



A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

March 2015

Dear fellow Foxboro Jaycees,

Happy March! As I am writing this, yet another snowstorm is bearing down on the area, as Mother Nature seems to be determined to break all historical records... Hopefully soon, March will bring us longer and warmer days and even spring (eventually, I am sure it will come)! ☺

A big, warm welcome to our newest Foxboro Jaycees: Chrissy Blankenship, Emily Warner, and Alexandra Brenock!

In Jayceeland, March brings several returning events, and the first annual re-designed **Fun Run and Walk** on Saturday, March 14th. If you are interested in walking or running, please register online at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=4945>. If you want to help Deena Cummings with the event, please reach out to her!

We are also working on several other larger projects this spring, for which we are looking for help:

New(er) member Stephanie O'Neill has kindly volunteered to chair the **Easter Egg Hunt** this year. She will need manpower for the stuffing party and the Easter Egg Hunt itself, so please be so kind to offer to help her out. Laureen House and Andrea Cummings have taken on the **Spring Fair on the Common** this year and are already spreading the word about this fabulous event on Sat 5/16. If you know of any local artists, crafters, or vendors, please let them know of our great event and/or give Laureen/Andrea their information so that we can invite them to participate. They will also be looking for some manpower support for the event itself. Also, Max Loew has already finalized the **Concerts on the Common** schedule this year and is now looking for committee help to work on sponsorship coverage for the concerts.

There are also several larger and important projects coming up that are still looking for chair-people. Please contact the respective area VP for further info (there are also CPGs to be found on our website at www.foxborojaycees.org) or if you want to chair one of them:

1. **Candidates Night – Chairman Needed** - pls contact Lynda Walsh
2. **Founders Day Pony Rides – Chairman Needed** – Sat, 6/13 - pls contact Dave Fisler
3. **Founders Day Kettle Corn – Chairman Needed** – Sat, 6/13 - pls contact Dave Fisler
4. **Founders Day Glow Sticks – Chairman Needed** – Sat, 6/13 - pls contact Dave Fisler
5. **Founders Day MEM Booth – Chairman Needed** - Sat, 6/13 - pls contact Laureen House
6. **Founders Day Parade – Chairman Needed** – Sat, 6/13 - pls contact Lynda Walsh
7. **Concerts Concessions – Chairman Needed** – Thurs, Jun - Aug - pls contact Dave Fisler
8. **Concerts MEM Booth – Chairman Needed** - Thurs, Jun - Aug - pls contact Laureen House

Finally, I want to make a shameless plea to all the chapter members out there – although we have a few volunteers for next year, we are still looking to fill a few more positions to round out the Board of Directors. If you have any interest at all, please contact either Dave Fisler or me. We are happy to discuss the options with you and go over the roles and responsibilities.

See you at the March GM on the 11th! We will have Journalist and Motivational Speaker Heather Harris there as guest speaker.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit, ~ Vanessa Linke

"Service to others is the payment you make for your space here on earth."
- Mohammed Ali

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

We had 12 members, 3 state chapter and 2 guests at February meeting and it was great seeing you all. We also had a guest speaker, Bill Keegen, Foxboro Town Manager

Our guest speaker at our March meeting will be Heather Harris who is a motivational speaker.

Now, onto the report:

We went through the agenda discussing the various projects and new projects in the works. One motion was made and voted on:

GM MEETING MINIUTES

Motion by Kathy Brady, second by Lynda Walsh that \$100 previously approved for Sarah Freudenberg to spend on an education building be amended that she may spend as needed to promote education in Belize. So voted without objection.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING—2/25/15 –

All members were present except Lynda Walsh.

