

FOXBORO JAYCEES The Wise Fox



A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

December 2014

Happy Holiday Season, My Dear Foxboro Jaycees!

Are you ready to SHINE?!? This is by far my most favorite time of the Jaycee year, because we get to make a positive impact in our community while having a great time ourselves at all our holiday projects!

I spent this morning freezingly hugging poles on the Common – and I was impressed with the great Jaycee turnout for **Nativity Setup** and **Decorating the Common** despite the frigid temperature of about 20 degrees! With DD coffee, Christmas music playing, sunshine and wonderful friends, the decorations went up with a smile! A big thank you to those of you who helped today and also this evening with Foxboro's first annual **Foxborough Tree Lighting**. I also enjoyed seeing my Jaycee friends and other community supporters at the **Movie Fundraiser** last night at the Orpheum.

Now, I'm looking forward to our next events of the **Progressive Dinner** holiday party on the 6th, the Jaycee **Kid's Christmas Party** on the 13th, **Fruit Basket Assembly** on the 17th, and **Caroling on the Common** on the 18th. And that's not even mentioning the behind-the-scenes projects of **Sand for Seniors**, **Adopt a Kid**, and **Adopt a Senior** in addition to our year-round projects of **Book Club** and **Walking Club**. – Yes, we Foxboro Jaycees will again be quite busy this December, but just think of the difference we are making in people's lives!

I like to think of us as 82 elves that brighten other peoples' days all year long, but especially this time of year which can be a difficult season for those who are struggling with financial or health problems, separation from loved ones, personal loss, or other hardships. I want to personally thank you all for taking a little time during your busy lives to dedicate to others. That's what we're all about and every day you make me proud to be a Foxboro Jaycee.

That said, we also know how to throw a good party! :) I hope to see most of you next week at the Progressive Dinner, but please also join us for the **General Membership meeting on Wednesday, December 10th**, at the South Foxboro Community Club. Our meeting will start at 7:30pm, and during the break we will conduct our annual **Yankee Swap**. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift of about \$10 value to the meeting. Also, please wear your Jaycee shirts for that GM (we will try to have a few extras if you haven't received your own yet) for our annual **Foxboro Jaycees chapter photograph**. See you at the December GM and the many great events this month!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and I wish you a great start to the New Year!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit
~Vanessa

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill

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 is fun!

General Membership Meeting

We had 19 members and 3 guests at the last GM. Two attendees were sworn in as new members. We walked through the agenda, discussing the various projects and new projects in the works.

One vote was taken: A motion was made by Kathy Brady and seconded by Pam Warren to donate \$100 towards a special education facility in Belize. Our member, Sarah Freudenberg, is working in Belize and helping with the development of such a school. It needs to be paid for with donations. The vote was unanimous.

Former Plainville JC Bill Casbarra joined us to discuss and answer questions about the new town hall project design that will be voted on at the next town meeting. It was informative. As an aside, the measure did pass at the 11/17 town meeting.

A thank you letter was received from the ALS Association-Massachusetts Chapter for our \$675 fund raiser donation in memory of Chris Ienello

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

Condolences were sent to the family of Elise Behn (former President and Keyman) on the passing of her father-in-law Barry Behn; also a former President and Keyman of the chapter. The Keymen have also sent flowers.

Condolences were sent to Fislser's on the passing of their beloved cat.

Welcoming Tyler

Congratulations to Heather, Max and big brother Matthew on the birth of Tyler Harrison Loew.



Board Meeting

The following actions were taken at the Nov. 24 board meeting:

- 1) A motion was made by Bob Gillis and seconded by Dave Fislser to create a new project called "Adopt a Senior" and to appropriate \$75 fund it. The budget will be adjusted and a new line item created (line 349). This project will work similar to "Adopt a Child". Voted 6-0
- 2) New member applications were reviewed and the following were accepted as new members.
 - Andrew Steel
 - Sharon Hall
 - Stephen Stickland
 - June Cicero

NEW BUSINESS

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. New signs can be acquired for \$40 each. Dave will prepare a proposal for a vote at a future meeting.



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 continue to look to replace the 12x12' tent. Let me know if you see any seasonal 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.

See everyone soon! Dave Brown
david.brown36@comcast.net Ph# 508-543-9686

Holiday Events

DECEMBER 6 PROGRESSIVE DINNER

DECEMBER 10 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG, YANKEE SWAP & CHAPTER PHOTO

DECEMBER 13 KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 17 FRUIT BASKET ASSEMBLY

DECEMBER 18 CAROLING ON THE COMMON

Ways & Means

Vice President: Dave Fisler

Hello All,

Can you believe we are in December? We just decorated the Common, (on the coldest day of the weekend - then again it wouldn't be decorating the Common if it was not cold!). We had a beautiful night with Mr. & Mrs. Claus and our friends from the Board of Recreation at the tree lighting ceremony. This is a great season to be a JC. I hope to see you all at our many upcoming events!

