



A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

April 2015

Dear fellow Foxboro Jaycees,

It is hard to believe, but yet another Jaycees year is coming to a close, and soon the Board of Directors will be handing over the reins of the chapter to the next team.

As I am reflecting on the past year, I find myself deeply humbled by the fact that you entrusted your chapter to me a second time, and incredibly thankful for the exceptional team I had to support me this last year – both within the chapter, but especially on the Board: When the chapter needed you, you all stepped up to take responsibility and I can never thank you enough for that. The job was not always easy and you put in a lot of long hours, but your creativity, dedication, and passion made the year truly amazing! And the best part? We have an awesome chapter to show for it!

A year ago, I issued a challenge to every member of this chapter: The challenge of “5x1”:
To 1) SUPPORT ONE Jaycee event each month, 2) TALK to ONE non-Jaycee about Jaycees each month,
3) CHAIR ONE project during the year, 4) RECRUIT ONE member, and 5) GROW ONE rookie.

At least a few of you must have taken me up on the challenge, because, as a result of your hard work:

- 1) We had 22 new members in the last 12 months (a net of +19 members for the year!)
- 2) 6 new members chaired or co-chaired their first project
- 3) We grew the project listing from 55 projects the previous year to 81 projects this year
- 4) We had 24 brand new projects
- 5) 28 different chair people ran projects (up from only 19 the year before)
- 6) And we even have about \$3k more in the bank than we did a year ago :)

Obviously, we still face a lot of challenges and I encourage all of you to continue challenging yourself to “5x1”, but I am positively thrilled with the progress that we made this year. – And, I am excited for the momentum that we now have going into this next year.

Therefore, I want to invite all chapter members to the April GM to participate in the elections for the new 2015-2016 Board of Directors. It's a great opportunity to show your support for the chapter, find out about upcoming projects, to see old friends, meet your nominated officers, and participate in the elections.

The Installation & Year End Awards Banquet will be on Sat 4/18 @ 2pm at the Lafayette House. Invitations are out, and I hope to see all of you there. We have A LOT of accomplishments to celebrate and a new Board to install!

So, once again, I thank you all for your enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication this year. Based on the work the Nominations Committee did, I know the chapter will be in good hands next year. With a bright future ahead, I'm really looking forward to seeing what this chapter and its members can accomplish.

See you at the April GM on the 8th, at 7:30pm!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,
Your outgoing Chapter President,
~Vanessa Linke

"Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others."
- Jack Welch

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 18 members, 3 state senators and 1 guest at the March meeting and it was great seeing you all.

Our guest speaker at our March meeting postpone to another meeting because of an ill child. We will try again for a future meeting.

Now, onto the report:

We went through the agenda discussing the various projects and new projects in the works.

GM MEETING MINIUTES

No motions were made to be acted on at our meeting.

MARCH BOARD MEETING—3/25/15 –

No motions were made to be acted on at the Board 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

Condolences cards were sent to Andrea Johnstone and Deena Cummings on the passing of their grandfather. Also a condolence card was sent to the House family on the passing of Laureen's dear Uncle Bryan.



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 no longer snow in however one must pass through a mud hole to get to it.

Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis

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

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Brady(15), Brown(30), Cole(40),
Daniels(27), Dean(30), Evans(31),
Fox(1), Freudenberg(2), O'Neill(1),
Plumer(1), Zarrella(28)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cheryl Cushman
Laureen House
Mohsen Khalifa
Brendan O'Reilly
Bob Webster

CONGRATULATIONS

Jaycee of the month

Mike Mills

*For hanging in there and finding a way
to have a ski trip!*

Project of the month

Providence Bruins Hockey

Bob Gillis, Chair

A fun time was had by all!

Ways & Means

Vice President: Dave Fisler

It is Spring!!! Yeah, and as I write this it's snowing... Would the real season please stand up? Winter is supposed to be over. I am supposed to be out in the yard cleaning up and planting.

