



A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

April 2010

Hi Everyone,

I hope that this Wise Fox finds you dry, or at least drier than we have been over the past few weeks...what a rough start to Spring!

We've had a lot of great stuff going on in the Chapter. The weather cooperated and we had a great turnout at the Easter Egg Hunt (although it was freezing)! The Scholarship Committee is reviewing applications, and planning is underway for Candidates Night and the Installation Banquet. Who can forget about Founders Day? We are already starting to plan for our Founders Day projects. If you can lend a hand, please let Vanessa know!

A number of Jaycee kids (and adults) had the opportunity to volunteer at Birthday Wishes this month. Thanks to Vanessa Linke for organizing such a great event! The adults and kids assembled birthday bags, wrapped presents, filled piñatas, and helped Rachel Calabrese organize for her upcoming parties. She greatly appreciated the help, and we greatly appreciated the opportunity to be there.

This event will surely have a lasting impact on everyone who participated. To hear my kids (and others) ask questions and express feelings for the kids in the shelters was a great feeling...and will help shape the next generation of Foxboro Jaycees who will do a lot of good for this town. It's projects like this that really define who we are, and who are future members will be.

Although we are a much smaller group that we used to be, we somehow, as a group, get it done! Thank you again for all of you who have worked tirelessly on projects over the past few months.

It's hard for me to believe that my year as President is about over, but it's been a good year. The Nominations Committee is still seeking people for several open board positions for next year. If you are interested, please contact Mike Savage, or come to the April meeting to take part in the election of officers.

Hope to see you at the General Meeting!
Helene Savage

Individual Development

Vice-President: Monica Fisler

Director: Dave Fisler

Meetings and programs- *Chairman Needed*. This month, A big thank you goes out to the Widmer's for providing a great meal at the last GM. This month is elections so yes, it is pizza night. We WILL be charging \$2.00 for pizza that evening.

Degrees of Jaycees- Vanessa has redesigned the form. Come out to the GM to hear more about it or check out the new form on-line. We will be holding a workshop to discuss the form. A sign-up sheet will go around at the GM if you are interested.

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.

The April Book Club book is "An Unquiet Mind" by Redfield Jamison. The meeting will be on 4/21 at 8pm at the House's home. Book Club has been a long standing project with several good books being read, good conversation. You do not need to complete the book to attend. If you recently read a good book that you'd like to share and get the club to read, going to the meeting is the best way. Hope to see you out at a meeting.

Installation Banquet – Sandy Emery. Sandy Emery has done a fabulous job putting together this year's banquet. It will be held on Saturday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m. at Stoneforge in Foxboro. The cost is \$30 per person. Contact Sandy to reserve your dinner plate today!

Bowling Outing – Julie Grant is planning a bowling outing on May 22nd. This will be similar to the bowling outing we did last year. More details will be provided at the GM.

Providence Bruins Game – Vanessa Linke and several others went to the Pbruins game on Sunday, March 28th. Can't wait to hear about it at the GM. Thank you Vanessa.

Pick-Up Volleyball – *Chairman Needed* – so you want to get out and enjoy the weather what better way to do it. A friendly game they say. Looking to see who'd like to run this project. Please let Dave or I know.

Camping/Hiking Trip – Mohsen Khalifa has volunteered to chair this project again this year. Please come out to the GM for more details.

Founder's Day Work Party – *Chairman Needed* – what a great way to get all the people who helped out to relax and get a bite to eat in between projects. If you are interested in running this, please let Dave or I know.

Community Development

Vice President: Julie Grant

Director: Jim Fallon

Nancy Rivera has a few cartons of books gathered and will be dropping them off at Dana Farber within the next two weeks. If you have used or new books that are in good shape for the **Book Drive**. Please contact Nancy and arrange for drop off.

