



**A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees**

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**From the President:**

Hello All,

The leaves are changing, the weather is cooling off, and I am seeing more sweat shirts on my early morning drive to work. All this amounts to one thing; autumn. It is officially time to plan our holiday projects. As I expressed last month, this is a really great time of year for a new member to jump in and pick up a project. Many are one day projects, with some manpower needs. A great way to meet other members and get to know them is to work with them on a project.

I personally like all of the holiday projects. In the past I have chaired what was called the common upgrade (now called Common Decorations). We would get a group together, anywhere from 5 to 15 of us, and have at it. Work went quick, however it always seems that we pick the coldest day of the year to decorate! I remember one year it started to snow. Most of the crew finished their tasks and left. KB and I were still putting on the finishing touches when I looked over at her and she had about an inch of snow on her head. We had a good laugh and still do to this day.

The best advice I have for a new or seasoned member is to pick up a project or come out and help. By doing one - or both - you will start to create memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

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

Dave Fisler

# Secretary's Report

**Vice President: Bob Gillis**

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**Minutes from last GM** are always available upon request. Minutes include formal motions, attendance, and salient discussion points.

## **Sunshine Report**

Congratulations card sent to Jeremie Smith and Amanda Lucier – they got engaged 😊

## **Wise Fox — Jen Franco**

The Wise Fox contains everything going on in our chapter – please be sure to read and enjoy it, and even sign up to chair a project!

## **Inventory Coordinator — Bob Gillis**

I have the updated inventory spreadsheet. As always, if you need any Jaycee equipment for an upcoming project, please contact me. Finally, the box of carbon paper is missing, if you see it please let me know.

## **Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis**

No real updates except I continue scanning the previous secretary years and other Jaycee documents into electronic format (PDF) for our records; and if you write a CPG, please send me a

copy. It's a GREAT resource for the web site and the board.

## **October 2013 Jaycee anniversaries**

Pam Warren (3 years), Tom Whiffen (17 years), Andrea Cummins (15 years), Monica Fisler (10 years), Ed Groh (24 years), Paul Kelley (31 years), Jerry Norwood (51 years), Helene Savage (16 years), Mike Savage (16 years), Bob Webster (24 years), Jane Webster (24 years), Lynda Walsh (20 years), Bob Hickey (20 years), and of course the Foxboro Jaycee haunted house (1989 through 2007) 😊

## **Happy October Birthdays to:**

Lynda Walsh, Natalie Anumba, Kristin Corley, Sandy Daniels, Mark Emery, Paul Kelley, Vanessa Linke, Christin Marks, Sara Parchesky, David Reid, James Romano, Jeremie Smith, and Pam Warren

## **Congratulations to our September Award Winners:**

**Jaycee of the Month:** Vanessa Linke

**Project of the Month:** Lynda Walsh, National Night Out

Finally, I thought everyone might enjoy the following; it is from an editorial in the Foxboro Reporter 11/4/1999 about the Foxboro Jaycees moving the haunted house to Camp Lincoln Hill, written by editor Jeff Peterson:

*“Like most communities, we are fortunate to have a variety of civic and fraternal groups, each striving to make life better for the rest of us. None are more important than another, and all contribute to the small-town mosaic which we've inherited. In this pantheon, however, the Jaycees really do occupy a special place. It is simply for their irrepressible spirit and determination to overcome adversity, the Jaycees really are the heart and soul of Foxboro.”*

# Ways and Means

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## **Scentsy Fundraiser –FINAL**

We are closing out the Scentsy fundraiser. Thank you to **Laureen House** for organizing and running this fundraising project.

## **The Jaycee Who-za-ma-what's-it contest –**

### **Committee Members Needed**

The committee has been meeting steadily on Thursday nights; we have rough drafts of contest rules, entry form, and instructions. We have started to assemble the potential participant list and we have found, based on current codes, that

we could reduce our total needed space from 6,000sqf to 3,500sqf. We are actively looking for a space in the area to accommodate us.

We are still looking for more committee members. We have a lot of phone calls and emails to send out. The theory we would like to test is that many hands make small work. If you have any interest in being on the committee, or any questions, please drop me a line at [dfisler nec@hotmail.com](mailto:dfisler nec@hotmail.com) or call me at 508-698-9604.

# Community Development

## **Vice President: Lynda Walsh**

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### **McGinty Fun Day – Lynda Walsh ~ September 14 - FINAL**

Special thanks to **Kathy Brady** and **Andrea Cummings** for helping out during this event. The committee informed me that they were able to raise enough funds for two Foxboro High Scholarships in Michael McGinty's name for this upcoming year.

### **Bandstand Repair – Dave Fisler**

The weather is perfect for some outside painting, etc... 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.

