



A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

NOVEMBER 2015

Dear Fellow Jaycees,

November is already here (this year has been flying by!) and that means it is time to start gearing up for all our wonderful holiday projects. The Foxboro Jaycees always provide fantastic support to our community during the holidays and I am sure this year will be no different.

I would like to thank everyone who has stepped up to chair one (or more) of our annual projects. We have a number of newer Jaycees volunteering to take many of these on and that is awesome!

Please remember that Chairman Planning Guides (CPGs) can be found on our website at http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?page_id=932.

We do have some projects that still need someone to step up to chair them, so please look through the individual area reports and consider taking one of them on!

Many of our current chair people will be looking for help with some of their projects, such as **Winter Common Decorating, Fruit Baskets** and **Caroling on the Common**, so please take the time to look over the Community Development Report for dates and times to participate. A list of our upcoming Holiday Projects can be found at http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?page_id=1040.

Our entire updated calendar can be found at http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?page_id=1187.

If you are not ready to lead your own project, we always love to have as much help with these projects as we can gather. Our Holiday events are some of the most fulfilling and fun projects we run all year long and we would love to see you, your family and your friends participating this Holiday season!

I hope to see everyone at the November General Membership Meeting!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,
Deena Cummings

Secretary's Report

The secretary position remains open. If you are interested in joining the board of directors, please contact Deena.

Sunshine Report

There is no sunshine to report this month.

Inventory Coordinator — *Mike Stewart*

If you need to borrow anything from storage, please contact either Mike or Deena.

Congratulations!



Jaycee of the month
Bob Gillis

Project of the month
"McGinty Family Fun Day Manpower"
Lisa Jolicouer

November Anniversaries

Bill Dempsey
Sharon Hall
Cindy McCann
Paul O'Sullivan
Jim Philbin
Stephen Strickland

November Birthdays

John Bolton
Dave Brown
Grayson Franc
Bob Gillis

Individual Development

Vice President: *Andrea Johnstone*

GM Meetings and Programs: Snacks for the October GM to be provided by Lisa Jolicouer Also, if you have any ideas for speakers, please let Andrea know.

Trivia Night – *Kathy Brady* – TBD, 6:30-9pm @ Game7 Sports Bar, 60 Man Mar Drive, Plainville, MA – usually the third Wednesday of the month (we always send out an email). This event remains exceptionally popular and is VERY family friendly so bring the kids, bring friends. Dan saves us a table at 6:30; you can order food (which is delicious) and time and game starts at 7:30.



Book Club – *Dawn Hadley* – Nov 5

If you wish to get on the email chain for book club please email dawn.hadley@state.ma.us.

November Book Club:

"The Nightingale" by Kristen Hannah. The book club will meet at Stephanie's House.

December Book Club: "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins, Volunteer needed for Host

January Book Club Topic: Short Stories from "Fikry". Lisa has these on PDF and will be sending them to us.

Walking Club – *Laureen House / Lisa Jolicouer* - Saturday mornings, 7:45am @ bike path in Mansfield / Fruit St. Email Laureen House at ducla567@aol.com for more details.

Jaycee Reunion – *Lynda Walsh* – TBD Fall 2016.

No update expected for a few months...

Restaurant Night – CHAIRMAN NEEDED

It's been a while since we've had a restaurant night; please let Andrea know if you would like to chair one – it's very easy; pick a nice place where we can chat that has good food and isn't too expensive; have people sign up and make the reservation, everyone pays their own way – that's it!

Kid's Christmas Party – CHAIRMAN NEEDED

Please contact Andrea if you are interested in running this party for the children of Jaycees.

Progressive Dinner - *Heather Loew* - Dec 12

This is our holiday party. We start at one house for appetizers then on to different dinner houses. We are broken down into small groups and after dinner we regroup at the dessert house to end the evening. Everyone takes on a part like hosting appetizer house or dinner house or cooking either apps or dinner. You can also supply desserts for the dessert house. If you would like to sign up please contact Heather Loew at heatherloew@yahoo.com

Ways & Means

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Director: Pam Warren

Shoe Drive – Dawn Hadley - Ongoing

If you have shoes or sneakers that are slightly used, please bring them to the GM and Dawn will add them to our collection. Remember we get .20 cents per pound, it all adds up!

Road Race 2016 – CHAIRMAN NEEDED

If you're interested in chairing this year's Road Race please speak with me or Pam Warren. Last year's chairman, Deena is willing to work with you and help out in any way. If she had her way she'd run it, however she's a little busy with her duties as our Chapter President. Time is of the essence here, as it takes several months to pull this together. All profits will go into our budget in order to fund other Community Development projects. It's a great way for us to get our name back out there, as well as encourage new members to join us.

Notecards – Lynda Walsh

The Notecard packages will be available very soon. I'm hoping to have some available to sell during the Recreation Departments "Rec the Halls" event this coming Friday night (November 6). I will definitely have them available for sale at the November GM. (8 cards with envelopes, one kit has shots from around Foxboro, other kit is a Christmas Note Card package with shots from our Common during the winter). Each kit is \$10.00 and makes a great gift.

