



## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

February 2015

Dear fellow Foxboro Jaycees,

Happy Birthday! Congratulations, you are all part of the Foxboro Jaycees' 54<sup>th</sup> birthday (January 18<sup>th</sup>)! This is quite an achievement, and many of you have been essential to the chapter's success for many years (some even for several decades). I thank all of you for your hard work, time, and energy over the years that brought us to this point.

As a wonderful birthday present this year, our hometown Patriots gifted us a wonderful, shiny Lombardi trophy! WOW. What. A. Game. Unbelievable! Thank you for a fabulous season, Pats!

Although this time of year is typically a bit quieter for us, we do have some great social activities lined up. **Scat Night** at The Halls was a great success and we had a lot of fun at the **Howl At the Moon** outing in January. But, there's more to come! Grab some friends, family members, or neighbors, and join us for monthly **Team Trivia** at Game7 @6:30pm and/or the **Providence Bruins Outing** on Sun, Feb 15@ 3pm. As with all of these events, "the more" truly is "the merrier"!

If you want to look a little further ahead to the coming months, we are working on a few larger Community Development and Ways & Means projects that could use Chairmen, committee members, and manpower, so please let the respective Chairmen or VPs know if you are interested in helping (see those sections of the Wise Fox for more info).

Finally - even though this is hard to believe - it is time to start thinking about next year's Board of Directors. We are just starting to form the **Nominations Committee** and April elections are still a couple months away, but I am asking all of you to seriously consider stepping up to volunteer on the Board. We need some fresh ideas, some new excitement, and big dreams to start the next 54 years off right! Come join the Board and help shape the future of the Foxboro Jaycees.

I hope all of you are doing well and were able to stay warm and safe throughout our recent winter storms! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the February GM – The Town Manager Bill Keegan will be there to tell us about what is going on in and around Foxboro!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

~Vanessa Linke

*"A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens - citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."*

- George H. W. Bush (A past member of the Texas Jaycees)

# 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! Many of our new members have recently chaired a project and found it to be rewarding experience.

## **General Membership Meeting**

We had 13 members at our January meeting and it was great seeing you all.

We will have a guest at the February meeting. Bill Keegan, Foxboro Town Manager will be joining us.

Now, onto the report:

We went through the agenda discussing the various projects and new projects in the works. Three motions were made and voted on:

1. Motion by D. Brown second by V. Linke to change line item 108 to an expense of \$450 to purchase new road signs to replace what we have around town. All present voted yes (13-0)
2. Motion by D. Brown second by M. Mills to appropriate \$97 to replace a damaged thermos used to keep hot chocolate hot at the Christmas Caroling event so voted 13-0
3. Motion by L. House second by P. Warren to create a new line item for W&M project called Shoe Box Recycling program with an expense of \$50 and income of \$100

## **Minutes from the last GM and beyond**

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 this is where everything can be found. If are having trouble finding some I suggest that you e-mail Bob Gillis.



## **Sunshine Report**

No sunshine was needed—we all seem to be healthy and well even if we had no flu shot.

## **Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis**

When you complete a project, please create a Chairman's Planning Guide and send a copy to Bob Gillis to be stored on the website as a reference for future chairmen.

## **Inventory Coordinator —Dave Brown**

If you need anything from inventory please call me. Please also coordinate the return of what you have from our holiday projects with me.

**Signing Off** - Off to Costa Rica----See everyone soon!

Dave Brown

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## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**Bill Dempsey (9)**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Thomas Sullivan  
Jane Webster**

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**"JAYCEE OF THE MONTH"**  
**Kathy Brady**

**"PROJECT OF THE MONTH"**  
**(It's a tie!)**

**FRUIT BASKETS**  
**Sophia Manos**

**CAROLING ON THE COMMON**  
**Andrew Steel**

**"ROOKIE OF THE QUARTER"**  
**Sophia Manos**



# Ways & Means

**Vice President: *Dave Fisler***

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Ok, have you had enough of the snow? I have. The snow banks are as tall as I am. The town has pushed so much snow to the end of my street that it blocks part of my garage. (Not that they had much choice in where they put it.)

