



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees

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A message from the President....

Hello Foxboro Jaycees!

Welcome to August! (I'm still not sure how it is already August, but we'll just go with it.)

I would love to start by thanking Bob Gillis for his leadership during the July General Membership Meeting. I appreciate his willingness to step up and lead the meeting while I was away for training. I know he did a fantastic job!

July was a quiet month for the Foxboro Jaycees as usual. Many of our regularly scheduled events still took place, such as the **Walking Club** and **Trivia Night**. We hosted three entertaining **Concerts on the Common** during the month and our **Concerts on the Common Concessions** has been steadily raising funds for our other Community Development projects. To all the chair people who have been coordinating these events, thank you!

August will be a little more eventful than July, but still relatively quiet. We worked with the Foxboro Police Department to host **National Night Out** on August 2nd. Although this event will have been completed by the time the Wise Fox is distributed, we appreciate all the hard work Sophia Manos put in to ensure everything ran smoothly. We also have two concerts remaining to complete the Concert series, August 4th and August 11th, and we hope you can join us on the Common for one or both of them!

Also, as a reminder, if you are interested in seeing our upcoming schedule of events, they are all posted on our website: http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?page_id=1187.

The General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10th at 7:30pm at the South Foxboro Community Center. We will also have a social time from 7pm-7:30pm, so please come join us before the meeting starts!

Thank you!

Deena Cummings

Secretary's Report

Secretary: Pam Warren

I can't believe it is August already - This year is FLYING past. It has been a busy summer so far, with much more yet to come. I look forward to seeing some of you at one of our late Summer / Fall events

As usual, if anyone needs to see Minutes from past meetings, just ask.

Sunshine

It is with deep sadness that we express our sympathy to Kathy Brady whose Father passed away suddenly a few weeks ago. I know many of you attended the wake and / or the funeral, it was nice to see such a strong Jaycee presence to support our friend.

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

Inventory Coordinator – Mike Stewart

As you plan your events for the Summer season, remember that we have items available to be borrowed for parties and functions – including the 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 me to coordinate pick-up and drop off

August Anniversaries

Lauren Bitar - 1989

Julie Grant - 1996

Monica Rigamonti – 2001

Jennifer Hesford – 2003

Mohsen Khalifa – 2008

Jen Franco – 2010

Maria Montanez – 2011

Karen Mulvey – 2013

Andrew Needleman – 2013

Cathy Malloy – 2013

Ellen Malloy – 2013

Dawn Hadley – 2014

Wise Fox–Sandy Emery

Please contact Sandy at semery29@comcast.net if you have anything that you would like placed in the Wise Fox.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Warren

Chapter Secretary



Congratulations to our June Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month

Julie Grant – After an absence from Founder’s Day festivities, Julie really wanted to participate in this year’s event. She volunteered to coordinate the Parade project – getting us a horse drawn cart decorated with plenty of flowers, rode her Horse, with Seamus and Penny by her side and encouraged others to participate. I was great to see her back and active with this event. (Also nominated was Dave Reid for all his help with the fundraising for Sparky the Fire Dog’s new outfit)

Project of the Month

Founder’s Day Concessions – Sophia Manos & Pam Warren

Concessions went very well again this year and with 2 chairpersons, it was a great way to get a newer member thoroughly involved while a “veteran” helped mentor her and learn the ins and outs of the project. Lots of work was done, the event was well organized and flowed nicely all day. (also nominated were the Founder’s Day Welcome booth with chair Kelly Condon and Founder’s Day Glow Item Sales with chair Steve Strickland – Both went very well and were good exposure for the chapter)



Sandy Emery
Bill Dempsey
Sue Gillis
Mike Mills
Julie Grant
Monica Fisler
Heather Loew
Karen Mulvey

Be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!!!

Individual Development

Vice President: Andrea Johnstone

GM Meetings and Programs: Snacks for the July GM to be provided by Mike Stewart

Founders Day work Party – June 11, 2016 Lynda Walsh. Looking to have a small cook out after the field events for the workers to relax before heading back to the field for the fireworks



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

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Book Club members meet the first Thursday of the month; We will not be meeting in July and August and will reconvene September 1st at Lisa's house!

Lisa Jolicoeur plans to attend the Jaycees Concert on the Common the next two Thursday evenings: Aug. 4th and Aug. 11th. She would be thrilled if any book club members would like to attend as well and engage in book talk!

Join us on September 1, 2016 at Lisa's House: Jeannette Walls' "The Glass Castle," a memoir of "resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant. When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want the responsibility of raising a family. The Walls children learned to take care of themselves" (Barnes and Noble).

