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**A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

Dear Foxboro Jaycees,

How often are you asked about the Jaycees? A few times a year? A few times a month? A couple times a week? No matter how often you are asked, you never know which of those situations can turn into a new member, a new project partner, a new sponsor, or even just a community friend. How you respond can be critical to the success of your chapter, so it may be good to mentally prepare for the next time you are asked, "What are the Jaycees?"

Some people refer to this as practicing your 'elevator speech' or the '10-second commercial'. I'm not really fond of either of those terms, but the theory holds. If you respond embarrassedly, "Oh, it's just this thing I have to go to today," or listlessly answer, "A friend of mine dragged me into this community group", it may be due to your desire not to peddle the Jaycees like a used car salesman or maybe even be true to your mood in that particular moment. But, if you answer like that, it wouldn't really do the Jaycees justice, would it?

After all, we have this great thing going: We get to hang out with awesome people from all walks of life, many of us forming meaningful, lifelong friendships. We get to make the world a better place by focusing on needs in our local community. We get to pick projects that are near and dear to our hearts – whether it is working with kids, the elderly, socially disadvantaged, the ill, our veterans, improving health or just enhancing the quality of life, supporting other organizations' causes and individuals' dreams. We can help each other come up with new ideas and learn new tricks in running projects. We make business contacts and learn valuable people skills that will stay with us the rest of our lives. We throw parties that are legendary and take ski trips and outings that other people only dream about.

But, best of all, we do it together as a team, and we have fun along the way.

I'm not asking you to blindsides some poor person with a 5 minute dissertation on "101 reasons why you HAVE to join the Jaycees." All I ask is that you make a conscious effort not to downplay your own involvement in the Jaycees. Don't sell yourself short. You put your time and energy into this organization and you should be proud of the good work you and your fellow Foxboro Jaycees have done for the last 50+ years. And imagine what we'll be able to do in the next 50. Let your Jaycee pride show!

See you at the October GM!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

~Vanessa Linke

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment  
before starting to improve the world..."*

- Anne Frank, Diary of a Young Girl



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## Secretary's Report

**Vice President: *Dave Brown***

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Now is the time to step up and run a Holiday project. I would like to encourage our newer members to please come out and be part of the Jaycee experience by running one of our many year-end projects. We won't throw you in the deep end and will be there every step of the way – plus, it's fun!

We had 9 members and one prospective member (Casey Lowell) at our September meeting.

We made our way through the agenda discussing the various projects and new projects in the works. Motions were made and seconded to approve each officer's monthly report.

### **New Business**

There is no new business to report this month.

### **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 treasurer 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 you are having trouble finding some I suggest that you e-mail Bob Gillis.



### **Sunshine Report**

A card was sent to Donna McIntyre who is recovering from surgery.  
Send or call any 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 — *Dave Brown***

I have the pallets for the storage of our items. Because of concerns about my shoulder I need someone to 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 are looking for any season end deals.



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**Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis**

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

**Happy October Birthdays to:**

Kristen Corley, Sandy Daniels, Sandy Emery, Paul Kelly, Vanessa Linke, Sara Parchesky, Dave Reid, James Romano, Jeremie Smith, Lynda Walsh, Pam Warren

**October 2014 Jaycee anniversaries:**

Andrea Cummings (16), Dave Fisler (11), Ed Groh ((25), Paul Kelly (42), Jerry Norwood (52), Helene Savage (17), Mike Savage (17), Lynda Walsh (21), Pam Warren (4), Bob Webster (25), Jane Webster (25) and Tom Whiffen (18)



**Congratulations to our September award winners!**

Jaycee of the month —Kathy Brady

Project of the month – Concerts on the Common (Lynda Walsh)

See everyone soon!

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

## Ways & Means

**Vice President: Dave Fisler**

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Hello All,

Fall is finally here. The leaves are turning and the air is cool. This is one of my favorite seasons.

**Road Race – Deena Cummings - 2015**

The road race 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 we 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 project 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 really get 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



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**FINAL: Paint Party Fundraiser – Thank you Laureen for hosting a fun time on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>!**

We had 16 people turn out for the fundraiser, members and non-members. Everyone had a good time! Laureen gives thanks to Blue Hasti, Holly and Andy Connors for making it such a wonderful evening. This is a great project to repeat annually.



