



**A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

**APRIL 2016**

Hello Foxboro Jaycees,

Last April I was feeling a little apprehensive about my upcoming position as your chapter president. Taking on the position was something I had planned to do for a number of years, given your approval, but when the time finally came for that vote to be cast, I was still nervous. It had been done, and (according to Vanessa) it was too late to back out! I am glad I stepped up and had the opportunity to lead our organization during the last year. This has been one of the greatest learning experiences of my life. Being president has taught me a lot and brought to my attention many aspects of my own personality that could be expanded or refined. I know I made mistakes (sometimes lots!) but hopefully was able to grow from them.

So much happened for our chapter over the last year! We had summertime changes to the Board of Directors that kind of threw me for a loop. There were also some changes to the way we operate as an organization that were unexpected. I was even unable to attend all of the General Membership Meetings because my Army duties required me to be elsewhere, but I had some awesome support from long-standing Jaycees and even a long-distance Jaycee! Even with all the changes that occurred, we were able to manage really well.

**To my Board of Directors:** You were a great help to me for so many reasons. Even though we might not have accomplished everything we set out to, or even all the things we needed to, I cannot thank you enough for all your support and encouragement during the last twelve months.

Obviously we still have so many things to work on to continue doing great things for our community. Growing our list of active regular members is imperative for the upcoming year. Without a doubt, our associate members make a huge impact, but without our regular members, we as a chapter cannot exist.

I hope to see everyone at the next General Membership Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding elections for the 2016-2017 Board Year.

Thank you,  
Deena Cummings

# Elections 2016

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Hi Folks,

It's that time of year again, where we change up the Board of Directors for the upcoming year. Deena has graciously agreed to stay on as President for this next year. We're looking for regular members to step into the slots for the remaining board positions. We look forward to speaking with each of you over the next couple of days to discuss where you might fit in.

All positions are open for election, as mentioned Deena will take on role as president if no other regular aged member is willing.

If you'd like to discuss a position with a previous board member, feel free to reach out to them.

- **Secretary – 2015-2016** (*Pam Warren*)
- **Treasurer – 2015-2016** (*Lisa Jolicoeur*)
- **Individual Development VP – 2015-2016** (*Andrea Johnstone*)
- **Community Development VP – 2015-2016** (*Bob Gillis*)
- **Membership VP – 2015-2016** (*Laureen House*)
- **Ways & Means VP – 2015-2016** (*Lynda Walsh*)

There are also Director Positions available for all the four areas. Our hopes are that we can get some Regular Members (ages 18-41) to fill the Vice President role and have some of our more seasoned members (ages 41 and over) to take on the Director roles and help the new Vice President.

Again, if you're interested in any position, feel free to reach out to Lynda Walsh, 774-266-3140.

Thank you,  
Lynda

# Secretary's Report

**Pam Warren**

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## Sunshine –

A BIG thank you to Devlyn House for doing such a great job as the Easter bunny; a sympathy card to the family of Joe Heinricher – long time Foxboro educator who passed away recently. If anyone wants some Sunshine sent – be it congratulations or condolences - contact Pam with the details.

## Inventory –Mike Stewart

As we get into the spring and summer seasons, remember that we have items available to be borrowed for parties and functions – including large coolers, pop-up tents and more. If you need to borrow anything from inventory – as long as it does not conflict with any official functions – please contact Mike or Pam to coordinate pick-up and drop off.

## Jaycee of the Month

**Dave Reid** – Dave always puts our chapter in a good light – on line and in person. He has been spearheading the effort to replace the “Sparky the Fire dog” Costume by reaching out to other community groups and he makes a positive impact in the Community.

## Project of the Month

### **Paint Night – Kelly Condon**

Kelly did a great job coordinating Paint Night – it was a well-run project that was very well attended – by members and non-members with over \$200 raised for the chapter. Everyone had lots of fun.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Pam Warren  
Chapter Secretary

## April Jaycee Anniversaries

Robert Cole - 1975  
Jim Evans – 1984  
Paul Dean – 1985  
Dave Brown - 1985  
John Zarella – 1987  
Sandy Daniels – 1988  
Kathy Brady - 2000  
Meliyssa Coutinho – 2013  
Michelle Fox – 2014  
Stephanie O’Neil – 2014  
Cheri Plumer – 2014

## April Birthdays

Cheryl Cushman  
Laureen House  
Mohsen Khalifa  
Bob Webster



# Individual Development

Vice President: **Andrea Johnstone**

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## **GM Meetings and Programs:**

Snacks for the April GM will be provided by Stephanie O'Neill

## **Installation Night – Monica Fisler**

Installation night is where we swear in the new board members and celebrate the outgoing board and the year's achievements. More info to come.

