



# Wise Fox

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Hi Fellow Jaycees

Happy Holidays!!

It seems like the last month just flew by. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Dave, Emma, and I had the opportunity to visit my family in Virginia and see my new niece. It truly was a Happy Thanksgiving.

We drove back at midnight Sunday morning to see the Common all decorated. To all those who came out and helped I sincerely thank you. To Maria Montanez who worked so hard to get it done – a huge thank you as well as Julie Grant who put up the Nativity Scene. I wanted those of you to know that at the Town Meeting tonight our town moderator, Frank Spillane, gave the Jaycees a kudos for decorating that ended with a round of applause from the audience.

We also just completed another fantastic Progressive Dinner. Thank you Pam Warren and committee for making this a successful event. I'm waiting for all the good stories.

Don't forget that we are doing the Yankee Swap up to \$10 at this month's GM.

There's so much happening this month. I hope I get a chance to see everyone of you at some point this upcoming month. If I don't I hope you have a wonderful Holiday.

Remember to tell your neighbors and friends about the Jaycees.

Sincerely,

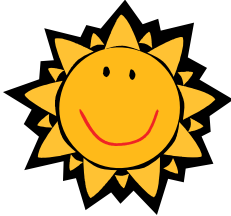
~ Monica

# Secretary's Report

Secretary: Monica Rigamonti

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Minutes from Last Month's GM – Accepted –copies available if anyone would like to see them



## *Sunshine committee*

Congratulations Card to Jennifer Whiffen for receiving an award honoring Women in Science

\*\*\* Sympathy Card to Maria Montanez for grandmother passing away

\*\*\* Sympathy Card to Jen Franco for her stepmother passing away

\*\*\* Get Well Soon Card to Carmela Brown for recent surgery

If you know that someone needs some sunshine, please contact Monica. Call her at 508-353-1937 or email her at [mozer16455@comcast.net](mailto:mozer16455@comcast.net)

## *Inventory Coordinator – Mohsen Khalifa*

If you need any Jaycee equipment for an upcoming project, please contact Mohsen. At [mohsenkh53@hotmail.com](mailto:mohsenkh53@hotmail.com). You can also call him at 508-543-2621. Please allow plenty of time to acquire what you need.

## *Wise Fox–Sandy Emery*

If any project chairperson wants to put information in the Wise Fox, please send it to Sandy Emery. Her email is [semery29@comcast.net](mailto:semery29@comcast.net). She needs the information usually by the last weekend of each month.

## *Electronic CPG Library–Bob Gillis*

Once you run a project, please write a CPG (Chairman Planning Guide) so the next project chairperson will know what to do. Bob will happily put it on the website. Bob is also looking for any old, written CPG's that he can scan as a PDF file. Those CPG's will not be able to be altered, just read.



## *Awards*

Project of the Month: Gold Party

Jaycee of the Month: Deena Cummings

Rookie of the Quarter: Maria Montanez

# Individual Development

Vice President: Tom Marks

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## ***Meetings and Programs***

Helen Serena brought a delicious holiday spread to our November GM. Pam Warren is bringing Christmas cookies for December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## ***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.



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

The book club will next meet on January 18 and will be tackling "Man in the Woods." There is no truth to the rumor that the book is loosely based on Bob Webster's "peeping Tom" phase in the 1980s!



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

The next Trivia Night will be Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Picadilly Pub on Route 140 in Foxboro. Try to get there by 6:00-6:30 p.m. to get a good seat.

## ***How to Write a CPG-Monica Rigamonti***

Monica Rigamonti will be giving a crash course for new members in "How to Write a CPG." The meeting will take place immediately before the February 8<sup>th</sup> GM. Attendees should show up around 6:30 p.m.

## ***Progressive Dinner---Pam Warren***

The Progressive Dinner was a smashing success. Thanks and kudos to Pam Warren for chairing the event, and thanks also to all those who organized, attended and volunteered. The Progressive is one of our best examples of Jaycee teamwork.



## ***Kids Christmas Party -- Helen Serena***

Thank you Helen for taking on your first project! The date for the party is Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12 pm at the McGinty Room in the Public Safety Building. Please let Helen know if you plan to attend.



### ***Ski Trip-Julie Grant***

Julie Grant is once again organizing the annual Jaycee ski trip. We will be staying at the Innsbrook Inn at beautiful Stowe Mountain in Vermont. Come and join us whether you are a skier or not. There is plenty to do in Stowe, and there are already plenty of Jaycees and friends signed up. Contact Julie if you are interested.

### ***Chairmen Needed***

We currently need chairpersons for Scat Night and Adult Bowling Night. Please contact Tom if you're interested in chairing.