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 – FINAL

The movie night was a smashing success! Lynda gathered 50 people and raised \$410.00. Thank you Lynda!

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

Thank you,
Fiz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

LISA JOLICOEUR (1)

MAX LOEW (6)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MICHELLE FOX

JENNIFER FRANCO

LISA JOLICOEUR

CATHY MALLOY

ELLEN MALLOY

SARAH MCMAHON

MIKE MINGHELLA

CONGRATULATIONS

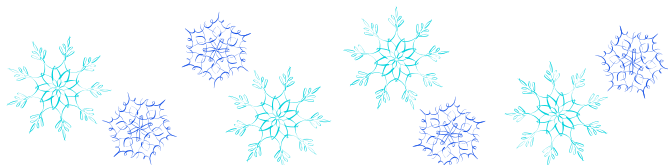
DEENA CUMMINGS

“JAYCEE OF THE MONTH”

LAUREEN HOUSE

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

“PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER”



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.

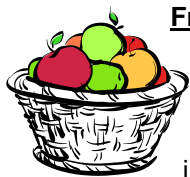
Treats for our Troops – Deena Cummings – Nov GM

Deena has sent out the shipment of goodies to our friends overseas. Her contacts will be coming home soon, but we will be looking to see if there are other folks we can get contact names/destinations for in order to continue this project. Additional information will be given at the next GM. If you know a service man or woman who needs our help, feel free to give that information to Deena.

Nativity Set Repair, Set-Up & Take-Down

– Kathy Brady

Kathy took a good look at our figures and decided they were presentable and no repairs were needed at this time. And so, a small crew of members and vehicles brought the statues up to the common and placed them on the bandstand for their seasonal viewing. The Baby Jesus will be placed in his cradle on Christmas Eve. Kathy will be looking for help transporting the scene back to its storage facility. Thanks Kathy for watching over our set.



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

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, joined by our partners at Brigham and Women's Healthcare Center. The first shift of volunteers will meet at the center to set up the room and prepare the wrapping stations at 6:30 pm sharp. Basket assembly & wrapping will commence at 7:00pm. The truck will be loaded the following morning, exact time TBA. Many thanks go to those who have volunteered to help! Remember to wear your Jaycee gear!

Holiday Banners – Monica Rigamonti - FINAL

The banners were placed on our light poles in plenty of time for the common decorations. Thank you, Monica, for taking care of this project once again.



Common Decorating –

Lynn Freerksen

Lynn and crew gathered on the common Saturday morning and although the temperatures were brisk, decorated the common with bows, garland, and lights.

Make sure you take notice of our common and know that the Jaycees have continued this tradition for many a year. Lynn will advise when help is needed to take down the decorations.

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

The date has been set as

Thursday, December 18th at 6:00 for the Foxboro High Jazz Band to lead us in this yearly event. Folks will gather and sing carols with the Band and travel across the street to the Doolittle home to entertain the residents there. Hot Cocoa and Cookies will be supplied.

Tree Lighting Ceremony – FINAL


We teamed up with Foxborough Recreation Department in order to hold the first annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The common looked wonderful, thanks to the Decorating Crew and the Nativity Scene Set up folks. The large pine tree had the lights attached a week or so ago, but it wasn't until the arrival of Santa and the Mrs. that the tree was lit. There were over 300 people who came to witness the lighting of the tree. Children had visited the library and made ornaments to hang on the tree, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived by Foxboro Fire Trucks, there was hot cocoa and cookies available. We were entertained by several members of the Foxborough High Holiday Chorus, as well as the dancers from Elite Dance Center. This event is sure to become a new tradition for the folks of Foxboro to ring in the Holiday Season.

Sand for Seniors – Mohsen Khalifa

Mohsen has plenty of buckets, and sand to ensure the safety of our seniors. If you know of a senior who is in need of sand, contact Mohsen and he'll get a bucket delivered to them. Thank you Mohsen, there are so many who depend on your help.

Community Development continued...

NEW...Sparky the Fire Dog Costume – Kathy Brady

We have been approached by Foxboro Fire Chief, who  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 fund raiser to help defray the costs to the chapter, but this is exactly what we take pride in contributing to. We have a small crew of folks that are working with the Fire Department to see what the Jaycees role will be.

NEW...Help at the Wrentham Abbey – Lynda Walsh

...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.

Special Thanks...

I'd like to thank all the project chairs for their leadership in order to get all of these projects completed. Thank you to all who came out in support and your work on these projects. I hope that you have been motivated to take on chairmanship of upcoming events, knowing that you'll have plenty of support. ~
Lynda

Individual Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Greetings Jaycee friends! Please accept my sincere wish for (choose as many as you like): Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Holidays, Happy Festivus, Season's Greetings, Have a good day, and Go Pats! (I believe that covers everything this month!)



