



## A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees September, 2013

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From the President: David Fisler

Hello All

This year is flying by, concerts are over, our fall and winter projects are gearing up. Expect a few emails and phone calls. We will be looking for a few chairmen to run the vast array of projects. If you are new to the chapter and are not sure if you could run a project or have questions about a particular project please ask a board member or veteran member. We are here to help.



One of my 1<sup>st</sup> projects was the Pancake breakfast, I was 21 years old new nothing but was told by a friend and mentor sure you can do it. So with a lot of encouragement and a few sleepless nights the project went off with minimal complications.

What I learned from my experience was I could do things even if they were out of my comfort zone and that this group of people called the Jaycees would teach me to push my limits and become a better person. So if you have a question please come and ask it. Lord knows I have asked and continue to ask many. We are a learning organization.

My hope is that new and old will work together to chair some of our upcoming projects.

Ways and means this month — we are closing out concert concessions, Thank you to Helene and crew for taking this on. It looks like we have made or come close to budget last I spoke with Helene, should have final numbers at the GM.

Last month I proposed a new project, The JC Who-za-ma-what's-it contest. I am very excited about this project. Maybe it is my inner geek but I think this is going to be so much fun. The committee is getting together 9/5/13 to continue the ground work. This

being brand new we do not have a CPG to follow so we are in uncharted waters. I have a very experienced crew so I think we will be ok. We are looking for a place to hold the event; we need about 6,000 square feet of inside space. The space does not need to be in Foxboro however needs to be close so we can get there and setup on the day of the event. If you have any thoughts please drop me a line [dfisler nec@hotmail.com](mailto:dfisler nec@hotmail.com) or call me.

Thank you and look forward to seeing you all at the GM

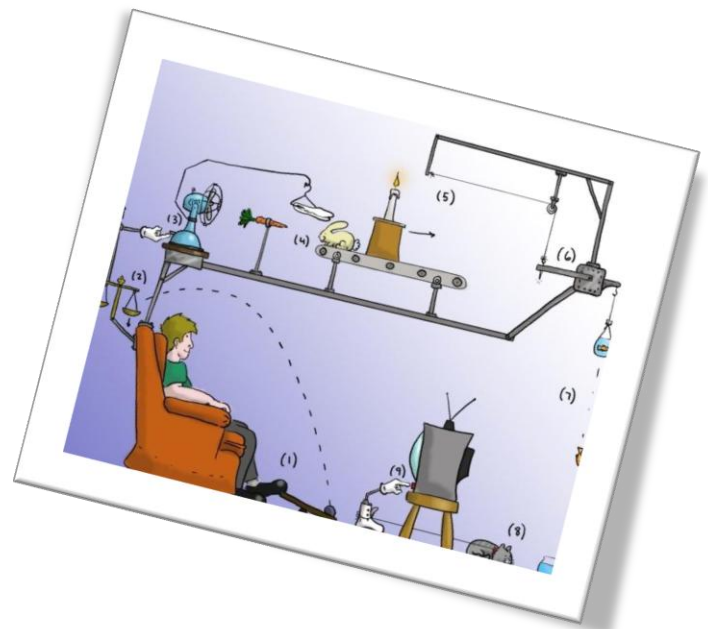
Dave Fisler



*The “Mousetrap” game is an example of what “Who-za-ma-what’s-it” is all about; the idea, “...a machine, contraption, invention, device, or apparatus is a deliberately over-engineered or overdone machine that performs a very simple task in a very complex fashion, usually including a chain reaction.”*

*Sometimes called, “Rube Goldberg Machines,” they are, “comically involved, complicated invention, laboriously contrived to perform a simple operation.”*

*Contests to make this type of set ups are very popular and held all over the world!*



# Secretary's Report

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Bob Gillis



## **Minutes from last GM**

My copious notes are available as always — And yes, I have recovered my notes from July ☺

## **Sunshine Report**

Get well card sent to John Frudenberg.

Condolences card sent to Jack Authelet; his brother passed away.