Thank you - Fiz

## 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, Halloween candy or other fun Halloween items are a special touch as well as letters or cards thanking them for their service.

**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 on Thanksgiving weekend. If you'd like to take this task on, please contact me.

**Fruit Baskets – Sophia Manos- December date TBD**

This yearly project is done in connection with the Foxboro Discretionary Fund. Our fruit baskets are delivered along with a Food Box as well as toys for the families in need in Foxboro. Thank you to Sophia for taking on your first very important project. I ask that all of the veterans to the project please support Sophia.

**Common Decorating – Lynn Freerksen**

Each year Santa's little elves (the Jaycees) decorate the common for the upcoming season. I'd like to thank Lynn for taking on this project. I look forward to the group of us spreading season's greetings on the common.





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**Adopt a Child for Christmas – Chairman Needed**

Again, this project goes along with the Fruit Baskets, and other food items. We ask the Discretionary Fund folks to give us a name of a child that has their Christmas List ready for Santa, and we shop to fulfill their wishes. If you're interested in chairing this project, please contact me.



**Caroling on the Common – Chairman Needed**

This project is another yearly commitment to the town; we invite the Foxboro Jazz Band to join us and the community on the common for an hour or so of caroling. We then proceed over to the Doolittle Home and entertain the residents there. This is a great project for a new comer; you will have lots of support. Please contact me if you're interested in running this project.

***Special Thanks...***

- Thank you to KB and Paul Lanza for their help at the Wrentham Abbey.
- Thank you to KB, Laureen and Lisa for your help during McGinty Fun Day.
- Special thanks for Laureen and Lisa for joining me in the walk to end Alzheimer's, our team raised over \$2700.00.

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! I hope you're having a great autumn. We don't do a haunted house anymore, but I'd like to have a restaurant night at the Abington Ale House in late October, because that restaurant is right next to Barrett's Haunted Mansion. We've done this before in October and it's a great time; everyone pays their own way; you can join us for one or both. I am planning for a Thursday or Sunday because 1) It's FAR less crowded and a shorter line at Barrett's (On Friday and Saturday it can be a two hour wait!) 2) There is a coupon for \$3 off the \$23 admission if we go Thursday or Sunday. I'll have a firm date at the GM. Please come; it's a lot of fun.

Note: The Haunt is intense and not recommended for kids under 10. HH details: <http://www.bhmansion.com>

Also a note; Dave (Brown) has been mentioning the minutes from GM's in his reports and to contact me; I should explain that previous minutes are not available on the web site but we do have them and they are available to any Jaycee who would like to see them. We don't keep them on the web site because we often discuss confidential





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Jaycee info in those minutes that isn't for public domain. But we do have minutes from last year and also any previous secretary notes available – I have scanned those as well. Just ask ☺

**Meetings and Programs – Second Wednesday of the Month: Next Meeting is Wednesday, Oct 8 @ 7:30pm**

Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring a goodie to the GMs; I will remind you before each GM. Anyone who has an idea for speakers on any subject please let me know; it's always nice to have speakers at the GM. I have been remiss to find speakers due to other commitments but will try to find some speakers.

**Progressive Dinner – Chairman Needed - A Saturday in December**

I am looking for chairman for the annual 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 Saturday in December, we dress up in our finest and gather in small groups beginning at 6:00pm for appetizers at one house. We then split up into smaller groups at another house for dinner, followed by EVERYONE at the dessert house for incredible goodies and a lot of great conversation and hilarity. You sign up to cook, make an appetizer, host, or bring a dessert, that way everyone participates. Please consider chairing this event ☺



**Book Club – Laureen House – First Thursday of the month at rotating 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). The Jaycee 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. Here are the upcoming book club meetings:

**October 2:** “Orphan Train” by *Christina Baker Kline* - Hostess TBA

**November 6:** “The Kitchen House” by *Kathleen Grissom* – Hostess TBA

**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)

**Restaurant Night – Chairman needed- Various**

See the top of my report for October details for Abington Ale / Barrett's. 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. Eat. Have fun. Everyone pays their own way.



