



A letter from our President:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was safe and had a great time. Christmas and New Years have come and gone, we have had our first snow of the New Year and old man winter is showing us he is here. The last of our holiday projects will be wrapping up with the removal of the Nativity scene and decorations from the bandstand on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Not to worry though we still have a full slate of projects up coming. We have Book club, Scat night, a scavenger hunt, the new member social, trivia returns and stay tuned: a little bird told me she would be proposing to resurrect an old project. We also will be gearing up for the Spring Fair.

I would like to expand a little on scat night, the project will be held at the Fisler household. I encourage you to come and bring a friend. This is a great social where we play the card game scat or some call it 31. This year we will also have a few other games to play along with Scat, I am thinking Cards against humanity, banana grams, and others. So come one come all.

Needless to say our winter will be chock full of fun and socials. As I have said in the past, and will in the future, if you have a question or am unsure of something or you have an idea for something please give me a call drop me or the board an email. We will be happy to help.

We are excited about the Jaycee Thingamajig Contest. We have a place to hold the event, and hope to have all the information out to the participants by mid month.

We are still looking for a few 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 questions please drop me a line at [dfisler nec@hotmail.com](mailto: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 good 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.

Thank you

Dave Fisler

# Secretary's Report

Vice President: Bob Gillis

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Happy New Year friends!

Let's start 2014 report with awesome news: **Welcome, welcome home to Deena Cummings**, who will be returning from her latest tour in Afghanistan soon! We are ELATED that you are returning back safely and I think I speak for all when I say how very proud we are of you, and what you have achieved. Deena, THANK YOU for your service ☺

**Minutes from last GM** – many thanks to Pam Warren for taking excellent notes while my computer worked through its system issues at the December GM. Great job Pam! Minutes are available upon request. New members: Minutes include formal motions, attendance, and salient discussion points.



**Sunshine Report** – We sent a card to Mellysa and John Coutino, they had a baby boy! We also sent a card to former member Michelle Rogers, whose father passed away. We send a get well card to Susan Gillis for a hospital stay. We sent a thank you card to the always-awesome Devlyn House for running “Adopt a Kid for Christmas” which such enthusiasm and responsibility.

**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!

**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. Also, our box of rotary telephones is missing, if you see them please let me know.

**Electronic CPG's** — Bob Gillis - If you write a CPG, please send me a copy. Also, you might want to check out the all the Wise Fox archives I have scanned in – they go back to the 1990s and are a great testimony to the impressive work this chapter has done over the years ☺ They are on the web site.

**January 2014 Jaycee anniversaries:** Deena Cummings (10 years), Vanessa Linke (7 years), Vin Mitchell (37 years!),

**Happy January Birthdays** to Deena Cummings (and so happy you will be home soon!) and to Donna McIntyre, and Preeti Varma.

**December awards:**

**Jaycee of the Month:** Kathy Brady

**Project of the Month:** new Member Orientation, Lauren House

... And a special thanks to Lynda Walsh and the volunteers who made the SFCC so beautiful for Christmas; Tom would be proud ☺

# Ways & Means

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## **New Project Proposal – Spelling Bee**

Lynda presented her project plan at the recent GM; the general idea is to invite Foxboro groups to participate and charge an entrance fee. FCA would like to team up with us to bring this community project back. The proceeds from this project would go directly to bringing back the Jaycee scholarship.

**Jaycee Thingamajig Contest** – Details coming together and will be released soon!

## Community Development

**Vice President: Lynda Walsh**

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

The repairs will resume in 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 on US soil as of January 15<sup>th</sup>. This project took care of our friend Deena, and may be reintroduced if need continues for our heroes that continue to serve.

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

Mohsen has been busy delivering his buckets to the folks who need assistance. He was even called out for an emergency delivery to our Caroling on the Common project.



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

Since we are lucky enough to have a Patriot's Playoff Game here at home, Bob has decided to keep the decorations on the common for the visitors to enjoy. He will then remove the decorations and store them away for next year

### **Nativity Scene Set Up/Take down – Kathy Brady**

The scene will be brought back to its safe location on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks to all who helped make a very successful holiday season and made a contribution to our many CD Holiday projects.

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

# 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 – Game 7 Sports Bar – Date TBD**

Watch your e-mail for our next date!



## **Book Club – Lauren House – *February Host Needed* – Thursday Feb 6, 7-9pm**

Book club meets on a rotating basis. Each month a different member hosts our meeting at their home, for 2 hours from 7pm - 9pm, providing light snacks. Everyone takes turns and it is a lot of fun. If you would like to join book club or have any questions at all please contact Lauren at [ducla567@aol.com](mailto:ducla567@aol.com).

Book Club has chosen the following for our February meeting. If you would like to host, please contact Lauren at [ducla567@aol.com](mailto:ducla567@aol.com):

### **"I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban"**

*by Malala Yousafzai, with Christina Lamb*

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/i-am-malala-malala-yousafzai/1116281495?ean=9780316322416>

## **Photo Scavenger Hunt – Vanessa Linke – Saturday January 25**

Vanessa is organizing a Jaycee scavenger hunt that will wrap up at Waxy's in time for the new member social. Stay tuned for additional details and contact Vanessa with any questions.

## **Ski Trip – Julie Grant –**

Julie is planning a group ski trip for a weekend in March; more details will be available soon. Please contact Julie if you interested or even if you just have questions.

## **Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis – March**

We're aiming for a Sunday afternoon game in the beginning of March. Bring your family, friends and neighbors! Bob will send out more information as the details are confirmed.

## **Scat Night – Monica Fisler- Saturday Feb 8 – The Fisler Residence – 6:00pm**

BYOB, bring a friend, bring your quarters and an appetizer or dessert to share and prepare to have a blast! Contact Monica if you have any questions at all.

# 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!*

**Membership Committee** – Various Jaycees – Next meeting Wed, January 15, 8:30p conference call

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

**New Member Social** – Lauren House – Jan 25, 2014, 4:30pm @ Waxy O'Connor's (after Scavenger Hunt)

Lauren 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. We will be in the Waxy's VIP room – come join us for an hour (or two or three) to warm up with good food, drink, and conversation!

**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.

**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>.

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). If you are planning on attending posted events, please be so kind to RSVP so that we have accurate headcounts!

As always, please email Vanessa with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area. ~Vanessa Linke

**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>)

Civic Leadership Certification	Focus on what documents to turn in, how to put together a plan, how to submit for parade, and question and answer session.	Tue 1/14/2014; 9PM-10AM EST
Awards (How to Submit)	Learn the steps to submit an award for entry.	Thu 1/30/2014; 9PM-10AM EST
TOYA	Ten Outstanding Young Americans. Awards, how to submit, previous winners, etc.	Tue 2/4/2014; 9PM-10PM EST
Active Citizens Framework	As members, our Mission is to create positive change in the world. We believe that by taking responsibility for our communities, we can create solutions to the problems we see around us. But just talking about positive change is not enough. To make an impact, we must turn our words into action. By using the JCI Active Citizen Framework, your chapter can create a method for developing, executing and tracking your initiatives to ensure successful projects and sustainable solutions to problems in your community. This webinar focuses on how to use this tool and create a chapter full of active young citizens.	Thu 2/13/2014; 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>