Nancy placed a great advertisement in the Foxboro Reporter at the beginning of March. At the beginning of every month Nancy runs an ad that announces our General Membership meeting as well as our other upcoming and ongoing projects. **Publicity** is a very important tool in recruiting members and reminding the community of what we do in addition to having people turn out for the events

As you know, **Wendy Kerchoff** collected 30 **DVDs** from Paul Lanza last month to send to **Veterans**. This month she has collected some from Jennifer Widmer. If you have any DVDs kicking around that you would like to send to some very bored veterans, contact Wendy Kerchoff.

Jennifer Widmer is putting her final collection together for **Supplies** for Deena and other **Soldiers** since Deena is due to come home soon. Bring magazines, snacks, drinks, books, and other supplies to the General Membership meeting, or arrange a drop off with Jen.

We believe **Mohsen Khalifa** has delivered the last of his **Sand for Seniors** this year. Mohsen received a great break this year after the busy sand delivery he had last year. We only had a total of 15 buckets this year. I don't even think we were able to keep track this year. Who knows, it is still March...

Jennifer Fellows and her **Scholarship Application Review** committee are finishing up the reading of 73 applications and plan on meeting to discuss them next Tuesday. Jen's committee consists of old and new members- a good mix. This project takes a lot of organization and compilation of data. Great job on your first project Jen, and it is committee run too! ☺

Doolittle Bingo took place on Sunday, March 14th at 1:30 P.M. This project was a lot of fun for my students and for the residents. The elderly players said they would love it if we could come back again. I had two fifth graders, one 7th grader, two eighth graders, an eleventh grader, and a senior, as well as our Ahern guidance counselor who is over-seeing the Ahern Community Service Club, there to run the project with me. Each student matched themselves up with a senior to help check their boards. They also took turns calling out the numbers and controlling the master board. I was amazed at how awesome they did. They were such a big help.

I now have a **chairman** for **Concerts on the Common!!!** **Max Lowe** is ready to step in where Heather left off last year! Some others have offered to go up to the common and give Max some relief so he does not have to be there every Thursday night from beginning to end. Thanks Max, did you do this to be my hero?! ☺ (you would have had to read my last report to understand)

Birthday Wishes was another nice community project that many of my students showed up for on a Friday night! Some were the same students who came to Doolittle Bingo, and a couple asked how old they had to be to join the Jaycees. **Vanessa** did a great job gathering Jaycees and their kids and setting up a fun, feel-good project. It was Vanessa's idea for me to recruit some of my students to join us. Helene mentioned how preparing these toys and birthday supplies directly for other kids, and picturing some of them unable to cook on a stove because they live in a hotel room, really hit home with her daughter. Having kids wrap and prepare party supplies for other kids was so good for them to experience. Thank you Vanessa for opening my eyes to this.

Concerts Fundraising is going even better than expected. Thank you to the Crafts and Dan Murphy for being so generous and for trying to get others to contribute as well. Thanks also to Dave Brown for running meetings, his contact leads, and assigning Heather, Vanessa, Helene, and I tasks to complete. Since we are ahead of the game on the concert sponsors, our committee has been looking into other opportunities to utilize the contact lists of potential sponsors.

Dave Fisler and his bunnies are all ready for this Saturday's **Easter Egg Hunt!** Thanks Dave for running this wonderful community project. I don't think kids have much opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny, unlike Santa. Tonight let the egg stuffing begin! They have plenty of stuffers- probably because everyone always has so much fun. There are so many helpers that it is usually finished in an hour to hour and one half.

Candidates' Night preparations are well under way! I just picked up the lengthy list of candidates at the Town Hall yesterday, and we have the Ahern auditorium reserved for this event on April 15th. Lauren Bitar is taking care of things with Foxboro Cable Access and has helped me out with our list of things to do. I will be sending the candidates' out invitations to appear on the show. Lauren is contacting the press for me, Monica Rigamonti will be the timer, and I will be the moderator

Thanks **Heather** for chairing **Relay for Life**. Heather has already set up the online group sign up. You click on this [link](#) to join the team. Relay for Life will take place at the John J. Ahern Middle School on June 18th and 19th. Contact Heather Lowe for more information.

