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A message from the President....

Happy New Year, Foxboro Jaycees!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed the time with their families and friends. I know I had a fantastic time at the Progressive Dinner with my Jaycee friends, as well as the many other events I attended over the course of the month.

December days are some of the busiest of the year for both Community Development and Individual Development projects for the Foxboro Jaycees. Although we must put in a lot of time to ensure everything goes smoothly, we also have so much fun while making a difference in our community.

I would like to thank everyone who stepped up to chair one or more of these holiday projects. Our many chair-people included brand new members, as well as many who have chaired multiple projects in the past. Without your hard work, these projects would not have succeeded. Thank you, also, to everyone who supported our organization and these projects by participating in these events.

If you are available on January 7th, Devlyn House and Marc Rivard would love for you to join them on the Common at 9am to help put the Nativity set away and take down the holiday decorations.

Now that we are heading in to our quiet months for Jaycee events, keep in mind that we should be having a Paint Night coming soon, as well as Scat Night on February 11th at Sharon Hall's house!

It is also time to start considering our next board year. The Nominations Committee is going to get started putting together a Board of Directors for next year. If you are interested in being on the Board next year, please speak to me, Dave Fisler or Laureen House. We would love for you to join us at the monthly board meeting before the change over.

I hope to see everyone at the General Membership Meeting on January 11th at 7:30pm!

For new members, we will be holding a New Member Orientation at 7pm, right before the GM.

Thanks!
Deena

Secretary's Report

Secretary: Pam Warren

Happy New Year!! Welcome to 2017 – The Crazy season is over and things should start to settle down. I am looking forward to another great year with the Foxboro Jaycees. As usual, if anyone needs to see Minutes from past meetings, just ask.

Sunshine –

We offer our Sympathy to Christine Igo Freeman on the sudden loss of her Husband just before Christmas.

Christine works for the Foxboro Reporter and has been very good covering our group over the years. Part of the “Caroling on the Common” group went over to the Funeral Home that evening and sang two Carols for those in attendance.

We wish Devlyn House a speedy recovery – He broke his nose while diving into a pool.

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

Inventory Coordinator – Mike Stewart

As we rev up for a new year and more great projects, 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. Also, if you know of any events coming up this summer – plan ahead.

Congratulations to our December Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month

Marc Rivard – Marc did a great job coordinating the Common Decorating this year. He and his crew got everything done in a timely manner so the Tree Lighting could go as planned that evening. He also worked with Devlyn House to mentor him on His first project as Chairperson with the Nativity Set-up. Finally, he already sent a full CPG for the project.

Also nominated was Devlyn House – this was his first project as an Official Jaycee. He learned Delegation, Research and the benefits of Volunteerism.



Project of the Month

Nativity Set-Up – Devlyn House



This was Devlyn's first project as chairperson even though he has participated for many years. He coordinated lots of people to help and got Krissy Britton and her partner to bring their Truck and trailer to move all of the pieces in one go, while young Emma Fisler helped to direct the set-up according to a photo from past scenes.

Other Nominees were:

Common Decorating – Marc Rivard: for all the reasons mentioned above, plus the fact that lots of people came out to help along with many town residents which got us some recognition for all we do from the community.

Turkey Delivery to Vets – Lynda Walsh: This was a well-attended and well-run project in conjunction with other organizations. Plus Stop and Shop donated all of the Turkeys thanks to her relationship with the manager.

Tree Lighting Ceremony – Monica Fisler: There was lots stuff going on before the actual lighting with Dancers, Hot Chocolate, and Mr and Mrs Claus arriving on a fire truck to greet the Huge crowd.

January Birthdays

John Zarella
Christine Blankenship
Donna McIntyre
Peter Filosa
Deena Cummings

January Jaycee Anniversaries:

Deena Cummings 2004
Vanessa Linke 2007
Patty Reid 2015
Mike Stewart 2015

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Warren
Chapter Secretary

WHOS WHO



Happy New Year! I didn't forget to do my Who's Who interview this month. No promises I'll have one for February though :)

This month I interviewed Paul Lanza. He has been an active member of the Jaycees for 33 years! Paul grew up in Stoughton, but he's been living in Foxboro for the past 40 years. In 1984, Paul and his wife were on a cruise ship in Rhode

Island with the Foxboro Newcomers Club, which his wife was a part of. The Jaycees also had an event on that cruise ship. Paul was approached by the Jaycees' president at the time, who he loosely knew through work. He was drawn in by the low-key nature of the chapter, as well as intramural softball and volleyball that they had at the time. Paul liked that there were no specific meetings or events that he was required to attend and that the Jaycees allowed people to make what they wanted of their experience.