Well as promised I am going to talk a little more on nominations. I made my first round of calls, I got a few maybes. I have a yes for President. Thank you Deena! Now I just need to get Miss Deena some support. I left a lot of messages this past weekend. Please give me a call back and let me know either way. I am just going to call again and again and again.

We all joined this organization for a reason, mine was to meet good people, help my community and have a good time. I never thought about leading this organization, it was the furthest thing from my mind. I got involved when I was 16 years old. A coworker asked me if I could wire a Haunted House. Being 16 and knowing everything, I said of course I can, I can even wire un-haunted houses. Thus began my association with The JC. I was asked to come back the following year and was asked to join. I only thought the JC did HH and the member I was speaking to gave me a long dissertation of what it meant to be a JC. The only thing she left out was you needed to be 21, Oops. Longer story short I kept coming back to the HH and helped with the wiring until I turned 21. My birthday is in March before the GM so I got a call for the March GM to join. I lived in Dedham at the time, a JC friend made sure I made it to the meeting. The 3 goals I stated in the start of this have all been accomplished. Through my work with the JC I was able to have the skills to start a business, speak to a large group of people, speak my mind, learn when not to speak my mind, and many other leadership skills that I was taught while serving on the board. I have been IDVP, Membership VP, CDVP Ways & Means VP, a few directorships, President. I have represented this organization on a National level as State President. I never set out to do this; I just enjoyed devising ways to scare people. After I joined in March, I was asked to be on the board. I told the person I know nothing about running a chapter or inspiring people to do stuff for free.

The person looked at me and said not to worry, 1) we are a teaching organization, 2) no one expects you to know the answers, 3) this is just another way of helping out you get to know more people in the JC and in the community. So at 21 I served as the chapters IDVP. 17 years later I have served on 13 boards and they have not fired me yet. (Although I have asked). Being on the board is not as hard as it sounds. The time commitment is a few hours a month for a board meeting typically 1-2 hours if you stick to the agenda. However we typically go off on tangents as we are a more social board.

The GM and a monthly report: I typically spend 10 to 30 minutes on a report. I am an extremely slow typer and a bad speller so I do a lot of correction. So give it a thought, I will be making more calls this weekend to those of you I left messages with. Please don't send me to voicemail in the hopes I won't call back. I will. Ask my wife, I am annoying as all get out. Just let me know either way. I am not a hard sell. However please consider being on the board before you say no, I'm too busy. Yes I get it we all are busy and life does not slow down. Just give it some hard thought and if you can honestly say I have no time for a board position then that is fine. Just let me know so I can stop calling you. Thanks.

So what was your reason to join? Ask yourself: Could being on the board help me with that reason?

Ok, 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 finalized a route in South Foxboro. We have permission and the advertising campaign has begun.

## **Shoe Drive – Dave Brown - TBA**

We will be accepting used pairs of shoes at this a GM and at future projects to be announced.

## **Founders Day – Multiple Chairmen Needed**

Founders Day 2015 will be Saturday June 13. We have added the Founders Day projects to this month's GM.

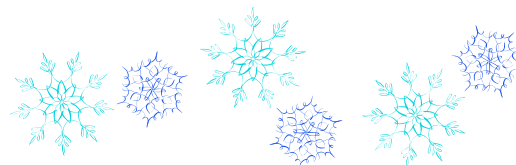
All are looking for chairmen.

- Concessions
- Kettle corn
- Glow sticks
- Pony rides
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If you have any questions please give me a call or see me at the GM

If you have an idea for a project please call 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.

## **Easter Egg Hunt – Chairman Needed**

Looking for a fun project to take on that has great history and brings the towns children together?...well, look no further. Perfect project for the new members, great Chairman's planning guide to help you with details. This project is a lot of fun for the participants as well as the on-lookers. The common becomes a colorful spring-time setting and is truly a community favorite. If interested, contact me please.

