



THE WISE FOX
FOXBORO JAYCEES - DECEMBER, 2012

'Tis the season that the Jaycee shine bright, we are out decorating the common, setting up the Nativity set, spreading joy and good will caroling, bring sand to our seniors, making Fruit baskets and that is just to name a few. We also have our annual Progressive dinner. A fun time to mingle and get to know you fellow Jaycee. Needless to say this is one of my favorite times to be a Jaycee.

I would like to welcome all our new members you have joined at a great time of year. As you will read in the next few pages all the projects that we have going on. Please come on out and lend a hand. Don't know what you are doing as I have said in the past it's ok. We are a learning organization. Please come out and be merry.

This will be short and sweet folks, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a safe and Happy New Year.

David Fisler
President





Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Bandstand Repair – Dave Fisler

The bandstand looks great all decked out with the nativity scene. The repairs will now wait till the Spring.

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 medias.

Gifts for our Troops – Jen Franco

Deena will be coming home soon, so there will only be one more packaged sent to her. However, we may reintroduce this project if we find a troop that needs our support. Thank you Jen for sending the packages.

Sand for Seniors – Mohsen Khalifa

Mohsen has readied the buckets and is waiting on calls...I've seen this project advertised several places. Thanks again Mohsen for your commitment.

Caroling on the Common – Julie Grant/Jeremie Smith

Thank you Julie and Jeremie for teaming up for this annual project. I'm told it will be held on Thursday, December 19th beginning at 6:00; please join us for some spirited singing, hot cocoa, cookies, and friendship. Special thanks to Steve Massey and the band for accompanying us.

Common Decorations – Bob Gillis, Jeremie Smith and Amanda Lucier

Thank you to the group who showed up on the cold Saturday morning to decorate the common, as you can see from the photos everyone took, it looks wonderful. Monica Rigamonti has dropped our banners off for the highway department to install.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)



Fruit Baskets for Discretionary – Jen Franco

Approximately 250 fruit baskets will be assembled this year, they will accompany the Discretionary Fund's food/toy delivery night. Jen will send out an email blast with time of assembly, but it's looking like it will be after 5:00 on the 18th at the SFCC. Special thanks to our friends at Brigham and Women's for their support financially and personally again this year.

Nativity Scene Set Up/Take Down – Kathy Brady

The scene has been displayed on the bandstand, there have been many professional photos taken and once again, it's a beautiful scene. Thank you KB and Gang for getting the statues there safely.

Adopt a Kid for Christmas – Lauren House

As part of the Discretionary Fund deliveries, folks are encouraged to purchase toys, etc. for the children. Thanks to you Lauren, a child's wishes will come true this year.

Santa Interview – Bob Gillis

Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by the FCA Studio and Bob Hickey conducted an interview with our old friends. This will be aired throughout the season on Comcast Channel 8, Verizon Channel 39, or you can visit FCATV.org and view it.

Decorating the Stage – Lynda Walsh

Thank you Dawn Hadley for lending a hand... A group of folks from the SFCC, Dawn and I helped decorate the Stage and building for the Christmas season. The stage looks magical, good place to bring the kids for photos etc. Great backdrop for another Jaycee Group Photo Op.

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 Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year. Lynda~



Vice President: Andrea Cummings

Meetings and Programs:

Reminder, there will be a YANKEE SWAP at the December GM – bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$10) to participate; it's a lot of fun!

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

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 – Lauren House

Please contact Lauren at ducla567@aol.com if you would like to get the email and be part of 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, 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. Based on feedback from previously polled people book club has chosen the following books to start us off:

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?

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

Progressive Dinner – Monica Fisler *THE DATE HAS CHANGED TO DECEMBER 28, 2013*



The Progressive Dinner is the Jaycees formal holiday dinner. We ask for 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!

Saturday December 28, 2013 at 6:00pm locations vary. Please contact Monica Fisler at monica.fisler@gmail.com if you would like to sign up.

Kids Christmas party – Chairman needed

Please contact Andrea at acummings617@yahoo.com if you are interested in running this project. As of right now this has been penciled in at the SFCC for December 22 after 12:30 if we do not get a chairman this will not run so please contact me soon. The calendar at SFCC was filling up quick so they had a bookmark placed for this. This party is for the children of the Jaycees to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Scavenger Hunt – Vanessa Linke - Saturday January 25, 2014

This will be run before the New Members Social. Please let Vanessa know if you want to participate.