Chairmen are needed for the following upcoming projects:

Founders' Day Manpower Founders' Day Parade-

Jaycee Birthdays



**Cheryl Cushman
Laureen House
Brendan O'Reilly
Bob Webster**

**Jennifer Fellows
Mohsen Khalifa
Scott Rogers**

Way\$ and Mean\$

Vice President – Vanessa Linke

Director – Vanessa Caffin

Dear fellow Foxboro Jaycees,

By the time you receive the Wise Fox, Heather Loew's **Monster Mini Golf Fundraiser** will probably already have taken place. I'd like to thank Heather, and also Julie and Helene, for all their work on advertizing for this project leading up to April 2nd.

Gillette Stadium Events: There are a few paperwork hold-ups that I am trying to straighten out that are delaying the start of this project. Hopefully I'll have more news for the chapter at the April GM.

Monica Fisler is inviting everyone to a **Scrapbooking Fundraiser** on Saturday, **April 17th, from 9am-5pm, in the McGinty Room** of the Foxborough Public Safety Building. Call or email Monica to reserve your spot for either a full day session (9am – 5pm, \$25) OR a half day session (am or pm, \$15). Please spread the word!

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 \$59.99 for 180 days.

Julie Grant has volunteered to handle **Founders Day Pony Rides** again this year. Thanks, Julie!

Founders Day Slush: Nancy Rivera has offered to take on this project for a second year in a row (thanks, Nancy!). She did a fantastic job last year and I am sure she will do so again.

Fred Badger will be taking on this year's **Founders Day Concessions** – thanks, Fred!

I am still eagerly **looking for a chairperson** to round out the Founders Day Ways & Means events on June 12th with **Founders Day Glow Items**. If you are interested in chairing this project, please let me know.

Concerts on the Common Concessions: Helene Savage has volunteered to chair Concerts on the Common Concessions this summer. Thanks Helene!

Helene Savage is also looking into a **Spelling Bee** event as Ways & Means fundraiser. More info to follow soon.

We are looking into a few other fundraising opportunities, but are **in need of some serious CA\$H** for our Chapter. So, 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:

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| Community Yard Sale | Friendly's Flyer Fundraiser |
| Taste of Foxboro | Harlem Ambassadors |
| Tupperware Party | Job Fair |
| Papa Gino's Flyer Fundraiser | Dinner Banquet |

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

Membership

Vice President: Heather Loew

Director: Max Loew

Website – Bob Gillis:

As always, thank you to Bob for a great job on the website. Check it out to see what is going on and photos of recent Jaycee events!

Membership Committee:

We had our final meeting in March. Thanks to all the members of the membership committee for a successful year. We generated a lot of great ideas for the chapter!

Activation/Mentor Program:

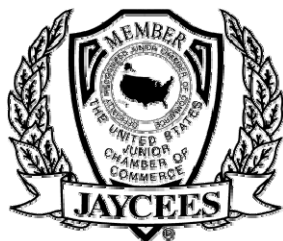
The membership committee has created a new mentoring program. Instead of the one-on-one mentoring we have had in the past, there will be a committee of mentors available to members. The committee will be comprised of new and veteran members that will be available to assist new members in the chapter. I will be sending out more information as the program develops.

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 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



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| Dave Brown | -----25 years |
| Robert Cole | -----35 years |
| Sandy Daniels | -----22 years |
| Paul Dean | -----25 years |
| Jim Evans | -----26 years |
| Jim Fallon | -----1 year |
| Jennifer Fellows | -----1 year |
| Jennifer Whiffen | -----4 years |

Secretary's Report

By: Monica Rigamonti

Sunshine----

*** Dish Garden sent to the family of Carl Kusch who passed away on March 1, 2010

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---CHAIRMAN NEEDED

If you have information that you would like to add to the Wise Fox, please email Jennifer at neonlady79@hotmail.com. Phone calls will be made in April encouraging members to switch to an email newsletter. It saves on a lot of money and you get your information faster and in color.



