



Wise Fox

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A message from the President....

Happy Holidays, Foxboro Jaycees!

As I have stated before, the best time of our Jaycee Year has arrived! December is the month we get to have lots of fun while making a positive impact in our community!

I would like to thank Marc Rivard who chaired **Winter Common Decorating**, as well as Devlyn House for taking on **Nativity Setup**, his first project as a Jaycee. They both did a wonderful job coordinating with their helpers to get our Common looking festive for the holiday season. Thank you to Monica Rigamonti for arranging with the town to get the **Holiday Banners** up on the posts around the center. I would also like to thank Monica Fisler for coordinating with the town for the **Tree Lighting Ceremony**. This is the third year this project has run and it continues to grow every year!

Coming up in the next couple of weeks will be **Fruit Basket Assembly** and **Caroling on the Common**. Fruit Basket Assembly will take place Monday, December 19th at the South Foxboro Community Center at 5pm. Lots of help will be needed to get the baskets put together in time for the holidays. Caroling on the Common will be held on Thursday, December 22nd at 6pm followed by a stop to sing for the residents at the Doolittle. We certainly hope you can join us for the fun!

Our annual **Progressive Dinner** event will take place on Saturday, December 10th. Assignments have been sent out, so please take a moment to thank Dave Reid for arranging this for us. This event is always so much fun and should be a blast this year!

Wednesday December 14th is our **General Membership Meeting**. This year we will be doing things a little different. We have invited members of our community who have supported the Jaycees over the last year (or years) to attend our meeting. We will start the meeting early so please be aware of the change! We will still be having our annual **Yankee Swap** during the meeting, so please bring a wrapped gift to the meeting if you plan to participate. We will also take our annual **Foxboro Jaycees Chapter photograph**, so please plan to have a Jaycee shirt with you at the GM.

Agenda for the GM is as follows:

- 7-8pm Mingling and Snacks
- 8-8:15 Greetings and Introductions
- 8:15-8:45 Jaycee Business
- 8:45 Yankee Gift Swap
- 9:30 Wrap Up

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,
Deena Cummings

Secretary's Report

Secretary: Pam Warren

December is here, the year is almost over and with it comes our full slate of Holiday Projects. I'm hoping to see lots of our members at our December GM on the 14th. I will be baking furiously to provide lots of home-made cookies for everyone. It should be a fun night.

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

Sunshine –

Deepest Sympathy goes out to former member, Linda McGovern (now of CT) -- her Father, Stanley Phillips passed away in Mid November.

We wish Mike Mills a speedy recovery from a hurt ankle.

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 November Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month

Krissy Britton – Krissy joined our chapter in October and jumped right in with new project ideas, assistance with current projects and she even volunteered to run Paint Night. We look forward to seeing what this Legacy member (her Dad was a member years ago) will do for us as her Jaycee career progresses!

Also nominated was Lynda Walsh because (as Bob Gillis says) she is “awesome”

Project of the Month

Who's Who – Stephanie O'Neil

This Monthly contribution to the Wise Fox is a Fantastic returning project. Stephanie has provided us with great interviews of our members that are always well written and turned in to our editor on time (or even early) each month. Great Job Stephanie!

December Birthdays

Ellen Malloy
Kim Slavin
Lisa Jolicoeur
Jen Franco
Cathy Malloy
Michelle Fox
Emily Warner
Kristen Nicholson
Meagan Savage
Jordan Cummings-Dee

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Warren
Chapter Secretary

December Jaycee Anniversaries:

Max Loew – 2008
Lisa Jolicoeur - 2013
Tom Sullivan - 2014

Happy Holidays!

WHOS WHO



This month's featured Jaycee is a new member who isn't so new to many Jaycees - Devlyn House.

Devlyn's parents, Laureen and Derek, have been active members of the Jaycees for a long time, and now that the Jaycees are accepting teenaged members, Devlyn has joined as well. He is currently a senior at Mansfield High School and hopes to join the Air Force as an aviation mechanic upon graduation. When he isn't at school or helping the Jaycees, Devlyn plays guitar in a band. He's hoping his band can play Concerts on the Common next summer. He is also captain of the varsity swim team.

Devlyn has been helping out with Jaycees events since he was old enough to walk around and be taken to events. He wanted to join because he knows that the Jaycees are always looking for members, is aware that our numbers are falling, and does not want to see the Foxboro Jaycees die out. He thinks that if he's considered a full member, other teenagers may see what he's doing and begin to realize that they can also help out in the community in a meaningful way. Devlyn thinks that contacting the Mansfield High National Honor Society could be a good way to recruit potential members, as they are always looking for opportunities for volunteer hours.