# **December Jaycee Birthdays**

***Jen Franco  
Shanese Martin***

# Community Development

**Vice President: Deena Cummings**

**Director: Jen Franco**

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## ***Publicity - Pam Warren***

If you are running a project and need publicity, please contact Pam.

## ***Nativity Scene Set Up – Julie Grant***

The Nativity Scene is up and looks great! Thanks to Julie and all the volunteers who came out to help.



## ***Fruit Baskets - Jen Franco***

Our annual fruit basket project will take place on Sunday, 12/18 at the South Foxboro Community Center from 1:30-5:00pm. Please contact Jen if you'd like to help out.

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

We'll be caroling together with the Foxboro High School Band and the Doolittle Home on Thursday December 22 this year. Stay tuned for more details.



## ***Winter Common Decorations - Maria Montanez***

If you haven't been by the common recently be sure to check out the beautiful job Maria and her volunteers did decorating the common. It was a pleasure to work alongside members of the community to decorate our town common this year.

## ***Sand for Seniors - Mohsen Khalifa***

The Jaycees provide sand for the senior citizens of Foxboro during the winter months. If anyone is in need of or knows someone else who needs sand, please contact Mohsen.

## ***Adopt a Kid – Helen Serena***

The Jaycees buy gifts for children in need as referred to us by the Foxboro Discretionary Fund. (The Discretionary Fund is a community organization that helps out any individuals and/or families in Foxboro.). Many thanks to Helen for taking this on.



## ***Santa Phone - **Chairman Needed*****

Santa and Mrs. Claus call the children of Foxboro during the holiday season. We are still looking for a chairman. If you are interested in coordinating this fun project please contact Deena or Jen ASAP.

# Ways and Means

## Open Position

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This area is very light going into the Holidays. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for the area.

### ***Scrapbooking Fundraiser – Deena Cummings***

Deena has volunteered to take this project on. She will be holding the Fundraiser on Saturday, February 4, 2012.



### ***Restaurant Night – Jen Franco***

Jen is looking to hold another restaurant night. We have a couple of ideas in mind. She will be able to provide additional information either at the GM or by the next Wise Fox.

\*\*\*\*\*Ways & Means\*\*\*\*\*

*For the next few months we will be running the area by committee. If there is a project that you would like to see run please contact me either by phone or e-mail. If there is a project that you would like to chair from the list of ideas below please let me know.*

*Restaurant Night  
Spelling Bee  
Taste of Foxborough*

# Membership

**Vice President: Heather Loew**

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## ***New Member Social – Tom Marks***

Thanks to Tom Marks for organizing and hosting this year's New Member Social. It was a great night for new members to socialize and meet other members of the chapter.

## ***Membership Committee***

The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:30pm at the Loews' house. If you are interested in joining the committee, let me know. We are always looking for new ways to recruit members, so even if you don't have time to be on the committee, please send me your ideas!

## ***New Member Orientation – Vanessa Linke***

On Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a new member orientation before the GM at the South Foxboro Community Center. The main focus of this orientation will be to discuss the board positions for the elections in April. Please let Vanessa know if you will be able to attend.

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



There are many upcoming events for the holidays so be sure to check out the website - [www.foxborojaycees.org](http://www.foxborojaycees.org) - for all the latest information. Chairmen, please make sure that you send Bob any updates so that he can keep the website current. He also welcomes any new photos of events that you have!

## ***Social Media***

Check out our Facebook page for another way to keep up to date with the chapter. We also have a Meetup group for membership - [www.meetup.com/foxboro-jaycees](http://www.meetup.com/foxboro-jaycees) -and have already gotten some interested members! Please check it out and join the group!

## ***Jaycees Apparel – Heather Loew***

Please let me know if you need a Jaycee t-shirt or hat for any upcoming events. Remember that you will get a Jaycee sweatshirt by chairing a project, or by being on the board.



## ***Who's Who – Bob Gillis***

Bob takes a new spin on the Who's Who this month.

# Who's Who

*By Bob Gillis*

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Festivus to my Jaycee friends!

As a change of pace this month for Who's Who, and at the suggestion of the lovely Monica Rigamonti, I decided to try a slightly different approach for this Who's Who and talk about two retired Christmas projects newer Jaycees may not know about, but are well remember by our more, shall we say, veteran and "seasoned" members like me.

These projects were well loved for many years, and as times changed and needs changed, they were phased out, but I'd like to tell you about them because they meant a lot to the chapter. Pictures of them are still on the Jaycee web site under photo archives.