**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 contact Dawn at [dawn.hadley@state.ma.us](mailto:dawn.hadley@state.ma.us)

April 7, 2016 Classic April!! We will read Mary Shelley's classic "Frankenstein." Lisa will provide copies of the book. Sandy Daniels home 5 Green St Foxboro

May 5, 2016: "Slaughter House Five" by Kurt Vonnegut  
Hostess: Stephanie O'Neill address to be provided

We still need to pick a book for June and one for September. We decided that we will not meet in July and August

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

**How to run a Project / Write a CPG – Derek House** – TBD – Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this project. Once we have a number we will determine the location and time.

## **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!

## **How to take better pictures – Derek House**

Please let Andrea know if you are interested in participating in this project. Once we have a number we will determine the location and time. This will most likely run in April/May once the better weather arrives.

# Ways & Means

Vice President: **Lynda Walsh**

Director: **Pam Warren**

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## **Shoe Drive – Dawn Hadley - Ongoing**

Dawn continues to gather up our slightly worn footwear and bring in more money to our chapter. If you have slightly worn shoes/sneakers, bring them to the GM and we'll add to our growing collection.

## **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. Going forward all of the proceeds will be to the chapter. We will be selling the notecards at the upcoming Spring Fair too.

## **Spring Fair – Andrea Johnstone & Laureen House**

Laureen and Andrea have confirmed the common and started spreading the news about this year's Spring Fair on May 14<sup>th</sup>. If you know of any vendors that would like to show their wares, feel free to contact Andrea or Laureen. There is also a registration/information sheet on our website and Facebook page. Look forward to another successful year!

## **Founders Day Concessions – Sophia Manos**

This is a huge fundraising project for our chapter, and needs special attention. If you could mark your calendar for June 11<sup>th</sup> and be sure to come out and work a couple hours, it would be greatly appreciated. Sophia will be looking for your help, even if it's just an hour or so. Thank you Sophia for stepping up!

## **Founders Day Glow Light Items Sales – Stephen Strickland**

Huge thank you to Stephen for taking this project on again this year. Stephen will be looking for folks to sell our light up items before fireworks on Founders Day!

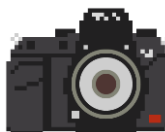
## **Concerts on the Common Concessions – Heather Loew**

Thank you Heather, for taking on this project this year. In order to raise additional funds for our chapter, we sell candy, soda, chips, etc. to our concert goers during the performances on our common. Be sure to stop by, or offer Heather help.

Thank you to all the chairmen who stepped up to take on projects in the W&M area.

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

Lynda



# Community Development

Vice President: **Bob Gillis**

Director: **Mike Stewart**

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**Note before I start:** I would like to have a new member orientation before the April 13 general membership meeting at the South Foxboro community club – but I have received to date no response of any interest. It's a simple 30 minute sit down at 7 PM – where I can answer any questions you have about the chapter, what we do in the various areas or anything JC related. If you're interested, let me know!

Greetings and happy spring friends – let's jump right into the report.

**Publicity** – I say it every report, but it bears repeating – please use social media – whatever platform you prefer – to advertise your participation and attendance at JC events. It is very helpful and gives us great publicity.

## **Treats for troops – Deena Cummings – Ongoing**

By the time you read this I believe the first packages will be ready for shipment.

## **Sparky the fire dog costume – Dave Reid - Ongoing**

Kudos to Dave for all he is done for this project this year. We will be selling note cards at the vendor fair in May to benefit the purchase of the Sparky costume. There is also talk about putting “patches” – similar to NASCAR driver uniforms – on Sparky. This would be terrific ongoing publicity!