## **Wise Fox — Jen Franco**

I'm covering the newsletter this month for Jen; I encourage you to print the Wise Fox and READ IT — there is a LOT going on! Congrats to Jen for winning project of the month for the Fox; it's not easy to put this together and Jen does an incredible job every month ☺

## **Inventory Coordinator — Bob Gillis**

Thanks to Mike Savage I have two large plastic totes for the Christmas lights — These are now much more secure. Too much of our inventory is stored in old cardboard boxes and I will be moving these into sturdy containers. As always, if you need any Jaycee equipment for an upcoming project, please contact me. Finally, the 8-track player is missing, if you know where it is let me know.

## **Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis**

No real updates except I continue scanning the previous secretary years into electronic format (PDF) for the web site, and if you write a CPG, please send me a copy. Also, kudos to Wendy, Andrea and Monica and all former secretaries; as I go through these folders and scan them I am constantly amazed -- your record keeping is exceptionally impressive — I really mean that. Great job all!

## **September 2013 Jaycee anniversaries**

- Bob Hickey: 20 years
- Brendan O'Riley: 5 years
- Helen Serena: 2 years

**Happy September Birthdays** to Helene Savage and Mike Savage, and Melissa Coutinho

## **July Awards:**

Jaycee of the Month: Max Loew

Project of the Month: Wise Fox — Jean Franco

Rookie of the Quarter — Grant Nash

**Welcome new members** ☺

# Individual Development

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Vice President: Andrea Cummings



## **Meetings and Programs**

Lynda Walsh will be bringing some tasty treats (possibly cupcakes) to the September GM. Also, there was talk at the board meeting about having more guest speakers at the GM; details to follow.

## **Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – Game 7 Sports Bar – To Be Announced**

Watch for an email blast announcing the next get-together. It's such a good time, VERY casual, the food is great, the

company excellent, so please join us.

## **Restaurant Night – CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

We get together at a restaurant, eat, drink, and enjoy each other's company! And we recruited three new members at our last restaurant night; speak with Andrea if you would like to coordinate a restaurant get together. We're also considering an October trip to the Abington Ale house followed by a trip through Barrett's Haunted House in October. Details to come.

## **Camping/Hiking Trip – Sarah Freudenberg**

Thank you to Sarah for looking into this – she put some great effort into it but it's just not feasible this year. But we really appreciate the effort!

## **Volleyball – Bob Webster**

The season ended the last week of August, and Bob will store the net and equipment for next year. As always, thanks to Bob for keeping this popular project going.

## **Book club – Laureen House**

Laureen will be reviving our very popular book club hopefully by October. Please contact Laureen for more details. Also, the Jaycee web site has an extensive section on book club, including details, book's we've read, and far more.

## **Family Day – Maria Montanez**

Lookout Farm on Saturday, September 28. Farm opens at 10 am. — Lookout Farm is located in South Natick so it's not as far as some of the other farms. Admission includes the following: Apple picking, Train rides, farm-themed children's play area, farm animals, moon bounce, caterpillar rides, hay pyramid, burlap maze, face painting (12:00 – 4:00), live children's entertainment (shows at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 + 3:00) and hayrides (11:00 – 4:00). Pony and camel rides are also available (additional \$5.00 per ride). Adults — \$14.00; Children under 12 — \$12.00 and kids under two are free. Please speak with Maria if interested.



# Community Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

## **NEW McGinty Fun Day – Lynda Walsh ~ September 14 (11:30 to 3:30)**

McGinty Fun Day is a day full of fun activities in memory of Michael McGinty who was killed during the attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup> in New York. The event takes place on the Foxboro Common and all proceeds go to the Michael McGinty Scholarships, which are given each year to a Foxboro High Graduate. Over the course of the past several years, the Committee has given out over \$60,000 in scholarships. This year the Foxboro Jaycees have been asked to supply manpower for the day. If you're interested, and can lend a hand for any amount of time, get in touch with Lynda Walsh.



## **Concerts on the Common Fundraising – Dave Brown/Heather Loew – FINAL**

Thank you Dave and Heather for your hard work gathering funding for this year's Concerts on the Common.

## **Concerts on the Common – Max Loew – FINAL**

Thank you Max for planning out this seasons Concerts, they were all well received. Having a summer filled with threatening rains almost every Thursday didn't deter you from security the common for the extended dates. Thanks for another successful year.

