



April 2014

A letter from our President:

Hello Everyone,

I hope this letter finds you well. According to my calendar spring has finally sprung. Although looking outside right now as I write this and seeing the potential for more snow, I find it hard to believe. This being New England though the weather will change and soon we will be complaining it's too hot. Speaking of change, this is my last Wise Fox report as President. I can't believe it has been 12 months. I would like to thank my Board; they made this a very pleasurable experience. We had many a laugh, and accomplished a lot in a short time. I have many others to thank but will save those for the Installation Banquet. We still have a lot on our plates; with spring here we need to start thinking and planning for all the spring projects. As you read the area reports and see a project you may want to know more about or would like to potentially run, please drop a line to the area VP or ask them at the GM.

I tried something new at the last GM. I asked the members in attendance to look over the agenda and if they had any questions to ask them. It did not go over as well as I had thought. However I hope the new board will try it again. We read the same report at the GM as we report in the Wise Fox. I thought that instead of going line by line and area by area we would give it the once over and answer any questions that came up. Then we could socialize for a while. The Board has been kicking around Meetings and Programs. We would like to resurrect the programs part of this project and make the meetings fun again. If you have a topic you would like to see covered please let us know. I personally would like to see Time Management. Well folk, that's it for me. I hope you had as much fun as I had and hope to see you all at the upcoming projects.

Thank you,

David Fisler

Secretary's Report

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Greetings friends! We'll be electing a new board in April! It has been an honor to be chapter secretary and I hope to continue on the board next year as well -- and hope you will too. In any case, please come to the installation banquet – it is always a good time with your Jaycee friends!

I would like to encourage our newer members to please come out to the GMs if able, and even co-chair a project with a more experienced member! We won't throw you in the deep end and will be there every step of the way – plus, its fun!

Now, onto the report:

Minutes from last GM

Minutes are always available and if you call in the next ten minutes you get two for the price of one!



Sunshine Report

We sent a congratulations card to Dave Brown who is retiring from his job!
Happy retirement Dave! Well deserved!

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 volunteered to be inventory coordinator again next year. If you need anything let me know. The spreadsheet is completely updated.

Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis

When you write a CPG, please send Bob a copy for the web site.

April 2014 Jaycee anniversaries:

Dave Brown (29 years), Bob Cole (39), Mellyssa Coutinho (1), Sandy Daniels (26), Paul Dean (29), Jim Evans (30), Sarah Freudenberg (1), John Zarrella (27).

Happy April Birthdays:

Cheryl Cushman, Laureen House, Brendan O'Reilley, Bob Webster, and Mohsen Khalifa



Congratulations to our March award winners!

Jaycee of the month - Maria Montanez

Project of the month - New Member Social at Waxy's (Laureen House)

See everyone soon!

Ways & Means

Community Spelling Bee - Lynda Walsh - May 16th 7:00p - Ahearn Middle School

MANPOWER NEEDED: I am looking for Jaycees to help with ticket sales, raffle, refreshments, timer..

Most of you may remember the Community Spelling Bee, held in the past to benefit the Palladino Scholarship Fund. The Foxboro Jaycees are bringing back this event to benefit the Foxboro Jaycees Scholarship and other community projects – and we need your help!

The Foxboro Jaycees Community Spelling Bee will be held on **May 16th at the Ahearn Middle School** at 7:00 p.m. and will benefit the scholarship fund as well as other Jaycee sponsored events. The Jaycees are inviting you, along with others in town, to participate in this fun-filled evening. Please spread the word through your friends and neighbors and feel free to challenge others to participate. Your organization will have the benefit of supporting our community, **free publicity**, as well as perhaps some bragging rights.

The Jaycees participated in the Palladino Spelling Bee each year and enjoyed the event and would like to bring back this community spirited event. If you would like to participate, you'll need to organize a four member team to compete. Your team will compete against three other teams, all four teams will be asked to spell the same word at the exact same time during their round. Each team will be given time to collaborate on the spelling of the word, they will write the word on a 8 ½ x 11 whiteboard, and then when the judges call time, each team will hold up their response. If a team spells the word correctly they remain in the round. If not, they are eliminated from the competition. The spelling words used for competition are official and are provided by the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee Association. Each team will be given a study guide prior to the event.

Community Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Bandstand Repair – Dave Fisler – April date TBD

To entice everyone, the thought is to throw a “painting party”. Dave will pick a Saturday or Sunday in April for us to gather at the bandstand in order to spruce it up for the upcoming Summer Concert Series. We will supply pizza and beverages for all who help. Stay tuned for a date.

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

The weather has carried this project right into the spring. Mohsen has continued to deliver buckets of sand to our seniors who need to keep their walkways clear of ice.

Concerts on the Common – *Chairman Needed* – *Summer 2014 concert series*

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 – *Derek House* – *April 12*

Derek and crew will make sure that the Easter eggs as well as the Easter Bunny will be on the common ready to welcome the little ones as they gather up the eggs filled with candy surprises. Thank you to Derek for ensuring the continuance of this community project.

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 of the candidates are running unopposed, however the one Selectman's seat has two candidates running.



Foxboro Clean Up Day – *Chairman Needed* – *May 17th*

After the success of last year's Foxboro Clean-Up Day, AJ Dooley and Jack Authelet have decided to make this an annual event. This year it will run on Armed Forces Day to pay special tribute to all in the Armed Forces in making our town as beautiful and inviting as we can. AJ and Jack have done all the preparation and will supply the tee shirts as well as a boxed lunch. It would be nice to see the Jaycees out there pitching in with the rest of the town.