## **Sand for seniors – Kathy Brady**

The great blizzard of March 2016 turned out to be not so much, thankfully! Hopefully, we have seen the last snow of the season. My sincerest thank you to Kathy for taking on this project, and I am profoundly grateful that this winter wasn't anything like last!

## **Concerts on the common – Max Loew – Summer 2016**

The concerts are all scheduled, and Max has posted them on the Jaycee Facebook page. As we come closer to the season, they will appear on meet up as well as the Foxboro Jaycees web site and in the paper. Thank you so much to Max for once again chairing one of our most important CD projects.



## **Founders Day Parade – CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

The Foxboro Jaycees are an important part of founder's day. This year's founders day theme is, “flowers and farms of Foxboro.” If you are able to put together a float of some sort, that would be awesome – and Pam Warren tells us that her stepfather would be willing to provide the Jaycees – free of charge – all the flowers we would need for such an endeavor. That said, I have chaired this event four or five times and we have simply walked in the parade with the Jaycee banner and handed out candy. I'm putting it out there especially to new members – this is a very easy project to chair if you just want to gather Jaycees together and march in the parade. All you would need to do is put out the calls and see who wants to join the walk– you will find that many

Jaycees and friends LOVE doing this. , I am asking YOU to step up and chair this important project.

## **Foxboro Cleanup Day – CHAIRMAN NEEDED - April 30**

The annual Foxboro town cleanup will be April 30. While not a Jaycee project, the Jaycees are always involved as helpers. To chair this project, you are simply coordinating JC manpower and getting Jaycees to sign up, and show up – that's all. Again, a great project for new member.

## **Mansfield Cleanup Day – Lisa Jolicouer – April 30**

Lisa will route more info

## **National Night Out – CHAIRMAN NEEDED – August 9**

Always held the second Tuesday of August, national night out against crime and drugs is part of a nationwide event that evening throughout thousands of communities to raise awareness of drug abuse, help prevent crime, and educate parents and kids about how to stay safe. To be blunt, Foxboro has an opiate problem. And you cannot turn on the news without reading about a teenage overdose at least once a month. The problem is not going away, but we can help by EDUCATING the public. Foxboro police, drug awareness programs, domestic abuse prevention programs, and many others will be in attendance that night on Foxboro common. Typically, we also have music, a bouncy house, fun for the kids, and information galore for the parents. It is especially important that this event runs this year, as it had to be canceled moments after it began last year due to severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings! A smaller event was held at the Public Safety building a month later, but we NEED to get this information out NOW. PLEASE – consider chairing this event.

Finally, although my area is CD, I would like to say something to the new members – that is, members who have joined in the last 24 months or so – the ones we never see.

## **We miss you, and we need you.**

Joining the chapter is only the first step. And while there are no requirements for number of meetings you must attend, projects you must chair, or even of events for you to show up, I am asking you to please ACTIVATE your membership! It's not enough to be a member of the group – come to the meetings! Volunteer to chair a project – start small! There are so many projects that are perfect for new members – and there is no shortage of seasoned, experienced members who will co-chair a project with you, mentor you... If the chapter is to survive the next decade and the one after that, and continue to make a difference in Foxboro, we need YOU to step up!

And I want to be very clear – I am NOT directing these comments at people who are unable to do Jaycee things because they are raising children, working multiple jobs, facing health issues, having family issues – things like this MUST come first of course! Raising your family, work, and for some people, just getting by – of course this is all far more important than a Jaycee project.

### Community Development continued....

I'm speaking to the rest of you – the ones who DO have the time, the new Jaycees who join, are available, but just don't get involved – what is stopping you? We were so happy you joined. Where have you been? Do you have questions about the group? Email me at [RobertXGillis@aol.com](mailto:RobertXGillis@aol.com) and I will answer any Jaycee question or find out the answer for you. Don't think you can chair a project? We can find someone to co-chair it with you! And we can always use helpers at every project!

We need the new members to step up, to show up, and to take on some of the work! You might just find that in the process of doing so, you have made lifelong friends, and you're having a blast while making a difference in the community!

Sometimes, I read the roster, and I see many names and I don't know who that person is. We want to get to know you! We have members from all walks of life, we are a very eclectic group of people who have grown closer as friends and had so much fun making a difference in our communities! We would like you to be part of the Jaycee family!

