



A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

November 2014

Dear Fellow Foxboro Jaycees,

I'm happy to report we had a great and productive October! We held our first-ever **Paint Nite Fundraiser**, we did our annual social **outing to Barrett's Haunted Mansion**, several of our members participated in the **Alzheimer's Walk**, not to mention that we won **Team Trivia** for the 3rd (!) month in a row, continue to go strong with our **Treats for Troops**, **Walking Club**, the **Book Club**, the **Membership Committee**, and the **Fun Run Committee**.

We also had the pleasure of swearing in a **new member at the October GM** – Welcome to the Foxboro Jaycees, Andrew Steel!

Finally, there are a lot of projects coming up in the Thanksgiving-to-Christmas time, and I thank those of you who have already volunteered to run one of them. However, we are still looking for a handful of **Chairpeople or Co-chairpeople**, so please consider running a project. You can find open chair positions in the individual area reports. If you have any questions about any project whatsoever, please feel free to reach out to the respective area VP or to me. Also, don't forget, you can find Chairman Planning Guides (CPGs) on our website at http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?page_id=932

If you are unable to commit to running a project yourself, please make sure you volunteer to help or attend someone else's project to thank them for stepping up. These are our Holiday events - they are some of the most fun and fulfilling projects we do all year long. And as always, bring your family, friend, significant other, coworker, or neighbor, and let's spread the Holiday Cheer in Foxboro like only Jaycees can!

Our updated calendar can always be found at http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?page_id=1187 . If you use gmail, you can also subscribe to our public calendar via our email address (jayceesfoxboro@gmail.com) otherwise, use our iCAL address to subscribe: <https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/jayceesfoxboro%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

As a very exciting special treat, we will have **two guest speakers at the November GM**: Foxboro **Building Commissioner Bill Casbarra** and Foxboro **Town Manager William Keegan** will visit with us to discuss plans for a new Town Hall. I am sure they will have lots of good information and it will be a great opportunity to ask questions, so be sure to attend the GM to get the scoop! See you at the November GM!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

~Vanessa Linke

*"Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience.
It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems,
see benefits, and know one had a hand in them."
- Harriet Naylor, a pioneer force of volunteerism*

Secretary's Report

Vice President: **Dave Brown**

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, it's fun!

We had 14 members at the meeting and one prospective member; Stephen Strickland. Also prospective member Andrew Steel decided to join the Jaycees and as such was sworn in.

We reviewed the agenda discussing the various projects and new projects in the works. One vote was taken:

1-Motion by Kathy Brady—under CD add a new line #349 BIT Auction Contribution up to \$75. Second by Bob Gillis. So voted 14-0. Lisa Jolicoeur volunteered to handle this item and will provide an auction item for BIT to auction or raffle off.

The Annual Report has been submitted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the years 2013 and 2014 to the Commonwealth. The fee was \$15 per year. COMMENT - I have no idea why the state requires this other than it being a funding source.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Ways and Means Project Volunteer at Barrett's Haunted Mansion Abington MA, Autumn 2015

'Become the Ghouls that haunt the halls of Barrett's Haunted Mansion'

This is an opportunity to earn \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the chapter by providing manpower to haunt the mansion one night during the Halloween season. Volunteer groups are chosen and assigned a night by lottery that takes place towards the end of summer. **Groups must contain between 35-40 members in order to qualify.** The chosen groups must be committed to arriving at 5:00pm on their assigned night, are given costumes and makeup by the staff and placed in their sets where they will potentially work until midnight (depending on last ticket sales that night), scaring the you know what out of unsuspecting victims. Commitment is critical. If you are interested in providing manpower to this potential project, and are flexible enough to commit to a date that we will not know until possibly August – if then please email, call or text Jennifer Franco to confirm your interest. 617-462-5533 or jfranco@commonwealth.com.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

GM November 12 at 7:30pm SFCC Upstairs

Join us with former Plainville JC Bill Casbarra and Town Manager William Keegan as they discuss the proposed plans for a new Town Hall to be voted on at the November Town Meeting

Jaycee Road Signs – Dave Brown


Jaycee road signs are displayed at various locations entering town. The Rotary and Lions Club have recently replaced theirs making ours (which are over 10 years old) look very worn and dated. Dave will look into cost of replacement and report back.



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.

Sunshine Report

 A card was sent to Donna MacIntire who is going to undergo some surgery. Card of congratulations was sent to Jill and Grant Nash on their recent marriage. If you are aware of anyone who may need some sunshine please let me know.

Wise Fox — Jennifer Franco

The Wise Fox newsletter is distributed monthly prior to the GM and 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 to Jen for continuing good work.