Devlyn recently chaired his first event - the Nativity Scene on the Common. He said that setting up the nativity scene went extremely smoothly. He attributed this to the fact that so many people have run the event in the past and were able to help out. Devlyn also said that the CPG was very well-written. Through the assistance of many very helpful and knowledgeable members such as Kathy Brady and Paul Lanza, the set up went well. One surprise was that Dwayne Williams brought his furniture trailer and was able to move almost every piece with it. Devlyn is also looking to continue to be involved in projects he has helped with in the past such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Founder's Day, and National Night Out. He is also hoping to help out with assembling the fruit baskets this month.

The addition of several new, young members such as Devlyn will energize and strengthen our chapter. There are many events going on in December. Stop by one of them and say hi to Devlyn!

Individual Development

Vice President: Andrea Johnstone

GM Meetings and Programs: Snacks for the December GM to be provided by Pam Warren



Book Club-Lisa Jolicoeu

If you wish to get on the email chain for book club please contact Lisa at lisajolicoeu@gmail.com

Thursday, December 1, 2016: Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter

Edgar Award-winning author Tom Franklin returns with his most accomplished and resonant novel so far—an atmospheric drama set in rural Mississippi. In the late 1970s, Larry Ott and Silas "32" Jones were boyhood pals. Their worlds were as different as night and day: Larry, the child of lower-middle-class white parents, and Silas, the son of a poor, single black mother. Yet for a few months the boys stepped outside of their circumstances and shared a special bond. But then tragedy struck: Larry took a girl on a date to a drive-in movie, and she was never heard from again. She was never found and Larry never confessed, but all eyes rested on him as the culprit. The incident shook the county—and perhaps Silas most of all. His friendship with Larry was broken, and then Silas left town.

More than twenty years have passed. Larry, a mechanic, lives a solitary existence, never able to rise above the whispers of suspicion. Silas has returned as a constable. He and Larry have no reason to cross paths until another girl disappears and Larry is blamed again. And now the two men who once called each other friend are forced to confront the past they've buried and ignored for decades. (from the publisher) *Cathy Collins will host this event.*

Thursday, January 5, 2017: Interpreter of the Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri: "Navigating between the Indian traditions they've inherited and the baffling new world, the characters in Jhumpa Lahiri's elegant, touching stories seek love beyond the barriers of culture and generations. In one, for example, a young Indian-American couple faces the heartbreak of a stillborn birth while their Boston neighborhood copes with a nightly blackout. In the title story, an interpreter guides an American family through the India of their ancestors and hears an astonishing confession. Lahiri writes with deft cultural insight reminiscent of Anita Desai and a nuanced depth that recalls Mavis Gallant. She is an important and powerful new voice."(from BN site from when the collection of short stories was first published).

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 – Dave and Patty Reid – this is our holiday party where we split into groups at different Jaycees homes starting with appetizers then switching homes and going to another for dinner. Then we all meet up at one location for dessert.

Kids Christmas party – Tom Sullivan date TBD – please contact Tom if you want to participate talsully@comcast.net

Community Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Happy holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah to everyone! This is the busiest time of the year for CD so let's jump right in!

Foxboro Jaycees Cereal collection for Pine Street Inn- The Foxboro Jaycees are proudly once again bringing the cereal drive to the Pine Street Inn! Due to the large capacity of the shelter, countless boxes of cereal are fed daily to the homeless. Please consider donating just one box to this great cause! We will accept donations now through December 10. Donations can be dropped off at Consignments on the Common, 34 School Street, Foxboro (Monday-Saturday 10AM-7PM, Sunday 12PM-5PM). Special Arrangements can be made by contacting the Co-Chairpersons. Jeanne Fallon 508-431-7541 or Maria Kerrigan mariacent@msn.comcereal-boxes

Assist a Kid for Christmas, Assist a Senior for Christmas – Thank you to Sophia Manos for taking on these projects! It's another one of those Jaycee “behind the scenes” things we do each year that makes a difference for someone!

Christmas Fruit Baskets – Sophia Manos - Mon Dec 19th at 5:30PM at the South Foxboro Community Center. Sophia has done an excellent job coordinating this event and we will be once again assembling 250 or so fruit baskets that will be delivered by the Discretionary Fund with the holiday meals. Bring friends, bring the kids, bring strangers – but please join us to help assemble these baskets. Many Jaycees – myself included – consider this one of my very favorite JAYCEE events

Caroling on the Common – Sharon Hall – December 22 at 6PM at the bandstand. Please join us for this annual event singing holiday classics, enjoying hot chocolate and cookies, and then serenading the seniors at the Doolittle afterward.

Decoration and Nativity Take Down – Devlyn House and Marc Rivard – will be a Saturday in January; please help us put away the set and decorations after the holidays

Sand for Seniors – Sophia Manos - Sand for seniors. I set up a new email sand@foxborojaycees.org that will forward right to Sophia Manos. Sophia THANK YOU for taking on this important project!

