



# Wise Fox

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

Dear Fellow Jaycees,

I hope everyone had a lovely first month of the year. The Jaycees did not have a lot happening, as is normal for January. A group got together the first weekend of the month to take down the decorations from the Common, as well as to put the Nativity Set back into storage for the year. Thank you to everyone who helped Marc Rivard and Devlyn House complete our final holiday projects.

Krissy Britton also hosted a Paint Night at Concessions on the Common to fundraise for the Jaycees. She has stepped up quite a bit since joining the Jaycees just a few months ago and we appreciate it!

February will also be a quiet month. Sharon Hall will be hosting our yearly Scat night on February 11<sup>th</sup>. I am sure a large group will get together for a fun evening. Make sure to bring your quarters! Also keep in mind that we have our regularly scheduled events, such as the Walking Club on Saturday mornings and Trivia Night sometime near the end of the month.

Now that February is here, the Nominations Committee is in full swing. It is time to step up and take on a board position for our next fiscal year. We are looking for new members to consider joining the Board of Directors. If you get a call from Dave Fisler or Laureen House, please talk to them. Our BOD is what ensures our chapter is able to continue to do good things for and in our community.

I have had the pleasure of being the President of the Foxboro Jaycees for the last two years. I may not have planned to stay on as President for the second year, but sometimes circumstances make our choices for us. It isn't a choice I would change. I have learned so much about leadership from my time at the front of the room. And I really don't like being at the front of the room! I have also been on the Board in one position or another for most of my 13 years as a Jaycee. It would probably have been all of my years as a Jaycee, but sometimes duty to your country calls! This organization has helped me grow, both as a leader within the Jaycees, as well as in my full time duties with the MA Army National Guard. I truly hope that our next President has as much fun being "in charge" as I have.

Just keep in mind, "It may not always be easy, but I can promise you, it is always worth it." Author Unknown.

Thanks, and I hope to see everyone at the next General Membership Meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Deena

# Individual Development

Vice President: Andrea Johnstone

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**GM Meetings and Programs** Snacks for the February GM to be provided by Lynda Walsh



**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)

**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 Lemlich, 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](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.

**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

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Greetings Jaycee friends,

I thought I would try a different approach for this month's report; one of brevity and also as to the point as possible. You're welcome.

**STRAIGHT TO THE POINT:** When you get the call, when the nominations committee calls, say YES and JOIN THE BOARD. I am not asking you to think about it, I'm asking you to do it. Over the last 15 years I have served in variety of functions on the Jaycee board and everyone has helped me grow as a person, become a better communicator, and help understand not just the Jaycees but management, delegation, and organization. Call me; I'll tell you all about how awesome it is and what's involved. **YOU CAN DO THIS.** The same people can't keep switching roles each year – we need young minds and fresh ideas. And if after a few months you find it's just not for you, talk to the president and well find someone else – **BUT GIVE IT A TRY.** End of speech, you're welcome.

***CHAIRMAN NEEDED:***

Please call me or email me; I need reliable chairman for the following projects:

***Concerts on the Common*** (bands have already contacted us) and after Founders Day it's our most important summer project.

***Easter Egg Hunt*** – great for a new member; there are terrific CPGs and it's a LOT of fun and manpower is guaranteed. Important note: Do not forget caramel bulls-eye candy. It keeps the egg stuffers happy.

***Repair the Nativity Set*** – Need a dedicated person to contact a person who may be able to help or investigate options for the nativity set. At 60+ years old, it needs a lot of TLC.

***Project Updates:***

***Sand for Seniors*** – Sophia Manos- I set up a new email [sand@foxborojaycees.org](mailto:sand@foxborojaycees.org) that will forward right to Sophia. This is an important behind the scenes project and we are very grateful to Sophia for doing it!

***Treats for Troops*** – Sophia Manos– Thank You Sophia for taking on this one!

Peace,

Bob

# ways and Means

**Vice President: Lynda Walsh**

**Director: Pam Warren**

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

Dawn has expanded the shoe drive. Thank you to Krissy Britton, you can now drop your shoes off to Common Consignments. Krissy has a box there and is willing to collect and ship for us. Dawn will still be accepting shoes/sneakers, so feel free to bring them to the Membership meeting if you'd like.

## **Note Cards – Lynda Walsh**

We still have note cards available. Bob Gillis and I will be working on getting them on our website for ordering. But, if you know someone in need, feel free to give me a call or email me.

