

FOXBORO JAYCEES The Wise Fox

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

DECEMBER 2015

Happy Holidays, Foxboro Jaycees!

In my opinion, the best time of our Jaycee Year has arrived. December is the month when we get to make a positive impact in our community and have a blast while doing so!

Last weekend a number of Jaycees gathered with Marc Rivard to **Decorate the Common** and for **Nativity Setup**, despite the chilly temperature and the drizzling rain. Thank you to everyone who helped with that, our Common looks very festive for the season. I would also like to thank Jen Franco for coordinating with the town for the **Tree Lighting Ceremony**. This is the second year this project has run and it was a huge success!

Coming up in the next couple of weeks will be **Caroling on the Common** and **Fruit Basket Assembly**. Caroling on the Common will be held on Thursday, December 17th at 6pm. We certainly hope you can join us for the fun! Fruit Basket Assembly will take place Monday, December 21st at the South Foxboro Community Center at 7pm. Lots of help will be needed to get the more than 250 baskets put together in time for the holidays.

Our annual **Progressive Dinner** event will take place on Saturday, December 12th. I hope everyone who can plans to attend. This event is always so much fun and should be a blast this year!

Wednesday Dec 9 is our General Membership Meeting and I hope to see everyone there. We will be having our annual **Yankee Swap** during the meeting, so please bring a wrapped gift to the meeting if you plan to participate. We will also attempt to take our annual **Foxboro Jaycees chapter photograph**, so please plan to have a Jaycee shirt with you at the GM.

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!

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 Mike.

UPCOMING JOINT MEETING

Jan 19 @ Lafayette House

The Foxboro Lions Club has reached out to us and would like us to join them for a joint meeting in January. It will be held January 19th at the Lafayette House. The board believes this will be a good way to network with other groups, see what they're doing to raise membership and if there are projects we could team up on.

The agenda will be to have social time from 6-7, followed by each group giving a little introduction of what their group function is. Followed by dinner, which should be around \$20-25. During dessert/coffee, the Norfolk Register of Deeds will give a presentation on how the Registry of Deeds can help you and the services it provides.

If you're interested in attending, please see Deena Cummings or Lynda Walsh.

Congratulations!

Jaycee of the month

Jen Franco

Project of the month

"Shoe Recycling"

Dawn Hadley

Happy
Anniversary

Max Loew (7)

Lisa Jolicoeur (2)

Thomas Sullivan (1)

**Michelle Fox
Jennifer Franco
Lisa Jolicoeur
Cathy Malloy
Ellen Malloy
Kim Slavin
Emily Warner**

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Individual Development

Vice President: **Andrea Johnstone**

GM Meetings and Programs:

Snacks for the December GM will be provided by Pam Warren. We will be doing a Yankee Swap if you wish to participate please bring a wrapped \$10 gift.

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

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

Dec "The Girl on the Train" – Host Needed
Jan "Short Stories from "Fikry". Lisa will send

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

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 – Tom Sullivan – Dec 20, 1-3pm
This party is for the children of Jaycees. Any questions please contact Tom at talsully@comcast.net.

Progressive Dinner - Heather Loew - Dec 12

This is our holiday party. We start at one house for appetizers then on to different dinner houses as smaller groups; regrouping at the dessert house to end the evening! Everyone takes on a role (hosting appetizer 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

Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis – Jan 24 @3:05pm
Attendees will meet at the game. Please let Bob know if you want to go and he will arrange to get the tickets.

Ways & Means

Vice President: **Lynda Walsh**
Director: **Pam Warren**

Shoe Drive – Dawn Hadley - Ongoing

Slightly less than a year ago the Jaycees began collecting shoes and we continue to do so. To date the Jaycees have shipped 43 boxes to Community Recycling weighing in at 1 Ton and 382 lbs! That's 1 Ton of shoes kept out of landfills, which directly helps the planet. This drive has raised \$638.50 in funds. Each pound earns .50 for the chapter.

Road Race 2016 – CHAIRMAN NEEDED

For so many years we put together road races for other entities, whether another non-profit or an individual, and now we'd like to bring it back to the chapter. Deena has done all the leg work and can provide details. Last year was well put together, however once again weather had other ideas. If you're interested in putting Road Race 2016 together, contact me or Pam.

Notecards – Lynda Walsh

Notecard packs are available, we have the Original and Christmas sets. 8 cards/envelopes per set. I dropped some of each off at the Town Hall, so if anyone asks, they can go there to pick up or they can call me. From now till April all sales will be going to the Flag Pole Replacement Fund. After April we will change the cards up and continue this fundraiser for the chapter.

Holiday Movie Fundraiser – Bob Gillis - FINAL

After the tree lighting ceremony, approximately 65 people joined us at the Orpheum to view Frosty and Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer.

Paint Night – Kelly Condon

Kelly is working on choosing a date for this event. It's sure to be a blast; Holly and Andy are so good as far as patience with us underdeveloped artists. Looking forward to it!