Holiday Movie Fundraiser – Bob Gillis

Bob has been in touch with Bill Cunningham (Orpheum Director) to see if he'd be willing to show the classic "It's a Wonderful Life" again this year as a fundraiser for the chapter.

Paint Night – Kelly Condon

Thank you Kelly for taking on this project! Kelly will be choosing a date that works for the Community Center and Holly and Andy to hold this event. Be on the lookout for this upcoming fun project.



Spring Fair – Andrea Johnstone & Laureen House – May 14, 2016

Once again, Andrea and Laureen will be chairing our Spring Fair on May 14th. Andrea and Laureen are asking if you attend any fairs and see some unique booths, if you would kindly grab a business card so they could send out invitations to more vendors.

If you have any ideas on new fundraising projects, please share with Lynda or Pam.

Community Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Director: Mike Stewart

Jaycee friends – we're coming into a very busy season for Jaycee projects in all areas, especially community development. PLEASE participate in / help with some of these important projects:

Publicity

Please use social media as much as possible to publicize the Foxboro Jaycees. If you attend or participate in any JC event and take pictures please send them to Bob and he will get them on the website and Facebook page.

Treats for Troops – Deena Cummings – ongoing (Fall).

I have this on the web site and also Facebook. Please also see the attached flyer. Most needed items are any foods in cans with a pop top lid – that is nothing that requires a can opener – ravioli, SpaghettiOs, canned foods, corned beef, please contact Deena if you would like to assist in any capacity with this terrific effort to support our troops!

Wrentham Abbey Landscaping – Kathy Brady - Ongoing

Very much appreciate Kathy, Paul, and Steve working behind the scenes to help Sister Robbie.

Sparky the Fire Dog Costume – Dave Reid

No update at this time.

100 Years of Impact – Pam Warren / Laureen House – Until Dec 31/Ongoing – not much activity. We are only up to about 40 or so acts of kindness – this is so simple – just email Pam, Laureen, or me with your good deed and we will put it on the Jaycee Facebook page.

Adopt a Kid – Lisa Jolicoeur

Thank you Lisa for taking this on!



Adopt a Senior

We're looking for a chairman for this one. Please let me know.

Caroling on the Common – Stephanie O'Neill

Mark your calendars – Thursday, December 17, at 6:00 PM on Foxboro common and then afterward at the Doolittle home. Thank you so much Stephanie for chairing this very important project!

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Common Decorations – Marc Rivard – Sat Nov 28 9a.



Marc and I went through the inventory and will be recommending purchasing new Garland for the lampposts – some of the old Garland is over 20 years old I believe. Mark your calendars – we need as many people as possible – public, family, kids welcome – Saturday, November 28 at 9 o'clock – meet on Foxboro common. We put lights on the bushes surrounding the bandstand and at the foot of the common, and we decorate all 29 lamp posts and the Foxboro sign with festive Garland and bows. As the cliché goes, many hands make for quick work. Please let Marc know if you are able to help.

Nativity Set-up – Marc Rivard - Sat Nov 28 9a.

Thank you Marc for volunteering to chair this project as well. Same date as decorating the common – Saturday, November 28, at 9 AM. We need strong people. We need people with trucks. I will be reaching out to people, please let me know if you can help!

Holiday Banners – Monica Rigamonti

You may not know that this is a fairly new project. Back in 2011, Monica and Maria Montanez came up with a proposal that we put happy holiday banners around Foxboro common – they hang on the same posts as the Founders day centers. They are a festive red with a reindeer and snowflakes and in recent years we have purchased more to decorate Central Street. Monica will coordinate with the highway department to put them up. Look for them in early December!

Fruit Baskets – Sophia Manos – Wed Dec 16 TBA

S. Foxboro Community Ctr. PLEASE COME!

Family, friends, children welcome! Each December The Jaycees gather and create 250 baskets of fresh fruit that are delivered with the Foxboro Discretionary fund holiday dinner food boxes to needy families. Since 2010 we have partnered with our friends from Brigham & Women's / Mass General Health Care Center to make this possible.



Sand for seniors – CHAIRMAN NEEDED

After six or seven years, Mohsen will be retiring from this project. Mohsen, the Jaycees are profoundly grateful to you for your very hard work, especially last winter! Friends, this project involves bringing a bucket of sand periodically to seniors who use it to sand their driveway to prevent falls. Any suggestions as to who might be a good fit for this? I have no idea who to ask! Please let me know– I would really like to see this effort continue!

Nativity Repair Update - we have inspected the Nativity set – there is at least one figure that is not really usable this year due to damage – several pieces have clearly been moved around carelessly and are chipped or missing small pieces. I don't know the feasibility of getting repair work done before we put the set up on the 28th – but I will be recommending to the board that we look into some sort of refurbishing effort next year.