Motion by Deena Cummings for \$100 to place an ad on the placemats used by the Boy Scouts at their annual pancake breakfast. Second by Bob Gillis. So voted 6-0

Motion Laureen House and seconded by Bob Gillis to accept and welcome the following as new members:

Christine (Chrissy) Blankenship

Alexandra Brenock

Emily Warner

So voted 6-0

JANUARY BOARD MEETING 1/28/15

Motion: Deena Cummings made a motion to increase payment to Lynda Walsh for replacement beverage canister to \$114.13 to also cover expedited shipping of order. Seconded by Dave Fislser. 4 Ayes, 1 Abstained. Noted record the precedent of swearing in of new member at the January 2015 GM via phone call for the first time. In future revisions of the bylaws this should be included. Also, include that Board meetings can be held and votes can be taken by conference call / virtual meeting

New Business

No new business this month

Minutes from 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

A congratulations card was sent to Maria Montanez on the birth of her daughter Alyssa - 2/22/15—7lbs 13 oz. **Congratulations Maria!**



Wise Fox — Jen Franco

The Wise Fox contains everything going on in our chapter – please check it out and maybe even sign up to chair a project! Thank you Jen for your continued good work.

Inventory Coordinator —Dave Brown

If you need anything from inventory please call me. The spreadsheet of what we have was recently updated and posted on the website. At the moment the locker is very much snowed in. **Challenge of the month—finding a snow plow so we could get into the building.**

Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Bill Byrnes (35), Cheryl Cushman (23), Dave Fisler (17), Patricia Kelly (1)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Dave Fisler, Ed Groh, Patricia Kelly, Max Loew, Cindi McCann, Tom Whiffen

CONGRATULATIONS:

Lynn Freerksen - Jaycee of the Month
Sharon Hall (for Scat Night) - Project of the Month

Ways & Means

Vice President: Dave Fisler

It is March and we still have more snow coming... Let's hope that spring is around the corner. I want to see other colors. I am tired of white.

Nominations

After another round of calls to the regular members, I have had a little more success. I have found a secretary. I have now moved on to the calling the associate members. I thank the regular members who took time to call me back or take my phone call. If you change your mind we still have open positions.

As we stand now the following people are nominated:

- Deena Cummings - *President*
- Max Loew - *Secretary*
- Vanessa Linke - *Chairman of the Board*

Open Positions

- IDVP
- CDVP
- Ways and Means VP
- CDVP
- Membership VP
- Treasure

The good news is that next month I will not be talking about nominations.



Spring Fair - Laureen House & Andrea Cummings-Johnstone

Laureen and Andrea have started the leg work; they have applied to the town and will start the mass emails to the vendors.

Road Race – Deena Cummings – Mar 14

The road race chaired by Deena and committee is in full swing, we have finalized a route in South Foxboro. The race will be held on pie day (3/14/15) Deena is looking for volunteers to help with this effort.

Shoe Drive – Dave Brown - Ongoing

We will be accepting used pairs of shoes at this a GM and at future projects to be announced. Dave has already mailed back the first box; he has a second box almost full. He and his committee have a few ideas to take this project to new heights.



Founders Day – Multiple Chairmen Needed

Founders Day 2015 will be Saturday June 13. All projects are looking for chairmen.

- Concessions
- Kettle corn
- Glow sticks
- Pony rides

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**

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 – Stephanie O'Neill

Thank you to Stephanie for taking on this project. We've already overcome one of our challenges... getting access to our storage facility. Thank you to Dave Brown for reaching out to the town for plowing and removing snow. This is Stephanie's first project, so please all come out to support her in this traditional project.

Sand for Seniors – Mohsen Khalifa

Mohsen continues his quest to ensure the safety of all our seniors. This project could run into May at the rate we're going here. Thank you so much Mohsen for your continuing efforts.

Candidates Night – Sophia Manos

Thank you to Sophia for stepping up and taking on this project. There are a couple contested races and the town's people always look to this program to hear what each candidate is all about. This is a fantastic way for each candidate to get their face out there and introduce themselves to the town as viable candidates.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew – Thursdays June-Aug

Max is back! Max ran this project for several years and took last year off...He's very excited about being the chairman once again and has already booked the shows for this upcoming Concerts Season. Hopefully all of the snow will be gone before our first concert in June. Save your Thursday nights for some fun on the common.



Founders Day Float/Participation – Chairman Needed

Looking for an individual that is willing to coordinate our participation in this years' Founders Day Parade. The theme this year is Music; you have a budget and will be able to be creative in any different way. Whether it's a small float, or a few of us marching along, you decide.