Join us on October 6, 2016: Emily St. John Mandel's "Station Eleven," the 2015 Arthur C. Clarke Award winning science fiction set in the Great Lakes region after a fictional swine flu pandemic, known as the 'George Flu,' has devastated the world. The novel focuses on the ability of the humans to find meaning through art and literature twenty years after the epidemic.

Although the Book Club will **not** meet during July and August, we compiled a [suggested reading list from the members which will jumpstart some conversations in September:](#)

From Patricia: **Markus Zusak's "The Book Thief,"** which centers around the life of Liesel Meminger, a nine-year-old living in Germany during WWII. Liesel's experiences are narrated by Death, who describes both the beauty and destruction of life in in this era."

From Patricia: **William Kent Drueger's "Ordinary Grace."** *"That was it. That was all of it. A grace so ordinary there was no reason at all to remember it. Yet I have never across the forty years*

since it was spoken forgotten a single word."

New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were selling out at the soda counter of Halderson's Drugstore, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder. (From Booklist)

From Patricia: **Fredrik Backman's "A Man Called Ove."**

Read the *New York Times* bestseller that has taken the world by storm!

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?

Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

A feel-good story in the spirit of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. “If there was an award for ‘Most Charming Book of the Year,’ this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down” (*Booklist*, starred review).

From Lisa: **"Curtis Littenfeld's "Eligible":**

Bestseller Sittenfeld, best known for *Prep* and *American Wife*, takes on Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* with a modern twist. Her story centers on thirtysomething New York City magazine writer Liz, who returns home to Cincinnati along with her sister, Jane, when their father falls ill. Their sprawling Tudor is a mess, their younger sisters still live at home, and Mama Bennett is bent on marrying off at least some of her five daughters, each a modern mess in her own way. The distraction and romantic catalyst here is the arrival of hot doctor Chip Bingley, fresh off a *Bachelor*-esque reality show, dragging his awkward pal, gifted surgeon Fitzwilliam Darcy, along for the ride. A must-read for Austen aficionados and fans of a modern love story well told.

From Lisa: **Kathleen Grissom's "Glory Over Everything: Beyond The Kitchen House."** In this long-awaited companion to her 2010 bestseller *The Kitchen House*, Grissom centers on former slave Jamie Pyke, who escaped the Virginia Plantation where he was held and is passing as a wealthy white silversmith in posh Philadelphia. There, he's thriving—and soon to be a new father—when his beloved servant Pan is captured and sold into slavery. As his secret is discovered and his new life shatters, Jamie decides to risk it all to free Pan—even if that means risking re-capture.

From Lisa: **Yann Martel's "High Mountains of Portugal"** takes us another journey: "In Lisbon in 1904 young Tomas discovers an old journal. It hints at the existence of an extraordinary artifact that - if he can find it - would redefine history. Traveling in one of Europe's earliest automobiles, he sets out in search this strange treasure...Thirty-five years later, a Portuguese pathologist devoted to the murder mysteries of Agatha Christie finds himself at the center of a mystery of his own and drawn into the consequences of Tomas's quest."

From Lisa: **Martha Hall Kelly's "Lilac Girls"**

From NYT: "For readers of *The Nightingale* and *Sarah's Key*, inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine, this remarkable debut novel reveals the power of unsung women to change history in their quest for love, freedom, and second chances.

New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon. But Caroline's world is forever changed when Hitler's army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France."

From Lisa: **Charlotte Rogan's "Now and Again"**

Paranoia? I don't think so! From the bestselling author of *The Lifeboat* comes this fast-paced drama about middle-aged Maggie Rayburn, a secretary at a munitions plant, who accidentally discovers a major coverup about radioactive weapons with horrific longterm effects that sets her on a path to justice. Her story parallels that of Army captain and heir Penn Sinclair, bent on exposing the truth about the Iraq war. Quick, rich, and timely, Rogan's tale offers an unflinching look at the military complex and the war wounds it leaves on all of us.

From Lauren: **Jamie Ford's "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet"**

From Library Journal: Fifth-grade scholarship students and best friends Henry and Keiko are the only Asians in their Seattle elementary school in 1942. Henry is Chinese, Keiko is Japanese, and Pearl Harbor has made all Asians—even those who are American born—targets for abuse. Because Henry's nationalistic father has a deep-seated hatred for Japan, Henry keeps his friendship with and eventual love for Keiko a secret. When Keiko's family is sent to an internment camp in Idaho, Henry vows to wait for her. Forty years later, Henry comes upon an old hotel where the belongings of dozens of displaced Japanese families have turned up in the basement, and his love for Keiko is reborn. In his first novel, award-winning short-story writer Ford expertly nails the sweet innocence of first love, the cruelty of racism, the blindness of patriotism, the astonishing unknowns between parents and their children, and the sadness and satisfaction at the end of a life well lived. The result is a vivid picture of a confusing and critical time in American history."