Nominations

I told you last month I would not talk about Nominations. I lied. I forgot they need to be mailed out prior to elections in April.

As we stand now the following people are nominated:

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

Open

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

The following Associates have volunteered to be on the board. They will be appointed by the President after she is sworn in.

- Lisa Jolicouer
- Pam Warren
- Lynda Walsh
- Laureen House
- Bob Gillis

Spring Fair - Laureen House & Andrea Johnstone

Laureen and Andrea have started the leg work; they have applied to the town, the mass emails have been sent and we are starting to get some registrations in.

Road Race – Deena Cummings – FINAL

The road race chaired by Deena and committee was held and was successful despite Mother Nature lack of cooperation. We had 13 participants and laid the ground work for this project's future.

Shoe Drive – Dave Brown - Ongoing

Dave has been mailing in boxes and has received his first check. Thanks to his ingenuity he has broadened this project and it looks as though we will have a steady stream of income for a while.



Founders Day – Multiple Chairmen Needed

Founders Day 2015 will be Saturday June 13.

Concessions – Pam Warren

Pam has started to send out the donation letters. She will be looking for some help as there are many aspects to this project.

Kettle corn – Chairman Needed

This is a project that was started last year. With the craftsmanship of Bob Webster, he created a portable kettle. We would like to continue with this project this year. If you are interested or have questions please call me.

Glow items – Chairman Needed

This has been a JC tradition for as long as I can remember. We purchase glow items (blinkies, wands, sticks) battery or chemical powered and before the fireworks we set out in teams to sell them.

Pony rides – Chairman Needed

This is a little difficult unless you have horses; even then it is not the easiest project. If you have interest please give me a call.

Five Below fund raiser - Chairman Needed

Five below has offered us the chance to raise some money, similar to our restaurant nights where we get a portion of our proceeds back; they will give us a portion of their sales.

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.

Well that's all folks. This is my last Wise Fox report. At least for a while. I would like to thank all my chairmen and all of you who had an idea or two for me. I would also like to thank Jen Franco who has edited the Wise Fox for several years and has put up with my horrible grammar and spelling.

I hope you all have a great year and please try something new, you might like it.

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

Things abroad are ever changing, but Deena believes she has a contact in need of support. 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 – FINAL

Although the snow was falling and the temperatures were chilly, the young lads and lasses came out in droves to see the Easter Bunny and collect all the eggs. Congratulations, Stephanie for a fantastic job handling this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Special thanks to our Easter Bunny, who entertained all the folks who came out. Thank you to the committee for making this project run as smooth as possible!

Sand for Seniors – Mohsen Khalifa

Mohsen continues this project right into Spring, hopefully he can slow down now that April is here...but, you never know. Thank you SO VERY MUCH Mohsen, for all you've done for our seniors in town, huge high fives!

Candidates Night – Pam Warren

The candidates will gather up on April 9th to introduce themselves to the town as viable candidates for their individual seats. Be sure to tune in to Cable for live and repeat performances. Thank you Pam for stepping in and taking on this very important project.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew

Max has all the bands for this upcoming Concert Series booked and will begin the fundraising/sponsorships. The concerts are held every Thursday night during the summer on our beloved common. Bring a picnic and enjoy the music performed by local musicians.

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 in the Air; 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.

Foxborough Common Sign Repair – Kathy Brady

Kathy is in the process of reaching out to different venues in discussion about how best to repair the lettering on our sign. In hopes of including other craftsmen's opinions and suggestions she will working with them on a fix that will last longer than a few years.

Sparky the Fire Dog Costume – David Reid

David is in talks with Chief Hatfield on how we can help them in acquiring a new Sparky Costume, which runs in the thousands of dollars.

Help at the Wrentham Abbey – Lynda Walsh

I will be in touch with Sister Robbie from the Abbey to see what is needed to help clear some debris from walking trails around the abbey and it's guest house. Hoping the snow will be gone and we'll only need to deal with leaves, branches, etc.