## **Paint Night – Kristyn Britton**

Krissy has decided to have another Pallet Painting event on February 12<sup>th</sup>. I attended the first one, and it was really fun, different from a paint night, you really don't need any artistic abilities to make an awesome plaque. All proceeds will benefit the Jaycees.

## **Restaurant Night – Chairman Needed**

In the past, we've joined up with different restaurants where they give us so much of a percentage of patrons tabs. We'll need someone to find a restaurant willing to join us, get some flyers made up and spread the word. If you're interested, please reach out to me or Pam.

## **Clothing Drive Fundraiser – Krissy Britton**

Krissy will be accepting clothing donations at Common Consignments on the Common. If you drop off clothing, she will donate the items to Savers, and in return the Jaycees will get so much per pound.

## **Spring Fair – Chairman Needed**

Looking for someone to take over this project. The date is set for May 20<sup>th</sup> with the rain date of the 21<sup>st</sup>. Lauren and Andrea are more than happy to work with you as committee members, and mentors, but need someone to take on the management. This is one of our largest fundraisers and we depend on these funds for our other projects. The chairman's responsibilities are to get the word out to the long list of vendors we have stored in our database, get the permit from the town to hold on the common, and publicize the event. There will be plenty of folks to help. Let me or Pam know if you're interested in chairing this important project.

### **Concerts on the Common Concessions – Chairman Needed**

Looking for someone to run the concessions stand during our summer concerts on the common. We only sell, water, soda, candy and bagged chips, which is pretty easy for one or two people to handle. You could get someone each week if you'd like or you could team up with another person to run this project. Let me or Pam know if you're interested.

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

### **POSITION OPEN:**

When you get a call from the nominations committee asking you which position you'd like to fill on next year's board, think about the Ways and Means Vice President Role. I've had a blast coming up with new and exciting ways for the chapter to make money. I'd love to see a newer member, with fresh ideas take over this position. If you'd like to chat about the roll, feel free to contact me.

## ***WHOS WHO***



This month I interviewed DJ Jolicoeu.

DJ is the newest member of the chapter, and while you may be unfamiliar with him, many of you know his mom Lisa. DJ joined the Jaycees because he wanted to get more involved and give back to the community. He isn't sure what types of projects he is interested in, but he is planning to wait and see what pops up that he can become involved in. DJ is in the National Guard and currently attends UMass Boston for pre-law. He wants to become a lawyer. Between the National Guard, school, and now the Jaycees, he doesn't have a lot of extra time for hobbies at the moment. When I asked DJ his thoughts on recruiting new members, he said he thinks that the reason the Jaycees target membership group, people in their 20s and 30s, is so hard to recruit and get involved is because they are so busy with career and family commitments. He thinks it would be a good strategy to focus more on high school students, and give them some authority. For example, give them their own e-board and list of projects that need to get done. If you haven't met DJ yet, stop by a general membership meeting and say hello! It's great to see so many new, young members in our chapter!



# Membership

**Vice President: Lauren House    Director: Now Accepting Applications**

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I can't believe we are already in February! Where has the time gone!

I would like to welcome to the Chapter our newest Regular Member, DJ Jolicoeur, he joined the Chapter at the last GM. Please extend a warm welcome to him when you see him next.

Dave Fisler and myself will be heading up the Nominations Committee, and we started in January to make calls to all active Regular Members to ask them to step up to a Board Position. If you have not yet returned our call, please do so as soon as possible. We need our regular members to 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. Deena has been President for 2 years in a row at this point and we need a President to step up and take over from her. Deena will continue on the Board as Chairman of the Board for mentoring and guidance.

Without someone stepping up, I don't see how the Chapter can continue. We have 17 viable regular members and we need them to take an active participation role. Now is the time to show your Leadership skills.

So please return those calls, say yes to a position and keep our great Chapter running for the future and the good of the Foxboro Community.

## ***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 DJ Jolicoeur.

## ***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 Jolicoeur. 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.

***New Member Orientation – Chairman Needed*** – This is a great opportunity for a member who has been around for a while to contact the newer members and invite them to a short overview of the Chapter. Lynda just ran it for a few new Members prior to the January meeting. We would like to see one run before the March meeting. We have the materials you will need.

### ***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](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>

No scheduled live trainings for the month of February.

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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