From Lauren: **Adeline Yen Mah's "Falling Leaves"**

Born in 1937 in a port city a thousand miles north of Shanghai, Adeline Yen Mah was the youngest child of an affluent Chinese family who enjoyed rare privileges during a time of political and cultural upheaval. But wealth and position could not shield Adeline from a childhood of appalling emotional abuse at the hands of a cruel and manipulative Eurasian stepmother. Determined to survive through her enduring faith in family unity, Adeline struggled for independence as she moved from Hong Kong to England and eventually to the United States to become a physician and writer.

From Lauren: **Herman Koch's "The Dinner"**

From Publisher's Weekly: "“This chilling novel starts out as a witty look at contemporary manners...before turning into a take-no-prisoners psychological thriller...With dark humor, Koch dramatizes the lengths to which people will go to preserve a comfortable way of life...this is a cunningly crafted thriller that will never allow you to look at a serviette in the same way again.”

Future Book Club Consideration: (so perhaps do not read this summer! (LOL)

Ashley Hay's "The Railwayman's Wife"

The setting is post-World War II coastal Australia, and the newly widowed Anikka, now a single mother, is trying to hold things together, and hold onto hope. She finds it in the form of a poem, and falls headfirst in love with both the words and, perhaps, their author, Roy, a returned soldier who's battling demons of his own. A vividly drawn, simmering tale of the risks of living, which asks the question, how do you survive after such loss?

Watch for Book Club announcements for future meetings and RSVP that you would like to join us! We have great conversations about a range of topics and enjoy each other's company once a month! :)

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 – Laureen House / Lisa Jolicoeur - Saturday mornings, 7:45am @ bike path in Mansfield / Fruit St. Email Laureen House at 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 us know if you are interested in participating in this project. Once we have a number we will determine the location and time.



WHOS WHO

This month's featured member of the Foxboro Jaycees is Kevin Bean. Kevin recently joined the Jaycees. I interviewed him via email.

Where are you originally from?

- I am from Islington, Massachusetts

I saw on the roster that you live in Westwood. How long have you lived there?

-Westwood is divided into two parts, Westwood and Islington, much like Wollaston in Quincy or Whitinsville in Northbridge. Most people where I live (myself included) say they are from Islington rather than Westwood, as the people in Westwood are planning to sell our library and community center to a real estate developer. I have lived in Islington my whole life but I have had the opportunity to work and study in several different states such as Maine, Minnesota, and North Dakota.

How did you hear about the Jaycees?

-When I lived in Fargo, North Dakota I volunteered with the Jaycees because a friend of mine convinced me to try it out. We did household repairs like painting for disabled and infirm people who could not because of mobility issues. I attended a few meetings before I moved to Maine but lost touch with Jaycees until I thought about starting a business.

What interested you about joining?

-I want to start my own business and I want improve my business skills while helping people out. My degree is in Geography but I was unable to take any business classes so I don't feel prepared to start the business just yet. I hope to learn enough about community service and stewardship that my business will be able to seamlessly enter my market and community.

What sorts of things do you think we can do to attract more young people in the area?

-Bridgewater State, Dean College, Stonehill, and Wheaton all have business programs. Yet none of these programs advocate the social responsibility or entrepreneurial spirit that the Jaycees have. If the Jaycees were to reach out to these schools or hold events there more students would join. Many business students I know want to start their own business and many also want to help their community. The Jaycees can accomplish both goals.

Do you have any kids?

-No

What do you do for work?

-I work at a bank, merchandise for several companies, and teach geography in an outreach capacity with Bridgewater State in a program called Project EarthView. We bring a large inflatable globe to schools all over Massachusetts and Rhode Island to teach geography lessons. We have visited many communities in the Foxborough area.

What are your hobbies / interests?

-I like to go hiking and canoeing with friends and my dog.

Are there any fun facts about you?

-I have been to every town in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

Community Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Greetings Jaycee friends! Hope your summer is going well! As I am known to be a succinct speaker, let's get right to the report thingy:

Publicity - It bears repeating; we all use social media; please use it when you attend Jaycee events (even GMs) and update FaceBook, Instagram, Twitter and whatever you young people use these days on those fancy phones and let people know about the Jaycees and all we do ☺

Treats for Troops – Deena Cummings – ongoing, Deena would be very grateful for a new chairman for this project. We like to keep Deena happy so please consider stepping up to take this one – it makes a huge difference and supports our soldiers and is not a lot of work.

