



A letter from our President:

I hope all of you are well and keeping warm during the storms and arctic cold blasts. I myself am trying, but it seems the majority of my projects have kept me outside. It was nice to see many of you ~~old~~ "sorry" established and new members at the new member social. Laureen did a great job organizing this event and I thank you for your hard work and dedication to the project. It was nice to connect to old friends and meet some new ones. We had a good time.

We have a few more social events planned over the next few months. We will start February off with **Scat night**, which is a great social to get to know the members new and established. My wife, Monica and I have hosted this event for a few years now, and it is a wonderful time. Typically one roll of quarters will last you the entire night. The fun and merriment starts February 8th at 6pm. Please come by and bring a friend, a beverage of your choice and an appetizer to share. We then roll into March, with the **Providence Bruins** social on March 9th.

We also will be starting nominations for next year's board! I would like to take some time to explain what the positions of President, and Ways + Means VP are so that when you get the phone call you will have some idea of what we are talking about. I also encourage all of you to ask questions about any of the positions to myself or the board.

What is it to be President? I often joke that "if they let me do it anyone can do it". All joking aside, President is not as hard as you would imagine, I spend about 12 hours a month on it. That time includes two meetings a month, (one GM, one board) time typing reports, editing agendas and making awards. Most of that is cut and paste from the previous month, you edit the agenda and send it out via email to your board, give them a dead line to get there additions and edits back to you and compile them to the finale agenda. I try to send it out on Sunday with a 7am deadline on Wednesday. I have to admit, there have been a few times that I sent it out on a Tuesday the day before the meeting. It happens. No one is perfect, ask my board they will back me up when I say I am far from it. The hardest thing that I find as president is report writing and awards. Writing and speeches are not my strong suits. (Nor is grammar, spelling, and the Basic English language in general)

The first month of the Presidency is hectic; you have a few more meetings to organize as you prepare for the budget. This is how I did it, but this is not how it has to be done. (There are many ways to skin a cat, this just worked for me). I set up meetings with the Treasurer and one area at a time. This made for a lot of meetings, but made the overall group budget meeting simpler in my opinion. Plan on the overall budget meeting to be a long one, you and your board are trying to put forth the most balanced budget you can and it takes time. I can remember being at budget meeting years ago that lasted to the wee hours of the morning. I am happy to say we have not had one of those in many years. You will also have to make some

time to go to the bank to be placed on the accounts. Fortunately our bank is open 7 days a week. I brought my daughter and was in and out in about 20 minutes

Founders Day - you are fortunately just overseeing your Ways and Means VP, Treasurer and CD VP that day. You will more than likely be running around and helping out where you can but it is such a fun day (when it doesn't rain!) You will also have the added bonus of not serving on the Founders Day committee and having to juggle those responsibilities with your Jaycee responsibilities. (Yes I was doing both this year)

Meetings - depending on the crowd and topics, this will flow as long as you and your VP do. You just need to review Robert's Rules of Order, and stick to the agenda. I have been known to get off topic, but I try to get the meeting done quickly so we can socialize sooner.

All in all, President is not a bad gig. You are the voice of the chapter. You will deal with things behind the scenes; you will have members misquoted and occasionally have to deal with a challenging personality or manage a difficult conversation. I have had a very good year so far; my board is capable and strong and they work very well together. I hope that helps our members understand a year in the life of a President and how the experiences will build upon and shape your leadership skills. If you have a question please ask me or any of the past Presidents. There are quite a few around, three on the board alone!

What it means to be Ways and Means VP. I personally find this to be one of the easier areas, although I know a few members who will disagree with me. Ways and Means is in charge of bringing in the funds so we can do what we do. In years past this was a very daunting area. You needed to find someone ~~crazy enough~~ I mean skilled enough to chair the haunted house. These days, we run projects that don't require the chairman to give up 6 to 8 months of their life. The major hurdle of the Ways and Means VP in your first quarter is Founders Day. The former VP will line up your project chairmen so you can focus on managing the day and transitioning between Pony Rides and Concessions to lend a hand. That night is when we sell the glow items on the field; here as well you are lending a hand as needed. Following Founders Day come some smaller projects such as scrap booking, direct sales, and restaurant nights. Check in with your chairmen and your next large project would be Vendor fair, you need a chairman for January or sooner. There is a lot of leg work that needs to be done. I myself am behind and will be making phone calls soon for this. We have a new project, the Thingamajig. This will see if it runs next year. My hope is it will and it will be a great source of income. That would need a chair in October-November.

The hardest part I find of W&M is finding time to make phone calls. In the past there was pressure on the VP that if a chair could not be found then the VP would run it. That is not the case anymore. If you have done your due diligence and contacted the membership via phone, email, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, smoke signal, etc..... Then you can stand in front of the GM and confidently say every effort has been made to find a qualified chairman. I do not plan on running this project. At that time the board will have to re-examine the budget and make adjustments. The W&M VP job is to oversee their area not to run every project. That said if there is a project in your area that you want to run you can. You do need to send a monthly report in to be published in the Wise Fox. You have the GM and board meeting to attend monthly all in all I spend about 10 hours a month on W&M.

