



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

January 2010

Dear Foxboro Jaycees,

I want to start off this Wise Fox by sending a BIG “thank you” to all of you who turned out in masses to support our holiday projects! It was really nice to see some smiling faces of people we don’t see very often anymore and it made the season so much more spectacular! Thank you! Bob Gillis has been posting pictures online – be sure to check them out and see what I mean!

Also, I want to send a special thanks to Chairpeople and Board members who made the holiday projects run so smoothly this year. You all did a fabulous job during a **very** busy time of year and your efforts were greatly appreciated.

In addition, I would like to officially welcome our newest member, Tom Marks. Many of you already had the chance to meet him at the last two GMs or at the Progressive Dinner. Welcome to the Foxboro Jaycees, Tom! We are excited to have you with us!

**** IMPORTANT **:** At the December GM, the attending membership voted to change the GM start times from 8pm to 7:30pm. So, please be sure to change your calendars: beginning with the January GM, we will hold our **GM meetings at 7:30pm at the South Foxboro Community Club.**

Finally, I want to wish you all a happy and safe start to 2011. I am excited about the new year and the possibilities and opportunities that it brings with it. For those of you for whom 2010 was difficult, I hope that 2011 brings welcome change for the better, and for those of you who had a good year in 2010, may the next year surpass the last!

I and am looking forward to seeing you at the January GM – new start time: 7:30pm!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

~Vanessa Linke

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else."
- Benjamin Franklin

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

Congratulations email has been sent to Kris Long for becoming a grandma again.

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 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-Sandy Emery

Project of the Month-Haunted House Video-TomWhiffen

No frog-still.



December Jaycee Birthdays

Deena Cummings

Jojn Zarella

Be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!!!

Individual Development

Vice President: Fred Badger

Meetings and Programs- January Chairman- Deena Cummings

Note: the new time for the General Membership meeting is 7:30.



Book Club-Laureen House

The January book club is reading "The Forgotten Garden" by Karen Morton. The meeting will be on Wednesday, 1/19 @ 8pm at Kathy Brady's home.

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

Look for changes to our approach for this program. Heather will provide further updates at the January GM.

Trivia Night-Kathy Brady

Trivia Night's next get together will be Monday, January 10th at the Pic. Trivia starts @ 7:00 but be there by 6:00 to get a good seat and some dinner if you prefer.

Progressive Dinner-Helene Savage

This year's Progressive Dinner was chaired by Helene Savage and was a big success. Thanks to Helene and her committee for a wonderful evening.

The Kid's Christmas Party-Monica Fisler

The Kid's Christmas Party was chaired by Monica Fisler. 9 Jaycee kids attended and had a nice time with Santa.

Family Outing-Heather Lowe and Monica Fisler

Unfortunately, the Family Outing at Edaville Railroad was rained out. My thanks to Heather Lowe & Monica Fisler for chairing what would have been a fun family event. Let's try again next year.



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.

Another **SCAT night** is scheduled for Saturday, February 19 and will be chaired by Dave & Monica Fisler. They even promise to turn on the heat!

The **Providence Bruins** outing will be in either February or March. We look forward to more information from Bob Gillis.

Community Development

Vice President: Wendy Kerchoff

Director: Deena Cummings

Want to give a HUGE thank you to Julie Grant for taking on so many holiday projects!

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

Decorations were great and taken down Saturday January 8th. Thanks to Julie and crew!

Caroling on the Common-Julie Grant

Event took place December 16th. Thanks Julie for organizing!

Fruit Baskets-Jennifer Franco

Thanks to all who participated!

Santa Phone-Helene Savage

Project was a success! Thanks to Helene and all the Santas!



Doolittle Bingo-Chairman needed

Looking for someone to chair this project in January. The seniors love playing and its fun to play along with them



**Congratulations to Bill Byrnes for 10,000 straight days of running at least 2 miles a day!
What an accomplishment!**

Way\$ and Means\$

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. There are still some Haunted House DVD collections available for sale for \$15. 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.



Gillette Stadium Fundraising – Chairman Needed

We have the opportunity to work concessions at Gillette Stadium during the 2011 season. This project will start in March but I am currently looking for a chairperson to organize the manpower for this project. Please let me know if you are interested.

Craft Fair – Spring 2011

Save the date—we will be holding a Spring Fair on the Common on May 21st. We are actively soliciting vendors and crafters well in advance of the event. If you are interested in helping with this project, please let me know.

Concert on the Common Sponsorships

Last year was such a successful year for concert sponsorships, but we learned that we need to start early! If you are interested in helping with this effort, please let me know. We will be holding a committee meeting in mid to late January depending on interest.

Happy New Year!

Membership

Vice President: Julie Grant

Director Moshen Khalifa

Who's Who - Bob Gillis

Check out the Who's Who this month featuring new member Tom Marks.

