



# Wise Fox

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## *A message from the President....*

Happy October, Foxboro Jaycees!

I think October might be my favorite month of the year. Football is in full swing (Tom Brady can finally play) and sweatshirts are useful again. I love autumn with its changing leaves, and apple picking and pumpkin carving! And the tasty treats that can be had, such as cider donuts, apple crisp and pumpkin spice anything, is a sure sign that fall is here. However, if the raking involved with the changing leaves could just not happen, that would be fantastic. I really just don't like to rake.

Although the Foxboro Jaycees have a much calmer month throughout October than years past, thank you very much Haunted House, Halloween is still one of the best holidays ever. This year we have the opportunity to help another organization with their haunted house. If you have any free Fridays (the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup>) available, please consider helping at the Normandy Farms haunted house. Contact Lynda Walsh if you are interested.

And of course, now that October is here, it is officially Holiday Season for the Foxboro Jaycees. It is time to start thinking about chairing one of our very important projects for this time of the year. Decorating the Common, Nativity Scene Setup, Caroling on the Common, Assist a Kid for Christmas and Assist a Senior for Christmas, Fruit Baskets, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony Liaison are all Community Development projects in need of chair-people. We also will need someone to step up to arrange our annual Progressive Dinner and the Kid's Christmas Party. Many of these projects are perfect for a new member, so let one of the VPs know if you are interested.

I'll be providing lots of Halloween-ish treats for the GM this month. So I hope to see you there!

Thanks,

Deena

# *Secretary's Report*

**Secretary: Pam Warren**

Welcome to Fall – The Cooler weather is here, the leaves are turning colors and our busiest season is coming fast. With all our Fall / Winter / Holiday projects on the way, I look forward to seeing more people come out to participate.

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

## ***Sunshine –***

A card was sent to former chapter president Bill Byrnes whose daughter Rebecca Routh Byrnes, passed away last month “after an incredible 10-year battle with the scourge we know as cancer.” A get well card was sent to John Freudenberg who is recovering from surgery.

We also send the deepest sympathy to Dave and Carmella Brown on the loss of JoJo. He was a common visitor to many projects – including our summer concerts. He will be missed by many of us.



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

## ***Inventory Coordinator – Mike Stewart***

With all the projects coming up, if there is anything you need from the storage unit, or if you need to check on the availability of things as you plan, please contact Mike or me to coordinate pick-up and drop off

## ***Congratulations to our September Award winners:***

### ***Jaycee of the Month***

**Sandy Emery** – Sandy took back the publishing of the Wise Fox and has been doing a fantastic job with it. Thanks Sandy for all your hard work.

Also nominated were your humble Secretary - Pam Warren for all her work on the Concert Concessions this summer and Sophia Manos for National Night Out



***Project of the Month National Night Out – Sophia Manos***

Speaking of National Night Out – Sophia knocked it out of the park with this one. The event was well coordinated, working with the Police Department and other local agencies, there were lots of people – especially kids – having fun and learning things, and she even managed to get the weather to cooperate this year... Thanks Sophia!

***October Birthdays***

Paul Kelly  
Mark Emery  
Sandy Daniels  
Lynda Walsh  
Laura Franc  
Dave Reid  
Marc Rivard  
Pam Warren  
Vanessa Linke  
Kristin Corley

Respectfully Submitted  
Pam Warren  
Chapter Secretary

# Individual Development

Vice President: Andrea Johnstone

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**GM Meetings and Programs:** Snacks for the October GM to be provided by Deena Cummings



## **Book Club-Lisa Jolicoeu**

If you wish to get on the email chain for book club please contact Lisa at [lisajolicoeu@gmail.com](mailto:lisajolicoeu@gmail.com)

**Join us on October 6, 2016 At Laureen Houses home:** 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.

November's meeting will be held at Patricia Kelley's home for the delicious novel **Brooklyn**, Colm Tóibín's *New York Times* bestselling novel—now an acclaimed film starring Saoirse Ronan and Jim Broadbent nominated for four Academy Awards including Best Picture— “a moving, deeply satisfying read” (Entertainment Weekly) about a young Irish immigrant in Brooklyn in the early 1950s."

**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](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 . 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.

Progressive Dinner – Chairmen needed

Kids Christmas party – Chairmen needed



## ***WHOS WHO***

Happy October Fellow Jaycees! This month, our featured Jaycee is Lisa Jolicoeu. Lisa is our chapter's treasurer. She also got me involved with the Jaycees.

**Where are you originally from?** I grew up in Sharon, attended Sharon High then Stonehill, and moved to Stoughton in 1988 when my parents sold our Sharon home. Dave and I moved to Mansfield in 1990 and bought our current home in 1992. We love living in Mansfield! Our son has enjoyed many great activities in Mansfield, we have great neighbors, and we have watched Mansfield grow into a lively, bustling community with lots to enjoy and do! Our son DJ is currently in college, and Dave and I have four grandchildren living nearby in Rhode Island with his two awesome kids Adam and Kerri and their spouses!