The Jaycee thingamajig Contest. We have a place to hold the event, all info has been mailed out, we have a committee meeting February, 3 at 7:30pm my house to discuss awards and judges.

We are still looking for a few more committee members. So if you have any interest in being on the committee or questions please drop me a line at dfisler-nec@hotmail.com or call me at 508-698-9604.

I will be making phone calls to find a chair for the Vendor fair. I have contacted town hall for the paperwork, am filling out the food permit, and have contacted the garden club. If you are interested please call or email me.

New to our plate is the Foxboro Spelling Bee. This project was proposed by Lynda Walsh and is resurrecting a project that the JC use to participate in. I am told it is a lot of fun, for some reason I have not participated in it. We are looking for a chairman for this project.

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

Dave Fisler

PS: FYI this report took me 1.75 hours to compose and type. Please keep in mind I am a very very slow at typing.

Secretary's Report

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Greetings friends - As hard as it is to believe, the 2013 - 2014 JC year is coming to a close. As you may or may not know it's time to find a new board for the new year. A nominations committee is formed each year to reach out to each Jaycee member, starting with regular members, and then associates, to determine interest for the next board...

I have served on eight or nine JC boards over the years. Each tenure brought its own challenges; each year, at least to me, was a very rewarding experience. It's one thing to chair a JC project. It's quite more to sit on that board with your JC friends, new members and seasoned veterans and help shape policy for your chapter's future. The experience, at least to me, is incredibly rewarding.

The Foxboro Jaycees, in addition to being a community service organization, are a leadership training organization. Being on the JC board, you will learn leadership, organization, how to run projects, and management skills. What you learn on the board has very real and practical applications in the real world. You also find that your friendships with the members grow closer.

This year, for the second time in a decade, I have served as chapter secretary. What does the secretary do, what are the responsibilities? Well, over the years, those responsibilities have evolved but the core remains: take good notes at all the meetings, be organized, be the record keeper for the chapter, pick up the chapter email, and more.

Back in the early 2000's, the first time I served as chapter secretary, I wrote in my CPG for that year that if you are considering any board position: president, ways and means, individual development, community development, be it vice president or director, the absolute best place you could ever start is to be secretary. I'm not kidding. The secretary has to pay attention at every meeting to what everyone says. They have to understand what's going on. They get a unique insight into the behind the scenes goings on in the chapter basically what makes us tick, how things run, and in the process of recording those notes, I personally have found that a lot of learning seeped in!

If you are interested in being chapter secretary next year, please email me or call me. I've done it twice, and I can tell you exactly how rewarding the experience will be.

New members, please consider saying "yes" when the nominations committee calls you -- or even answering, 'tell me more.' Being on the Jaycee board is awesome. Think about it.

Minutes from last GM – Always available on request.

Minutes include formal motions, attendance, and salient discussion points.

Sunshine Report – We sent a card to Andrea Cummings and Aaron Johnstone, who got engaged New Years Day! Congratulations!

Wise Fox — Jen Franco -- The Wise Fox is our monthly chapter newsletter – please be sure to read and enjoy it, and maybe even sign up to chair a project!

Inventory Coordinator — **Bob Gillis** – The Christmas decorations and Nativity set are back in inventory. Also, our copy of “Happy Valentine’s Day Charlie Brown” 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.

February 2014 Jaycee anniversaries: Bill Dempsey (8 years)

Happy February Birthdays to Jane Webster and Andrew Needleman

January 2014 Awards:

Project of the month: *Fruit Baskets, Jen Franco*

Jaycee of the Month: *Monica Fidler*

Rookie of the quarter: *Jeremie Smith*

Ways & Means

Foxboro Spelling Bee – Chairman Needed

Lets resurrect a past popular community project! We’ll team up with FCA and Invite Foxboro groups to participate in a communitywide spelling bee. The proceeds from this project would go directly to bringing back the Jaycee scholarship to our community.

Jaycee Thingamajig Contest – March 15, 2014 9-3pm – Corner Rte /Lincoln Road – 7:30-4p.

Grades 5-8 invited to enter as teams. Each team will build a contraption, invention, device, or apparatus that is a deliberately over-engineered or overdone machine that performs a very simple task in a very complex fashion, usually including a chain reaction. The task is to raise a flag using at least 5 steps. Set up will begin at 7:30am; the event will be open to the public from 9:00-3:00. Check out all the info and access the registration form on our website <http://www.foxborojaycees.org/>

Community Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Bandstand Repair – Dave Fisler- Spring 2014

The repairs will now wait till the spring. Dave promises that the bandstand will be ready for the Summer Concerts.

Publicity – Bob Gillis - ongoing

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.

Sand for seniors – Mohsen Khalifa- until it stops snowing

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.