Decorating the Common and Nativity Set Up- FINAL -- A HUGE thank you to Marc Rivard who again took on decorating the common, and the incredible Devlyn House who stepped right up to chair Nativity set up – two of our biggest community development projects of the year and two of the most visible. Both of you were on top of these projects for weeks and got all of the logistics in order and you made it look easy. The common looks beautiful and the town really appreciates it!

Jaycee Holiday Banners – Monica Rigamonti - The banners will be up by the time you're reading this. As always, thank you Monica for coordinating this very visible Jaycee holiday tradition.

3rd Annual Light up the Town- FINAL -- Thank you to Monica Fisler for the Jaycee coordination of this event. And a VERY special thank you to Ed Groh and Laureen House for once again being Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Web Site

I am keeping the Foxboro Jaycees website up to date nearly daily with all of our December/holiday events and projects. Make it your go - to source for updated JAYCEE information. Also, as pictures come in from 2016 holiday events, they will be posted there as well as Facebook

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.

Treats for Troops – Chairman Needed –We send treats to our soldiers overseas. There is not a lot of work to this one; would a newer member be willing to take this one on? We can fill you in on everything you need to do.

I am very grateful, at this time and always, to be part of an incredible group that does so much for the community.

Peace,
Bob

Ways and Means

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Director: Pam Warren

Shoe Drive – Dawn Hadley - Ongoing

Dawn has received in the shipping boxes for our slightly used shoes and sneakers. This is one of our ongoing fundraisers and Dawn has done a fantastic job at raising money for the chapter while helping the less fortunate. Your shoes or sneakers will be shipped out and refurbished for someone on need, and the chapter gets so much per pound. Bring your items to the next General Membership meeting and we'll send them in for cash!

Note Cards – Lynda Walsh

Thank you Krissy Britton for allowing us to participate in your Christmas Bizarre on Saturday the 26th. We were able to sell some note cards and talk up the Jaycees. All while the little elves were across the street sprucing up the common for the holidays. We have cards available, so please spread the word and let me know if you need any. All cards are \$1.00 each, they are photos taken by member Bob Gills and come with an envelope.

Community Fundraiser – Lynda Walsh

We have reached our goal and Fire Chief Hatfield is expecting to take our donation and purchase the upgraded Sparky Suit. He also is asking that we get a logo to him as he'd like to have Sparky proudly display our logo on his uniform.

Paint Night – Kristyn Britton

After the hustle and bustle of the holidays, Kristyn will invite us for a night out for fun. Paint night is a fundraiser, but you'll enjoy sitting and painting with your friends, sharing laughs, and all for a good cause. You don't have to be artistically inclined, trust me, I'm not; Holly will walk you through what brush to use, what color to choose, and how to paint your masterpiece. Look for a date soon.

If you have any ideas for a new fundraising project, contact me or Pam Warren.

I'd like to personally thank all who participated in the Thank a Vet Turkey Deliveries on the 19th. It was nice to see us participate in such a worthy town project.

Merry Christmas to all and have a very happy and safe New Years.

Lynda Walsh

Membership

Vice President: Lauren House Director: Now Accepting Applications

Another great meeting we had last month for Membership!!!!

Welcome aboard Dwayne Williams, Maria Kerrigan and Sean Kelly. They were sworn in at the meeting along with Jeanne Suttie Christian. Please make sure you welcome these new Jaycees to the Chapter. We are looking forward to having 1 new member join this coming month, Michael Filosa, Peter's Dad. Michael came with Peter to the Common Decorations and is looking forward to joining the Chapter. 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.

On a similar note, Dave Fisler and myself will be heading up the Nominations Committee, and starting in January we will be making calls to all active Regular Members to ask them to step up to a Board Position. Please start thinking now of where you would like to participate: President, Community Development VP or Director, Individual Development VP or Director, Ways and Means VP or Director, Membership VP or Director, Treasurer, Secretary and Dues Director. We NEED you to keep our Chapter moving forward.

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. This month she has highlighted Devlyn House.

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!

Membership Committee - The Membership committee will meet again in the New Year to discuss recruiting and activation. It was a small group but some good information was shared. 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.

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 98 members, 70 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 – Thank you to Lynda for Chairing this project and to Lisa Jolicouer for helping during the day. We did get some viable leads for membership recruitment.

New Member Orientation – Lynda Walsh – Chairman Lynda will be holding a new Member Orientation before the General Membership Meeting in January at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Lynda, lynda1061@aol.com, that you will be attending, so she can have the necessary materials for all new members.

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 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 - - 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 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 (<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>

No scheduled live trainings for the month of December.

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

Laureen House

Membership VP

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