**How long have you been involved with the Jaycees?** I discovered the Jaycees through my involvement with the McGinty Scholarship Foundation and Family Fun Day. We plan this great annual event, and I discovered this great group of people who came out each year to help with various aspects. Intrigued, I inquired and learned that the Jaycees was an organization that does great stuff like that: come out and help people when help is needed! I knew I wanted to get involved with such a great group, and when I met my friend Laureen about three years ago, I learned that she was a Jaycee and that I did not have to live in Foxboro to participate with all the great things the Jaycees do. I attended a meeting and have been happy to engage in so many great projects.

**What project are you most proud of being involved in?** There are so many great projects! Definitely my favorite project continues to be McGinty Family Fun Day. It is incredibly rewarding to see so many people from so many different community groups show up to support this amazing event. Additionally, I love all the great holiday activities the Jaycees support: Easter Egg Hunt, Decorating the Common, Holiday Gifts for Kids, and packaging Fruit Baskets for the Foxboro Discretionary Fund. While these are all fantastic community events, the Jaycees also have a great Book Club for members that I look forward to attending every month! We engage in great conversations about books and authors we would like to read, and I enjoy having the monthly motivation to carve time to read for pleasure.

**Any suggestions for how to involve new members?** The Jaycees are a group of people who love to help others and love to make this community a little bit better. I think there are a lot of people in our communities who would like to help others but are not really sure how to get started or perhaps recognize the importance of having their children get involved with community service. Well, the Jaycees offer an opportunity to engage in such a range of activities. There is truly something for everyone, and every little bit that a person can contribute can make someone else's life a little better. Jaycee projects offer opportunities for people to volunteer with family members, and this is a great way to model service for our children.

**Are there any fun fun facts Jaycees should know about you?** I love British television shows (still sad from the end of Downton!), Star Trek, reading, and the Patriots!

# Community Development

**Vice President: Bob Gillis**

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Hi everyone! Hope your October is great!

***Foxboro Sign Refurbishment*** – Kathy Brady – Kathy has expressed interest in working on refurbishing our icon sign as she has done in the past. More details to come.

***Nativity Scene Repair*** – **Chairman Needed** – I have the number of the person who expressed interest in repairing our nativity set and will call her this week. More to come.

***Publicity*** - I would like to thank Dave Reid and all the other people who are updating Facebook and other social media when they attend JC events. It really helps get the word out about us.

***McGinty Family Fun Day Manpower*** – Lisa Jolicouer – Beautiful Day for a great cause and we had a strong Jaycee presence. Many thanks to all!

***September 11th Memorial*** – Bob Gillis and Lynda Walsh – Thank you SO much to Foxboro Cable Access for not only covering the event but working ALL week before to properly render the list of 3000 names into the proper format for the video – they went above and beyond for this and were still rendering it on Sunday after a WEEK of work! And we are profoundly grateful to Cindy McGinty for giving such a beautiful inspirational speech. About 50 people attended this important memorial and it was covered by the Reporter and Chronicle. May we always remember, and also take Cindy's words to heart to do more good in the world.

***Treats for Troops*** – Chairman Needed – ongoing. I very much want a chairman to step up and take this one over. Deena has been running this for years and it's a great project for a new member and also a wonderful way to send goodies and show appreciation to those soldiers who FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM!

***Sparky The Fire Dog Costume*** – ***Dave Reid*** - Not only did Dave play Sparky at McGinty Day but we have received donations, money through the Jaycee trust and are making significant progress toward the goal to get Sparky some new clothes! Thank you Lynda, Dave and all!

***Cereal collection for Pine Street Inn***- **Chairman Needed.** I have the number of the person who expressed interest in repairing our nativity set and will call her this week. More to come.

***Winter projects*** – I know there are some Jaycees who have completed their holiday shopping and cards and will have their tree up soon; I am sure there is help groups or therapy for this bizarre condition.



That said, the holiday / Christmas / Hanukah holidays ARE coming. I have chairman for two events: JAYCEE HOLIDAY BANNERS – MONICA RIGAMONTI 2016 CHAIRMAN - Starting in 2011, the Jaycees are elated to begin a new tradition of placing festive banners around town each December! Thank you Monica!

SANTA ON THE COMMON – SUSAN GILLIS 2016 CHAIRMAN – Won't be on the Common but we miss this one (a Jaycee tradition for over 25 years that we stopped doing due to heavy completion years ago) and Susan is looking into working with the Rec department to bring this back. For 2016 it will be an indoor visit with Santa and we would do FREE pictures similar to how we do the Easter bunny pictures. More to come.