Sparky The Fire Dog Costume – Dave Reid - Lynda Walsh asked for and received a donation/grant from the State Jaycees for Sparky and we continue to collect funds at the concerts. This project is ongoing as we still have a way to go to make the necessary funds.

Concerts on the Common – By the time you read this there will be just one more. It's been a fantastic season and really cast the Jaycees in a great light, showing what we do for the community. Please encourage folks to attend.

National Night Out – Sophia Manos - Tue. August 2nd. Thank you Sophia for chairing this important event; at this writing it is still planned for Tuesday but by the time you read this it will have been an incredible success with a huge crowd in attendance and no rain nor tornadoes! In all seriousness, THANK YOU to Sophia for all you did to make this happen!

September 11, 2001 15th memorial – Bob Gillis / Lynda Walsh – Once again the Jaycees will have a candlelight memorial on 9/11 at 7pm-8pm on the Common to remember those we lost. As before, there will be candles and pinwheels, FCA will scroll the names of the victims of the attacks on the bandstand and we will broadcast appropriate music. Cindy McGinty will be in town that day and will be there as well; you may not know that Cindy is the widow of Mike McGinty, who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11. Cindy has since founded the McGinty scholarship and each year hosts a family fun day to fund the scholarship; this year that will be on the Common on Saturday 9/10. Please attend both!

That's all for this month friends.

Peace,
Bob

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Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Director: Pam Warren

Shoe Drive – Dawn Hadley - Ongoing

Let's not forget that school shopping is coming up, time to clean out the old and in with the new. Please think about donating your slightly used shoes and sneakers to the Jaycees. We get so much money per pound donated. If you have a box, bag, or even just a pair, bring them to the August GM or give Dawn a call.

Concerts on the Common Concessions – Heather Loew/Pam Warren

The Concessions has been going extremely well this season, don't forget to stop by and purchase something while you enjoy the shows on Thursday nights.

Note Cards – Lynda Walsh

We still have notecards for sale, if you or any friends would like to purchase them, feel free to reach out to me.

Community Fundraiser – Lynda Walsh

We are still taking donations for Sparky Costume. We have a donation bucket at the Concert Concessions table and I've seen many throw in a few dollars. I was able to secure a \$500.00 donation from the Massachusetts Jaycee Trust. The Massachusetts Senate has also moved to donate \$250.00 to our Fundraiser. Thank you!

Short report folks, if you can come up with any new ideas for fundraising, please share with me or Pam.

Membership

Vice President: Lauren House Director: Kelly Congdon

New Member Incentive- Lauren House

There is a new incentive for those of you referring new members to the Chapter. If you provide contact information /bring a prospective member to an event you will receive an entry into a monthly drawing for a \$10 Dunkin Donuts Gift Certificate.

Who wouldn't want someone to pay for their iced coffee/Coolatta/donut? Any prospective new member is eligible regardless of age, although keep in mind we need those 18-40 year olds especially!

Who's Who – Stephanie O'Neil

This is a project that helps us learn a little more about our fellow members. Stephanie will have a quick conversation with a member of the Chapter and write about what she has learned about this person. Make sure you check it out in the Wise Fox each month.

Membership Committee - The Membership committee will meet again TBA. Currently the committee consists of Sandy Daniels, Dave Fisler, Deena Cummings, Kathy Brady and Lisa Jolicouer. Anyone is welcome to this meeting, please RSVP to Lauren. The topic of the night will be Recruitment.

It is imperative to the continuation of the Foxboro Jaycees as a viable Chapter to recruit and activate regular members from the ages of 18 to 41. We have on paper 78 members, 62 of them Associates, **16 regular members**. This year we were lucky enough to add to the BOD 2 new regular members, Kelly Condon and Kevin Bean. Kelly has been a member for just about a year, and Kevin just signed on in April, but he is jumping right in. We need the ideas, support and manpower of each Chapter Member to get involved with the various Membership activities, especially recruitment. We all love this Chapter, so let's all spread the word and help others to experience the Foxboro Jaycees.

Call Committee –CHAIRMAN NEEDED -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

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. 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.

Jaycees Lanyards- Laureen House, Chairman - The membership committee came up with the idea of purchasing lanyards for both the Jaycee members and non-member volunteers. The idea is so that each member participating with a Project, especially one in Public, you will have a name badge. Volunteers will receive lanyards as well, to be returned after the event for which they are volunteering. Laureen has purchased name cards to go in the lanyards name card holder. If you have already received a Lanyard and would like a name card please see Laureen at the meeting.

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>.

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!

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>)

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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