Inventory Coordinator —Dave Brown

If you need anything from inventory please call me. The inventory list was recently updated and posted on the website. Thank you Mark Emery for helping me get everything onto the pallets. We are still looking to replace the 12x12' tent. Let me know if you see any deals out there.

Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis

When you complete a project please submit a written CPG to Bob Gillis to be posted to the website.

Ways & Means

Vice President: Dave Fisler

Hello All,

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.

Movie Night – Lynda Walsh - TBD

Stay tuned for more info

Shoe Recycling – Chairman Needed - TBD

A potential fundraiser that recycles your used shoes and generates us \$0.50 per pound, there is no cost, not even postage. I don't know about you but I am sure I have a pair or two that I don't use any more. Maybe your kids outgrew 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 will have more information at the GM.

If you have an idea for a project please contact Dave!

Community Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

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 – Nov GM

Deena has sent out one shipment of goodies to our friends overseas and will be collecting again for another shipment. Again, if you have non-perishable, different treats to send over **bring them to the next GM** and Deena will add your goodies to the next shipment.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

KATHY BRADY (8)
DAN DENISI (1)
CINDY McCANN (8)
PAUL O'SULLIVAN (25)
JIM PHILBIN (20)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DAVE BROWN
ROBERT GILLIS
GRANT NASH

CONGRATULATIONS

SOPHIA MANOS
JAYCEE OF THE MONTH
"TRIVIA QUEEN"

LISA JOLICOEUR
PROJECT OF THE MONTH
MCGINTY FAMILY FUN DAY



Nativity Set Repair – Kathy Brady

Kathy has stepped up once again to assess the condition of our Nativity Set to make sure it's ready to be viewed on the bandstand this Christmas season. As you may or may not know, the Jaycees took over the storage and care for the set about 20 years ago and it's been our responsibility to ensure their safe keeping and care. Kathy will let us know if there are repairs needed before they are displayed.

Fruit Basket Assembly – Sophia Manos & Jen Franco **7pm Wednesday December 17th – Upstairs @ SFCC**

Thank you to Sophia & Jen for stepping up to run this all important holiday project together. This year's Discretionary Delivery will be Thursday, the 18th of December, so in standard fashion, we will be meeting to assemble baskets the night before, on Wednesday the 17th of December. Our partners at Brigham and Women's Healthcare Center will join us again this year. To better accommodate everyone's schedules, we are planning to run the project in shifts. The first shift will meet at the center to set up the room and prepare the wrapping stations at 6:30 pm sharp. Basket assembly & wrapping will begin at 7:00pm. Sign-Up sheets and further info will be passed at the November 12th GM.

Please save the date now and plan to join us!





Common Decorating – Lynn Freerksen

Once again we will ascend on the common, most likely the weekend after Thanksgiving to decorate our beloved common for the upcoming holiday.

Lynn will be looking for helpers to decorate the lamp posts and place the lights on the shrubberies around the bandstand and the WWII memorial. Stay tuned for more specific day and time.

Adopt a Child for Christmas – Lisa Jolicoeur

This year Lisa will be fulfilling the wishes of that special little tot whose parents need a little help this year. Through the discretionary fund and our very own little Santa, this child will be surprised Christmas morning.

Caroling on the Common – Andrew Steel

Our newest member, Andrew has taken on this long time project. Andrew spoke up during the last General Membership meeting and remarked that he was a musician in the Foxboro Jazz Band, and remembers performing on the common and traveling over to the Doolittle home with his fellow band members. It was at that moment that he felt this would be a great first project for him to run! Providing the Foxboro High Jazz Band is available, this is normally run the Thursday before Christmas (possibly the 18th).

The following are a few new ideas that have been brought to the attention of our board, and will be presented during the General Membership Meeting on November 12th.

NEW...Sparky the Fire Dog Costume...we have been approached by Foxboro Fire Chief, who is looking to replace their mascot costume. We will do some researching to see what the cost would be to replace and whether the Jaycees could make this contribution to Foxboro Fire. We may need to create a small fundraiser to defray the costs to the chapter, but this is exactly what we take pride in contributing to.

NEW...Help at the Wrentham Abbey...we have been contacted once again by our friend Sister Robbie, she's looking for some help clearing the pathways from their guest house to the small lake. This would take some folks with some landscaping tools to bring the trail back to its' original condition. If you're interested in helping out, let me know.

NEW...Tree Lighting Ceremony...we have been asked to team up with Foxborough Recreation Department to hold a Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Recreation Department normally has the trees lights put up the weekend before Thanksgiving, and would like to have a small get together for the lighting of the lights. We're hoping that if we can get our nativity scene, decorations, and our lights up on Saturday the 29th we invite folks to the common on the 30th to witness the lighting. There have been some other ideas kicked around to add to the event. More information will be presented at the General Membership meeting on the 12th.



SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to KB ... we were asked by Chief O'Leary to get some tables and chairs delivered to the HUGS folks to use at the walk event on Saturday the 18th. Kathy and I got the tables and chairs from the community center and picked them up after the event.... Thank you Kathy for your help and your sister Margaret for her helping hands as well.

Special thanks for Lauren and Lisa for joining me in the walk to end Alzheimer's. Our team raised over \$3300.00

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

PS...when you get your copy of the Fall Edition of Partners in Patriotism from the NE Patriots, check it out...the Jaycees made the news along with a fun little game....Thanks Jeremie!

Individual Development

Vice President: **Bob Gillis**

Greetings Jaycee friends!
Happy Thanksgiving to all – we have a lot to be grateful for.

Restaurant Nights

Abington Ale House & Barrett's Haunted Mansion – Bob Gillis - FINAL

I'd be out for a frog award for this one as I (the chairman!) got a really bad migraine a few hours before the event and could not attend, but from all reports everyone who attended had a wonderful (and scary) time. Also many thanks to my wife Susan for faxing over the discount coupons to the Ale House for the Jaycees while I slept away my headache ☺



Splitsville/Howl at the Moon

Lynda Walsh - TBD

Details coming soon!

Meetings and Programs

- **Food/Goodies:** Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring goodies to the GMs; I will remind you before each GM. I signed up for the November goodies.
- **Programs:** Our building commissioner, Bill Caspara, will be speaking at the November GM along with Town Manager William Keegan. , thank you Dave Brown for arranging that.
- **December GM** - We will hold our annual Yankee Swap at the December GM! Please make every attempt to attend and wear your Jaycee shirt as we will also be taking our annual picture ☺

Progressive Dinner – Helene Savage – Sat Dec 6th, 6pm

Thank you, thank you, Helene for saying YES to chairing the progressive dinner. (Helene is awesome, just saying). I am profoundly grateful this important and enjoyment event will happen. See the enclosed flyer for everything you need to know to participate and attend! New members, please try to attend, it's so much fun!

*** FLYER ENCLOSED ***

Jaycee kids Christmas party – **Chairman Needed**



Each year we have a get together with children of active / current Jaycees that includes crafts, games, goodies and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus – this did not run last year but I would love to see this tradition return. If interested please let me know.

Walking Club – **Lauren House**

If you are interested in joining our walking club, please let Lauren know and she will include you on the email list

Trivia Night - **Kathy Brady**

THREE WINS IN A ROW for the Foxboro Jaycees! 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.

Ski Trip – **Chairman Needed**

I spoke with Julie Grant and she is not up to chairing this event this year; we usually hold it in late January / early February; if interested in chairing please let me know.

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



Next books: December 4: *Orange Is the New Black* by *Piper Kerman*. January 8 (Note date change due to new year holiday) *Boys on the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by *Daniel James Brown* Meeting places will be announced by the book club email and posted to the web site.

Membership

Vice President: *Laureen House*

Happy November! Happy Thanksgiving!

November always brings to mind the things that I should be thankful for in my life. Being part of the Foxboro Jaycees is definitely something for which I am thankful. I have learned a lot about myself, how volunteering in the community is an important part of who I am; am thankful for the friends and extended family that I have made since I started as a Jaycee in 1986, longer if you count the years as a Jaycee Brat. I have learned how to better manage my time, how to better organize, and learned to love the feeling of success that comes from trying new things and learning from my mistakes.

Thank you all for the opportunities that you have collectively presented to me, and thank you for the opportunities yet to come.

Just want to give a shout out to our newest Member, Andrew Steel! He was invited to the meeting by Lynda Walsh and has already agreed to chair Caroling on the Common. Andrew, thanks for jumping right in and being an active part of the Chapter. Glad to have you on board.

Election Day Membership booth –

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Bookmarks – Pam Warren

Pam, using the template created by last year's membership committee, is handling the printing price inquiries and then production of book marks that we can donate to local libraries and use as handouts at our membership tables.

Membership Committee – Various Jaycees Next meeting November 11, 7:30 pm Laureen's House

If you would like to join the membership committee, please contact me, Laureen House, 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. Last month Lynda Walsh invited Andrew Steel, and he was sworn in. Both Dave and Monica Fisler are on their way to getting theirs as they have referred potential members to the chapter. There is a limited supply left of these priceless mugs so get them while the getting is good. 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

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. 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>)

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 Wed 12/17/14 9:00 pm – 10:pm

(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.

Laureen House

Membership VP

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