Mansfield Clean Up Day – *Chairman Needed* – *May 3rd*

It has come to our attention that Mansfield has an annual clean-up day, and being that we have several members who reside in Mansfield we thought it fitting that the "Blue Wave" of Foxboro Jaycees could lend a hand to our neighbors in cleaning up their streets, etc.

Founders Day Parade Participation – *Chairman Needed* - *June 7th*

Each year we try to have the "Blue Wave" walk in the parade. If you would like to chair this project you could make it whatever you wish. This year's parade theme is Foxboro Sports and Athletics...I'm sure you could come up with something new and unique for this. Along the route there are many folks who cheer us on as we go past, it is a great feeling to be a part of such a great group as the Jaycees!

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



Book Club – Lauren House – Rotating dates and locations

Different members of the book club take turns hosting book discussions for 2 hours (7-9p) and provide light snacks. Please contact Lauren at ducla567@aol.com if you would like to join our club. We are looking for hosts for the following upcoming meetings:

Book Title: The Interestings – Host Needed - May 1, 2014 – 7-9p

Author: Meg Wolitzer

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Interestings-Novel-Meg-Wolitzer/dp/1594488398>

Book Title: House Rules – Host Needed - June 5, 2014 - 7-9p

Author: Jodi Picoult

<http://www.jodipicoult.com/house-rules.html>

Walking Club – Lauren House – Saturday mornings, 8:00 am

Walks begin at 8am on the bike path in Mansfield. The walking group will meet at the Fruit Street parking lot, just beyond the airport, on the left. It is a 4 mile walk and takes approximately 1 hour, 15 mins. If you are interested in joining our walking club, please contact Lauren via email or phone: Ducla567@aol.com, 774-266-4365.

Restaurant Night – Chairman Needed

Please contact Andrea at acummings617@yahoo.com if you would like to arrange the next get-together at a local restaurant.

Bar Crawl – Chairman Needed – 6:00pm Saturday Night – Date TBD

Everyone enjoys a good bar crawl! A bar crawl for Jaycee members and friends is a great way to create awareness around town while still having fun. We'll spend 30 minutes at each bar, support local businesses and move on to the next place when the bell rings. If we wear our Jaycee apparel, travel in a large group, and enjoy a few cocktails, bar patrons will start to wonder what on earth we are up to and will be a great conversation starter for generating more interest in membership! People who are interested can sign up and hopefully we can get a few people to volunteer as designated drivers!

Trivia Night - Kathy Brady – Game 7 Sports Bar – Date TBD

Please watch for the email blast from Kathy for the next meeting of the minds.

Biggest Loser Challenge – Chairman Needed – Dates TBD

A 90-day biggest loser weight loss challenge has been suggested to encourage individual development and good health! Participants will pay a small fee to enter the contest. Once a week participants would meet to weigh in. A designated support person will perform weekly weigh-ins and record the results. We will track the number of pounds lost each week but the ultimate biggest loser will be based on percentage of body weight lost.

Contest Rules:

1. Contestants must weigh in on the same scale on the same day each week.
2. Percent of body weight lost is calculated by taking the actual weight and subtracting it from the initial weight then divide it by the initial weight. Take that number and multiply it by 100. $((IW-AW)/IW)*100=$ weight loss percentage
3. Start date will be designated
4. End date will be designated
5. Registration fee of \$10 must be paid during the first weigh-in.
6. Contestants can join any time within the first three weeks.
7. Winner takes the cash pot and the pool!
8. Have FUN! Eat Healthy! GET FIT!

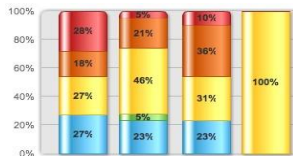
Membership

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!

Since this is my last opportunity to address the Chapter as Membership VP before handing over the responsibility to the next one, I want to thank everyone for their work this year to grow our membership! In the last 12 months, we've had 14 new members! Let's all work together to continue that wonderful trend!



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!

MEMBERSHIP PROJECT CHAIRPEOPLE NEEDED:

- Spring Fair Membership Booth – Sat, May 17, 9am-3pm
- Founders Day Membership Booth – Sat, May 9, 10am-3pm (-ish)
- Concerts on the Common Membership Booth – Thursdays June-July (-ish)

➔ Please let Vanessa know if you want to coordinate one of these projects.

Membership Committee – Various Jaycees – Next meeting TBD

I would like to take this opportunity to send out a special thank you to the Membership Committee – you have faithfully contributed your time and energy throughout the last year to a very critical area of the chapter. Your efforts were very much appreciated and we have lots of success to show for it!



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!

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

We had 2 rookies and 1 prospective member attend the NMO – thanks for joining us!

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>)

Nothing But Nets	Learn about our sponsorship with Nothing But Nets and how to utilize our sponsorship to incorporate your chapter.	Thu 4/3/2014; 9PM-10PM EST
Awards - Competitions	This webinar will review the process to submit award nominations and enter competitions. Our members, chapters, states, and officers work very hard to create positive change...acknowledge them!	Thu 4/10/2014; 9:30-10:30PM EST
Senatorships	How to become a Senator, how to nominate and fill out the form.	Thu 5/8/2014; 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>

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