Web Site Page - Bob Gillis

Check out the pictures that Bob has posted on the website! Thank you Bob for keeping on top of things! Please remember to send any photos to Bob- they won't get up there if we don't get them to him.

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.

Membership Committee- Chairman and committee members needed- My plan was to get some new membership ideas going after the New Year. Well, the time has come. I would love to get a group together to plan on ways to recruit new members. I know some of you long time members have some really great experience and ideas, and I would love to hear them. Thanks! ☺

Contact Julie or Moshen if you have any membership ideas!



Who's Who By Bob Gillis

Welcome to a new year of who's who! In February we'll be talking to Bob Webster, and hopefully Fred Badger in March... This month, we take a break from the presidential profiles of the past few months to speak with new member TOM MARKS. I really enjoyed getting to know Tom, and some of his responses took me by pleasant surprise – he clearly has some strong opinions to some of the questions, and his responding that his wife is the person he most admires was very touching.

So, without further ado, let's meet Tom!

Bob: Hi Tom, let's start with a bio... Where are you from? Tell us a bit about yourself. What do you do? School? Hobbies? Family? Work, etc. Whatever you are comfortable sharing?

Tom: I'm originally from Schenectady, NY, where my parents and most of my family still live. I live in Mansfield, with my wife, Christen, who is also from upstate New York. We were married in June 2010. She is a clinical transplant pharmacist at a Boston hospital. I am a general practice attorney with my own solo practice. I focus primarily on residential; estate planning; contracts; insurance; and civil litigation. I'm licensed in MA, RI and NY and have been practicing for about 8 years.

Bob: How did you find out about the Foxboro Jaycees? What made you decide to join?

Tom: I found out about the Foxboro Jaycees at a Taunton Jaycees wine social. I subsequently joined both organizations. My goal in joining was to be part of groups which were active in the community and provided a consistent level of service opportunities.

Bob: What Jaycee projects have you tried out? Have you chaired a project yet? What have you enjoyed or not enjoyed? Is there an event or project you're looking forward to?

Tom: Having just joined less than two months ago, I have not had an opportunity to take part in many activities. I have been to our last two GM meetings and had a lot of fun with the Yankee Swap. My wife and I also really enjoyed the progressive dinner. We're both looking forward to doing the Jaycees in 2011.

Bob: Have you ever met a celebrity or famous person?

Tom: The only famous people I've met were Dick Vitale and Brent Musberger, who were covering a nationally televised basketball game for ABC at the University of Virginia when I was a student.

Bob: The Jaycees are always evolving. Can you suggest a way for us to recruit new members like yourself?

Tom: In order to recruit more new members, I would ask every member to bring no less than 3 people under the age of 40 to a GM meeting or event each calendar year; people who are service oriented and are likely to know other young professionals in the area. If 20 current members did that and had a 10% recruitment success rate, our ranks would grow by 6 per year; and that's not counting any referrals obtained via our invitees.

Bob: What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Tom: My idea of perfect happiness is a night home alone with my wife.

Bob: Which living person do you most admire?

Tom: My wife is the person I admire most.

Bob: What do you most value in your friends?

Tom: In my friends, the traits I value most are humility and integrity. If you have those two things, we'll get along no matter how different our personalities may be. My real life heroes are those who self-actualize despite serious physical or mental challenges.

Bob: You just hit the lottery for \$50,000. First thing you would buy?

Tom: I have strong moral and philosophical objections to lotteries and would therefore never buy or accept a lottery ticket or lottery winnings. If a genie were to give me \$50,000 with no strings attached, I would donate 10% to local individuals and families in need; pay off my car and the smaller of my student loans; and divide the rest between our retirement savings and paying down our house principal.

Bob: Do you have a new year's resolution?

Tom: I don't believe in New Year's resolutions. I think every day should be a day to change things about ourselves that don't serve us or others well.

Tom adds, Happy New Year!

Bob: Tom, thank you very much for a terrific interview; the Jaycees are very lucky to have you and we hope to see you at Jaycee events very soon!

January 2010 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy New Year!
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Trivia nite at the Piccadilly Pub 6 PM	11	12 General Meeting 7:30 PM. S. Foxboro Community Center Book Club 8PM	13	14	15
16 Fruit Baskets SFCC 1PM	17	18	19 Book Club 8PM Kathy Brady's house	20	21 Ski Trip	22 Ski Trip
23 Ski Trip	24	25	26 Board Meeting Julie Grant's house 7:30PM	27	28	29
30	31					

February 2010 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9 General Meeting 7:30 PM S. Foxboro Community Center	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Board Meeting Heather Loew's house 7:30PM	24	25	26
27	28					

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Meetings and Programs

**Don't miss the next GM on Wednesday, January 12th
7:30 p.m. at the South Foxboro Community Center.
PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME!!**