Jaycee kids Christmas party – Monica Fisler – Sat Dec 13 10:30 – 11:30 @ SFCC

This is a party for the children of current Jaycees and features goodies, games, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you Monica for chairing this one – we didn't run it last year and we're so happy its back.

Progressive Dinner – Helene Savage – Sat Dec 6th, 6pm *Flyer Attached*****

Our annual formal "appetizers / dinner / dessert" event is a MUST attend my friends! It's a great way to meet many of our members and also to have a GREAT time and enjoy great company. By the time this Wise Fox is distributed, invitations will have been sent out!

Walking Club – Lauren House – Every Saturday

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

Meetings and Programs

- **Food/Goodies:** Pam Warren will be bringing some holiday—themed goodies to the December GM, thanks Pam!
- **Programs:** I really enjoyed the presentation given by Foxboro's building commissioner, Bill Casbarra, at the November GM; thank you Dave Brown for arranging that. If you have a speaker in mind for a GM, please let me know.
- **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. Note: I may not be there so **please bring your cameras so someone can get a picture and send it to me please.**

Restaurant Night - Splitsville/Howl at the Moon - Lynda Walsh - TBD

Likely January, details coming soon!

Trivia Night - Kathy Brady

We will be taking a break from Trivia until January due to all the other activities going on. Thank you Kathy for continuing to chair this incredibly enjoyable event.



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.

Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis – Sunday Feb 15

Save the date! Our annual family day to the Providence Bruins will be Sunday, February 15, 2015 as the Providence Bruins take on the Manchester Monarchs. This is the 5th or 6th year we have done this event, and it's very much a family day, it starts in the afternoon so the kids are home early, and features great seats to an excellent hockey game at the Dunk! With parking much cheaper than Boston and half-price tickets (usually around \$16) we typically get over 20 people. Jaycees, Jaycee kids, family, strangers, everyone is invited. More details to come. Questions? Want to go? Contact chairman Bob Gillis. More details in January and at the GM

Book Club – Lauren 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. Interested? Contact Lauren at ducla567@aol.com



Next Books:

January 8th, 2015 at 7:00 pm (note date change)

"The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown.

Hosted by: Sandy Daniels, 5 Green Street, Foxboro 508-543-6665

February 5th, 2015 at 7:00 pm

"Boston Mob: The Rise and Fall of the New England Mob and it's most Notorious Killer" by Marc Songini

Host TBD

Membership

Vice President: *Laureen House*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I just want to give a shout out to our newly sworn in Members, Stephen Strickland and Sharon Hall! Stephen is a referral from Dave Fisler. Way to go Dave! Sharon signed up with Paul Lanza at the Membership Booth at the Elections. Sharon has jumped right in and is hosting dinner for the progressive dinner and is the Chairman for SCAT night. Thank you both for joining and being an active part of the Chapter. Glad to have you on board.

With the New Year right around the corner, I welcome you to think about how you can become more involved in the following year. We still have Director Positions on the Board, for all areas. Please consider volunteering for these positions as they will provide you with insight to the inner workings of the Chapter as well as, giving you an idea of what a Vice President position would entail. Remember, Jaycees are about being leaders through community and individual development. The first step to being that Leader is saying I can do this.

Election Day Membership booth –

Thank you to those that volunteered during this day to share their knowledge of the Foxboro Jaycees. Paul Lanza Dave Brown Ellen Malloy Lisa Jolicoeur We have new member interest from this event from June Cicero, Dotty Dundan, Malinda Vance and Sharon Hall

Bookmarks – Pam Warren

We are currently looking into prices and should have them ready for distribution soon.

Membership Committee – Various Jaycees – TBD in New Year, 7:30 pm Laureen's House

If you would like to join the membership committee, please contact myself, Laureen House ducla567@aol.com and I will include you on our list.

Membership Incentive –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. Dave Fisler is the most recent recipient with his referral of Stephen Strickland. 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 – 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>. Bob has recently synced Meetup to the website, as events are added to MeetUp they will also appear on the website and you can RSVP from either site. Also, did you know that each post and page from the website can easily be shared on social media, with just a click of a button. Please feel free to share information from the website to social media. This will help spread the word of the wonderful projects that we run.

Networking on Website: There is a special page on the site called Jaycee Networking, this allows members to share any information for your business or services on the website. This is a free perk of being a Foxboro Jaycee Member. (Chapter Bylaws do not permit you to utilize Jaycee information for non-Jaycee purposes, i.e. roster)

CPGs on website: keep sending those CPGs to Bob and he will add them to the website archives for future reference. These Chairman Planning Guides are invaluable when used to run a project. Check out the vast library he has been maintaining for the Chapter.

Jaycee Photographs: if you have any pictures of Jaycees, Jaycee events and would like to share them on the website please forward them to Bob. He will ensure that they are included appropriately.



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=PLsYAnFEwYvBxW177hkgu4wKil2d4PBZnM>)

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
Ducla567@aol.com

