



## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

January 2015

Dear Foxboro Jaycees,

I want to start off this Wise Fox by sending a BIG "thank you" to all of you who turned out in masses to support our holiday projects! It was really nice to see so many newer members so involved, and also see smiling faces of people we don't see very often anymore – all that made the season so much more spectacular! Thank you! Bob Gillis has feverishly been posting pictures online – be sure to check them out and see what I mean! And if you have pictures to add, please send them to Bob.

Also, I want to send a special thanks to Chair people and Board Members who made the holiday projects run so smoothly this year. You all did a fabulous job during a **VERY** busy time of year and your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all your efforts, we provided 265 area families with the treat of healthy fresh fruit, sponsored gifts to a child and a senior in need of some assistance, and delivered sand and salt to several seniors in town for their walkways. We brought Holiday cheer to the entire town of Foxboro by providing a showing of "It's a Wonderful Life" on the big screen at the Orpheum, decorating The Foxboro Common, teaming up with the Foxboro Recreation Department to organize the town tree-lighting ceremony, and hosting Caroling on the Common in cooperation with the Foxboro High School Music Department. Of course, in addition we also managed to squeeze in some fun for our own benefit at the Jaycees' Walking Club and Book Club, Progressive Dinner, and our annual Yankee Swap at the December meeting!

Also, I would like to officially welcome our newest member, Tom Sullivan, who joined in December. Many of you already had the chance to meet him at a GM or at the Jaycees Kids' Christmas Party. Welcome to the Foxboro Jaycees, Tom! We are excited to have you with us!

Finally, I want to wish you all a happy and safe start to 2015. I am excited about the new year and the possibilities and opportunities that it brings with it. For those of you for whom 2014 was difficult, I hope that 2015 brings welcome change for the better, and for those of you who had a good year in 2014, may the next year even surpass the last!

I am looking forward to seeing you at the January GM on January 14<sup>th</sup> – we will have a guest speaker: Heather Harris – more information to come!

Remember, you can always check out our upcoming events at <http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?p=11643>

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

~Vanessa Linke

*"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else."*

- Benjamin Franklin

# 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, it is fun!

## General Membership Meeting

We had 24 members at our December meeting and it was great seeing you all.

We followed the agenda, discussing the various projects and new projects in the works.

One vote was taken:

- 1- Amend Line Item 468 (Road Race) to read Income \$4625, Expense, \$3,650, Net \$975. Motion by Deena Cummings, Second Lynda Walsh. Presented that this additional funding will pay for a professional company to manage a number of logistical aspects of the race. Motion passed 21-0.

## Minutes from the 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

Get well cards were sent to Karen Mulvey and Linda Lanza. A bereavement card was sent to Dave Reid on the passing of his mother.



## Board Meeting

The Board met on 12/22/14. The membership application of Tom Sullivan was accepted on a motion by Laureen House and a second by Bob Gillis

## 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 your continued good work.

## Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis

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

## 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 brought a rendering of what a new sign would look like. Dave will be asking for \$450 to cover the costs and taxes for 10 signs which will be ordered and installed around town in spring.



## Inventory Coordinator —Dave Brown

I have volunteered to be inventory coordinator. If you need anything from inventory please call me. The spreadsheet of what we have was recently updated and posted on the website. December was a busy month as number of the chapter's assets were used in conjunction with our holiday projects. Please coordinate the return of what you have with me.

We continue to look to replace the 12x12' tent and are looking for any season end deals. Let me know if you see any deals out there.

See everyone soon!

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

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**DEENA CUMMINGS (10)**  
**VANESSA LINKE (7)**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**DEENA CUMMINGS**  
**DONNA MCINTYRE**  
**JOHN ZARRELLA**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**"JAYCEE OF THE MONTH"**  
**LYNDA WALSH**

**"PROJECT OF THE MONTH"**  
**MEMBERSHIP BOOTH AT TOWN ELECTIONS**



# Ways & Means

**Vice President: *Dave Fisler***

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Wow, it has been a fun December full of lots of projects and getting together with friends and family.

It's 2015. It seems like we just celebrated 2014 and that I just swore in Vanessa as President. Time flies when we are having fun. We have a lot going on over the next few months. We will start talking about the upcoming board positions, Scat night, Easter egg hunt, Founders Day, and many more projects. First I would like to talk a little about the board. I and a committee will be calling all Regular members to see if they are interested in holding a board position.

## **The Board positions are:**

- President
- Individual Development Vice President
- Community Development Vice President
- Ways & Means Vice President
- Membership Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Each VP may also have a director; an assistant that helps the VP and may occasionally fills in when the VP is unable to attend a meeting.

The next few issues of the Wise Fox will have descriptions of each job written by the person holding the position currently. Please read them and ask any questions you may have.

