



March, 2014

The Wise Fox is our monthly chapter newsletter. There will be a small change in March 2014: For decades the Wise Fox was sent out as a MAILING; in recent years as everything went digital, and to save a lot of money in postage, we started sending it electronically – it made sense – everyone uses email. This will continue. Problem is, these days we all get too much email. The Wise Fox is easy to ignore.

So for this month ONLY, in addition to email and web site, we're sending the Wise Fox out as a MAILING (you know, the old fashioned way, on REAL PAPER, delivered by your mail carrier to that box outside your house with all the Netflix movies in it). So this month, you have no excuses: Read the Wise Fox! The next General Membership meeting will be at the South Foxboro Community Center – March 12, 7:30. We would love to see you!

From the President

David Fisler

Hello All,

Have you ever been overwhelmed by a job, situation or task? Have you not known where to start because the task at hand was so insurmountable you just wanted to forget about it, crawl into a hole and hope tomorrow would be better? The past few weeks have been like that for me. Between JC, work and now teaching it has felt like the walls are closing in. I sat driving back from a meeting with a deputy Chief pondering “what did I do to get this far behind?” The answer was nothing, not that I did nothing but that everything I did lead to more and more. Good problem to have, but what do you do when it is just too much?

I was pondering that today on my way back also. (It's a long drive) I thought back to high school, when I was trouble shooting. I was perplexed while trouble shooting what should have been a simple problem. My teacher at the time looked at me and *said Fisler stop looking at everything and start looking at small things* basically break it down to small steps. It's funny how lessons from the past can suddenly pop up when you least expect them. I remember Mr. T (no not the dude with all the gold) saying this as I stared into the control board. I also remember the dope slap I got for not testing the damn control fuse that someone put in wrong. (No not me an upper classmen) The man was a good teacher. He taught me to take large problems and break them down into simpler tasks. He also taught me to duck.

Last year we had a problem, no one wanted to be president. I volunteered with the thought of if we concentrate on membership new members would breathe new energy into the chapter. While we have new members, and some revival, my vision has not come full circle. What I see is a lack

of 1st time projects to entice and activate new and old members. I would challenge everyone to come to the GM and bring an idea for a new project or revival of an old one. Something you would be interested in, it could be in any area ID, CD, W&M, or Membership.

We are going to do something different at the GM. Instead of all the area VP basically rehashing what was in the Wise Fox, we will ask if you have any questions about the area, basically how the budget report is done. This way business is done quickly and we can socialize. Our hope is to bring back programs. In the past we had home buying, basic investing, the library renovation, senior center proposal, just to name a few. Please come on down and give us an idea of something you would like to see at the GM.

It is March, and all members will be getting a call from the nominations committee. Please take some time to consider being on the board. It is a worthwhile endeavor, it does take some time, but what it can teach you and the connections you make I think is well worth it.

I have been told that I say everything is easy. I say that because I had a teacher that taught me no problem is too big to overcome as long as you break it down into simpler task.

Right or wrong I believe it has done right by me.

What have you been taught way back when that still holds true today?

Come share your thoughts at the GM. I hope to see you all there. Thank you. Fiz.

Community Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Bandstand Repair – Dave Fisler

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

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.

Sand for Seniors – Mohsen Khalifa

WOW ... Mohsen has been extremely busy delivering his buckets of sand to our seniors in town. This is one long cold winter, thank you so much Mohsen for your commitment to helping our seniors stay safe during this weather.

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 runs 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. Perfect project for the new members, great Chairman's planning guide to help you with details. 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.

Candidates Night – Bob Gillis/April 10

Each campaign season we invite the candidates to participate in a live question/answer session with local reporters. All candidates are welcome, the majority are running unopposed, and however, the one Selectman's seat has two candidates running.

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! 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.

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

Secretary

Secretary: Bob Gillis

Please consider saying "yes" when the nominations committee calls you -- or even "tell me more." Being on the Jaycee board is awesome; I've done it nine times! If you are considering any board position, a great place you could start is to be secretary. The secretary has to pay attention at every meeting to what everyone says, understand what's going on and receives a unique insight into the behind the scenes goings on in the chapter. 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. And no one will get thrown into the deep end of the pool – we're always available to answer questions and mentoring ☺

Minutes from last GM – Available on request. Minutes include formal motions, attendance, and salient discussion points.