## **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.

## **Candidates Night – Chairman Needed**

Each campaign season we invite the candidates to participate in a live question/answer session with local reporters. All candidates are welcome, the majority are running unopposed, however, the one Selectman's seat has two candidates running.

## **HELP WANTED:**

### **CD Vice President ~ The Foxboro Jaycees**

If you love your community and enjoy working together with an excellent team of friends, this position is for you! If you are thinking about taking a position on the next year's board, I'd highly recommend this position. Very soon the nominations committee will be making phone calls to ask your interest in stepping up to become a board member on the 2015-2016 Board. I've had a great time being this year's Community Development Vice President and have enjoyed working with all of the Area's Chairman and working for the chapter as a whole. If you're interested in learning more about this position, feel free to give me a call to set up a time to chat.

## **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.

# Individual Development

**Vice President: Bob Gillis**

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Greetings Patriots nation! What an INCREDIBLE Super Bowl! Our hometown team has done it again. It sure takes the sting out of a long cold winter when the Patriots win the Super Bowl! What a great way to start the month.

Now onto the report...

## **Restaurant Night – Lynda Walsh - FINAL**

This was held at Howl at the Moon/Splitsville Patriot Place on Thurs Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7-10pm. No new members, but I am told that everyone had a very good time. Thank you very much Lynda for chairing this!

## **Scat 31 Night – Sharon Hall – FINAL**

This was held Sat, Jan 24th, 7pm @ The Hall residence (BYOB & quarters, & snack to share). I would like to personally thank Sharon and her hubby John who made us feel incredibly welcome for scat night. Despite the snow and ice, we got over a dozen Jaycees and it seemed like everyone had a really good time. I left around 11 PM, and I heard some folks left at 1 AM! The entire night, there were so many jokes, so much good conversation and good vibes going on – ID projects like this are SO very important at this time of year when it gets dark at 430 in the afternoon and the snow is seemingly endless. Speaking only for myself, an evening like this really recharges your batteries! Thank you again Sharon and John for making us feel so welcome and for everyone who attended!

## **GM Program**

Please come out and attend the February and March GM meetings! We will be having speakers: Feb: Town Mgr. Bill Keegan, Mar: Heather Harris – motivational speaker. Thank you to the folks who arranged for the speakers – one of my goals as ID VP this year was to bring in more "programs" back to the GM – and thanks to several members we have done just that.



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## Individual Development

Vice President: **Bob Gillis**

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### GM goodies:

Many thanks to Pam Warren for the delicious goodies for both the December AND January GM's. I missed my first GM in quite some time (January) due to a nasty some flu bug that I chose not to share with all of you (you're welcome). In February, Lynda will be bringing us some goodies and in March, Laureen will be bringing us some treats. Thank you all – it is much appreciated.

### Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – TBD

**6:30-9p @ Game7 Sports Bar, 60 Man Mar Dr. Plainville MA**  
January brought another win for the Jaycees! Trivia night is another of those feel-good, family-friendly, no stress projects that everyone should really try to attend. I am consistently amazed just how many incredibly obscure pieces of information are floating around in our brains. Please come to trivia – you'll be glad you did.

### Book Club – Laureen House

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month 7-9pm, various locations**

Email Laureen for details. One of our most very popular projects! Reports from the meetings are always so upbeat, and as Laureen often reminds folks, you don't have to read the book to attend! (Although I'm sure it helps the discussion). I'd like to thank Laureen for being in charge of this project for so many years – it means a lot to a lot of people. The Jaycee website is always updated with the latest book club information.

### Next Book Club Meeting:

March 5th, 7 pm – 9pm

**The Red Tent** by Anita Diamont

Host – To Be Announced

### Walking Club – Laureen House / Lisa Jolicoeur

**Saturdays 7:45am @ bike path in Mansfield on Fruit St.** It seems like they never miss a walk! Please consider joining them, it's very social, and good for you!

