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**A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

Dear Foxboro Jaycees,

I'm not sure how it happened, but September is here. I hope you all had a great Labor Day weekend! From one day to the other I was back full swing in classes, crazy work projects, and upcoming commitments, and I'm sure many of you feel just as overwhelmed. Hang in there; we'll get into the groove somehow. You'll be happy to hear that we have mostly fun stuff coming up for September in Jaycee world :) More about that further down.

First though, I am thrilled to report that at the August GM, we had the honor of welcoming another **3 new members** to our chapter! Please make sure **Sophia Manos, Mike Mills, and Stephanie O'Neill** feel welcome.

I also want to be sure to congratulate Lauren Bitar and Lynda Walsh on a successfully completed **Concert** season. We had fantastic bands, great attendance, lots of fun -- and not a single concert was rained out! Deena Cummings can also be very proud of her **Concerts Concessions** season with good money made and very few left-overs. And, of course Laureen House's ever-present **Membership Booth** has not only brought out many current members to staff it, but also attracted the attention of many prospective members over the last few weeks. A big thanks to everyone who pitched in to make our summer such a success!

Upcoming, we have a **Team Trivia Night** organized by Kathy Brady (usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month), and Laureen House is organizing a **Paint Night Fundraiser** at the Community Center on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Lynda Walsh is looking for a few helpers to assist with the **McGinty Family Fun Day** on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating in any upcoming events/projects, please be so kind to drop the chairperson a note!

Check out all of our upcoming projects on our website at <http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?p=11643>

Finally, you may want to start thinking about a project that YOU would like to run. There are always great opportunities in the fall/winter season that allow you to create a brand new project, or run one of our long-time-favorites. Come to the GM to hear more about some of the ideas being thrown around -- you may find your perfect first (or second, or third, etc.) project! :)

See you at the September GM!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

~Vanessa Linke

*"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*  
- Martin Luther King, Jr.



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## Secretary's Report

**Vice President: *Dave Brown***

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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!

We had 15.5 members at the meeting. The .5 was young Alexander with his mom and dad

Card of thanks—we received some mail from John and Doreen Bentley to the attention of Mohsen  
“A long overdue note to thank you so very much for delivering salt/sand to us over the snowy winters these last years. This program through the Foxboro Jaycees is something we are truly thankful for. So glad I got to meet you Mohsen and thank you again for your delivery and the generosity of your organization”

Moshe has taken on the Sand for Seniors Project for many years. We provide buckets of sand (sand from the Highway Department) so the seniors can better manage snow and ice issues during the winter.

Now, onto the report:

We reviewed the agenda discussing the various projects and new projects in the works. Two votes were taken:

1. **McGinty Family Fun Day**—motion by Kathy Brady second by Lynda Walsh to appropriate \$50 to purchase gift to be donated to the raffle. This was approved unanimously
2. **Paint Night Party**—*New Ways & Means Project*—motion to create a new line item in the budget for this project for Income \$625, Expense of \$485 with a net income of \$140. Motion by Laureen House and a second Vanessa Linke

### **New Business**

Kathy Brady--Now is the time to take a look at the condition of the nativity scene and start any repairs that might be needed

### **Board Meeting**

At the board meeting it was determined that more funding is needed for the Dues Director to send dues notices and follow-ups to collect dues. A motion was approved to increase Dues Director line item from 0 15 (15) to 0 100 (100) -- Deena will note this in future treasurers reports.

### **Minutes from last GM**

Minutes are always available and if you call I will figure out where they are on the website. You will find that I will direct everyone on everything to the website because I noticed that that is where everything can be found. If are having trouble finding some I suggest that you e-mail Bob Gillis.



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#### **Sunshine Report**

A card was sent to Julie Grant as the result of her accident related to horseback riding and hospitalization. She injured her shoulder and also was cut. The Key men also have sent her flowers. May Julie have a speedy recovery.

Send or call your sunshine requests to me.

#### **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 continued good work.

#### **Inventory Coordinator —Dave Brown**

I have volunteered to be inventory coordinator. If you have anything to return from Founder's Day such as coolers or tops please let me know. If you need anything let me know. The spreadsheet is completely updated.

I know have the pallets for the storage of our items. The locking system has been addressed. Thank you to Paul Lanza. Because of concerns about my shoulder I need some help with moving everything around. Call me if you can help and we will figure out a mutually agreeable time to take care of it.

We have replaced the 10X10' tent. We are looking to replace the 12x12' tent and will be looking for any season end deals as well as cost concerning the 12x12' tent.

#### **Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis**

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

#### **Sept 2014 Jaycee anniversaries:**

Bob Hickey (21); Brandon O'Reilly (6);

#### **Happy September Birthdays:**

John Coutinho, Dan Denisi, Mike Savage, Helene Savage,

#### **Congratulations to our August award winners!**

Jaycee of the month –Deena Cummings

Project of the month – Wise Fox Newsletter (Jen Franco)



See everyone soon!