I and many of the current board members have held many of the positions and would be able to answer your questions.

This year I hold the Ways & Means Vice Presidency. This position raises the funds for the chapter. I do this by getting chairmen to run the projects. I make sure my Chairmen have the support they need and if I can I show up and help out. This year we had several new projects and a few tried and true projects. It is not the intention of the position that if you can't find a chairman then you must run it. If you can't find a chairman then the project does not run. This is what happened to the Thing-a-ma-gig contest. I did not have the time to run the project and no one stepped up so I removed it. I hope it will run someday. I think it will be a great project.

I have held all VP positions in the chapter; I find Ways and Means and ID to be easier. Don't get me wrong, each position presents its own challenges. My skill set makes me more comfortable in Ways and Means. So please if you want to know more about this position call me, email me, talk to me at the GM.

I will talk more on nominations next month, now onto my report:

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

The road race chaired by Deena and committee is in full swing, we have finalizing a route in South Foxboro, will be meeting with the town for permission and we are planning the advertising campaign to start by mid-January.

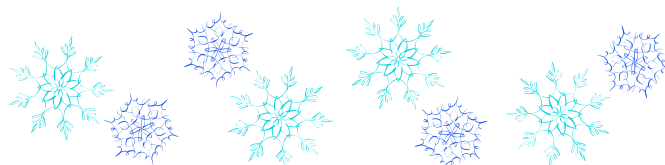
## **Shoe Drive – Dave Brown - TBA**

Dave has researched this project, and has agreed to chair it. We will be accepting used pairs of shoes at a GM to be announced, as well as a few projects. Dave will have more on this at the January GM.



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

***Thank you,  
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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**

If you know a service man or woman who needs our help, feel free to give that information to Deena.

## **Nativity Scene Set-Up & Take-Down - Kathy Brady**

Kathy will be looking for help to get our display back to its safe spot on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date to help.

## **Fruit Baskets – Sophia Manos - FINAL**

Thank you Sophia; and all your little helpers in creating 265 Fruit Baskets to be delivered by our friends at the Discretionary Fund. You got some great help, and super publicity! Nice job with your first project!

## **Common Decorating – Lynn Freerksen**

Lynn will be looking for help to take down the decorations on the common. Since the Patriots have clinched home field advantage during the playoffs, we may keep some of the garland and bows up throughout the playoffs, but the lights will need to be taken down. Possibly the 10<sup>th</sup> when the nativity scene will be taken to the storage facility. We like to keep some of the decorations up because there are many times that local TV and/or National Stations will post a photo of our common, usually the Foxborough Sign.

## **Adopt a Child for Christmas – Lisa Jolicoeur - FINAL**

Thank you Lisa for taking care of one of Foxboro's little ones; one that may not have had a very merry Christmas without you.

## **Caroling on the Common – Andrew Steel - FINAL**

Congratulations Andrew, your first project was a huge success. Although there was a nip in the air, many came out to sing and ventured over to the Doolittle home to entertain the residents there.

## **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.

## **NEW! Sparky the Fire Dog Costume – Kathy Brady**

Kathy and her dad (Ralph) have been in contact with members of the Fire Department and will be discussing what role the Jaycees will play in the purchase of a new costume for Sparky.

## **NEW! Help at the Wrentham Abbey – Lynda Walsh**

This is a project that we'll be working on in the spring.

Special thanks...

Thank you to 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. Looking forward to another successful year.

Happy New Year to ALL!





# Individual Development

**Vice President: Bob Gillis**

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Happy New Year my Jaycee friends! As always, it has been a whirlwind December of community development and individual development Jaycee projects, each one a smashing success! Congratulations to all chairman and their committees for jobs very well done! Now onto the report...

## Meetings & Programs

Thank you to Laureen house for arranging for Heather Harris, a motivational speaker, to speak at the January GM.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring goodies to the GM this year; I am very happy to inform you that our friend Pam Warren has graciously agreed to bring more goodies and tasty treats to the January GM – if you were at the progressive dinner or last month's GM, you know she makes amazing desserts! Thanks, Pam!

## Trivia Night - Kathy Brady

TBD, 630 to 9 PM at game seven sports bar, 60 Man Mark Drive, Plainville MA. Exact date will be announced via Jaycee email and at the GM, generally we meet the third Wednesday of the month. This is a very family friendly event, we get lots of kids, the food is great, the trivia game is a lot of fun (and often hilarious) and low key. If you haven't been to trivia, please join us – you'll be glad you did.

## Jaycee kids Christmas party – Monica Fisler – FINAL

Monica and her band of elves held this event Saturday, December 13 at the SF CC. Santa and Mrs. Claus met with the children and posed for pictures. I am profoundly grateful to Monica for ensuring that the project ran this year. It's very important to the Jaycee kids and their parents, and was a huge success. Thank you Monica!

