



# Wise Fox

*A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees*

*December 2010*

“Happy December” to all you Foxboro Jaycees!

Actually, I am sitting here writing my Wise Fox letter from more than 900 miles away – I am “home” with family over Thanksgiving. But while I am celebrating the beginning of the Holiday season with my family, I am truly looking forward to all the fabulous projects we have coming up. This is truly the time of year where the Foxboro Jaycees shine!

While Jen Franco is busily working on **Adopt a Kid for Christmas** behind the scenes and Mohsen Khalifa has once again taken on **Sand for Seniors**, we have many other projects lined up - and several of them are still in need of help, so please consider contacting the chairman and volunteering!

I am sad to miss the **Decorating of the Common** for the first time in 3 years on Saturday after Thanksgiving, but I am sure that Julie and her cohorts will do a fantastic job – if you are admiring the Common throughout the next month, please let Julie know. I will be back in town to help with the **Kid’s Christmas Party** that Monica Fisler is hosting at the McGinty room on 12/4, and I am sure that it will be a fun event, as always.

At the **GM** on 12/8 we will be having our usual Yankee Swap, but with a twist – The Foxboro Jaycees are going green, the motto being “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and REGIFT!” If you want to participate this year, bring a wrapped item from home (no buying!) to exchange. The weekend afterwards brings us the **Progressive Dinner** chaired by Helene Savage on Sat (12/11) and **Edaville Railroad Family Outing** on Sun (12/12) chaired by Heather Loew & Monica Fisler.

The next **Trivia Night** chaired by Kathy Brady is scheduled for 12/13, before the holiday craziness gets too ... ‘crazy.’ On 12/16 we get to bring out the entire town of Foxboro for a sing-along at **Caroling on the Common** chaired by Julie Grant, and I know Jen Franco and Deena Cummings are busily working to schedule the assembly of the **Fruit Baskets** for the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> to help out with the Discretionary Fund’s holiday baskets. Finally, Helene is currently working with Santa to schedule him for **Santa Phone** during the week before Christmas as well.

Thank you for all that you do for our chapter! With all the great community projects in December, I am as proud as ever to be a Foxboro Jaycee!

See you at the December GM! Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

~Vanessa Linke

We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.  
*Winston Churchill*

# Secretary's Report

Secretary: Andrea Cummings

---

Minutes from Last Month's GM – Accepted –Andrea has a copy if anyone would like to see them



## *Sunshine committee*

Sent a card to Krystie Apgar for an injury to her foot. Get better soon, Krystie!  
Also, a Get Well email sent to Bob Gillis for his recent fall and hip injury. Hope you heal real soon, Bob!

Please let Andrea know if there is any sunshine that needs to be sent out.

## *Inventory Coordinator – Moshen Khalfa*

Please call Moshen to arrange to borrow any inventory items.

## *Wise Fox–Sandy Emery*

Please contact Sandy at [semery29@comcast.net](mailto:semery29@comcast.net) if you have anything that you would like placed in the Wise Fox.

## *Cards and Letters of thanks and appreciation – Wendy Kerchoff*

If you need a card sent please have all information sent to Wendy.

## *Electronic CPG Library–Bob Gillis*

Please email Bob if you have an electronic copy of a CPG so he can add them to the library.



## *Awards*

Jaycee of the Month-Dave Brown  
Project of the Month-Yard Sale/Vendor Fair - Heather Loew and Wendy Kerchoff  
No frog-still. (This is so weird!)

## *Special awards:*

Outstanding Jaycee Kid (for continued outstanding service as Jaycee-in-training)  
Victoria Kerchoff and Meagan Savage



# December Jaycee Birthdays

Chris Olson  
Greg Widmer

Be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!!!

# Individual Development

Vice President: Fred Badger

---

## ***Meetings and Programs-December Chairman-Andrea Cummings***

This month will also feature the Yankee Swap which is always a lot of fun. If you'd like to participate, the gift amount limit is \$10 so start looking around your basements and garages for the perfect \$10 gift.



## ***Book Club-Laureen House***

The December book club is reading "Her Fearful Symmetry" by Audrey Niffenegger. The meeting will be on Wednesday, 12/15 @ 8pm. We're looking for someone to host the meeting.

## ***Networking-Bob Gillis***

Don't forget the networking page on the Jaycee website created & maintained by Bob Gillis. Several businesses are listed and we're always looking for more.

## ***Degrees of Jaycees-Heather Leow***

Heather continues to look for participants for this program. Be sure to contact her if you want to participate.

