Nativity Scene.

Jim Fallon is finishing up the final touches of paint after the major plastering and grouting of the **nativity scene** pieces. Fred Badger helped Jim and I on a couple weekends, and will be helping us with set-up and final touch-ups this Saturday. Thank you very much Fred for your help and creative ideas, painting, and mixing. **Great care in moving and storage needs to be taken with these pieces in the future.**

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.

Wendy Kerchoff is our **Adopt a Kid for Christmas** chairman. Wendy has two children from the discretionary fund that we will buy Christmas gifts for.

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

Blankets Needed!

We need NEW blankets,
any size, for
Discretionary Fund.
We hope to include a
blanket with
every fruit basket.

Please give to Vanessa L up to 12/20.



Individual Development

Vice-President: Monica Fisler

Director: Dave Fisler

As the Holidays approach Dave and I just want to take this opportunity to say have a safe and happy season.

Meetings and Programs – It's Yankee swap time. If you are planning on attending the GM and would like to participate please bring a gift to swap under \$10.

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 book is "The Christmas Promise" by Anne Perry and the meeting is at Nancy Williams. House on 12/16. The January book is "The shadow of the wind" by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Host to be determined.

Kids Christmas Party – The Fislers The date is December 12th at the Public Safety Buildings McGinty room starting at 10:30. Please contact either Monica or Dave as soon as possible if you would like to participate. Due to budget constraints we are asking parents to bring a gift between \$5 - \$10 for Santa to hand out. The age cut off is 10.

Progressive Dinner – Andrea Cummings and Monica Fisler. It's been scheduled for Saturday, December 5th. Assignments have been sent out.

Ski Trip – Julie Grant. Julie has been planning this trip for about a year. Please contact her as soon as possible if you would like to participate. Children are welcome.



Kids Christmas Party
Saturday, December 12th
10:30 at the McGinty
Room in the
Public Safety Building
Please read the ID
Report for more
details.

Ways and Means

Vice President – Vanessa Linke

Director – Vanessa Caffin

Dear fellow Foxboro Jaycees,

The holiday season is again among us, and we are all gearing up for the many Jaycee events coming up this month. I know Ways & Means is not the priority at this time of year, but please do keep in mind that we need funds to run the projects that mean the most to us. Let me know if you'd consider running a Ways & Means project after the holidays.

Website Advertising: 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.

Vendor Fair with Antique Appraisal Day: Sandy Emery did a great job on this event that once again was profitable for our chapter and brought in some much needed cash. Chapter member attendance and manpower was great (thank you all for pitching in!), but outside attendance was unfortunately not as high as expected, but all in all it was still a successful project.

Texas Poker Night: Derek House & Max Loew have begun discussions with a potential partner company for this project. We are still planning on running the event sometime in the early part of 2010. More details to follow.

Gillette Stadium Events: I am still 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. 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. 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

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

~ **Vanessa Linke**

Membership

Vice President: Heather Loew

Director: Max Loew

It's the holidays! This is the best time of year to promote membership. Bring a friend to an event to show what we do for the community!

Website – Bob Gillis:

Please send Bob an email when you take on a December project or when dates / times are announced. It's very important to get that info on the website as quickly as possible for publicity and manpower. He will post info as soon as he receives it, so please contact him as events are finalized.

Membership Committee:

The next meeting will be held in early January 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:

Please let me know if you are interested in mentoring any of the new members in the chapter. This is a great way to pass along experience and develop relationships in the organization.

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.

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.

Membership Awards



Max Loew-----1 year

Don Rodman-----5 years

Secretary's Report

By: Monica Rigamonti

Minutes from Last Month's GM- Accepted

Sunshine----

No Sunshine was sent this past month.

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:** Karaoke Night during Jaycee Week
- **Jaycee of the Month:** Monica Rigamonti
- **Frog of the Month:** Monica Fisler for all her Call Night Entertainment

Jaycee Birthdays



Gerry McNamara
Chris Olson
Greg Widmer

CLASSIFIEDS

WHO'S WHO: Mark Belmont

By: Monica Rigamonti

Here are ten facts about our new member, Mark Belmont. ENJOY!

1. He was born in Middleborough, MA and now resides in Norton, MA
2. Mark has 2 brothers, Mike and Jerry.
3. He works as a packager at a day program called AEI in Attleboro
4. Mark found us this past summer during Concerts on the Common. Information was given to him and he liked what he saw and read.
5. He joined because he wanted to join an organization in the community.
6. His hobbies include crossword puzzles and circle-a-word books.
7. Mark would like to participate in holiday projects as well as donate books to the Book Drive.
8. Mark's favorite TV show is Family Guy.
9. His favorite sports team is, of course, the Patriots.
10. Mark's favorite holiday is Thanksgiving and his favorite food is spaghetti.

Hope you learned something new. Welcome Mark to the chapter!

WANTED:

SANTA AND MRS. CLAUSES NEEDED. Please join Dave Brown with your cell phone and your best HO HO HO on December 15th and 16th from 6-7:30pm for Santa Phone. This year Santa, Mrs. Clause, and their elves will be calling all the kiddies from 17 Merigan Way.

SUPPLIES FOR THE SOLDIERS- We have created a new CD Project 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 for herself. 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, Christmas Decorations, 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 CHAIRMEN: There are many opportunities in this newsletter for project chairman. Projects are ranging from small to large, community to social, individual or group projects. Take a glance and help us out during the busy holiday season.

Ski Trip January 22nd-24th

The Mountaineer Inn

For this year's ski trip the Jaycees will be filling up the entire Inn. Since we will be taking up the Inn, they are including a 5-star dinner on Saturday night following the **FREE** Wine and Cheese party. There will also be two outstanding breakfasts included. Let's just put it this way, I enjoy the skiing, but I go to Mount Snow for the food and the hot tub!!!! The hot tub is a 15 person outside hot tub over looking Mount Snow. There are also saunas, and a bar. You bring your own alcohol and put it in the bar. You can also bring bottles of wine to have with dinner. There are three fireplaces, one in the bar next to the big screen t.v., and one on the top floor, one in the dining room, and there is also a t.v. room, and a pool table in the bar.

Prices are all inclusive for the weekend and include tax and gratuity.

\$185 for each person double occupancy.

\$295 for one person in a room, so I suggest you bring a buddy.

\$160 each for 3 people in the room.

We will get group lift ticket rates. They are \$45 for a full day on Friday, \$57 Sat., \$50 for Sunday, and \$91 for a two day. 3-day is \$126. We also get group rates on rentals and lessons.

I will be collecting deposits this month, and the balance in December.



December 2009 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Membership Cmte. 7:30pm	3	4	5 Winter Common & Nativity Scene Set Up 9am Progressive Dinner 6pm
6	7	8	9 General Meeting 8pm	10	11	12 Kids Xmas Party 10:30am Santa on the Common 12pm
13	14	15 Santa Phone 6pm	16 Book Club 8pm Santa Phone 6pm	17 Caroling on the Common 6pm	18	19
20 Fruit Baskets 5pm	21	22	23 Board Meeting 7:30pm	24	25 	26
27 Wise Fox Info Due!	28	29	30	31		

January 2010 Jaycee Calendar

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3	4	5	6 General Meeting 8pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Book Club	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Board Meeting 7:30pm	21	22 Ski Trip	23 Ski Trip
24/31 Ski Trip Wise Fox Reports Due	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Meetings and Programs

**Don't miss the next GM on Wednesday, December 9th,
at 8:00 PM.**

**Come join us for the holiday Yankee Swap. Please bring a \$10
gift to exchange and enjoy the holiday spirit.**

