



A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees March 2012

Hi Fellow Jaycees

Happy St. Patrick's Day Everyone!! Can you believe that it's March already? I can't believe that just a year ago I was telling folks that I was going to be the Jaycee President this year.

I came home tonight to see the nominations committee hard at work. Please give them consideration when they pick up the phone to call you. We've got lots of board positions still available.

Please take a few minutes to read through this Wise Fox, you would be amazed at what you may have missed this past month and what you may be interested in participating in next month. Please be sure to call an Area VP if you are interested in chairing a project or if you have suggestions. As the dynamic of the chapter has been changing so have our projects so if you don't see what you're looking for just ask (you may be asked to chair the project but you get a nice Navy Blue Jaycee sweatshirt out of it).

Remember our General Membership meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the SFCC. As always I hope to see you at the next GM or upcoming project.

Remember to tell your neighbors and friends about the Jaycees.

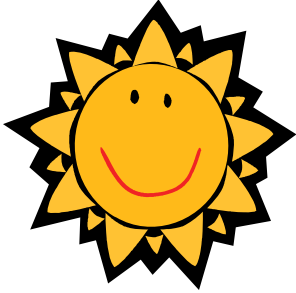
Sincerely,

~ Monica

Secretary's Report

Secretary: Monica Rigamonti

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



Sunshine committee

*** Sympathy Card to Cathy Hickey (mother passed away)
*** Get Well Soon Gift Card and Card to Fred Badger (knee surgery)
*** Get Well Soon Card to Susan Gillis (back injury)
*** Sympathy Card to Dave Fisler (grandmother passed away)
***sympathy card went out to Julie Grant because her uncle passed away
If you know that someone needs some sunshine, please contact Monica.
Call her at 508-353-1937 or email her at mozer16455@comcast.net

Inventory Coordinator – Mohsen Khalifa

*** If you need any Jaycee equipment for an upcoming project, please contact Mohsen. 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. She needs the information usually by the last weekend of each month.

*** As the year is coming to an end, this project will become a Chairman Needed. If you are interested in learning how to produce the Wise Fox every month, please either contact Monica Rigamonti or Sandy Emery. Sandy will happily show you how to do it!!!

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.

Note: Chapter mass emails

If you need an announcement to go out to all of the roster-please send the information to Sandy Emery and she will send it out to the Wise Fox distribution list.



Awards

Project of the Month---New Members Orientation
Jaycee of the Month---Heather Loew

Individual Development

Vice President: Tom Marks

Meetings and Programs

Thanks to Maria Montanez for some Valentine's Day treats last month. Tom Marks will be bringing the love at the March GM.

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 continued its discussion of "Man in the Woods" by Scott Spencer this month. The next Club meeting is slated for Wednesday, 3/21. Please contact Laureen House for details.



Trivia Night-Kathy Brady

Trivia Night has resumed and is now taking place at Waxy O'Connor's in Foxboro. The next competition will be on Monday, March 19. Get there between 6-6:30 p.m. for a good seat.

How to Write a CPG-Monica Rigamonti

Thanks to Monica Rigamonti for hosting the "How to Write a CPG" workshop on February 8.

Scat Night-Dave and Monica Fisler

Scat Night at the Fisler's on 2/25 was a huge success. Thanks to Dave Fisler for chairing this event and to both Fisler's for hosting.

Adult Bowling: Adult Bowling on 3/2 was a blast. Thanks to everyone who turned out at North Bowl.



The Installation Banquet will take place on the evening of Saturday, April 28.

Please set that evening aside if at all possible, as this is one of our most treasured events of the year.

More details to follow.

Community Development

Vice President: Deena Cummings

Director: Jen Franco

Publicity - Pam Warren

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

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.

Easter Egg Hunt – Deena Cummings

The Jaycees provide a free Easter Egg Hunt on the Common for the children of Foxboro. The Easter Bunny will be visiting and available for pictures on the bandstand after the hunt. The hunt will take place on Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 with a rain date of April 1st at 10:00.

The Easter Egg Stuffing Party will take place at Deena's house on Friday, March 23rd from seven until the stuffing is complete.

Candidates' Night - Dave Brown – April 26th

Each year the Foxboro Jaycees host a forum at Foxboro Cable Access to allow each candidate for the upcoming election (selectman, town clerk, board of health, housing authority, etc.) To speak to the public, introduce or re-introduce themselves, take questions and express their qualifications and reasons for running for office. The forum is broadcast live and rebroadcast repeatedly up to Election Day.