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

Please plan to bring some non-perishable warm-up meals to the October 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 may or may not know, many of the cafeterias have

closed, leaving our soldiers to rely on the freeze-dried packets. Also, check out the Billboard in Dorchester, featuring Deena for the military at U/Mass Boston...awesomeness Deena!

### **Sand for seniors – Mohsen Khalifa**

Once again Mohsen has taken on this project. He will deliver the sand to our seniors who need it for their walkways. This important project, helps keep our senior friends safe during the winter here in Foxboro. Yet another great community deed, we Jaycees take care of. Thanks for taking this on again Mohsen.

### **Common Decorations – Bob Gillis**

Each year the Jaycees take pride in decorating the lampposts and stringing some lights on the common. Thank you to Bob Gillis for carrying on this tradition. He'll be looking for helpers, so stay tuned.

### **Caroling on the Common –**

#### **Chairman Needed**

We are looking for a chairman who could run this annual event. Basically, you'll need to coordinate with Steve Massey/Foxboro High Band to choose a date to invite the townspeople to carol on the common. There is a CPG available, however it's quite old. Now would be your chance to update this project and help out the chapter.

### **Fruit Baskets - Chairman Needed**

Another holiday project that is highly important is our building of the Fruit Baskets that accompany the Discretionary Fund's food/toy delivery night. Your job would be to shop and/or get donations for the baskets and encourage some of your Jaycee friends to help build them.

### **Nativity Scene Set Up/Take Down –**

#### **Chairman Needed**

A tradition that is proudly our responsibility, we store and care for the figures and once a year they are displayed on the bandstand for all to admire. You'll need to wrangle up some of your strong Jaycees, preferably with trucks to help you out with this one, but once your work is done, "oh what a sight to behold". At the end of "Little Christmas" you will need to gather your friends once more to safely put away the figures for another year.

### **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.

**As always, if you have an idea for a GREAT Community Development project please call or email Lynda**

## **Individual Development**

### **Vice President: Andrea Cummings**

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#### **Restaurant Night – Chairman Needed**

Please contact Andrea at [acummings617@yahoo.com](mailto:acummings617@yahoo.com) if you would like to arrange a get together at a local restaurant. One suggestion is the Cinema Pub in North Attleboro

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

At Game 7 Sports Bar. Please watch for the email blast as to when the Jaycees will be meeting for this fun event.

#### **Book Club – Laureen House**

Please contact Laureen if you would like to get the email and be part of this group.

#### **Kids' Christmas party – Chairman needed**

Each year we hold a special Christmas party for the "Jaycee kids", including crafts, treats, music and even a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. The last few years they have made their grand entrance on a fire truck!! Don't miss out on the opportunity to get involved in such an exciting and magical event our "future" members look forward to all year long. Let Andrea know if you are interested.

**Trip to Lookout Farm – Maria Montanez  
9/28/13 – FINAL**

The Jaycees met on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Lookout Farm in South Natick. We had terrific weather on a hot 75 degree day and no jacket was required. We picked apples, peaches, pears and plums, and the fruit was delicious. We enjoyed the train rides, play area, ponies and the petting zoo. We visited the country store on the way out and were tempted to buy the delicious baked goods, cider donuts, pumpkins and apple cider.

## Membership

**Vice President: Vanessa Linke**

**Director: Maria Montanez**

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*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!*

**This is prime time for recruiting!** Please invite your friends, family members, neighbors, etc., to join forces with us – our numerous holiday projects are coming up and we would love to have some new faces help us with them!

**Membership Committee –Various Jaycees  
Next meeting TBD**

Our committee is brainstorming and implementing creative and effective ways to recruit, retain, and activate our members. We still have room for more participants, so please let Vanessa know if you want to join us!

Lookout Farm is only 30 minutes from Foxboro. View their video and plan your next apple picking trip!

<http://www.lookoutfarm.com/video.htm>

**Progressive Dinner – Chairman Needed**

Please contact Andrea at

[acummings617@yahoo.com](mailto:acummings617@yahoo.com) if you are interested in chairing the annual progressive dinner event. This is fun and festive Jaycee holiday celebration you won't want to miss!

**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.

**Jaycees Apparel:** 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. 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.

**Website – Bob Gillis – Ongoing**

Bob Gillis is doing a wonderful job to keep our website current - please be sure to send him any pictures or Jaycees-related information you might have from Jaycees events so that he can post them at <http://www.foxborojaycees.org>.

**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:

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
Overcoming Membership Objections - Chaplain Stan	11/5/2013 11:00 PM
Award Submissions - How to Apply - COS Lance	11/14/2013 10:00 PM

(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>

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Find us on Meetup.com (<http://www.meetup.com/Foxboro-Jaycees/>)

Check out current updates at [www.foxborojaycees.org](http://www.foxborojaycees.org)

**If you are planning on attending posted events  
please be so kind to RSVP so that we have accurate headcounts**

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

