



Wise Fox

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March 2011

Dear fellow Foxboro Jaycees,

Happy March! As Massachusetts slowly wakes from its state of winter hibernation, March brings us longer days, the start of daylight savings time, and Spring! ☺

In Jayceeland, March brings us the **Providence Bruins Outing** on 3/6, the **GM** (of course) on 3/9, **Trivia Night** on 3/14, and our trusty **Book Club** meeting on 3/23! And, yes, while we have a Jaycee event every week this month, it probably counts as one of our slowest this year (which is a testament to the fabulousness of this Chapter!).

However, it would be very shortsighted of me to not look further ahead (bad pun fully intended) to the coming months and give you a preview of some of the upcoming events and projects for which we are looking for help:

Deena Cummings has kindly volunteered to chair the **Easter Egg Hunt** again this year. The stuffing party will be at her house on Thurs 4/7 and the hunt itself will be on 4/9. Heather Loew is already receiving the first registrations for the **Spring Fair on the Common** on 5/21. If you know of any local artists, crafters, or vendors, please let them know of our great event and/or give Heather their information so that we can invite them to participate. Please contact either Deena or Heather if you are willing to help with their upcoming projects.

There are also several larger and important projects coming up that are still looking for chairpeople. Please contact the respective area VP for further info (there are also CPGs to be found on our website at www.foxborojaycees.org) or if you want to chair one of them:

1. **Candidates Night** – **Chairman Needed** - pls contact Wendy Kerchoff
2. **Installation Banquet** – **Chairman Needed** – (Sat 4/30?) - pls contact Fred Badger
3. **Founders Day Pony Rides** - **Chairman Needed** – Sat, 6/11 - pls contact Heather Loew
4. **Founders Day Concessions** - **Chairman Needed** – Sat, 6/11 - pls contact Heather Loew
5. **Founders Day Slush** - **Chairman Needed** – Sat, 6/11 - pls contact Heather Loew
6. **Founders Day Glow Sticks** - **Chairman Needed** – Sat, 6/11- pls contact Heather Loew
7. **Founders Day Parade** - **Chairman Needed** – Sat, 6/11 - pls contact Wendy Kerchoff

Finally, I want to make a shameless plea to all the chapter members out there – although we have a few volunteers for next year, we are still looking to fill a few more positions to round out the Board of Directors. If you have any interest at all, please contact either me or Helene Savage. We are happy to discuss the options with you and go over the roles and responsibilities.

See you at the March GM on the 9th!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,
Vanessa Linke

"Service to others is the payment you make for your space here on earth."
- Mohammed Ali

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

Sympathy cards and dish gardens sent to Nancy Williams and Lynda Walsh for the passing of their mothers.

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

Inventory Coordinator – Moshen Khalfa

Please call Mohsen 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

Awards: January 2011:

Project: Fruit Baskets, Jen Franco

Jaycee of the Month: Jen Franco

Rookie of the Quarter: Jen Franco

Awards: February 2011:

Project: Sand for Seniors, Mohsen Khalifa

Jaycee of the Month: Mohsen Khalifa



March Jaycee Birthdays

Nate Emery

Lynn Freerksen

Max Loew

Martha Slattery

Dave Fisler

Ed Groh

Cindy McCaan

Jeanne Suttie

Tom Whiffen

Be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!!!

Individual Development

Vice President: Fred Badger



Meetings and Programs- March Chairman- Bob Gillis

Bob Gillis is making something green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

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

Installation Banquet-Chairman needed

It's that time of year again! A chairman is needed for the Installation Banquet. Please contact me if you're interested.



Book Club-Laureen House

The March book club is reading "The Sparrow" by Mary Doria Russell. Sandy Daniels is hosting the meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23 @ 8:00. The April book is "Drinking Closer to Home" by Jessica Anya Blau. Kathy Brady will be the host on Wednesday, April 20 @ 8:00.

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 has decided to wait until the upcoming membership meeting to re-evaluate this program and determine how it will be executed.

Trivia Night-Kathy Brady

Trivia Night's next get together will be Monday, March 14th at the Pic. In case you're reading this for the first time, trivia starts @ 7:00 but be there by 6:00 to get a good seat and some dinner if you prefer.

SCAT Night-Dave and Monica Fisler

SCAT night was held on Saturday, February 19th @ 6:30 at the Fisler's. A good time was had by all but why weren't there any frog possibilities???



Providence Bruins-Bob Gillis

The Providence Bruins outing will be Sunday, March 6th. Everyone should have their tickets by now. The game starts at 4:00.

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!

Gradation Night – Chairman needed

Date is Sunday June 12th. Looking for people to help out during Foxboro's Graduation Night in lieu of a donation

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew

More to come!

Concerts Fundraising – Committee Run

Call if you are interested

Founders Day Parade – Chairman needed: I know, it's only the beginning of February, but we should really start planning ahead!



Easter Egg Hunt – Deena Cummings

The eggs will be stuffed on April 7th at 7PM at Deena's house.

The hunt is April 9th on the Common 9AM-noon for set-up and clean up

The hunt begins at 10AM.

Happy St Patricks Day!



Way\$ and Mean\$

Vice President: Heather Leow



Poker Night

Julie Grant is looking into holding a poker night at the Raynham Park venue. More details to follow at the March GM.

Gillette Stadium Fundraising – Chairman Needed

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for to work concessions at Gillette Stadium during the 2011 season. Unfortunately, after reviewing the contract for the 2011 season we have determined that we do not have enough manpower to make the commitment to this project.

