



# A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JANUARY, 2016

Happy New Year, Foxboro Jaycees!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and had a fantastic New Year. The Foxboro Jaycees are always very busy throughout December. We hosted many community-minded events, including Caroling on the Common and Fruit Basket Assembly, as well as assisted both a child and a senior with holiday gifts.

Many members of our chapter also enjoyed themselves at our annual Progressive Dinner. And let's not forget that Santa and Mrs. Claus, two of our favorites, came to visit the children of our members at the Kids' Christmas Party! To everyone who chaired one of these or any of our other projects throughout December or participated in any way, we greatly appreciate all your hard work and dedication to making our community a better place.

Now that it is January, it is time to slow down and relax a bit. But, before that can happen, we need to gather on the Common one more time to take down our holiday decorations as well as move the Nativity Scene back to storage. Join Marc Rivard on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to dismantle all the bows and garland from around the Common. If you have a truck, your help would be greatly appreciated!

After our final holiday project is complete, it will be time to move on to some Jaycee focused events. The winter is the perfect time for us to gather to watch a Providence Bruins game, or to get together to Paint for a night (and still fundraise for our organization)! Please look over the Wise Fox area reports to see what else is coming up for the Foxboro Jaycees.

One last thing... Please keep in mind that the end of our calendar year is quickly approaching. We will be looking for members to step up and join the Board of Directors for our 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. If you have any interest, you can let me know!

I hope to see everyone at the General Membership Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>!

Thanks,  
~Deena~

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

SECRETARY: PAM WARREN

Happy New Year! It is official – as of this month, I have been named Chapter Secretary!

If anyone needs a copy of the minutes from any meeting this year, just ask.

## Sunshine

A card was sent to Dave Brown on the occasion of the passing of his mother. We also sent a card to Jen Franco on the passing of her mother. Our Deepest sympathies to the Brown family and Franco families.

If anyone wants some Sunshine sent – for good or bad occasions – contact me with the details.

## Inventory Coordinator – Mike Stewart

The Common decorating crew took some time to clean up and organize the storage space and the door has finally been fixed so it can be closed properly! If you need to borrow anything from storage, contact Mike to make arrangements.

## Awards!

Congratulations to our December winners:

## Jaycee of the Month

Heather Loew

## Project of the Month

Winter Common Decorating / Nativity Scene Set-up, Marc Rivard. This was Marc's First project and he ran it exceedingly well, including writing a full CPG. Thanks Marc for helping us decorate our town!

Respectfully Submitted

Pam Warren

Chapter Secretary



# WAYS & MEANS

VICE PRESIDENT: LYNDA WALSH

DIRECTOR: PAM WARREN

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Shoe Drive – Dawn Hadley - Ongoing

This project has been very successful and will continue, if you have slightly worn shoes/sneakers, bring them to the GM and we'll add to our growing collection.

## Road Race 2016 – Chairman Needed

If you're interested in putting Road Race 2016 together, contact me or Pam.



## WAYS & MEANS CONTINUED

### **Notecards – Lynda Walsh**

Notecard packs are still available, you can contact me (Lynda Walsh) or, we have some at the Town Hall (Clerks Office), and at Cindi's Jewelry in the center. The Flagpole Fundraiser has hit their mark and we will be donating \$500.00. Going forward all of the proceeds will be to the chapter.

### **Paint Night – Kelly Condon**

Kelly is working on choosing a date for this event, which will hopefully be sometime in February. 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**

Once again, Andrea and Lauren will be chairing our Spring Fair on May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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. We're trying to get some different vendors this year.

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

## INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

### VICE PRESIDENT: ANDREA JOHNSTONE



### **GM Meetings and Programs**

Snacks for the January GM to be provided by Deena Cummings. 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.

### **Walking Club – Lauren House / Lisa Jolicoeur**

Saturday mornings, 7:45am @ bike path in Mansfield / Fruit St. Email Lauren House at [ducla567@aol.com](mailto:ducla567@aol.com) for more details.

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

TBD – We will reach out to Derek and will likely run this before a GM in the fall.

### **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!

## INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED

### Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis

**NEW DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016 at 3:05** at Dunkin Donuts Center Providence; tickets only \$18 – deadline February 12; please contact Bob at [robertxgilllis@aol.com](mailto:robertxgilllis@aol.com) or pay at the GMs.