Concerts on the Common - Max Loew

Every summer the Jaycees run free concerts on the Common for the residents of Foxboro. Max is still planning the schedule, but the calendar of events will be available soon

Concerts Fundraising - Heather Loew and Dave Brown

Founder's Day Parade - Chairman Needed

The Jaycees participate in Foxboro's Founder's Day Parade each year. In the past we have built a float, but for the last few years we have simply gotten a group of Jaycees, and future Jaycees together, put on our blue shirts and marched during the parade. If you are interested in putting something together for this project, let me know.

Calling for 2012-2013 Board nominations! If you are interested in either participating on the Nominations Committee or are potentially interested in serving on next year's Board of Directors, please contact COB Vanessa Linke at 508-440-5898 or vanessa.linke@live.com.

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Open Position

Please let Monica Fisler know if you have any suggestions for the area.

Scrapbooking Fundraiser – Deena Cummings

Thank you Deena for running a very successful fundraiser. Thank you to those who came out and participated.

Craft/Vendor Fair – Heather Loew- Co-Chairman Needed

The date has been set for this project and Heather has received over 19 registration forms for this year already. It will be held on Saturday May 19th, with a rain date of the 20th. She is looking for a few good committee members to help make this project a continuing success. Heather is looking for a Co-Chair for this project since she will be busy doing “other” things at that time. Someone who will be able to coordinate the vendors, do some research by making some phone calls, and available the day before and the day of the event. Please let Heather or myself know if you are interested.

Tupperware Online Fundraiser- March 5-26– Jen Franco

Come on out to the GM on March 14th and meet our Tupperware consultant. Beginning at 6:30, we'll showcase some top selling Tupperware products to be included in our March fundraiser. Sales packets will be available for everyone interested in helping out, along with some best practices for a successful fundraiser. Orders can also be placed online at www.tinyurl.com/foxborojayceesfund. 40% of our sales will be credited towards our holiday banners fund and we are looking for all the help we can get! Please spread the word to your friends, family, neighbors and colleagues and contact Jen Franco with any questions.

Restaurant Night – Jen Franco

Jen did a tremendous job with this project bringing in over \$100 for the chapter and the Holiday Banner initiative!! Many thanks to everyone who came out to Cosi to support our fundraiser on the 23rd.

We are gearing up for Founder's Day and have several projects that need chairmen. They include:

- Founder's Day Concessions
- Founder's Day Pony Rides
- Founder's Day Slush
- Founder's Day Glow Items

Please let me know If you would like more information about these projects or have any suggestions for the area.

Membership

Vice President: Heather Loew

Membership is so important to keep our chapter going. Remember to talk about the Jaycees and let your friends and neighbors know that we would love to welcome them to the organization!

Jaycee Information Night

We will be holding an information night on February 8th at 6:00pm in the downstairs meeting room at the SFCC for prospective members. This is an informal meet and greet event to provide information about the chapter. Please stop by to mingle before the GM.

Web Site - Bob Gillis

Bob has made some format changes to the website so be sure to check it out!
www.foxborojaycees.org . Bob welcomes any new photos of events that you have and as always let him know of any information on events that you want him to post. Our website is the best way for the chapter and the community to find out about us, so please help Bob by sending him information on our events!

Social Media

Check out our social media pages on Facebook and Meetup for another way to keep up to date with the chapter.

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 trip down memory lane in the Who's Who this month.



March Jaycee Birthdays

Dave Fisler

Lynn Freerksen

Max Loew

Helen Serena

Stacy Fleischmann

Ed Groh

Cindy McCann

Jeanie Suttie

Tom Whiffen

Be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!!

Who's Who

By Bob Gillis



Well, our new members all seem a bit shy because either they haven't responded to my inquiries for a who's who. C'mon, new Jaycees: We'd love to learn more about you. Please consider chatting with me about Who's Who. It's easy, painless, and baby; I'll make you a star. ☺

So, for this month I thought I would let the aforementioned newbie's (and everyone else) in on a little more Jaycee history about a retired project. This month, I'd like to tell you about the pancake breakfast.

The project ran annually for twenty nine years and was incredibly popular throughout the community and holds a special place in the chapter's heart. (There are a lot of pictures on the Jaycee website)

A collaborative effort between the Foxboro Jaycees (who made all the food) and Foxboro Youth Basketball (who sold the tickets, served and seated people), each March, nearly the entire chapter (really) would arrive at Foxboro High School very early and begin setting up six rented grills in the cafeteria kitchen. We would be making breakfast – for 1500.