Craft Fair – Heather Leowpoker

We will be holding a Spring Fair on the Common on May 21st. We are actively soliciting vendors and crafters. If you are interested in helping with this project, please let me know. See the attached registration form if you or anyone you know may be interested.

Haunted House Video Treasury

We have a few Haunted House DVD collections available for sale for \$15. If you are in touch with anyone that was part of the Haunted House, please spread the word so that we can sell the last few sets.



Founders Day – Chairmen needed

Founders Day is coming up (June 11th) and it is our largest one-day fundraiser with a number of events to plan – Concessions, Slush, Pony Rides and Glow Sticks. We need chairmen for all of these projects, so please consider chairing one of these great fundraisers for the chapter.

Membership

Vice President: Julie Grant

Director Mohsen Khalifa



Who's Who - Bob Gillis

Please read Bob's interview with Bob Webster this month.

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.

The Foxboro Jaycees are now mobile!

Our awesome webmaster Bob Gillis has upated our Foxboro Jaycees webpage to allow mobile devices to be redirected to a mobile version of our website which allows for mobile-friendly browsing. If you have a smart phone, access www.foxborojaycees.org from it, and see what you think!

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- Heather Leow

Committee members needed. We would love to get a group together to plan 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 Mohsen if you have any membership ideas!



Who's Who By Bob Gillis

Bob Webster served as chapter president 1992-1993 and is well known in the chapter for his many accomplishments as a Jaycee, his great sense of humor, and reputation for getting things done. He works hard and plays hard, as anyone who's challenged him to volleyball can attest. He is a friend and mentor to many of us, myself included. He's a Key Man, Life member, and in addition to his many Jaycee projects he was instrumental in the success of our haunted house for many years. He and Jane also ran the very successful "Foxboro First Night" for years. So let's talk to Bob!

Q. What was the year like, when you were Jaycee president?

Bob Webster: In those days we had a larger membership and it wasn't difficult to fill all the board positions. I had good active VP's and Directors and we were able to run all of our projects that year.

It was a much more party-hardy group back then. Jaycee socials lasting into the wee hours were the norm back then. Ironically, I think some members joined for the fun and partying but found out the projects were just as much fun to get involved with.

Q. What challenges did you face that year in the Jaycees?

BW: The big challenge my year was the Haunted House. The Mansfield Jaycees had brought us in as partners on their Haunted House, 2 years earlier. They had acquired the use of the state hospital building in Foxboro and wanted our help to grow the project. Each year we had co-chairmen, one from each chapter. The project was very successful and the Foxboro chapter was taking on a little more of the work, each year.

When I became president, I had already asked Tom Sawran to run our end of the Haunted House. I knew he had been very active in the first two years and would do a great job with the project. Unfortunately, the Mansfield chapter was experiencing a severe decline in their membership numbers and when the time came to get the project started, they weren't showing up to get any of the work done in the early building stages. After a month of phone calls back and forth and many broken promises, I wrote a letter to the Mansfield Chapter President informing them that we had no other choice but to take over the project as our own and stop having them as partners.

Q. So then what happened?

BW: Now, here I was in the 3rd month of my presidency, and I found myself in the middle of a s**t storm. There were phone calls, articles in the local papers and even some members of our chapter questioning the move. In the end the Mansfield Jaycees accepted the decision, Tom ran the whole project and the chapter pulled together and made it "run like a business". The rest is history, as we went on to enjoy many years of the Foxboro Jaycees Haunted House.

Q: That 1992 haunted house was my introduction to the chapter. I couldn't believe the crowds! What else do you remember from that year?

BW: Another rewarding thing that I was able to do was to attend a luncheon at the Northland Company in Norwood. They were recognizing some employees for community service. One of the winners was our own George DiCiccio (the late "Chico"). He was able to invite me as the representative of his community service group. Chico received a nice plaque and I was presented a nice check for the Jaycees.

Q: You've been exceptionally active in the Jaycees for years and seen the chapter through many phases. I ask everyone this question: What can the 2011 Jaycees do to recruit new members?

BW: The question of membership is a tough one. Jane and I joined based on a call night. Jane took the call. I don't know if it would have worked on me! I think we have to keep up with call nights and membership booths. I also think people should really push the word of mouth aspect. Being older, I don't run into the age group the chapter is looking to recruit. But, the younger members, who are out at school functions and sporting events with the kids or out and around town doing other things, should take the opportunity to talk up the Jaycees. I still think there are plenty of good, potential members out there. The problem is everyone is so busy these days. Potential members need to know that joining the Jaycees is a fun thing and not just another job to do!

Q: Bob, thank you very much for the interview 😊

March 2011 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Providence Bruins 4PM Dunkin Donuts Ctr	7	8	9 General Meeting 7:30 PM. S. Foxboro Community Center	10	11	12
13	14 Trivia nite at the Piccadilly Pub 6 PM	15	16	17 Happy St Patrick's Day!	18	19
20	21	22	23 Book Club 8PM Sandy Daniel's house Board Meeting 7:30PM	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2011 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7 Easter Egg Stuffing 7PM Deena Cummings	8	9 Easter Egg Hunt Set up 9AM Hunt 10AM
10	11	12	13 General Meeting 7:30 PM S. Foxboro Community Center	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Book Club 8PM Kathy Brady's house	21	22	23
24 Happy Easter!	25	26	27 Joint Board Meeting 7:30 PM	28	29	30 Installation Banquet (tentative)

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Meetings and Programs

**Don't miss the next GM on Wednesday, March 9th
7:30 p.m. at the South Foxboro Community Center.**

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME!!

Green treats, in honor of St Patrick's Day, will be served.