When Paul was first a member of the Jaycees, the group was more of a social club. Their major fundraising event of the year was selling cheap ice scrapers outside of Cumberland Farms. As women became involved in the chapter, the Jaycees became much more organized and businesslike. They treated things more seriously, and the Jaycees have become much more involved in the community. Paul has most enjoyed working on the Haunted House. There was a great deal of work involved and camaraderie that went into this event. He also enjoys the fruit baskets and makes sure not to miss it every year.

Paul and I discussed ways to recruit new members into the chapter, and he thinks that the best way to attract new members is actually to reach out to old members. Paul thinks that society has changed and people are limited with their time. Many people over the years have joined the Jaycees but did not continue their membership due to work and family commitments at the time. By reaching out to these lapsed members, we may be able to recruit from a pool we already have some contact with.

Paul is a retired engineer. He spends his free time running a small engine repair business. He repairs snowblowers and lawn mowers. Paul also is involved in cowboy action shooting. He and others dress as cowboys and use replicas of guns from the 1800. They do low key shooting competitions in the area.

Paul and I had a great conversation, and it was nice to hear the experiences of someone who has been involved with the Jaycees for such a long time!

Individual Development

Vice President: Andrea Johnstone

GM Meetings and Programs: Snacks for the December GM to be provided by Lisa Jolicoeu



Book Club-Lisa Jolicoeu

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

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).

February 2, 2017 (possibly at Patricia's house) Jamie Ford's "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet": From the publisher: In the opening pages, Henry Lee comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now the new owner has made an incredible discovery: the belongings of Japanese families, left when they were rounded up and sent to internment camps during World War II. As Henry looks on, the owner opens a Japanese parasol.

This simple act takes old Henry Lee back to the 1940s, at the height of the war, when young Henry's world is a jumble of confusion and excitement, and to his father, who is obsessed with the war in China and having Henry grow up American. While "scholarshipping" at the exclusive Rainier Elementary, where the white kids ignore him, Henry meets Keiko Okabe, a young Japanese American student. Amid the chaos of blackouts, curfews, and FBI raids, Henry and Keiko forge a bond of friendship—and innocent love—that transcends the long-standing prejudices of their Old World ancestors. And after Keiko and her family are swept up in the evacuations to the internment camps, she and Henry are left only with the hope that the war will end, and that their promise to each other will be kept.

Forty years later, Henry Lee is certain that the parasol belonged to Keiko. In the hotel's dark dusty basement he begins looking for signs of the Okabe family's belongings and for a long-lost object whose value he cannot begin to measure. Now a widower, Henry is still trying to find his voice—words that might explain the actions of his nationalistic father; words that might bridge the gap between him and his modern, Chinese American son; words that might help him confront the choices he made many years ago.

Set during one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* is an extraordinary story of commitment and enduring hope. In Henry and Keiko, Jamie Ford has created an unforgettable duo whose story teaches us of the power of forgiveness and the human heart.

March 2, 2017 "Audacity" by Melanie Crowder. This is a Young Adult novel that we will supplement with articles about the Triangle Fire that happened in March 1911, the historical backdrop to this novel about Clara Lemich, whose fight for equal rights led to the largest strike by women in American history

A gorgeously told novel in verse written with intimacy and power, *Audacity* is inspired by the real-life story of Clara Lemlich, a spirited young woman who emigrated from Russia to New York at the turn of the twentieth century and fought tenaciously for equal rights. Bucking the norms of both her traditional Jewish family and societal conventions, Clara refuses to accept substandard working conditions in the factories on Manhattan's Lower East Side. For years, Clara devotes herself to the labor fight, speaking up for those who suffer in silence. In time, Clara convinces the women in the factories to strike, organize, and unionize, culminating in the famous Uprising of the 20,000.