Foxborough Clean Up Day – Chairman Needed

We are in need of a member to round up help for this years' clean-up day, to be held May 2nd from 8-12 throughout town. We'd like to have a team of Jaycees working together to help with the town-wide cleanup.

Mansfield Clean Up Day – Chairman Needed

Mansfield will be holding their annual clean-up day the same day, May 2nd, theirs will be held from 9-12 throughout town. Looking for a member to form a team of Foxboro Jaycees to help out our neighboring town with their clean up.

Relay for Life – Chairman Needed

Once again, the Jaycees would like to have our members attend this annual walk which will be held June 19th from 6pm through June 20th 10am. Looking for a chairperson to lead our team. Normally, we like to have representation for the entire 16 hours.

Darkness to Light Training – Lynda Walsh

Our very own Kathy Brady will be training this all important course and it's open to the public. If you're interested in becoming aware of ways to help keep our children safe, please register on line at www.D2L.org, for the course April 10th from 7-9pm or April 11th 9-11am. Both will be held at the Foxboro High School, Room 122.

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. If you're interested in chairing any of the upcoming projects that are looking for Chairman, please contact me, or Bob Gillis.

Individual Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Jaycee friends, as this Jaycee year comes to a close, this will be my final report as individual development VP. It is the second time I have held this post, and I have to say the area is incredibly enjoyable. As ID VP, I will be presenting the award for project of the year for this area, but I say with all sincerity every ID project this year has been a winner. From walking club to paint nights to trivia night to book club to card games and hooray! A ski trip! And so very much more, the ID area has been vibrant, offering something for every Jaycee to enjoy. To everyone who chaired a Jaycee project this year, my sincere thanks.

General Membership meeting

As usual, our April meeting will feature elections for the 2015-2016 Jaycee board. Therefore, we won't be having a speaker. At this writing I do have someone signed up to bring goodies, but I don't have confirmation and I don't want my report to be late (you're welcome Jen!) But no worries, I promise there will be goodies at the April GM!

Trivia night – Kathy Brady

So... funny story: Dan, who runs trivia each week at the game seven pub, suggested to the Jaycees that our group is a bit too large and it would be more fair to split us into two groups – after all, it's not exactly fair in a trivia match to have 20 people on your team! Anyway, it made absolutely no difference for everyone else, because at the last trivia night, the Foxboro Jaycees not only won the night, but came in second as well with the other Jaycee team! Well done friends! If you haven't been to trivia – and some of you have not – please come out! It usually runs the third Wednesday of the month at the game seven pub in Plainville – directions on the website – and all are welcome – family, friends, kids, everyone! Thank you Kathy Brady for continuing to chair one of our very favorite projects

Book club – Laureen House

Thank you Laureen for continuing to run the book club. This is a project that has been running for many years now and is enormously popular. My understanding is that every meeting offers enjoyable discussion (of not only the book but a lot more!), laughs, and a low-key evening of Jaycee friendship. The next book is: May 7, 2015 Book: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. Host: TBD

Jaycee walking club – Laureen House – I may be mistaken (don't laugh it HAS happened before) but I don't think that Laureen and Lisa and the walking club have missed a walk yet – that, despite the snowiest winter in the history of Massachusetts! This is another project that has taken on a life of its own, and is very enjoyed by all who participate. Meets Saturday mornings – details on the website.

Jaycee reunion – Lynda Walsh

Lynda is planning this for later this year.

How to run a project and write a CPG – Derek House

This will likely run over the summer before A GM. Details later.

Installation Banquet – Lynda Walsh

I want to thank Lynda personally for chairing this event. It is arguably one of the most important events of the Jaycee year. I've already returned my "YES" invitation – have you? We will be meeting and dining at the Lafayette house again this year – the food is excellent, the venue and the staff treatise very well – and we will swear in the new board, say nice things about each other, and present the awards for the previous Jaycee year. This is a lovely opportunity to gather with newer and veteran Jaycees. PLEASE NOTE this year's installation banquet will take place in the AFTERNOON – for the first time – and I love this idea – the installation banquet will be a luncheon – not only is this a little less expensive, but it means more people, especially perhaps those with children, can attend. Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 2:00 PM. PLEASE RSVP yes to Lynda as soon as possible.