Concerts on the Common – Chairman Needed

Each year the Jaycees host different bands to appear on Thursday nights on our Bandstand at the Foxboro Common. This project requires a chairman who has the ability to schedule different types of music for all to enjoy. The concert season usually begins the Thursday after Founders Day and run through August. If you're interested, please contact me or give a call to Max Loew who has run this project for several years.

Easter egg Hunt – Chairman Needed

Looking for a fun project to take on that has great history and brings the towns children together...well, look no further. This project is a lot of fun for the participants as well as the on-lookers. The common becomes a colorful spring-time setting and is truly a community favorite. If interested, contact me please.

HELP WANTED: CD Vice President ~ The Foxboro Jaycees

If you love your community and enjoy working together with an excellent team of friends, this position is for you! **Your responsibilities will include:**

- Creating a budget/year plan of projects for your area
- Attending General Membership Meetings and providing updates of all the projects in your area.
- Keeping in contact with your project chairman
- Offering guidance and a helping hand to your project chairman
- Write up your Area Report for the monthly Wise fox Newsletter
- Attending monthly Board meetings to discuss the Boards on-going activities

Your benefits will include: Making your community a better place to live

You will receive: Smiles, thank yous, pride, new friendships, fond memories, and much, much more

If you are thinking about taking a position on the next year's board, I'd highly recommend this position. Very soon the nominations committee will be making phone calls to ask your interest in stepping up to become a board member on the 2014-2015 Board. I've had a great time being this year's Community Development Vice President and have enjoyed working with all of the Area's Chairman and working for the

chapter as a whole. If you're interested in learning more about this position, feel free to give me a call to set up a time to chat.

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 me a call or email me. Lynda~

Individual Development

Vice President: Andrea Cummings

For anyone interested on being on the board next year the I D area is a great way to start. This area is our way of keeping the fun in servicing the community. The projects in ID are for the members to be able to relax have fun or just socialized with other members which sometimes does not happen when we are busy working hard for the other areas. Please feel free to talk to me about Individual development at the next GM or email me at acummings617@yahoo.com.

Restaurant Night – Chairman Needed

Please contact Andrea at acummings617@yahoo.com if you would like to arrange a get together at a local restaurant. The Cinema Pub in North Attleboro is a good suggestion.

Trivia Night -Kathy Brady - TBD

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 – Host Needed – Thurs Feb 6 from 7-9pm

Please contact Laureen at ducla567@aol.com if you would like to host the Feb 6 meeting or to join the group. February book: *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>

Ski Trip – Julie Grant - Please contact Julie if you are interested in joining this year's ski trip.

Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis – March 9 at 4:05pm

Providence Bruins game will be on March 9th please contact Bob Gillis if you would like to go. Tickets are \$17.00 a person.

Scat Night – Monica Fisler – Feb 8 at 6pm

This great card night will be held on February 8th at the Fisler's house. Please contact Monica Fisler at 508-698-9604 or by email at monica.fisler@gmail.com

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!

New Member Orientation – Vanessa Linke – Mar 12, 2014, @ 7pm @ SFCC

Our next New Member Orientation will be right before the March GM. If you are a new(er) member and have not yet attended a New Member Orientation (or if you would like to attend again), please attend this meeting so that we can introduce you to our Jaycees' terminology, Areas of Business, and ways of conducting business.

Membership Contact Survey – Membership Committee – TBD

We are planning on sending out a Membership Contact Survey out soon to find out how our members prefer to be contacted for GM reminders and upcoming events. Please be so kind to provide us with your latest information and feedback when the survey goes out. This is your chance to be heard!

Membership Committee – Various Jaycees – Next meeting Tue, February 25, 8:30pm conference call

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!

Jaycees Apparel

You can earn a sweatshirt by chairing your first project or holding your first board position. 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, 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. If you are planning on attending posted events, please be so kind to RSVP so that we have accurate headcounts!

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>)

Awards (How to Submit)	Learn the steps to submit an award for entry.	Thu 1/30/2014; 9PM-10PM EST
TOYA	Ten Outstanding Young Americans. Awards, how to submit, previous winners, etc.	Tue 2/4/2014; 9PM-10PM EST
Passport to Leadership	The Passport to Civic Leadership Program is designed to quickly immerse new members into their Jaycee careers and help veteran Jaycees grow and develop their individual, leadership and business skills. Participation in the program leads members to a rewarding Jaycee career	Tue 2/18/2014; 9PM-10AM EST

Shoot for 30	The Shoot for 30 Program promotes healthy well rounded chapters by increasing membership from the minimum to at least thirty by the end of the year.	Tue 3/4/2014; 8PM-9PM 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 3/13/2014; 9PM-10PM EST
New Member Orientation	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 3/26/2014; 8PM-9PM 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>

FINAL - New Member Social – Lauren House – Jan 25, 2014, 4:30pm @ Waxy O'Connor's

We thank Waxy's for donating their VIP room for a few hours so that nearly 40 people could pass through, mingle and visit: New members, old members, potential members, former members, and even some significant others all were there to have a good time. Lauren did a fabulous job putting this together. Thank you everyone for the fabulous turnout!

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

~Vanessa Linke
MEM VP