In my early Jaycee years I marveled at the synchronicity of the event – veteran members all had their assigned duties – some people ALWAYS made pancakes. Other ALWAYS made the batter. Others worked the line, greeted people, served food, or cleaned up.

The pancake breakfast brought out everyone – it was a great way for people new to Foxboro to meet friends. Candidates for May elections were always greeting folks as they entered. I have vivid memories of saying hi to the late, great Mike Coppola and other community leaders on many a pancake breakfast morning.

The event was for a great cause -- to benefit Foxboro Youth Basketball (FYBA) -- a program open to kids of Foxboro and still running today (2012). It gives hundreds of boys and girls, ages of 8 to 18, an opportunity to learn and play the sport. The main purpose of the program was (and is) to teach basketball fundamentals to all participants and to have all players enjoy themselves while they learn. The program advocates and taught good sportsmanship, along with positive attitudes.

In the weeks leading up to that breakfast, the students would sell tickets to the all-you-can-eat buffet, and would serve as hosts/hostesses, and serve meals and do all-important cleanup. The Jaycees would make the pancakes, OJ, Coffee and sausages. And of course, we would need to sample the pancakes and sausages for quality purposes ☺

The year she chaired this project, Jaycee and future selectman Lynda Walsh told me that the Jaycees used a quarter ton of pancake batter, 24 gallons of maple syrup, 5000 sausage links, 162 half-gallons of orange juice, 600 containers of milk, and lots of butter and unlimited coffee during the breakfast. I was there – she wasn't exaggerating.

About 1500 people would attend the event. All proceeds directly benefitted the FYBA -- Money raised from this event was used to offset costs such as school gym rental fees, uniforms, registration fees and trophies. In general, we would raise about \$2000-\$3000, as I recall.

As an additional fundraiser, for several years we created placemats where local businesses could buy ad space.

Many folks were surprised when the project was retired after 29 years, but FYBA had other fundraisers and the event wasn't needed that year, and manpower was slim on both the Jaycee and student sides.

A pancake breakfast is a huge project (in fact, at the time it was one of the "big projects" that would advance you one degree of Jaycee). It's understandable that eventually it would run its course, but its end was certainly never due to our lack of affection for it.

Despite a valiant (and I mean really valiant!) effort by the Jaycee board to keep the project running, it just couldn't happen – it wasn't needed that year, we didn't have manpower... It had run its course.

But we miss it.

Like the Haunted House, this was an event that brought out EVERYONE – new and veteran Jaycees alike, and many friends. I loved the craziness and frenzy as 50 or so Jaycees somehow made making 1500 (or more) servings of pancakes an enjoyable way to spend a morning. For us, it was like a big reunion as folks we hadn't seen in a year would come by to help, whether by mixing batter, pouring OJ, or flipping a stack of pancakes. The late Vin Igo of the Foxboro Reporter would always be there to get pictures of the Jaycees making pancakes.

Like the haunted house, pancake breakfast was a shared Jaycee experience involving hard work and fatigue, but we all knew we were part of something important, helping the kids, making a difference yet again.

That Sunday, each March, was a day you just didn't miss – even if you could only stop by to say hello or work an hour or two, the pancake breakfast was a wonderful, shared Jaycee experience.

To our newer members who never saw a Jaycee pancake breakfast, you can still share that spirit this coming Founders Day – it's a similar morning of frenzied activity, fatigue, and fun. Your assistance – at pony rides, slush, membership booth, glow sticks, or especially the food stand -- will make a difference and give you a taste of that team Jaycee spirit.

I encourage you, especially the new folks, to sign up even to assist on a smaller project. We have so much coming up in the next few months. You may find, like so many of us, that you really like it.

Next month: An interview with a new member?

Please? ☺



March 2011 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Adult Bowling 7PM North Bowl-Attleboro	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 General Meeting 7:30 PM S. Foxboro Community Center	15	16	17
18	19 Trivia Nite Waxy O'Connor's 6PM	20	21 Book Club	22	23 Easter Egg Stuffing-Deenas house 7PM	24
25	26	27	28 Board Meeting 7:30 PM	29	30	31 Easter Egg Hunt- Common 11AM

April 2012 Jaycee Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 General Meeting 7:30 PM S. Foxboro Community Center	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Board Meeting 7:30 PM	26 Candidates Nite	27	28 Installation Banquet
29	30					

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Meetings and Programs

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