



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 14th, 21st, or 30th) 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

Can you believe it is November already? Where has this year gone? The Holiday decorations are already out in the stores and the Malls and Christmas music is playing there as well. Meanwhile, our Chapter is gearing up for one of our busiest seasons of the year as well. With so many projects going on and so many new faces joining our group, it should be a lot of fun.

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

Sunshine

President Deena and IDVP Andrea lost their Grandmother in October – we wish the entire Cummings family the deepest sympathy as they come together to heal and remember.

A card has been sent to Sandy Emery as she recovers from her recent Surgery – Get Well Soon Sandy! 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 October Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month

Bob Gillis – Bob was very busy in September, Coordinating the successful and moving 9/11 memorial with Lynda Walsh, as well as being our efficient webmaster and sending out all the e-mail blasts to let our members know about everything that was going on. Bob always goes over and above the call of duty for the Chapter and we thank him for all his hard work.

Project of the Month

McGinty Fun Day Manpower – Lisa Jolicoeur

Even though this is not a Jaycee run event, we have been proud to help out with manpower for this great Scholarship Fundraiser put on by Cindy McGinty in memory of her Husband who was killed on 9/11 when the Twin Towers fell. Many of our members turned out to help in prominent areas and contributed to making the day a big success.

Also Nominated were the 9/11 Memorial and the Community Fundraiser



November Birthdays



Dave Brown
Bob Gillis
Mary Sorensen
John Bolton
Grayson Franc

November Jaycee Anniversaries:

Jim Philbin 1994
Cindy McCann 2006
Dan Dinisi 2013
Stephen Strickland 2014
Kim Slavin 2015

Respectfully Submitted

Pam Warren
Chapter Secretary

Individual Development

Vice President: Andrea Johnstone

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

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 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

This month's featured Jaycee is LaNecia Wood.

LaNecia is a brand new member of the chapter. LaNecia is originally from Providence, RI and was most recently living in Lincoln, RI prior to moving to Foxboro two years ago. She is currently a scientist, working in quality control for a pharmaceutical company in Cambridge, and she is also an actress.

LaNecia acts in independent films and has also done some print work and corporate videos. Through acting she met Dave Reid. Over a year ago, Dave suggested she join the Jaycees. However, she was hesitant because she wasn't sure she would be staying in Foxboro at the time. She and her husband recently bought a home and started a family in town, so she thought joining the Jaycees would be a good opportunity to meet her neighbors, as well as contribute to the community. She considers community involvement important. LaNecia has a two month old baby boy named Hunter and looks forward to having some "adult time" as well with the Jaycees. She plans on helping out with some of the Jaycees' upcoming projects.

If you haven't met LaNecia, come to the next General Meeting and say hello!

Community Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Hi everyone! We're now into the busiest season for CD so let me break with tradition and get right to it:

Foxboro Sign Refurbishment – Kathy Brady – Kathy has expressed interest in working on refurbishing our icon sign as she has done in the past, and work would begin in Spring. I suggest we table this one from the agenda until spring. Thanks Kathy!

Nativity Scene Repair – **Chairman Needed** – I am going to reach out to the person who expressed interest in repairing our nativity set -- when the set is up; I'll invite her to see it and inspect it and perhaps we can work out repairs for next year (2017)

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!

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** - Nothing new but going well. I very much appreciate all Lynda and Dave are doing with this!

Cereal collection for Pine Street Inn- Maria Centeio Kerrigan and Jeanne Fallon– we have two new members who would like to chair this! More to come.

Decorating the Common for Christmas- Marc Rivard - 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. Thank you, Marc, for taking this on (second year in a row). Will likely be the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Nativity Set on the Common- Devlyn House – The always awesome Devlyn, who has been helping the Jaycees since he was little, and is now a teen associate member, has jumped right in and is chairing one of most visible projects! 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. Thank you, Dev,! Will likely be the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Jaycee Holiday Banners – Monica Rigamonti - Starting in 2011, the Jaycees are elated to begin a new tradition of placing festive banners around town each December! Thank you, Monica, – she tells me this is already approved and banners will be up on schedule!

Santa on the Common – Susan Gillis – 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 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 at the GM.

3rd Annual Light up the Town “A Gathering for all to enjoy” - The Rec department has a tree lighting and the Jaycees help out. Monica Fisler is our Jaycee liaison this year; thank you Monica!

Assist a Kid for Christmas, Assist a Senior for Christmas – Sophia Manos -- We shop for some special gifts for a needy child, and also for a senior. Thank you Sophia for taking these on!

Christmas Fruit Baskets – Sophia Manos - 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. Thank you Sophia for taking these on (again!)

Sand for Seniors – Sophia Manos - Each winter, as a public service to our seniors, the Foxboro Jaycees offer a “Sand For Seniors” program. Foxboro senior citizens who need sand or salt for winter, we can deliver a bucketful to your door. Thank you Sophia for taking this on!
Sophia seems to be taking on lots of projects. Be like Sophia. Chair projects. ☺

Contact me if interested – Caroling on the Common – CHAIRMAN NEEDED - 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.

One more thing: All of these projects will need **HELP / MANPOWER**. When asked, please HELP with making this events successful.

And just one more thing: 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, I'll talk at the meeting just a little less. Wouldn't that be Awesome???

Lastly (Really) NEW MEMBERS AND NEW TEEN ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP AND BE INVOLVED. IF THIS ORGANIZATION IS TO CONTINUE AND THRIVE, WE NEED YOU TO BE THE SUPERSTARS FOR THIS GENERATION AND THE NEXT. YOU JOINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. PLEASE DO SO! END OF SPEECH!

Happy Thanksgiving to all ☺ I count many blessings in my life, one of the greatest is to be part of the Jaycees and serve on its board and help the community.

Peace,
Bob

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Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Director: Pam Warren

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 18th.

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: Now Accepting Applications

What a meeting we had last month for Membership!!!!

Welcome aboard LaNecia Wood, Kristyn Britton, Devlyn House, Robert Reid, Jordan Cummings-Dee and Jade Cummings!!! Kristyn has already volunteered for Chairing the Paint Night Fundraiser and brought to us an idea for a new project. Devlyn House has volunteered to Chair the Nativity Scene Set Up.

We are looking forward to having 2 new members join this coming month, Maria Kerrigan and Jeanne Fallon. They have already decided to Co-Chair the Pine Street Inn Cereal Drive. These ladies and I have been in contact via Facebook and I am looking forward to meeting them in person.

On an administrative note, I would like to thank Kelly Condon for her work thus far as Membership Director. She has been a great asset, but unfortunately work and school commitments has brought her to the decision that she can no longer serve as the Director for the Chapter. Although I am sorry to see her step down, I am grateful that I was able to work with her, learn from her and share with her experiences while working on the Board. She is not gone from the Chapter, she is looking forward participating in the Holiday projects.

So if you are at all interested in being part of the Board of Directors and working on Membership, please contact myself and we can discuss.

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.

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!

Membership Committee - The Membership committee met on October 20th to discuss recruiting. It was a small group but some good information was shared. Thank you, Lisa and Deena for attending the meeting.

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 95 members, 67 of them Associates, 28 regular members, of which we would consider 14 active or new. 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 8th – Lynda Walsh – Lynda will be putting the Jaycees on display at the elections on November 8th. Make sure you stop and say hello to her when you are voting. Thank you to Lisa Jolicouer for volunteering the morning shift.

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.

Jaycees Lanyards- Lauren 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 will receive one which they may keep.

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. 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

(<https://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>

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Join us for a webinar on Nov 22, 2016 at 8:00 PM CST.

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Register now!

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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.

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