Well my friends, that's all for this year from me for ID! Unless a regular member steps up – and I encourage you to do so – I will be community development VP next year – the first time in my 22 year JAYCEE career that I have taken on this role – I am very excited about the challenges and slightly terrified at the prospect!

Why? Because Community development is what the Jaycees are all about – from national night out against drugs to founders day to all our holiday activities and countless other projects – this is our most visible area. When I email and call you – and I WILL call you – please say YES and share a community development project this year. One of my goals as CD VP is to try to activate our newer members to chair community development projects. As I've said before, there will always be someone there to mentor you or co-chair the project – we will not throw you into the deep end of the pool – but I would really like to see new members activate and chair projects – not just in the CD but all areas. **Think about it – you joined the Jaycees to become involved in your community: I challenge all new members to chair at least one project in any area next year!**

We all know I have a tendency to, how shall I say this, never shut up. But I talk most about the things I love, and the things I am most proud of – and I say with all sincerity, I am so very proud to be a member of the Foxboro Jaycees – my involvement with this organization has been one of the best parts of my life. Once again, to our newer members who have sworn in but not done too much yet, I challenge you to become more involved: you might find out what I did – service to humanity is indeed the best work of life (and you will also make great friends!)

Membership

Vice President: *Laureen House*

Here it is April already, the end of our fiscal year. It has been a pleasure serving the Chapter in the capacity of Membership Vice President. I am happy to see that we have new members and reactivated members getting involved with the projects. I hope to see the Chapter take this momentum into the next Board year with enthusiasm and Jaycee spirit. It was a privilege for me to be able to serve on the Board. Thank you for all the help that you have given the Membership area over the last year.

Now onto the Business, like many other areas there are Chairmen needed for the following projects. Please take the initiative and decide to organize the manpower for the following membership booth opportunities. You don't have to do it alone, you can organize a schedule and assign shifts to people willing to assist.

Easter Mountain Sports Foxboro's Club Day Event – Friday/Saturday May 1 & 2, Eastern Mountain Sports, Patriots Place

Foxboro Election Day- Monday May 4th, Ahern Middle School, 111 Mechanic Street

Spring Fair - Saturday May 16 9-3pm, Foxboro Common/Rain Date Sunday May 17th

Founder's Day– Saturday June 13th 9am-3pm

Concert's on the Common – Thursdays, June 11th through August 13th

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

I would like to thank the Committee for their efforts this year.



I hope that you will consider continuing on in the next year as well. If anyone would like to join the membership

committee, please contact myself, Laureen House ducla567@aol.com and I will include you on our contact list.

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 whom 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.



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!

U.S. Jaycees Training

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>)

National training Webinars can be found at
<http://www.jci.cc/local/media/usa/18989/2013-January-May-Webinar-Schedule-Released>

New Member Orientation

Join us for a webinar on Mar 25, 2015 at 9:00 PM EDT.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8487287848850640386>

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.

Passport to Civic Leadership

Join us for a webinar on Apr 21, 2015 at 9:00 PM EDT.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3313785474551790081>

Passport is the primary activation and engagement program for members.

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

New Member Orientation

Join us for a webinar on Apr 28, 2015 at 10:00 PM EDT.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2457943214615395074>

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.

Junior Chamber Youth

Join us for a webinar on May 06, 2015 at 9:00 PM EDT.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3197558299380737537>

Learn about Junior Chamber Youth (JCY) Chapters, the benefits of having one in your community, how to start one, and ideas for planning JCY / Jaycee trainings and projects.

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

New Member Orientation

Join us for a webinar on May 27, 2015 at 9:00 PM EDT.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7419198064373243394>

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.

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