**I need chairmen for the following projects. Please email me at [robertxgillis@aol.com](mailto:robertxgillis@aol.com) or call my cell if interested.**

Please, please, please... I need chairman for:

***DECORATING THE COMMON FOR CHRISTMAS:*** Each December, the Foxboro Jaycees decorate Foxboro Common with bows and wreaths, and place lights on the hedges at the foot of the Common and around the bandstand. The public is invited to help us do the decorating!

***NATIVITY SET ON THE COMMON:*** Each December, the Foxboro Jaycees set up the Nativity Scene on Foxboro Common, on the bandstand the Jaycees built in 1972. The Jaycees have been doing this since the 1960s, and store the set all year, and repaint, repair, and refurbish it as necessary.

3rd Annual Light up the Town "A Gathering for all to enjoy" - The Rec department has a tree lighting and the Jaycees help out. I am looking for a "liaison" for the Jaycees to serve cider and help the rec department that night. We got over 500 people last year!

***CAROLING ON THE COMMON*** - Each December, the Foxboro Jaycees invite the town to join us for an evening of Christmas Caroling at the bandstand. The Foxboro High School Christmas Chorus Band, under the direction of Steve Massey, provides the music, and Jaycees bring hot chocolate and cookies. From there, we head to the Doolittle Home to entertain the seniors with our Christmas music.

***ASSIST A KID FOR CHRISTMAS, ASSIST A SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS:*** We shop for some special gifts for a needy child, and also for a senior.

***CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS:*** The Jaycees gather and create 250 baskets of fresh fruit that are delivered with the Foxboro Discretionary fund 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. JAYCEES, FAMILY, FRIENDS, CHILDREN all WELCOME to help! We need to make 250 baskets.

***FINALLY:*** Thank you all for all you do. Please consider stepping up for one of the holiday projects. For each person who chairs a holiday project, an angel gets its wings, you save a baby reindeer's life, and I'll talk at the meeting just a little less.

Newer Jaycees and those who haven't been out in a while? I quote Captain Pike from Star Trek: "I dare you to do better!" We need chairmen and active Jaycees! Please help!

Peace,  
Bob



# Way\$ and Mean\$

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Director: Pam Warren

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

Dawn and the chapter are continuing this project. We simply ask that instead of throwing away your slightly used shoes and sneakers that you bring them to the General Membership meeting to be sent to our partners who will refurbish them and get them to folks in need. In return for our shipment we receive a check for so much per pound, great fundraiser for us, and good use for your shoes and sneakers.

## **Note Cards – Lynda Walsh**

We will be selling our notecards during the Recreation Departments, “Rec the Halls” on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Community Fundraiser – Lynda Walsh**

We still have the stuffed mini Dalmatians available to anyone who donates \$10 or more toward the new Sparky outfit. We believe that we’ve raised enough to get a check to Foxborough Fire and Rescue to purchase a new costume. We’re just waiting to do a formal presentation in order to get some publicity. We figure that October being Fire Prevention and Safety Month, it would fit right in.

## **Paint Night – Chairman Needed**

I’m in search of a chairman for this project. We’d like to run this before the holidays get too crazy. This simple project brings in revenue to our chapter, and folks have a great time painting. If you’re interested in chairing this, your tasks are pretty straightforward... set up a time good for our friend who brings the materials and guides us, and book the community center for the evening. Let me know if you’re interested in chairing this project.

If you have any new ideas for fundraising for our chapter, please give me a buzz or shoot me any email.

# Membership

**Vice President: Laureen House    Director: Kelly Condon**

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I want to extend a warm welcome to two new members, Mary and Jeanne. Mary and Jeanne both joined in August, Mary has already been sworn in and hopefully this month we will be swearing in Jeanne as well. I would like to also extend a warm welcome to a potential member that is looking forward to her first GM on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Kristyn Britton. Yes, this name should sound familiar, her Father Dave Britton was once a member of the Chapter.

Ladies, I hope that you will enjoy getting involved with the Chapter, Welcome!

## ***New Member Incentive- Laureen 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 Laureen. 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 86 members, 62 of them Associates, **24 regular members**. We all love this Chapter, so let's all spread the word and help others to experience the Foxboro Jaycees.

***Membership Information Table - Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>*** – Chairman needed – Looking for an individual to set up our Membership information table and arrange manpower to be at said table during the upcoming elections. This is an easy project, especially for a new person. There are members that are home during the days that are welcome to handle the day shifts (or so they have in the past).

### ***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 Laureen 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 Laureen. 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. Repeat volunteers, i.e. Jordan, Devlyn, Meagan, Caitlin and Emma, will receive one which they may keep. 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>.

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>

## **Membership booths at projects: how to run one**

Join us for a webinar on Oct 26, 2016 at 8:00 PM CDT.

**Register now!**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7990272317024124417>

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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