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.

February Awards

Project of the Month
Jaycee of the Month
Frog of the Month

Ski Trip
Greg Widmer

March Awards

Website Redesign
Vanessa Linke
Monica Rigamonti
(reading the wrong book)

Join the Foxboro Jaycees to help raise money for Youth Scholarships.

Join us at the McGinty Room in the Public Safety
Building on April 17, 2010 for a day long
SCRAPBOOKING EVENT!

Please plan on bringing your own lunch. We will
have menus for local restaurants for those who
would like to order.

We will have GREAT door prizes to give away,
plus lots of little raffles all day long!

Call or email to reserve your spot!
\$25 for all day session (9am - 5pm)



OR

\$15 for half day session (am or pm)

Contact:

Monica Fisler: 508-698-9604 or
mjoshi04@comcast.net

April 2010 Jaycee Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Monster Mini Golf  | 3 |
| 4 Happy Easter  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 General Meeting 8pm | 15 Candidate's Night | 16 | 17 Scrapbooking Fundraiser |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Book Club 8pm | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Board Meeting 7:30pm | 29 | 30 | |

May 2010 Jaycee Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 Wise Fox Resports Due! | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1/8 1 st - Installation Banquet |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 General Meeting 8pm | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Book Club 8pm | 20 | 21 | 22 Bowling Night! |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Board Meeting 7:30pm | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Wise Fox Info Due! | 31 | | | | | |

Nominations Committee Results:

2010-2011

Board of Directors

President- Vanessa Linke
Secretary- Andrea Cummings
Treasurer- Helene Savage
Dues Director-
Donations Director-
Community Development Vice President-
Individual Development Vice President-
Membership Vice President- Julie Grant
Ways and Means Vice President- Heather Loew
Community Development Director-
Individual Development Director-
Membership Director- Brendan O'Reilly
Ways and Means Director-
Presidential Director-
Chairman of the Board- Helene Savage

Please come to the April General Meeting to vote for the 2010-2011 Board of Directors. Thank you to all the volunteers to date! If you are interested in volunteering for a board position or want to find out more about them please contact anyone on the Nominations Committee.

Thanks,
Mike Savage (chairman)
Jennifer Widmer
Monica Fisler
Dave Reid
Dave Brown

Limerick Contest Results

Thank you to all those who participated in the March GM Limerick Contest. We thought all who were not there would enjoy reading the results!

WINNER!

By: Bob Gillis

There once was a frog named Kris
Whose frog stories made everyone piss
So one day she swore,
Screw you! I'm out the door
But that frog's legacy is hard to dismiss!

By: Monica Fisler

There once was a girl named Monica
Who loved to drink gin and tonica
She works with kids all day
And they never go away
That's why she smokes marijanica.

By: Tom Whiffen

There once was a man from Foxboro,
Who just didn't know how to say NO!
The Jaycees found out
And now there is no doubt
That his free time was gone long ago.

By: Tom Whiffen

"We believe" is the creed that we say
Community service we do every day,
Our service to humanity
Is what makes a Jaycee
And that is the way we will stay!

By: Tom Whiffen

A lion, a knight, and a Jaycee,
The contest the kind of the three
To Waxy O'Connor
To drink to their honors
The Jaycee was the best they agree

By: Tom Whiffen (guess who about?)

There once was a girl from Nantucket
Whose issues would fill a large bucket.
She moved to Foxboro
Find a group to belong to
That Jaycees decided *!%& it!

Foxboro Jaycees
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Meetings and Programs

**Don't miss the next GM on Wednesday, April 14th,
at 8:00 PM.**

**Come join us for the elections for the 2010-2011 Board of
Directors and enjoy some pizza! Please bring \$2 to contribute
towards the pizza party.**