Tree Lighting – Jen Franco – Saturday Nov 28

Once the common is all decorated, we'll be partnering with Foxboro Recreation in the early evening (exact time TBA) on Nov 28 for the holiday tree lighting ceremony. The Jaycees will arrange for Santa and Mrs. to arrive on the common by firetruck and will provide manpower for refreshments. If you are available to help serve cookies and hot cocoa during this event please notify Jen (text or call 617-462-5533 or email jfranco@commonwealth.com). A flyer containing all the event details will be routed to the chapter and around town once the exact details have been finalized.



The Jaycees really shine in community development this time of year – I say this especially to new members – this is your chance to come out and help even for a few hours and make a huge difference! All too frequently, it's the same dozen or so people involved in each project – please help us change that – we really need your help to make these holiday/December projects a success. End of speech. - Bob



Membership

Vice President: *Laureen House*

Who's Who? – *Monica Fisler*

We are bringing back an old project so that people can get to know the newer members of the Chapter. Monica will be contacting the newer members to get to know them a little bit better. She will then be submitting for our reading pleasure an article on this new member. Please don't be shy when Monica calls, this is a way in which we can all get to know each other better. Get to know Stephen Strickland and Tom Sullivan below in this month's Who's Who! Thanks Monica!

Membership Incentive:

For every name you provide to me for a potential member you will receive an entry into a raffle for a \$60.00 gift certificate to Tanorama in Foxboro. If that member joins the Chapter, you will receive an additional entry for the raffle. Congratulations to Lynda Walsh for winning the last incentive raffle.

New Members Orientation – *Bob Gillis* - Jan 13 6:30pm

This orientation is for new and prospective members, designed to educate you on the inner workings of the Chapter. If you have not yet been to one, this is recommended.

Membership Committee

Would you like to participate in generating ideas for membership? Then I have a committee for you to join! We will meet periodically to discuss how to raise awareness of the Chapter, sign new members and activate current members. Please see me at the General Membership meeting, or email me at DucLa567@aol.com, if you would like to be on this committee.

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. Finn's Graphics has been contacted to replenish our supply. If you are owed a sweatshirt or T-shirt please contact me so that I can ensure proper sizes available for you. Think ahead to Founders Day, we really want to have you participating that day at some point and making sure all have proper attire.

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 and/or Jaycee events and would like to share them on the website please forward them to Bob. He will ensure that they are included appropriately.

Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/FoxboroJaycees/>) and find us on Meetup.com (<http://www.meetup.com/Foxboro-Jaycees/>) --



you can always find the latest updates at

www.foxborojaycees.org. If you are planning on attending posted events, please be so kind to RSVP so that we have accurate headcounts!

US Jaycees Training Available: If you are looking for some guidance or additional training, feel free to attend one of the upcoming US Jaycees Webinars. Recorded training sessions can be found on their YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsYAnFEwYvBxW177hkqu4wKil2d4PBZnM>)

National training Webinars can be found at

<http://www.jci.cc/local/media/usa/18989/2013-January-May-Webinar-Schedule-Released>

Join us for a webinar on Nov 18, 2015 at 9:00 PM EST.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8511591453871098882>

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.

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

Laureen House
Membership VP
DucLa567@aol.com

Who's Who?

By Monica Fisler

This month we are talking to two of our newer members who have a great story. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome **Stephen Strickland** and **Tom Sullivan**.

Stephen joined the Jaycees in November 2014. He grew up in Dedham and currently designs data storage in Hopkinton. He likes to participate in winter sports including snowboarding and snow mobiling. He also enjoys water sports.

Steve (as we know him) and his wife Jenna have two beautiful kids (Zac, 7 and Brooke, 6). Dave and I have known the Strickland's for several years since Emma and Zac were babies in daycare together. He joined the Jaycees because he loves Foxboro and wanted to get more involved with the town and all its activities. He chaired Founders Day Glow Items this year and was a huge help throughout the day.

An interesting fact about Steve is that he is a Patriots season ticket holder and hasn't missed a game in 22 years. Wow, now that's dedication!!

Tom Sullivan joined the Jaycees in December 2014. He also grew up in Dedham (see the connection). He was actually at his first meeting sitting next to Steve and at the end of the meeting they had made the connection that they actually used to hang out in high school. Lost touch after high school and the Jaycees put them back in touch.

Tom works as an O.T. assistant in Newton. He enjoys a little bit of everything. He's very involved in their kids sports activities. He and his wife Lisa have two boys (Derek, 9 and Marc, 7). Dave and I met them at school as the kids have been in class together. One of the reasons Tom wanted to join the Jaycees was he was looking for a way to give back to the town. He's heard about us for the past 8 years and decided to join last year. Tom has helped out with Fruit Baskets and is ready for the upcoming Holiday projects.

One interesting fact about Tom is he is learning to speak Spanish on his own. What a great undertaking.

Welcome to the chapter Steve and Tom. I'm glad the Jaycees were able to reacquaint high school friends.

Here's to lasting friendships.

- Monica Fisler