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

TWO JAYCEE WINS IN A ROW! 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.



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Finally, we have a LOT coming up for November and December. New members, please consider signing up as a “co-chair” with an experienced member to work on a project – that way you can get your feet wet and learn how to chair a project! You’ve joined the chapter, now we need you to chair projects and be more involved. So when the call or email comes, please say YES!

See you at the GM!

## Membership

**Vice President: Laureen House**

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Can you believe that we are already here at October?! Where have the months gone? Now that summer is over, people start to think, what to do now? I can tell you: get involved with your Jaycee Chapter! We have some exciting projects that are coming up that need manpower as well as chairmen. So don’t be shy, jump right in! We need your participation to make the upcoming months a success.

When was the last time you talked to a friend, co-worker, family or neighbor about the Jaycees? Now is the time, we need to build up our active membership and can’t do it without you. So I am asking you to ask one person to the next GM or project you attend. You never know until you ask.

### **MEMBERSHIP PROJECT CHAIRMAN NEEDED:**

#### **Election Day Membership booth –**

November 4, to be held at the polls during elections. I already have a couple of people lined up to work some shifts, but am looking for someone to run the project and fill some time slots. If you have your days off and would like to volunteer please contact me, [ducla567@aol.com](mailto:ducla567@aol.com)

### **Membership Committee – Various Jaycees – Next meeting October 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm Laureen’s House**

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!



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**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!

## Who's Who

*By Bob Gillis*

“Who’s Who” is a membership project where we interview a new member to get to know them, and sometimes we interview a veteran member to get their perspective on their years as a Jaycee and we always learn something new. We’ve had many members join this past year (woo-hoo!) and we would LOVE to talk to you for a who’s who – it’s a nice way to say hi to the chapter, tell us a bit about yourself, and have some fun... Some of the questions are borrowed from the excellent “Proust Questions” because they are great conversation starters...

This month, new member **Stephanie O'Neill** was kind enough to answer some questions, so without further ado, let’s talk to Stephanie!

*BG: Let’s start with a bio... Where are you from? Tell us a bit about yourself. What do you do? School? Hobbies? Family? Work etc. Whatever you are comfortable sharing? No need to get too specific, just the general stuff?*





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Stephanie: I'm from Tewksbury, MA. I'm a special ed English teacher. For fun, my husband and I enjoy cycling (especially the East Bay Bike Path in Rhode Island) and going to the beach. I also have two cats.

*BG: How did you find out about the Foxboro Jaycees? What made you decide to join?*

Stephanie: I was taking an online course for English teachers and Lisa Jolicoeur was the instructor. I mentioned that I was interested in meeting more people in the area and she emailed me, suggesting I join the Jaycee book club!

*BG: What Jaycee projects have you tried out? Have you chaired a project yet? What have you enjoyed or not enjoyed? Is there an event or project you're looking forward to?*

Stephanie: I've been in the book club since May and am looking forward to becoming involved in other ways as well.

*Q. The Jaycees are always evolving. Can you suggest a way for us to recruit new members?*

Stephanie: Maybe flyers in mail boxes explaining what the Jaycees are and how to join?

*BG: What kind of music do you listen to?*

Stephanie: I listen to a variety of types of music except for country and rap...

*BG: What is your idea of perfect happiness?*

Stephanie: I think the only way to achieve perfect happiness is to be content with who you are and what you have.

*BG: What do you most value in your friends?*

Stephanie: I really value loyalty, a sense of humor and a sense of adventure. It also helps when friends don't tend to cancel plans or show up late.

*BG: Who is your favorite hero of fiction?*



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Stephanie: I'm a big fan of Guy Montag from "Fahrenheit 451." He shows that people can change, should question values and common actions and the importance of trying to make a difference.

*Stephanie, thanks for taking the time to tell us about yourself and we look forward to seeing you at Jaycee events! And new members, when Bob contacts you for a who's who interview, please say yes ☺*

**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 10/29/14; 9:00- 10:00PM EST Wed 11/19/14 10:00 – 11:00 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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