## ***Trivia Night-Kathy Brady***

Trivia Night's next get together will be Monday, December 13 at the Pic. Trivia starts @ 7:00 but be there by 6:00 to get a good seat and some dinner if you prefer.

***Scavenger Night-*** because of the busy holiday season, this will be rescheduled in the spring.

## ***Progressive Dinner-Helene Savage***

This year's Progressive Dinner will be chaired by Helene Savage. The date is Saturday, December 11. This is the Jaycee's annual holiday "dinner party". If you're interested in attending please contact Helene.



## ***The Kid's Christmas Party-Monica Fisler***

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>-look for further details in this month's Wise Fox.



***Family Outing-Heather Lowe and Monica Fisler***

It will be held on December 12. A signup sheet was passed around at the GM. If you're interested in attending and did not signup, contact Heather.

***Jaycee Ski Trip-Julie Grant***

Julie Grant is once again chairing the Jaycee Ski Trip. This year's trip will be held January 21-23 at the Mountaineer Inn in Vermont. If you're interested, contact Julie for more information.



**Kids Christmas Party**

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**McGinty Room (Public Safety Bldg)**

**Jaycee kids 10 and under**

**\*\*Please contact Monica Fisler at 508-698-9604 if your kids will be attending or if you would like to volunteer to help.**

**\*\*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.**

# Community Development

**Vice President: Wendy Kerchoff**

**Director: Deena Cummings**

---

**Publicity** - We are now seeking a Chairperson needed for Publicity! Please let Deena or myself know if you are interested!

## ***Decorating the Common-Julie Grant***

Done this past weekend-thanks to all that helped out!

## ***Adopt a kid for Christmas – Jen Franco***

Shopping is done and I am sure we will have a happy child!



## ***Caroling on the Common-Julie Grant***

Event will take place December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, ending at the Doolittle Home at 6:45 PM. Come join in!

## ***Fruit Baskets-Jennifer Franco***

Jen has reserved the Community center for assembly the afternoon of Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00PM. Manpower is needed that day as well as on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> for delivery to the church.



## ***Santa Phone-Helene Savage***

Calling all Santas -Helene has volunteered to take on this event so please give her a call if you can help out.



## ***YANKEE SWAP***

***Come to the GM for the annual Yankee Swap, but this time with a twist.***

***In the spirit of Christmas we are going to go GREEN.***

***Everyone should come to the GM with a gift that you'd like to re-gift. Reuse, Recycle, Re-gift is the motto!!***

***Be creative and have some fun!***

# Way\$ and Mean\$

Vice President: Heather Leow

---

## ***Haunted House Video Treasury***

Tom Whiffen has created a video treasury collection containing 15 years of Haunted House memories. Included in the set is a photo disc compiled by Bob Gillis. The DVD set is on sale for \$15 – a great deal for only \$1 per year! If you are interested in purchasing this great keepsake please let me know.

## ***Website Advertising***

We are looking for additional committee members to help with this fundraising effort, so if you are interested, please let me know. If you have a business that you would like to advertise, this is a great way to get publicity- especially during the holiday season!



## ***Gillette Stadium Fundraising – Chairman Needed***

Our next big fundraiser is working concessions at Gillette Stadium during the 2011 season. We have the potential to make \$4,000 for the chapter! I am looking for a chairperson to organize the manpower for this project. Please let me know if you are interested in chairing.

## **Craft Fair – Spring 2011**

Based on the success of the craft fair/yard sale in October we will be holding another craft fair in the spring on the Foxboro Common. In order to hold a successful event, we will need to find potential vendors and crafters many months in advance. If you are interested in chairing or helping with this project, please let me know.





# Membership

Vice President: Julie Grant

Director Moshen Khalifa

---

## ***Who's Who - Bob Gillis***

So you think you know Tom Sawran? Read this month's Who's Who to learn more!

## ***Web Site Page - Bob Gillis***

Make sure you check the website to stay on top of all of our upcoming holiday events. Also be looking for pictures!

## ***Jaycees Apparel-Julie Grant***

Call or email me if you need a Jaycee t-shirt or hat. Remember that you can get a Jaycee sweatshirt by chairing a committee run project, or by being on the board.

## ***New Members***

We have some new members who have already signed up to participate and run projects! Bring a friend to one of our upcoming projects, they might just get hooked. We have all made close friends here in the Jaycees, don't you have a friend who you'd like to be part of our circle of friends? Please encourage prospective members to visit the website or email me at [membership@foxborojaycees.org](mailto:membership@foxborojaycees.org).