Spring Fair – Andrea Johnstone & Lauren House – May 14

Once again, Andrea and Lauren will be chairing our Spring Fair on May 14th. Andrea and Lauren are asking if you attend any fairs and see some unique booths, if you would kindly grab a business card to 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**

Happy holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah to everyone! As a gift to you, I will try to keep my report short:

I am keeping the Foxboro Jaycees website up to date nearly daily with all of our December/holiday events and projects. Make it your go-to source for updated JAYCEE information. Also, as pictures come in from 2015 holiday events, they will be posted there as well as Facebook

Decorating the Common and Nativity Set-Up – FINAL

A HUGE thank you to **Marc Rivard** who took on two of our biggest community development projects of the year and two of the most visible – Marc – you were on top of these projects for weeks and got all of the logistics in order and you made it look easy. Thank you also very much to Kathy Brady for once again being a “behind the scenes” helper and once again making repeated trips to inventory to patch up the damaged Nativity figures – Kathy was even matching colors and touching up the paint after the set was assembled – it is very appreciated. Thank you also to Paul Lanza who painstakingly went through countless sets of lights and repaired them to working order, once again reducing the cost of replacement lights. Thank you to all JAYCEEs and friends who came out that morning to assist. The common looks beautiful and the town really appreciates it!



Second Annual Light up the Town event - FINAL

Thank you to Linda Walsh and Jen Franco for the Jaycee coordination of this event. And thank you to the Jaycees who so joyously contributed their talents and helping hands. It looked like there were hundreds of people on the common and the event was a huge success. Working with fire and rescue and the recreation department, we helped put on an event that everyone can be proud of!

Publicity

Please use social media as much as possible to promote the Jaycees. If you attend a Jaycee event, please post a picture or an update on Instagram, Facebook, snap chat, twitter, or on any of the other newfangled thingies you’re using to communicate with folks.

Treats for Troops – Deena Cummings – ongoing

Please speak with Deena if you would like to donate to this very worthwhile endeavor. We plan to send out the first box after the first of the year I believe.

Sparky the Fire Dog Costume – Dave Reid

No update

100 Years of Impact – Pam Warren / Laureen House – Until Dec 31 –’Tis the season! Email your acts of kindness and good deeds to Laureen, Pam or Bob and we will get them on the Jaycee Facebook page.

Adopt a Kid– Lisa Jolicoeur

Adopt a Senior – Christine Blankenship

Thank you to Lisa and Chrissy for taking on these projects! It’s another one of those Jaycee “behind the scenes” things we do each year that makes a difference for someone!



Caroling on the Common – Stephanie O’Neill

Thursday Dec 17 @ 6:00PM at the bandstand

Please join us for this annual event singing holiday classics, enjoying hot chocolate and cookies, and then serenading the seniors at the Doolittle afterward.

Holiday Banners – Monica Rigamonti

The banners will be up by the time you’re reading this. As always, thank you Monica for coordinating this very visible Jaycee holiday tradition.



Fruit Baskets – Sophia Manos – Mon Dec 21,

7:00PM at the South Foxboro Community Center

Sophia has done an excellent job coordinating this event and we will be once again assembling 250 or so fruit baskets that will be delivered by the discretionary fund with the holiday meals. Bring friends, bring the kids, bring strangers – but please join us to help assemble these baskets. Many Jaycees – myself included – consider this one of my very favorite JAYCEE events.



Membership

Vice President: Laureen House

Director: Open - Please consider volunteering

Who's Who? – Monica Fisler

Last month Monica had a great article on 2 of our Members, Tom Sullivan and Stephen Strickland. This month Monica will be uncovering facts about Marc Rivard. This is a project that helps us learn a little more about our fellow members. Monica is concentrating on the newer Jaycees so we all can get to know them. So don't be shy should she call on your for an interview.

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 is for new and perspective members, designed to educate you on the inner workings of the Chapter. If you have not yet been to one, this is recommended. Please mark your calendars now.

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. Our next meeting will be **January 20th, 7:00 pm** at my home. I hope to discuss the urgent need to recruit new Regular members and activate existing Regular members. We are at a critical point for the Chapter with Regular members, we are at 21 registered members, at this point the Board is not noticing any Regular members that are entertaining the thought of being on next year's Board. This is the time to start thinking and planning. So I hope that you can attend the meeting to brainstorm and devise a plan for the next couple of months.

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. If you are owed a sweatshirt or T-shirt please contact me so that I can ensure proper sizes are available for you.

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)

CPGs 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>

New Member Orientation

Join us for a webinar on Dec 15, 2015 at 10:00 PM EST.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotoweinar.com/register/4552214897877642498>

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. Thank you!

Laureen House
Membership VP
Ducla567@aol.com

Who's Who?

By *Monica Fisler*

This month we are going to get to know **Marc Rivard**. Marc recently chaired Decorating on the Common and did an outstanding job. There was a great crowd that helped get our town ready for the 2nd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Hope you all have had a chance to see what a great job he did chairing this project.

Marc grew up in Bellingham but has lived in Foxboro for 15 years and has seen first-hand how the Jaycees have helped the community. That's what made him decide to join the organization and having a few close friends who are Jaycees helped too.

Marc currently works for Gensler (an international architectural and design firm). He works with retirement plans and has for over 20 years currently in HR on the global retirement plans.

Marc has an 18 year old son, Jordan who is a senior at Southeastern Vocational and a rescue pug named Shorty.

One interesting fact about Marc is that he used to work in radio as a talk show producer and disc jockey. He was also a wedding disc jockey for over 20 years. I bet he knows what tunes to play to get a crowd riled up.

Welcome to the Jaycees Marc. We are lucky to have you on board. For anyone who has not had a chance to meet him – make sure to introduce yourself to him the next time you're at a meeting.

- *Monica Fisler*