



A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

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A letter from our President:

Hello All

Time keeps ticking away and our holiday projects are getting closer. Not to worry though, there is still plenty of time to chair or help on one of them. If you are nervous that you may screw it up or won't run it as well as a past member did, I would say to thee, *you will never know unless you try*. What if you do screw up? We will not fire you (I have been trying for years and they still let me run things!) If you are interested in a project or have a question about one please call, text, e-mail, or get in touch the old fashioned way: *"hey you want to grab a cup of coffee I need to bend your ear"*. I will listen, as will the rest of the board.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the unexpected passing of family member Mr. Tom Sawran. Many of you who knew Tom know that he always left an impression. I worked with Tom both as a Jaycee and as a contractor, and while we may not have always seen eye to eye, I absolutely knew that I could call him and he would help if he was able. While attending his wake, two things really stood out. (1) His kids are not that much younger than me, and 2) as I listened to the speeches, the following quote made an impression on me *"Tom had two families; his biological family and The Jaycees*. At that moment I looked around the room and noticed that current and past Jaycees filled more than two of the rooms, entrance and hall. This realization spoke volumes in terms of Tom's accomplishments and the lasting friendships he had made. He will be missed. May he Rest in Peace.

The JC Who-za-ma-what's-it contest has a new name! It is now the Jaycee "Thingamajig Contest". We are still looking for a place to hold the event, and have started sorting contacts from many middle schools in the Norfolk and Bristol counties. 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 questions, or any interest in being on the committee, please drop me a line at dfisler nec@hotmail.com or call me at 508-698-9604.

Would you believe it is time to find a chair or a pair of chairs for the Vendor Fair? This is a great project that makes up a significant portion of our annual budget. There is a lot of leg work that needs to be done in January and February. If interested, please contact me or see me at the GM.

Thank you! I look forward to seeing you all at the GM

Dave Fisler

Secretary's Report

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Jaycee friends, in July 1993, chapter president Tom Sawran swore me, and my wife Sue, into the chapter. Tom was a complex man with a great heart. If you have the opportunity, please read the tribute I wrote to him which includes many quotes from other Jaycees, as well as Paul Lanza's poignant tribute that he read at the wake. Both can be found on the website. Rest in Peace Tom.

Minutes from last GM – Upon request

Minutes include formal motions, attendance, and salient discussion points. They are always available upon request.

Sunshine

The Foxboro Jaycees sent a funeral floral spray to Tom's wake as well as cards of condolence to his brother Jim, his daughter Nicole and his son Patrick. The Jaycees Key Men also sent a floral arrangement to the wake; thank you Lynda Walsh for arranging that.

Wise Fox — Jen Franco

The Wise Fox is our monthly chapter newsletter that is distributed on the first Wednesday of each month. This newsletter contains everything going on in our chapter, broken down by area. I hope you read and enjoy it, and maybe even sign up to chair a project!

Inventory Coordinator — Bob Gillis

The inventory spreadsheet is up to date. As always, if you need any Jaycee equipment for an upcoming project, please contact me.

Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis

I continue scanning the previous Wise Fox years and other Jaycee documents into electronic format (PDF) for our records. If you write a Chairman's Planning Guide (aka CPG) please send me a copy.

November 2013 Jaycee anniversaries:

Kathy Brady, Cindi McCann, Christin Marks, Tom Marks, Paul O'Sullivan, Jim Philbin, Preeti Varma
...and Tom Sawran, RIP (joined November, 1989)



Happy Birthday to Dave Brown, Grant Nash, and Bob Gillis!

SAVE THE DATES! Progressive Dinner (December 14), Decorating the Common: (November 30), Fruit Baskets (December 18) Much more to come; when asked to help with a project, please say YES ☺

October Awards:

Jaycee of the Month: Bob Gillis

Project of the Month: Food for the troops, Jen Franco.

Happy Thanksgiving! Please join us the following Saturday, November 30, as we decorate the common for the holidays! Friends, families and kids are all welcome to help!

Community Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Bandstand Repair – Dave Fisler

The sanding/painting may not be done in time to welcome the manger scene, but will be picked back up in the spring to ensure that the bands appearing on the bandstand will be surrounded by a fresh new coat of paint.

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 the media.

Gifts for our Troops – Jen Franco

Deena has moved again, but is still in need of comforts from home. If you have items you'd like to send over to her, please see Jen.

Sand for Seniors – Mohsen Khalifa

It is getting a little colder in the mornings, which means Mohsen will be getting the buckets of sand ready to deliver to any of our community seniors who need it for their walkways. Thanks for taking this on again Mohsen.

Caroling on the Common – Chairman Needed

We are looking for a chairman to 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 sing carols 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.



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. As part of the decorations **Monica Rigamonti** has offered to chair the Holiday Banners, she will be purchasing another five to complete the banner holders in the downtown area.



Fruit Baskets for the Discretionary Fund – Jen Franco – Wednesday (evening) Dec 18th

Jen has offered to co-chair this event. If you are a newer member and looking to help coordinate this project, please let me know. Jen has chaired this project for several years and will be a great mentor to help guide you. This holiday project is a highly important part of the town's Discretionary Fund Delivery Night. The Fruit Baskets we build will accompany the

Discretionary Fund's food/toy delivery scheduled to take place midweek this year, on Thursday December 19. Your job would be to shop and/or get donations for the baskets, encourage your Jaycee friends to help build them, coordinate the assembly and ensure that the baskets are safely delivered to St. Marks Church in time for them to be sent along with all the other donations.

Nativity Scene Set Up/Take Down – Chairman Needed

We are asking anyone who can help with this project to step up...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.