## Progressive Dinner – FINAL

### Helene Savage & Laureen House

From all reports the evening was a tremendous success! I'm sorry I didn't make it, but migraine = Bob not much fun. I understand that the appetizers I made (specifically the BBQ chicken drumsticks) generated a lot of discussion -- apparently they were a little too big for "appetizers" and were more suited to something for King Henry the Eighth, ha ha! Glad folks enjoyed them. THANK YOU to everyone who attended and thank you to Helene and Laureen for making it happen!

## Walking Club – Lauren House & Lisa Jolicoeur

### Saturday mornings 745am – Bike Path in Mansfield

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

## Jaycee Reunion – Lynda Walsh - TBD

## Restaurant Night - Lynda Walsh – Howl at the Moon – Thurs Jan 2, 6-9pm.

If you attended the summer concerts on the common the night Howl at the Moon appeared, I think you will agree it was one of the best shows ever presented there. This event will likely be equally fun. Please join us.

## Ski Trip – Mike Mills -TBD

The Jaycees are going skiing this year! Thanks to Mike Mills who has stepped up to chair the event, there WILL be a Jaycee ski trip this year. Mike is potentially looking at Superbowl Sunday weekend for the event -- that is still TBD and subject to change -- more details will be provided at the January GM. Please contact Mike Mills [mmills37@gmail.com](mailto:mmills37@gmail.com) to indicate your interest in the 2015 Jaycee ski trip.



## “Skat 31” Card Game Night – Sharon Hall

Sharon will be hosting our annual card game at her home January 24. There will be more details to come at the January GM, and on our website. I encourage newer members to attend this event, it's a lot of fun and you will meet new and veteran members. All you need is a roll of quarters and the beverage of your choice. I might even explain why everyone asks me my state capitals each time I attend this event. No promises.

## Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis – Sunday Feb 15

I decided to hold this event earlier this year because it is so popular. The game is at 3 o'clock at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence Rhode Island (formerly the Providence Civic Center). This is the fifth or sixth year we have done this. The Jaycees get tickets at half price, it is a VERY family friendly event, whether the team wins or loses the game is always enjoyable, and we usually get 20 to 30 people attending. I will have a sign-up sheet at the Jaycee January GM, please let me know if you are interested in going. I will order tickets you can pay me when I give them to you.

## Book Club – Laureen House - Ongoing

### Next Meeting: Feb 5 at Stephanie O'Neill's

The Jaycee book club meets the first Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 PM at various homes.

The February book is "Boston Mob: The Rise and Fall of the New England Mob and it's most notorious killer Mark Songini" and the meeting will be held at **Stephanie O'Neill's house on February 5**. You can find a list of all upcoming meetings, all books read with comments, and far more on the book club pages on the Jaycee website.



**The holidays are over, it's a new year, and we have a lot to look forward to – please join us for our upcoming events and projects! Bob**

# Membership

**Vice President: Laureen House**

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Happy New Year!

Welcome to our newest Member, Tom Sullivan! Tom, we are glad to have you join the Chapter. Tom has already been to a General Membership meeting and attended the Kids Christmas Party with his two wonderful boys. Santa and Mrs. Claus loved seeing them, Make sure to introduce yourself to Tom at the next event.

With the New Year right here, I urge you to think about how you can become more involved in the following year. We will be gearing up soon to put a new Board together. Dave Fisler will be putting together the nominations committee. Please take the time to talk with Dave and his committee about the fantastic opportunities of being on the Board of Directors. We need you to start thinking now, where you can lead the Chapter in the coming year. The Nominations committee will be formed soon, but you have time to think about how you will help lead the Chapter. The first step to being that Leader is saying I can do this.

## **Membership table – Chairman Needed** **Howl at the Moon**

Lynda Walsh is running a restaurant night, Thursday January 22, 2015 at Howl at the Moon. She is working to see what we can do for set up and displays. We are looking for someone to coordinate with Lynda, contact new and potential members for the event, and be ready to talk to prospective members the night of the event. Please contact Laureen if you are willing to Chair or assist.

**Bookmarks** – Chairman – Pam Warren/Laureen House  
We are currently looking into prices and should have them ready for distribution soon.

## **Membership Committee** – Laureen House, Lisa Jolicoeur, Bob Gillis, Maria Montanez, Vanessa Linke, Pam Warren – January 12, 7:00 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. Monica Fisler is the most recent recipient with his referral of Thomas Sullivan. Congratulations Monica and great job spreading the word of our 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 – Ongoing**

Bob Gillis is doing a wonderful job to keep our website current, especially with all the great winter 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>.



**Events:** Bob has recently synced Meet up to the website, as events are added to Meet Up 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)

**CPG 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](http://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>)

**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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