First up is Christmas Tree Sales, one of our most popular Ways & Means projects ever. After many years, this project was retired around 2003 or 2004 due to a lack of manpower, and extreme competition from so many other tree lots in the area. Each year, the day after Thanksgiving, a truck would arrive at Camp Lincoln Hill and the Jaycees would unload nearly 200 Christmas trees and begin setting them up in stands the Jaycees had built specifically for the occasion.

Working out in the cold in shifts, their only source of heat a barrel burning wood or the heater in the main camp building, the chapter would do their best to sell nearly 200 trees. It wasn't easy work but it felt good doing it. At the time it was an exceptionally popular project with the community as many folks wanted to buy their trees from us to support our good works. As Christmas drew near and we only had a few trees left, we'd ask the folks at the Discretionary Fund if anyone in town didn't have a tree, and deliver the tree to them for free.

I vividly recall occasionally helping with this project and I remember the fun of tying a tree and placing it onto someone's car. It felt good! I also remember the COLD, not so fun!

The local Boy Scouts started helping us with this project in its second to last year; and through Kris Long and Lynda Walsh were able to successfully transition this project to them as a fundraiser.

Christmas Tree Sales were a holiday staple for many years; like some other projects it simply ran its course, but many Jaycees have fond memories (and probably a little frostbite) from this Ways & Means project.

Much better known is our popular Community Development project, "Santa on the Common," which we retired just a few years back. The reason for retirement was certainly not lack of love, not manpower for the project; in its heyday we often had between 300-400 kids come by that December Saturday morning for a free visit with Santa, cookies, candy, hot chocolate, candy canes, Christmas music, coloring books, and more. Also included was a free Polaroid picture with Santa.

Our Santa was always Fred Badger, who told me years ago he'd lost count of the number of years he'd played the Jolly Elf in the red coat. Fred's son Ryan served as his elf for many years as well. During the many, many years this project ran, it was always a huge event. Sue chaired it twice and even brought a pony one year! Pauline Brown painted a beautiful backdrop for the images. Kathy Brady could always be counted on to ensure the bandstand was repaired and ready. And finally, we got the good idea to erect a tent for Santa to have shelter in – believe me; the Common is cold in December!



Paul O'Sullivan stepped in one year when Fred was ill, and in recent years Ed Groh has filled the role of Kris Kringle. And Mrs. Claus is always played by the loving Laureen House. A dear friend, she's told me many times it is very simply her very favorite Jaycee thing to do, and Laureen has even made house calls on Christmas Eve as Mrs. Claus. She is the PERFECT Mrs. Claus and her love of children and the Jaycees is well known.

Santa on the Common began to lose attendance not due to manpower but competition. Local organizations also had a Santa day, and the abundance of local malls, stores and other places with Santa simply pulled away our audience. Reluctantly (OK, kicking and screaming), we decided it was time to retire this project as well. Perhaps at some point we'll bring this one back, we can only hope, I miss it!

Of course, our chapter is always evolving and we need to accept that some projects simply run their course. But I think most of us "old time" Jaycees can look back on these two Christmas projects fondly. I encourage new members to check out the old images on the Jaycee Web Site, and further encourage you to be involved in some of our many, many current Christmas / Holiday / December projects.

This is a great time to be a Jaycee. Some people try to embrace the spirit of giving just this time of year. As Jaycees, it's our mandate all year, and we're great at it, and make a difference.

Whatever your beliefs and traditions, you're all part of a group that HELPS and GIVES back to this community. I am proud to work with each of you, proud to call you friends, and as always, so very, very proud to be a member of the organization where, "Service to humanity is the best work of life."



**Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy  
holiday season!**

## December 2011 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Progressive Dinner
4	5	6 Membership Committee	7	8	9	10
11	12 Trivia Night--- Picadilly Pub 6PM	13	14 General Meeting 7:30 PM at SFCC	15	16	17 Kids Christmas Party 10 am – 12 pm @ McGinty Room (Public Safety Building)
18 Fruit Baskets 1:30-5:00 @ SFCC	19	20	21	22 Caroling on the Common	23	24
25 Merry Christmas!!	26	27	28 Board Meeting 7:30 PM	29	30	31

## January 2012 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 New Member Orientation 7:00 SFCC  General Meeting 7:30 PM S. Foxboro Community Center	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Book Club 8PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Board Meeting 7:30 PM	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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# Meetings and Programs

**Don't miss the next GM on Wednesday, December 14th**

**We will have the annual Yankee Swap-bring a \$10 gift and join in the fun!!**

**7:30 p.m. at the South Foxboro Community Center.**