## **National Night Out Against Crime – Lynda Walsh – FINAL**

Thanks to all who came out to this all important event. We had over 100 children visit the fun activities and take part in the glow stick parade, led by Pat Patriot. Hoping to get an earlier start next year to enable us to compete for grants given by the National Night out against Crime National Committee. As a bonus, we swore in three new members that evening.

## **Bandstand Repair – Dave Fisler**

Dave and crew have repaired the risers, but the building needs a good sanding and painting. Dave will be reaching out to all for volunteers to finish up the painting so it's ready to receive the Nativity Scene this holiday season.

## **Publicity – Bob Gillis**

If you have an event that you'd like the general public to be aware of, get your information to Bob as well as the respective Area VP so that he can coordinate our PR efforts with newspapers, community calendars, and websites.

## **Gifts for our Troops – Jen Franco**

Please plan to bring some non-perishable warm-up meals to the September GM to be shipped to **Deena Cummings** and her outfit. This will be an ongoing project, as our heroes are still overseas protecting us and in need of comfort foods from home. As you



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may or may not know, many of the cafeterias have been closed, leaving our soldiers to rely on the freeze-dried food packets.

As always, if you have an idea for a great Community Development project, please give me a call or email me.

Lynda

*September General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 7:30  
South Foxboro Community Club  
All are welcome*

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# Membership

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Vice President: Vanessa Linke

Director: Maria Montanez

A volunteer's personal passion for the Foxboro Jaycees is contagious and it motivates others to join forces. Be passionate about what you do and others will follow!

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:** Andrew Needleman, Karen Mulvey, and James Romano joined at National Night Out. Cathy Malloy, Ellen Malloy, and Donna McIntyre joined at our August GM. – Please warmly welcome all six August newbie's to our chapter!

## **Membership Committee – Various Jaycees – Thurs, Sept 19, 8pm, Conference Call**

The next committee conference call will be on Thursday, 9/19, where we will be working out the details on a few recruiting ideas. We are also still looking for a few more people to join the committee to help us come up with more creative and effective ways to recruit, retain, and activate members. Please let Vanessa know if you want to join us!

## **New Member Orientation – Laureen House – Wed, Oct 9, 7pm, South Foxboro Community Center**

Since we have so many new members, we want to invite all new(er) Foxboro Jaycees (and interested guests) to the South Foxboro Community Club 30 minutes early for the GM where Laureen will give a brief overview about the Jaycees.

## **Website – Bob Gillis – Ongoing**

<http://www.foxborojaycees.org> Lots of updates; most of the concert series is well covered in the photo sections. The site has over 100 pictures of National Night Out thanks to Derek House and Pam Warren's photography. Also, on a more technical note, because the site was hacked this year, Bob has installed some additional security programs to our site that should protect it from malicious attacks and hacking. Also, he's looking into working to make the site accessible for the board for shared documents. More details from Bob as he researches it ☺ as always, Bob welcomes YOUR input into the Jaycee web site! Suggestions, critiques, etc, it's all good!

**US Jaycees Training Available:** If you are looking for some guidance or additional training, feel free to attend one of the upcoming US Jaycees Webinars: (All start times are Eastern; Webinars last for one (1) hour.) Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<http://www.jci.cc/local/media/usa/18989/2013-January-May-Webinar-Schedule-Released>

**Jaycees Apparel:** If you are in need of a t-shirt or a sweatshirt, please let me know the size so that I can have one for you. You will receive a Jaycees t-shirt and/or hat when you volunteer for your first CD or W&M projects with the chapter. You can earn a sweatshirt by chairing your first project or holding your first board position.