Adopt a Kid for Christmas – Laureen House

The Jaycees have adopted a child for Christmas for many years, what better way to spend some of your volunteer time than shopping for a child less fortunate (making his/her dream come true). Thank you to Laureen for taking on this project.



Santa Interview – Bob Gillis

We have been asked by our friends at FCA if we would be interested in reaching out to Mr. & Mrs. Claus to see if they would have time to stop by the studio for a quick interview. We'd like the folks of Foxboro to get important information from M&M Claus.... Waiting on answers from them both, but hopes are that they will accept the invite and perhaps mention our long standing relationship with each of them.

Decorating the Stage – Chairman Needed – South Foxboro Community Center

We've been asked by the SFCC to help decorate the stage for the holidays this year. Tom Sawran was always a huge contributor of the decorations for the stage at the center and his helpful hand will be missed this year. I will need some help from members to ensure we do this year's decorating in true Jaycee Spirit!

As always, if you have an idea for a great Community Development project, please give me a call or email me. I wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope that the time spent with family and friends will be a special time, full of laughter and love. Lynda~

Individual Development

Vice President: Andrea Cummings

Restaurant Night – Chairman Needed

Please contact Andrea at 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 – Game 7 Sports Bar – Date TBD

Watch your e-mail for our next date!

Progressive Dinner – Monica Fisler – 6:00 pm Saturday Dec 14 – Various Locations

The Progressive Dinner is the Jaycees formal holiday dinner. We ask volunteers to cook part of a meal or host part of the night at their home. We dress up and small groups gather at the "appetizer" house and small groups of 8 dine at the "dinner" houses. Then the whole chapter gathers at the "dessert" house for dessert, music, and holiday cheer! Please contact Monica Fisler at monica.fisler@gmail.com if you would like to sign up.



Kids' Christmas Party – Chairman Needed – SFCC, afternoon of Dec 22

This party is a special treat for the children of the Jaycees to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus and share some kid sized holiday cheer. A reservation has been bookmarked at the SFCC for December 22 after 12:30 (their calendar was filling up quickly!) **but the party will only take place if a chairman takes on this project!** Please contact Andrea at acummings617@yahoo.com very soon if you are interested in running the Jaycee Kids' Christmas party this year.

Book Club – Laureen House

Please contact Laureen at ducla567@aol.com if you would like to join this group. This book club works on a rotating basis of members hosting the club. You would welcome us into your home for 2 hours from 7pm - 9pm, and provide light snacks. Everyone can take turns. I have even had someone provide the snacks and we all met at my house, as theirs was not able to accommodate the group. It has worked out well having selections made for 2 months at a time. Book Club has chosen the following books to start us off:

The Light in the Ruins, by Chris Bohjalian - http://www.chrisbohjalian.com/the_light_in_the_ruins

Author Chris Bohjalian delivers a whodunit set in post-World War II Italy that plumbs the dark history of Nazi collaboration during the war years.

Life after Life, by Kate Atkinson - <http://www.kateatkinson.co.uk/books/info/?t=3DLife-After-Life>

SHORTLISTED FOR THE WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION 2013

What if you had the chance to live your life again and again, until you finally got it right?

Membership

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!

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 would love to have some extra hands help us with them!

New Member Orientation – Laureen House – Wed, Nov 13, 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.

Membership Committee – Various Jaycees – Next meeting Mon, Nov 18, 8pm Conference Call

be sure to check out the Nov 7th Foxboro Reporter for our brand-spanking-new fabulous Membership Recruitment insert!!! Thanks so much to Maria, Lynda and the MEM Committee members who made that possible!! Our committee is brainstorming and implementing other 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!

New Member Social – Laureen House - TBD

Laureen will be organizing a New Member Social to help introduce our newer members to our long-time members in January or February. More details to come.

Jaycees Apparel

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. You will receive a Jaycees t-shirt and/or hat when you volunteer for your first CD or W&M projects with the chapter.

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. Recorded training sessions can be found on their YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsYAnFEwYvBxW177hkqu4wKil2d4PBZnM>)

Overcoming Membership Objections - Chaplain Stan	When someone whom you are trying to recruit raises objections to joining, select techniques need to be employed to both reassure the potential recruit about the Jaycees and to give them confidence in the movement (successful practices employed and some pitfalls that have led to successful recruiting)	Tue 11/5/2013; 11PM-12AM EST
Awards Submissions - How do I apply? - COS Lance	This webinar will review the process to submit award nominations. Our members, chapters, states, and officers work very hard to create positive change...acknowledge them!	Thu 11/14/2013; 10PM-11PM EST
Etiquette and Professionalism - SPC Jennifer	Tips and tricks about professionalism, etiquette, and ways to make sure your voice is not only heard, but also respected, in today's competitive marketplace.	Tue 11/19/2013; 8PM-9PM EST
Chapter Media Relations - NVP Paul	Have you wondered how to get media coverage for your chapter events? Understanding the media and building relationships are instrumental in communicating your message. Traditional media relation tools such as press releases and sound bites, but also strong relationships with local media professionals to help your chapter gain more positive publicity.	Tue 11/26/2013; 9PM-10PM EST
New Member Orientation - NVP Valerie	We will discuss the history of our organization, Active Citizenship Framework, how to make positive change in your community and be an active member of our organization.	Wed 11/27/2013; 8PM-9PM EST
25 Ways to Stay Positive - NVP Tara	Coming soon...	Thu 12/3/2013; 10PM-11PM EST
How to Build a Prospective Plan - NVP Chamene	Learn how to process your 2014 Chapter Plan of Action. We will go through step by step, how to set your goals and write your plan to achieve them. Chapter board of directors and those members who want to learn more about planning a year should attend this training.	Thu 12/12/2013; 9PM-10PM EST

(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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Get the latest updates at 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 with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area.