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 – David Reid

David has taken on this project to get more information on exactly what Foxborough Fire is looking for from us.

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

This is a project that we'll be working on in the spring, if spring ever gets here.

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

So true story, recently my sister Theresa asked me what I did on the board this year. I explained that this year, I am the Individual Development Vice President. She asked if that was a real title or if I made it up to sound important. I explained it was real, the position has been around for many years, and it sounds better than "Since we do so much for the community this is the stuff Jaycees do for themselves to enjoy." So, onto the "Since we do so much for the community this is the stuff Jaycees do for themselves to enjoy" report.....

General Membership Meeting

At the March GM, we will have motivational speaker **Heather Harris** joining us, so please try to attend! Also, **Laureen House** will be providing some goodies for us!

Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – TBD

Usually the 3rd Wed of the month 6:30-9p @ Game7 Sports Bar, 60 Man Mar Dr. Plainville MA

The Jaycee winning streak was broken in January because YOU didn't come to trivia – yes, YOU reading this. Why aren't you at trivia? Its fun, family-friendly, great food, great company, why aren't you at trivia? Do you want to see the Jaycees lose trivia again? Of course not! So be there!

Book Club – Laureen House

1st Thursday of each month 7-9pm, various locations
Email Laureen for details. Also, we post meeting times, reviews and more on the Jaycee website.

Next meeting: April 2nd 7-9pm, it's a play for the first time: Dixie Swim Club by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten, and also a book, Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote. **Host: Volunteer Needed**

Walking Club – Laureen House / Lisa Jolicoeur

Saturdays 7:45am @ bike path in Mansfield on Fruit St.

Laureen and Lisa have braved some pretty wild weather and cold! Please consider joining their group for this enjoyable and healthy activity!

Jaycee Reunion – Lynda Walsh – TBD

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

I promise I'll get in touch with Derek, just been so busy. I promise an update on this one at the GM.

Ski Trip – Mike Mills

THANK You doesn't seem strong enough an expression to convey my gratitude to Mike for his flexibility and determination to make this project happen. About a half dozen Jaycees enjoyed a day of skiing on 2/21 and sounds like everyone had a great time. Thank you Mike, for making this happen!

Providence Bruins Outing – Bob Gillis

Well, that was INTERESTING! Due to the 2/15 snowpocalypse, the Providence Bruins canceled the game until Monday -- which was really appreciated; that blizzard was terrible and the roads were really treacherous. I'm glad people didn't have to take chances that day. Most folks went Monday; I got flex-tickets from the Providence Bruins so the remaining folks can go another day (most are going 3/15).

Installation Banquet – Lynda Walsh (& Bob Gillis)

Thank you Lynda for chairing this important event, which will be **Saturday April 18!** Join us as we swear in new president Deena Cummings and her board. I will be assisting Lynda with this event. Details to come

Bob

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Membership

Vice President: Laureen House

Welcome to our newest Members, Chrissy Blankenship, Emily Warner and Alexandra Brenock! Glad to have you join the Chapter. Chrissy has already volunteered to participate on the Easter Egg Hunt Committee. Hopefully we will be able to swear in the new members at our GM.

I urge you to think about how you can become more involved in the following year. We are gearing up to put a new Board together. Dave Fisler 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 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 and I will include you on our contact list.



Upcoming Membership Table Chairman Needed

- FunRun Membership Booth- Sat, March 14th, 2015 @ 8:30am)
- Spring Fair Membership Booth -Sat, May 16, 9-3pm on Foxboro Common / Rain Date Sun May 17th
- Founder's Day Membership Booth – Sat, June 13th 9M-3pm
- Concerts on The Common Membership Booth- Thursdays, June 11th through August 13th
- Foxboro Election Day Membership Booth -Monday, May 4

Please email me, or speak to me if you would like to Chair or participate in one of these events.

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 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)

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.

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

Join us for a webinar on Feb 24, 2015 at 10:00 PM EST.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4011588329034910466>

We 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.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

As always, please email Laureen with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area.

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!



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