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How to Utilize your Teaching Tools - googledocs, webinars, conference calls - Technology PM Kendra	9/12/2013 10:00 PM
Bylaws - Why are they Important - LC Jed	9/16/2013 10:00 PM
Three Prong Recruiting - President Chrystal	9/17/2013 8:00 PM
New Member Orientation - NVP Troy	9/25/2013 8:00 PM
Treasurer: What is My Responsibility - Treasurer Sarah	10/1/2013 8:00 PM
Public Speaking 101 - MD Fay	10/10/2013 9:00 PM
Sales and Service of Membership - President Chrystal	10/15/2013 10:00 PM
New Member Orientation - NVP Katherine	10/23/2013 10:00 PM
Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow: Effective Succession Planning for your Chapters Future - NVP Paul	10/24/2013 9:00 PM

### **Final Reports:**

- **Concerts on the Common Membership Booth – Various Jaycees – Thursdays, June through August**

A huge thanks to all of you who covered a shift at one of the Thursday Concerts on the Common. I appreciate you all pitching in to make sure we have adequate coverage!

- **National Night Out Membership Booth – Various Jaycees – Tuesday, August 6th 6-9pm**

We swore in 3 new members at National Night Out and received a solid lead on a 4<sup>th</sup> who later joined at the GM. A big thanks to all the Jaycees present at this fabulous event who made that possible.

Be sure to “Like” us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Foxboro-Jaycees/106603287039>) and find us on Meetup.com (<http://www.meetup.com/Foxboro-Jaycees/>) — you can always find the latest updates at [www.foxborojaycees.org](http://www.foxborojaycees.org).

As always, please email me ([membership@foxborojaycees.org](mailto:membership@foxborojaycees.org)) with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area.

~Vanessa Linke



# Who's Who / New member James Romano

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By Bob Gillis

James: I was born in Dorchester but I grew up in Taunton. I lived there up until I finished middle school. Then I moved to Walpole and attended Tri-County, where I was enrolled in the Medical Program. Graduated, took the Red Cross exam, and earned my CNA/HHA certification. I've worked in nursing homes and senior living facilities, but I now work as a home health aide for an agency.

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

James: I had heard about the Jaycees in passing but I never knew what they were about until my mom had told me one of her co-workers was in the Jaycees and suggested I look into it. It seemed like a great organization and I was looking for something different to occupy my free time (when I seldom have it)

Q: 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?

James: I'm a new member so I haven't tried out or chaired any projects yet. I've really enjoyed getting to know the members and getting the word out about the Jaycees. I've yet to find something I haven't enjoyed.

Q: The Jaycees are always evolving and membership is critically important to us. Can you suggest a way for us to recruit new members?

James: I was a little weary of bringing this up at the last board meeting, because it was my first one, but I think we can expand our reach online. I know the Jaycees are on Facebook and MeetUp.com but there are other places to have a larger presence on line. For example twitter is a great way to give updates for members as well as reciting new ones as is Google+.

I'd also recommend making a Jaycees Tumblr since Tumblr.com is the #1 fastest growing social media site at the moment. millions of people log on everyday including lots of college students. It would be a great way to attract younger members since the average user is between 18-35.

Q: What kind of music do you listen to?

James: I prefer Hip-Hop and some early rap. But I also love jazz, blues, reggae, classic rock, bluegrass and some pop. I'll listen to anything that I think is catchy.

Q: Have you ever met a famous person?

James: I met Pete Rose in Las Vegas once and most recently I met George Perez, the famous comic book artist at this year's Comic Con.

Q: What is your idea of perfect happiness?

James: Being content. Living a comfortable life with the people you love. Having the ability to travel and do new things. To live a long and healthy life full of great adventures and accomplishments.

Q: What do you most value in your friends?

James: Honesty. Someone you can depend on. Someone you can confide in.

Q: Who is your favorite hero of fiction?

James: Probably Spider-Man, a hero who didn't always do the right thing, but learned from his mistakes and knows what it is to be a hero.

Q: Who are your heroes in real life?

James: Probably my mother. She's smart in all the ways that matter. She always puts her children first no matter what. She has a much more optimistic outlook on life, which I try to imitate but often can't. She's kind and generous but she's also no pushover and she stands her ground.

Q: Do you have a particular goal for your first year as a Jaycee — something you'd like to accomplish?

James: I'd like to learn everyone's name for starters. But I'd also like to learn how to set up and chair my own project. I like to learn more about the Jaycees and its members and how things work and how things get done. I just hope I find my place in the Jaycees.