Dave [Brown—david.brown36@comcast.net](mailto:brown-david.brown36@comcast.net) phone 508-543-9686

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## Ways & Means

Vice President: *Dave Fisler*

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Hello All - The first day of school is looming. By the time you all read this the kids and teachers will be back at it. Summer is officially over. The nice cooler weather of fall will be here soon. Someone please send Mother Nature a note, it's September and it's hot as Hades out there.

### **Concert Concessions – Deena Cummings – FINAL**

I would like to thank Deena and everyone that helped her out. We hope to have final numbers at the GM.

### **Road Race – Deena Cummings - 2015**

Chaired by Deena and committee - is in full swing. We are finalizing a route in South Foxboro, will be meeting with the town for permission and are planning the advertising campaign to start by January. There is still a lot to do, if you are interested in helping or curious about the project please give Deena or myself a call or email. We will be glad to include you.

### **The Thing-a-ma-jig contest – Chairman Needed - TBD**

I would like to give this project another try. I am looking to put together a committee that can propel this idea into the great project that I know it can be. The committee last year did an excellent job of creating the project and getting the details worked out. This year we need to focus on getting the word out. If you are interested in helping or chairing please contact me.

### **Movie night - Lynda Walsh – TBD**

Please stay tuned for more info

### **Paint Party Fundraiser – Laureen House – Thurs, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ South Foxboro Community Center.**

Laureen has come up with this fun night out, where if you can follow basic instructions you can create a work of art. If you are interested in participating please contact Laureen.



**Shoe recycling** is a potential fund raiser that takes your old used shoes and recycles them. We get about \$0.50 per pound; there is no cost we don't even pay for the postage. I don't know about you but I am sure I have a pair or 2 of shoes that I don't use any more. Maybe your kids out-grew their shoes and instead of tossing them in the trash you could bring them to this event and recycle them. This is still a developing project and we hope to have more at the GM.

If you have an idea for a project please call me.

Thank you - Fiz



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## Community Development

**Vice President: *Lynda Walsh***

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### **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.

### **Treats for our Troops – *Deena Cummings***

Deena notified us that there are a few close friends as well as a Foxboro person still over there that are in need of some home food items and other items. If you could please bring a food item to the September Meeting, Deena will make sure it gets into the first shipment. We're mostly looking for fruit cups, microwavable meals, and other non-perishable items, such as ready-cooked rice dishes, bon appetite pasta dishes, microwavable veggies, etc. Deena mentioned that they have plenty of the Easy Mac, and hard candy. With Halloween on its way, perhaps some Halloween candy or other fun Halloween items and as a special touch...letters/cards thanking them for their service.

### **McGinty Fun Day Manpower – *Laureen House***

As many of you know, or may not know, Foxboro lost one of their own in the 9/11 attacks. Michael McGinty was killed during the attack in New York. A couple years after his death, a group was formed to raise funds for a scholarship in his name and have a fun day for the kids. This is their tenth year running this project and have asked for manpower help from our chapter. If you're willing to help out, please give Laureen a call. The event will be held September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10-2 on the Foxboro common. Even, if you can just give an hour, it would help the event.

### **Nativity Set Repair – *Chairman Needed***

It may sound early, but we'd like someone to take a good look at our Nativity Set to see if it is in any need of repair before their appearance on the bandstand spotted for Thanksgiving weekend. If you'd like to take this task on, please contact me.

### **Skate Park Help – *Chairman Needed***

We've been asked to help raise funding to bring the Skate Park back up to regulations and help with the repair/replacement of parts. If you're interested in helping out this group, please let me know.

### **Help for Wrentham Abbey – *Chairman Needed***

A structure that helps keep the sheep safe while at pasture had been damaged by a storm. Kathy Brady, Paul Lanza and I went over to help on a Friday morning. We were able to help get the large plastic covering over the top of the structure and the rest of the volunteers were working to get it finished up by Labor Day. But there is still need to help one of the Sisters with the sheep. If you're interested in helping out on a regular basis with the caring





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of the sheep, please let me know. Kathy and I were able to help Sister Robbie with the clean-up of the paddock, but this is something that is ongoing for Sister Robbie, who is well into her 70's.

#### PERSONAL NOTE...

I'll be walking for Alzheimer's on September 27<sup>th</sup>. I've created a team "TEAM PLUTO" in honor of one of my friends who was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's. He's written a book and is hoping to be there for the event. If you're interested in joining my team for the walk on the 27<sup>th</sup>, feel free to join me at [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org). I'll also be walking for my mom Grace who had dementia at the end as well as my second mom Annabelle, who had dementia toward the end of her time with us. The walk is only 2 ½ miles, and begins at 9:30, there is no registration fee; you're encouraged to raise funding through sponsors.

Special thanks...