### Book Club – Dawn Hadley

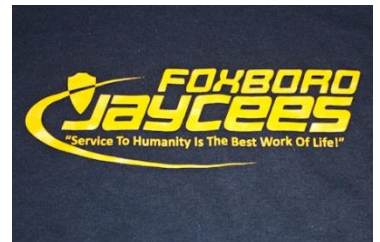
If you wish to get on the email chain for book club please contact Dawn at [dawn.hadley@state.ma.us](mailto:dawn.hadley@state.ma.us)

- January 7, 2016 Short Stories from “The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry”: 1. “What We Talk about When We Talk about Love” Raymond Carver, 1980; 2. “A Perfect Day for Banana-fish” by J D Salinger, 1948; 3. “Ironhead”, Aimee Bender, 2005; 4. “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County”, 1865, Mark Twain;
- 5. “The Bookseller” - Roald Dahl, 1986. (Stories to be sent via PDF stay tuned) Sandy Daniels' Home 5 Green St Foxboro (Additional stories have been provided to read of your choosing)
- February 4, 2016 “Rain” - Richard Elliot (Foxboro author!) I have 3 copies available now and the Boyden Library has 1 copy in circulation. Gentlemen of the Jaycees this true story may interest you. A young man from Foxboro joined the Navy during the Vietnam War to get an education. He got one, just not the one he thought he would get.
- March 3, 2016 We will read “Warmth of Other Suns,” Pulitzer Prize–winning author Isabel Wilkerson’s chronicle of one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.
- April 7, 2016 Classic April!! We will read Mary Shelley's classic "Frankenstein." Lisa will provide copies of the book
- Potential future book for club choices: “Negroland,” Margo Jefferson’s depiction of “her own life and times as a child of the rigid and nearly invisible world of black elites in pre-Civil Rights, mid-century America. By turns, melancholic and hopeful, raw and disarming, she weighs the psychic toll of constructed divisions at the intersection of race, gender, caste and privilege. A moving memoir that is an act of courage in its vulnerability (Isabel Wilkerson).

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**VICE PRESIDENT: BOB GILLIS**

**DIRECTOR: MIKE STEWART**



As always, December was one of the two busiest months of the year for our chapter in the area of community development. The Foxboro Jaycees – our work, our endeavors, our making a difference in the community – are VERY evident this time of year. Before I get to the regular report, as CD VP I would like to say thank you so very much to the following Jaycees – and in many cases, their committees and elves -- who made such a difference in the community this holiday season. Your work is so very, very appreciated!

JAYCEE HOLIDAY BANNERS - Monica Rigamonti; NATIVITY SET ON THE COMMON and DECORATING THE COMMON FOR CHRISTMAS - Mark Rivard; 2nd Annual Light up the Town “A Gathering for all to enjoy” Jen Franco and Lynda Walsh; CAROLING ON THE COMMON - Stephanie O’Neill; ASSIST A KID FOR CHRISTMAS, ASSIST A SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS: Lisa Joliecouer, Crissy Blankenship and CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS: Sophia Manos

THANK YOU ALL!

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED

### **SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS MAKE AN OUT-OF-TOWN VISIT! – Laureen House and Ed Groh**

First up this month is a story you may not have heard: Mary Depasquale, a Foxboro resident who is the director of the Norfolk Center for Cancer Care and Hematology of Brockton, saw the pictures of Santa and Mrs. Claus from Light Up Foxboro, and the Foxboro Reporter gave her my number. Could Santa and Mrs. Claus visit the cancer center holiday party on a Friday? Susan, who hasn't been too active in the Jaycees these past few years, said she was determined to find a way to make it happen, and reached out to Ed Groh and Laureen House, who are awesome, and both took time from their lunch hour to visit the center as Santa and the Mrs.! Mary wrote a lovely thank you to the Foxboro Jaycees that ran in the Reporter and said that Laureen and Ed's visit put smiles on the faces of people who had not smiled in a long time. THANK YOU Ed and Laureen for making the trek to Brockton to make the party special and brightening so many people's day!

### **Publicity – Ongoing**

The Jaycees had a LOT of pictures in the Foxboro Reporter this month! Also, I encourage you to use any form of social media – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter to tell people about the Jaycees. Also, as of November I am using Meet-Up much more frequently and aggressively. It seems to be a great platform to let people know about our activities and events. My plan for 2016 and forward is that all Jaycee events on our calendar will be posted on meet up as well.

### **Sand for seniors is back! - Kathy Brady**

Thank you SO much to Kathy Brady for taking on this challenging project. We have already let Foxboro senior center know that Kathy is available for sand deliveries and I have posted her email on the website and Facebook as well. This is a very important project, albeit behind the scenes, and I am profoundly grateful to Kathy for taking on again as she did years ago.

### **Winter decorations take down – Marc Rivard**

Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 9 AM on Foxboro common. Please join Marc and his team of elves as we take down the garlands and bows and lights, and bring the Nativity set back to storage. As you know, the Nativity figures are heavy, if you can help it all in any capacity, please let Mark Rivard or just show up that day.

That's all I have for this month, friends. Happy new year to all!

## MEMBERSHIP

### VICE PRESIDENT: LAUREEN HOUSE

Director: Open - Please consider volunteering

### **Who's Who?**

Monica Fisler would love to chat with new members – it's an informal interview so we can get to know you.

### **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.

### **New Members Orientation – Bob Gillis**

Will be in February -- 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 CONTINUED

### **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](mailto:DucLa567@aol.com), if you would like to be on this committee. 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.

### **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**

The Jaycee web site is your go-to site on the web for all the latest Jaycee news and photos. It's constantly updated and please be sure to send Bob 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.

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!

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

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