Thank you, Sandy, for running a great New Member Social

Contact Julie or Moshen if you have any membership ideas!



## **Who's Who By Bob Gillis**

### **This month: Former Jaycee president Tom Sawran (1993-1994)**

Continuing the trend of speaking with former Jaycee presidents, I am very happy to present these words from our 1993-1994 chapter president Tom Sawran, who enjoys the dubious distinction of being the man who swore me (and Susan) into the chapter in July of 1993 ☺

Since that time, in my many talks with Tom, what is always evident is a deep love of this town, the Foxboro Jaycees, and a passion that we succeed. He was the first to run the Haunted House as a Foxboro Jaycees "on our own" event – "Run it like a business," and he later worked more magic and saved one of our final haunted houses at Payson Road by coordinating and installing a full septic system in a matter of days before we opened. While Tom is well known for telling you, "That's not how we did things back in the day," the truth is that so much of what the Jaycees did back then worked very well.



Over the years, he has served as both Jaycee mentor and friend to myself and Sue. So without further ado, let's hear from Tom.

The most memorable experience...

Tom: "Without question, the most memorable and proudest experience of my year as Jaycee President was the membership growth we accomplished. As I was being sworn in as President, I was also being aged out as a Rooster on the same night. (I still hold the record for actually being the oldest Foxboro Jaycee President in the history of our chapter, serving several months of my term as a 41 year old.) There was a fairly large group of us who all aged out the same night and with that, I made it my objective to above all else, strive for membership growth."

How he and his board approached membership growth...

Tom: "I had the great good fortune of having Patti O'Hara Howard and Beth Finch Madestra as my Membership V.P. and Director, respectively. To any request or idea that they would forward as to ideas regarding membership growth, my answer was always a resounding YES! Give it a try. Of course, the tried and true annual and historic "call night" program still proved to be the biggest and most successful program of the entire year."

Call nights...

Tom: "Call night was not just a random night or two with a few people bashfully or hesitantly making a few calls. Many, many nights were spent in advance with a sizable committee studying voter lists, residency lists, addresses etc. and compiling accurate "calling cards" with phone numbers. Call night actually lasted all week with at least 6-8 people per night working for a solid 2-3 hours each night."

Follow up...

Tom: "Any perspective who expressed even a slight interest was given the date of a planned orientation meeting, a reminder call several days later, and in the case of the most successful month we had [I believe in the history of the chapter], was invited to the October GM. We had 26 perspective members at the October GM alone, and eventually signed up 20 new members that month, which credited our Chapter with having made an "in-chapter extension," the same as having created a whole new chapter. We were national news in the Jaycee community. And of course, while also being a great membership draw, the Haunted House was in all likelihood the very best activation tool the chapter has ever known."

Success story...

Tom: "I think we put in about 35 new members in total for the year. It happened because membership growth, while being led by several very aggressive and creative members, as was repeatedly being reminded to all, was EVERYBODY'S JOB. Service to Humanity may be the best work of Life, but it can't be done without constantly renewing the most valuable resource of the organization—MEMBERS."

BG: "Tom, thank you for taking the time to talk to us – your advice is timely, and much appreciated☺"

## December 2010 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 <b>Kids Christmas Party</b> 10-11:30 AM McGinty room
5	6	7	8 <b>General Meeting</b> 8:00 p.m. S. Foxboro Community Center	9	10	11 <b>Progressive Dinner</b> 6PM
12 <b>Family outing</b> Edaville Railroad	13 <b>Trivia nite at the</b> Piccadilly Pub 7PM	14	15 <b>Book Club</b> 8PM	16 <b>Caroling on the</b> Common 6PM	17	18
19 <b>Fruit Baskets</b> SFCC 1PM	20	21	22 <b>Board Meeting</b> 7:30PM	23	24	25 <b>Merry Christmas!</b>
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## January 2010 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <b>General Meeting</b> 8:00 p.m. S. Foxboro Community Center	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>Ski Trip</b>	22 <b>Ski Trip</b>
23 <b>Ski Trip</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Foxboro Jaycees  
PO Box 169  
Foxboro, MA 02035

# *Meetings and Programs*

**Don't miss the next GM on Wednesday, December 8th at 8:00 p.m. at  
the South Foxboro Community Center.**

**Loads of projects to participate in for the Holidays!  
Bring your recyclable gift for the Yankee Swap and join in the fun!**