Powerful, breathtaking, and inspiring, *Audacity* is the story of a remarkable young woman, whose passion and selfless devotion to her cause changed the world.

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.

Providence Bruins – Chairmen needed – this is a great day out in Providence. We have a contact that we can get tickets to a P bruins game at a group rate. Let me know if you are interested in organizing this for the Group Bob Gillis has run this project in the past and I am sure he will gladly get all the contact info to you.

Scat Night – Sharon Hall - February 11, 2017 this is a great get together to socialize and play cards.

Community Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Late November-December is the busiest season for community development of the year with so many holiday-themed events going on. The Jaycees are VERY visible this time of year, and as CDVP I wanted to thank EVERYONE in the chapter who chaired or participated in a project or event in any Jaycee area, ID, CD, W&M, Membership and the all-important behind the scenes.

The website and FB have been updated with pictures we got at the various events. NONE of these things happen without planning, lots of behind the scenes work and the actual event and cleanup. THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who gave up their time and energy to chair or just come to an event and be present.

From the banners to the nativity to progressive dinner to the common decorations to the tree lighting, from fruit baskets to the kid's Christmas party and Yankee swap and cereal collection, adopt a kid/senior, sand for seniors, caroling, and all of it, the Jaycees MAKE A DIFFERENCE. We make our communities better, we make a difference. We do this all year in large ways and small.

And Lynda's idea to gather some of us from caroling to sing two carols at Jim Freeman's wake -- what a profoundly moving gesture, people told us they were moved to tears for us doing that. As people have said about the Jaycees, "it's what we do." We help people.

To all our newer members, especially the teen associates, I hope you see what we're capable of as Jaycees, what we do, the difference YOU can make, and that in 2017 you'll take on a project or help with an event.

Other things...

We will be taking down the Common decorations Saturday January 7 and putting the Nativity set away; your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you Devlyn and Marc for chairing these very important projects.

Treats for Troops – CHAIRMAN NEEDED– ongoing Please speak with Deena if you would like to donate to this very worthwhile endeavor.

Sand for seniors. I set up a new email sand@foxborojaycees.org that will forward right to Sophia Manos.

Happy New Year to everyone!
Peace,
Bob

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Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Director: Pam Warren

Shoe Drive – Dawn Hadley - Ongoing

Dawn continues to collect slightly used shoes and sneakers for our shoe drive. If you have any items you'd like to donate, please bring them to the next General Membership Meeting or give Dawn a buzz. The chapter receives so much per pound and the company refurbishes them for less fortunate.

Note Cards – Lynda Walsh

We still have note cards available. We will be working on getting them on our website to allow folks to order from the site. I'll be speaking with IT Guru, Mr. Gillis about how to create this. But, in the meantime, let me know if you need any.

Paint Night – Kristyn Britton

Kristyn has a date set for January 19th for Paint Night. She has requested the services of a local artist and will be holding the event at her store "Consignments on the Common". Give Kristyn a buzz if you're interested. There will be an email blast from her with more information about time and price.

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

Looking forward to 2017!

Lynda Walsh

ATTENTION ALL NEWER MEMBERS!

Welcome to The Foxboro Jaycees. You've joined a fantastic group of individuals whose main purpose is the betterment of their community.

My name is Lynda Walsh, I've been a Jaycee since 1993 and have enjoyed every moment. I'd like to invite you to attend a brief orientation prior to the general membership meeting this month.

**January 11th
7:00 p.m. (prior to the monthly meeting)
South Foxboro Community Center**

You, and several other newer members will be given an overview of the organization you have joined as well as some of your questions answered.

Lynda

Membership

Vice President: Laureen House Director: Now Accepting Applications

Happy New Year!!!!

I hope that everyone enjoyed their New Year's Eve and rang in the New Year the way in which they wanted. Much happiness and health is my wish for you for the New Year.

This being a New Year, now is the time to make those goals of how you want to proceed with the coming year. Where to you want to volunteer, what do you want to learn, how do you want to grow?

Well, I have an idea for you, 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. Please see the Board of Director's Responsibility sheet provided for more information on each position.

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 Paul Lanza.

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 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 Laureen.

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.

New Member Orientation – Lynda Walsh – Chairman Lynda will be holding a new Member Orientation before the General Membership Meeting in January at 7:00 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 - 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>

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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