Sunshine Report – We sent a card to Julie Grant, whose uncle passed away. Please let me know any Jaycee who could use some sunshine.

Inventory Coordinator — **Bob Gillis** – Nothing new, except I am offering to continue being inventory coordinator next year. If you need anything from inventory, please let me know.

Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis - If you write a CPG, please send me a copy. There are over 50 on the web site, along with a wealth of archived documents and CPGs I've scanned -- and they are an excellent reference for a project. Also, I have completed scanning in Wise Fox editions going back to the early 1990s -- they are a great reference and testament to all we have accomplished -- and CAN accomplish. They are on the Wise Fox archive page on the web site.

March 2014 Milestones -- March Jaycee anniversary years: Dave Brown (29), Cheryl Cushman (22), Dave Fisler (16). **Happy February Birthday** to Lauren Bitar. **Happy March Birthdays:** Tom Whiffen, Dave Fisler, Ed Groh, Max Loew, Cindi McCann, and Helen Serena. **Project of the month:** Sand for Seniors, Mosen Khalifa. **Jaycee of the Month:** Paul Lanza. Congratulations to all ☺

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 socialize 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. 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:

March 6, 2014 / 7:00 - 9:00

Book: Inferno by Dan Brown

Host: Sandy Daniels with Special Guest Guy Daniels (now he will want to come for sure :))

5 Green Street, Foxboro / 508-543-6665

April Meeting / April 3, 2014 / 7:00 - 9:00
Book: The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
Host: Lisa Jolicoeu 546 Maple Street, Mansfield 774-266-3800

Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis - Providence Bruins game will be on March 9th -- Tickets have been purchased; watch for photos from the event.

Ways & Means

David Fisler and Committee

It is with great sadness that I have to inform this chapter that I have to cancel the Thing-a-majig contest. We only had 2 participants by 1 week after the deadline. My committee did an excellent job preparing everything. We nailed all the technical stuff. Sadly even though we mailed out to over 40 middle schools, we did not get in front of them directly. What I learned from this is in PR you need to be aggressive, and constantly in their face. I would recommend giving this project another go, with the tech stuff ironed out I would concentrate on PR. Recruit for the committee a sale person or pitchmen type personality. I was so concerned about the foundation of the project that I lost sight of the PR portion. Fortunately our losses are minimal, less than \$75.00.

Spelling Bee – Lynda Walsh. Lynda has revived this project, she plans to hold it in April at the Ahern middle school.

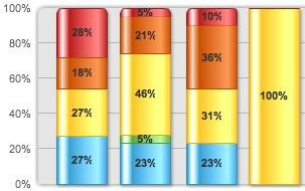
Membership

Vice President: Vanessa Linke

Director: Maria Montanez

For those interested on being on the 2014-2015 Board of Directors for the Foxboro Jaycees, here is a brief description of the responsibilities of the Membership VP:

MEMBERSHIP VP: It is the responsibility of the Membership VP to coordinate, review, and be informed of all chapter activities that involve recruiting, activating, and retaining members of the Foxboro Jaycees. It is a critical responsibility, but one that can usually be accomplished at a flexible time convenient to you. Similar to the other VP positions in the chapter, the MEM VP informs the rest of the chapter of all activities within the area of responsibility via a Wise Fox newsletter article (monthly submission), is responsible for the area budget, and finds chairmen for projects within the area. Remember, the entire can contribute, but you need to coordinate, create the action plan, and stay involved.



Member Contact Survey -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C3XBP7D>

Hello everyone! We are looking for feedback in how you would like to be contacted for various Jaycees news. Please be so kind to fill out our Jaycee Member Contact Survey, so that we know the most preferred way to get word out to our membership!

New Member Orientation – Vanessa Linke – Mar 12, 2014, 7pm@ SFCC (before GM)

For those of you new(er) to the chapter (or for those interested in learning more about us), please join us for a new member orientation session where we address questions you may have about the Jaycees and our projects.

Membership Committee – Various Jaycees – Next meeting TBD

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.

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. For those looking to earn their coveted sweatshirt, feel free to contact Vanessa for some ideas for good first-timer projects.

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/FoxboroJaycees>) 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>)

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	Thu 3/13/2014; 9PM-10PM EST

	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.	
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>

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