### How to run a Project/Write a CPG – Derek House - TBD

I will be reaching out to Derek to see what he would like to do with this event. My suggestion is to have it BEFORE A GM; it makes a little easier for folks to attend since they will be at the meeting anyway. I will have more details on the website after I talked to Derek.

### Jaycee Reunion – Lynda Walsh – TBD

**I thought** Katy Perry did a great job at the Super Bowl halftime show. That has NOTHING to do with this report, but I thought I'd throw this in just to see if you're paying attention.

### Ski Trip – Mike Mills

From Mike: "OK, So no one can say I'm not flexible... Due to the minimal positive confirmations I received for the one day bus trip to Maine, I have reconsidered and am instead going to plan a one day trip to Wachusett Mountain. I will maintain the same day as the original (2/21/15) so if you would like to go, please email me back. It is about an hour and a half ride from Foxboro. 499 Mountain Road, Princeton, MA 01541. Mike Mills your ambitious Ski Trip Chairman! [mmills37@gmail.com](mailto:mmills37@gmail.com).

**A note from Bob about the ski trip:** I have to really compliment Mike because he has not got many responses back and he has been VERY flexible about trying to make this project work. There is a possibility it won't run unless people respond. Mike - no matter what THANK YOU for taking this on.

### Providence Bruins Outing – Bob Gillis – Sun, Feb 15, 3pm @ Dunkin Donuts Arena, Providence, RI.

By the time you are reading this the tickets will have been ordered and I will be delivering them as soon as I receive them. At this writing 23 people are going. Note: this is my fourth or fifth year chairing this project, in each year, we always get a few folks who want to add people as the event approaches. Although I only place one ticket order, I CAN put you directly in touch with our liaison at the Dunkin' Donuts Center, you can pay him, and pick up your tickets and will call on the day of the event – this has worked well for folks in the past. I'm looking forward to this event. It's another low key family-friendly event that everyone enjoys.

### Installation banquet – Chairman Needed

The installation banquet is held in April of each year and is our formal dinner – usually held at a venue such as the Lafayette house or Christina's – the outgoing president makes a speech, the new president is sworn in, the new board is sworn in, awards are given for project of the year, chairman of the year, Officer Of the year, and most importantly – KEY MAN – the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Jaycee. Usually, there is an informal after party after the event. I am putting out word now that I need a chairman for this event. I can put you in touch with several veteran members have chaired this event previously. This is one of these projects that MUST be run; I would love to see a newer member step up to chairing it being paired with a veteran member who could mention.

Well, as usual I am a man of few words so that's the ID report. See everyone at the GM! ~ Bob

# Membership

**Vice President: *Laureen House***

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Welcome to our newest Members, Michael Stewart and Patty Reid! Glad to have you join the Chapter. Michael has been helping out with the Chapter since before he joined, most recently with the Decorating on the Common. Patty was our first virtual swear-in to the Chapter. She has recently attended the SCAT night and Trivia Night events. I am looking forward to seeing them take on their first projects and get running with the Chapter!

I know it is only February but before you know it April will be 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 Fidler has started the phone calls to members asking them to take a place on the Board of Directors for the coming year. 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. It takes a simple yes, and an "I can do this" to help lead the Chapter in the coming year. If you are at all interested in any of the positions, reach out to the current VPs and get some insight. I am more than willing to talk about Membership and help guide anyone in the coming year.

## **Membership table at Howl at the Moon – Dave Reid**

Thanks to Dave for keeping good watch over the membership table. Unfortunately we did not get any prospective members, but we did have our information out there for people to see.

## **Membership Committee – Laureen House, Lisa Jolicouer, Bob Gillis, Maria Montanez, Vanessa Linke, Pam Warren –**

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. I would like to thank Dave Reid for his referral of his wife Patty. Congratulations to Lynda Walsh, Dave Brown and Paul Lanza for encouraging Michael to join. Thanks to all of you, for a great job of 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. For those of you who have earned a sweatshirt, please contact me so that I may bring the proper sizes to the next GM.

## **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>.

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:** 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:** 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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