Ski Trip – Julie Grant

Please contact Julie if you would like to go on the Ski Trip or get on her email chain.

Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis

Stay tuned for more info to follow as to when we will be getting together for the Providence Bruins game.



Secretary - Bob Gillis

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to Laureen House and Ed Groh; they were instrumental in ensuring that Santa and Mrs. Claus were able to visit FCA ☺

Minutes from last GM

Always available upon request. New members: Minutes include formal motions, attendance, and salient discussion points. The minutes were voted a book club favorite three times in a row ☺

Sunshine Report

We sent a card to Jack Authelet, who has been ill. We sent a condolence card to Kathy Brady, whose dear friend Steve passed away. We sent a card to former president Jennifer Widmer and her husband Greg; Greg's mother passed away. On a more upbeat note, each December the Jaycee board sends out a holiday card to each member of the chapter. If you have not received yours, it means we do not have your correct address – please contact me if you are a current member and did not receive a card ☺

Wise Fox - Jen Franco

The Wise Fox contains everything going on in our chapter – please be sure to read and enjoy it, and maybe even sign up to chair a project! Thank you Jen for your excellent work! (Bob G. is guest editor for December; any typos are his ☺)

Inventory Coordinator – Bob Gillis

We have an updated inventory spreadsheet. As always, if you need any Jaycee equipment for an upcoming project, please contact me. Also, our Sony Betamax copy of “Frosty the Snowman” is missing, if you see it please let me know.

Electronic CPG's – Bob Gillis

If you write a CPG, please send me a copy.

December 2013 Jaycee anniversaries:

Max Loew (5 years), Brandon Owens (1 year).

Happy December Birthdays to:

Jen Franco, Cathy Malloy, and Ellen Malloy. ☺

November Awards: Jaycee of the Month: Laureen House, and Project of the Month: Family Fun Day, Maria Montanez.

To everyone who celebrates, Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukah! Happy New Year!
And most definitely, a very Happy Festivus ☺



(Committee Run)

Not a lot going on with ways and Means this month. The Jaycee Thingamajig contest the committee is continuing to work to get information out to the schools. We hope to have this complete for the New Year. We have secured a location; Rodman Ford was kind enough to let us use a building on RT 1.

The Spring Fair, I am looking for a chairman. I will be filing with the town and contacting the Garden club in January. A lot of legwork happens in January and February. If you are interested in helping or chairing this project please call me. Thank you





Vice President: Vanessa Linke

Director: Maria Montanez

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”
– Nelson Mandela, 18 May 2002

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

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!

Membership Committee – Various Jaycees – Next meeting in January, date/time 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! We are taking a little break until January.

New Member Social – Laureen House – Jan 25, 2014 @ Waxy’s (after Photo Scavenger Hunt)

Laureen is organizing a New Member Social to help introduce our newer members to our long-time members in January for a fun, casual get-together in January. More details to come.

Jaycees Apparel

If you are in need of a t-shirt or a sweatshirt, please let Vanessa know the size so that she can bring 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.

MEMBERSHIP (CONTINUED)



Website – Bob Gillis – Ongoing

Bob Gillis is doing a wonderful job to keep our website current, especially with all the great holiday projects going on - please be sure to send him any pictures or Jaycees-related information you might have for Jaycees events so that he can post them at <http://www.foxborojaycees.org>.

FINAL REPORT: New Member Orientation – Lauren House – Wed, Nov 13, 7pm, South Foxboro Community Center

I'd like to send out a big thank you to Lauren House for hosting 2 consecutive months of New Member Orientations and Info Nights in October and November. She did a great job and I appreciate the time and effort she put into it!

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>)

I'm Elected, Now What? - SOC Candace	Congratulations on stepping up to the challenge! Tune in to this Webinar to get a jump start on what to expect in your new role as an officer. We will discuss roles, responsibilities and resources to make your year as an officer a fun and effective year!	Tue 12/17/2013; 9PM-10AM EST
New Member Orientation - COS Lance	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 12/18/2013; 10PM-11PM 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>

Social Media:

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. If you are planning on attending posted events, please be so kind to RSVP so that we have accurate headcounts! As always, please email me (membership@foxborojaycees.org) with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area. Vanessa Linke -- MEM VP



December GM reminders:
YANKEE SWAP,
and group picture
(please wear your Jaycee
shirt!)