If you are a newer member, please come out to a meeting, please offer to at the very least PARTICIPATE in a project as a HELPER. Come to a meeting just to listen, and say hi. We won't pressure you, no one will make you buy a timeshare or car – but it will be VERY good to see you. And you might just find being around us, you want to jump in and help.

And on that note, I wish everyone a very happy spring and will see you at the vendor fair, and hopefully – many Jaycee projects in the future!

Bob

## Membership

### **Vice President: Lauren House**

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The Chapter year has come to an end; this is my last report of the 2015-2016 Foxboro Jaycee year. It has been a good year and I am thankful to have been able to volunteer as the Membership Vice President. I would like to thank all of the members that helped in the Membership area. We were able to recruit new members and see others activate. One aspect of being the Membership VP that I enjoyed was that I was able to meet and introduce new Members to the Chapter. It has been an exciting year with great new members coming to the Chapter.

### **Who's Who – CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

This is a project that helps us learn a little more about our fellow members. You would conduct a quick interview with a newer member and then produce a write up about that conversation. Easy as pie! Put your writing skills to work and introduce a newer member to the Chapter.

### **Membership Incentive**

For every name you provide to me for a potential member you will receive an entry into a raffle for a Jaycee Coffee mug. If that member joins the Chapter, you will receive an additional entry for the raffle.

### **New Members Orientation –April 13, 2016 6:30pm**

#### ***Bob Gillis, Chairman***

This 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. Please mark your calendars now and RSVP to either Bob or Lauren.

### **Membership Committee**

The Membership committee met at Lauren's home on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and there was a great exchange of ideas. In attendance were Sandy Daniels, Dave Fidler, Deena Cummings, Kathy Brady and Lisa Jolicouer. Thank you all for your great ideas. You will notice some new ideas being implemented over the next month or so. I encourage feedback on these changes. The committee will next meet April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm at Lauren's home. Anyone is welcome to this meeting, please RSVP to Lauren. The topic of the night will be Recruitment.

### **Welcome Booth Upgrade – Monica Rigamonti, Chairman**

Formerly referred to as the Membership Booth, but it is so much more. Monica is taking on the job of updating the design and photos for the booth. The new look will debut at the Spring Fair.

### **Welcome Booth Upcoming Opportunities**

#### **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

- ❖ Election Day, May 4<sup>th</sup> –
- ❖ Spring Fair, May 14th – Lynda Walsh
- ❖ Founder's Day June 11<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Concerts on the Common, Thursdays June – August
- ❖ National Night Out, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Other Membership Committees in need of Chairman**

#### **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

- ❖ **Call Committee** – This committee is being formed to assist the Chairmen of the Month's projects to complete phone calls to members for assistance with the projects or reminders of the events. Please speak to Lauren for more details and concept of the committee
- ❖ **Recruitment Week** – This committee is being formed to organize and complete a recruitment week. Ideally this would be great to have happen prior to Founder's day. Please speak to Lauren for more details and concept of the project.

### **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. Orders are going in after the next GM. We need to make sure that members have shirts for the Spring Fair and Founders day. Please contact Lauren if you need a shirt so that we have the correct sizes. Children size large will be ordered as well. If you have any child size shirt that your child has out grown please recycle said shirt with Lauren. This will assist members with younger children to have shirts.

### **Website – Bob Gillis – Ongoing**

Bob Gillis is doing a wonderful job to keep our website current, 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](http://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>

### **Chartering new chapters/Chamber relationship/Gov meetings**

Join us for a webinar on Apr 27, 2016 at 8:00 PM CDT.

#### **Register now!**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8406021852741908225>

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

### **Rebuilding an existing chapter**

Join us for a webinar on May 25, 2016 at 8:00 PM CDT.

#### **Register now!**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/781570620115296513>

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

Recruiting 101/ Engaging members/ Activation of members webinar

If you didn't catch this one live, the webinar can be found on [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BckmPFEvQp8&list=PLsYAnFEwYvBxrvttMeydF761v1NZr\\_0f1&index=16](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BckmPFEvQp8&list=PLsYAnFEwYvBxrvttMeydF761v1NZr_0f1&index=16)

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

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