- ✓ Bob Gillis, Kathy Brady, and Lauren Bitar for their help with the Concerts on the Common.
- ✓ Dave Brown for raising funds to help with the cost of the concerts.
- ✓ Laureen House, Dawn Hadley, Mike and Sophia who helped at the Rotary Fun Day.
- ✓ All who helped out at the National Night Out.
- ✓ All who attended the Comedy Night Fundraiser; thanks to you we were able to donate \$600.00 to ALS.

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: Bob Gillis**

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Greetings Jaycee friends! After a busy summer, it's hard to believe but we will soon be ramping up for our holiday/December/Christmas activities. Please participate or come out to as many events and activities as you are able – they are very enjoyable.

On that note, **I am looking for chairman for the Progressive Dinner.** If you are interested in chairing this event, please contact me by email or phone. New members, progressive dinner is an awesome holiday tradition – on a December Saturday, we dress up in our finest, gather in small groups from 6pm-8pm for Appetizers at one house, then split up in different small groups at another house for dinner, followed by EVERYONE at the dessert house for incredible goodies a lot of great conversation and hilarity. You sign up to cook, make an appetizer, or host, or bring a dessert, that way everyone participates. More details to come but two things to keep in mind: 1) I need a chairman for this event; 2) PLEASE RSVP YES when you get your invitations. New members, this is a GREAT way to get to know the Jaycees.



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Now, onto the report thingy...

**Meetings and Programs – (Snacks) Various**

Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring a goodie to the GMs; I will remind you before each GM. (Guests/Speakers) Anyone who has an idea for speakers on any subject please let me know; it's always nice to have speakers at the GM.

**Book Club – Laureen House – First Thursday of the month at rotating dates and locations.**

Members of the book club take turns hosting book discussions for 2 hours (7:00pm – 9:00pm) and provide light snacks. Please contact Laureen at [ducla567@aol.com](mailto:ducla567@aol.com) - Upcoming Meetings: September meeting was Hostess Kathy Brady, September 4th: "Fault in Our Stars" by John Green; Hostess TBA October 2nd: "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker – Kleine; Hostess TBA November 6th: "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Gissom and to end the year, hostess Michelle Fox, December 4th: Book TBA. Reminder: The web site always has the latest book club updates as well as a spreadsheet of every book the club has read, with ratings and meeting comments. Walking Club – Lauren House - If you are interested in joining our walking club, please let Laureen know and she will include you on the email list. Laureen House [Ducla567@aol.com](mailto:Ducla567@aol.com)

**Volleyball – Bob Webster**

Thank you Bob for once again chairing Jaycee volleyball. I know many members and friends enjoy it.

**Restaurant Night – Chairman needed- Various**

I will have details of the September event at the GM, and am gauging people's interest in October: Ale House followed by Barrett's haunted House and November: Howl at the Moon. These are just thoughts at this point. Want to chair restaurant night? It's really easy: Pick a restaurant with reasonable prices that is quiet enough for good conversation but still a fun place (Bertucci's, for example). Call / email / talk to Jaycees and get a group together. Make the reservation. Show up and eat and have fun. Everyone pays their own way.

**Trivia Night - Kathy Brady – Game 7 Sports Bar in Plainville**

Woo-Hoo, a Jaycee win at the last event! Next Date TBD; watch the web site and your email for the exact date. We meet monthly, usually on the third Wednesday at game 7. This is an all - age VERY casual event. It is ALWAYS fun. We get a table around 6:30; you don't have to eat if you don't want to but the food is really good. Dan starts the trivia contest at 7:30 and it's a LOT of laughs!

See everyone at the GM!

Bob

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## Membership

**Vice President:** *Laureen House*

**Director:** *Currently accepting applications from Regular Members*

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**General Membership Meeting – Wednesday Sept. 10' 7:30 pm - South Foxboro Community Ctr.**

Hope to see you there!

### **Membership Committee – Various Jaycees – Next meeting TBD**

I will be scheduling a meeting for September. If you would like to join the membership committee, please contact myself, Laureen House [ducla567@aol.com](mailto:ducla567@aol.com) and I will include you on our contact list.

### **Membership Incentive – Foxboro Jaycee Coffee Mugs**

For your first member referral that joins the Chapter, (complete application and pay dues) you will be awarded a Foxboro Jaycee Coffee mug. Bob Webster has already earned his mug, by referring Sophia Manos and Mike Mills to the chapter. Sophia has joined and Mike soon to follow. I beg of you, don't let Bob have the only bragging rights of being awarded the mug. Get out there and talk up the Chapter and why you joined. Ask family, neighbors, friends and strangers. Let's spread the word of how fantastic it is to be part of the Foxboro Jaycees!

### **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 Laureen 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 summer 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](http://www.foxborojaycees.org). If you are planning on attending posted events, please be so kind to RSVP so that we have accurate headcounts!





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**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>)

New Member Orientation	This webinar 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.	Tues 07/29/14; 10:00- 11:00PM EST Wed 08/27/14 9:00 – 10:00 pm 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 Laureen with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area.

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