



Wise Fox

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A message from the President....

Fellow Jaycees,

Every month, just before the General Membership Meeting and again right before the Board Meeting, I prepare the updated agendas. Normally it is a relatively easy task. I add any new information that was discussed at the previous meeting, change project dates, update chairmen, etc. Updating the agenda for the February board meeting went just as easy as any normal month, but something was different. The very first item I needed to add last month was "Possible Folding of the Chapter."

The Foxboro Jaycees have been skirting this issue the last few years, so it wasn't as though I hadn't been planning for this discussion since before I stepped up to be the President. I never thought that I would have to continue in that role for two years in a row just to avoid the conversation for one more year. But that is what I did. I love this chapter and the good that we do for and in our community. I enjoy the friendships I have made with the many people who are members, both Associates and Regulars. I would be devastated if we ceased to be just as all the other chapters in our state.

Dave Fisler and Laureen House took on the Nominations Committee this year. After spending a great deal of time contacting the members of this chapter to request for people to step up to the Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, they were unsuccessful. We had no regular members ready to take on the next year. Dave took it upon himself to write an obituary of sorts for the Foxboro Jaycees. It was heartbreaking, but necessary.

I think his message hit home with many of our members. The board meeting on February 22nd was a full house. We had six non-board members in attendance. Three of these guests are members and willing to step up to the plate. But we still need more of our membership to realize that the good this chapter does cannot continue without a Board of Directors. We still need you. All of you. If you are not ready or available to be on the BOD, take on a project or to show up for manpower to an event that is already planned. We need you to re-commit to our organization.

Our next General Membership Meeting will be March 8th at 7:30pm. Please plan to attend.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Deena Cummings

Individual Development

Vice President: Andrea Johnstone

GM Meetings and Programs: Snacks for the GM to be provided by Steve Strickland



Book Club-Lisa Jolicoeu

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

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.

April, we will be reading Noah Trevor's "Born a Crime," which looks great:

https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/28/books/review-born-a-crime-trevor-noahs-raw-account-of-life-under-apartheid.html?_r=0

May, we will be reading Dolley Carlson's "The Red Coat: A Novel of Boston," which focuses on the struggle of Irish immigrant families and is set in the 1940s but includes the challenges of Irish immigrants arriving from 1910 - 1950 as the story encompasses two generations through flashbacks and family struggles. The story also includes upperclass families as Carlson captures their interactions. Here is an interview with the author:

<http://goldenkeyesparsons.com/author-dolley-carlson/>

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 – 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.

Installation Banquet – the tentative date for this will be April 29th
This is a great night when we install our new board members for the next year which we are happy to say will be happening. Please watch for the invitations to come out.

Community Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Greetings friends!

You ever see those Facebook memes that say “Be like Bill” or “Be like Fred?” This one can be, “Be like Sophia:” She’s stepping up to be CDVP next year, YES! So many of the projects she has chaired and loves fall under this area and she is going to be GREAT at the job! Also, she took on candidates night; I’ll be working with her in mid-March to go over what needs to be done; this a very important Jaycee event to introduce candidates for public office to the community in a live television event; we have been doing this over 25 years. Also, she’s taking care of the sand for seniors AND treats for troops.

Be like Sophia. Chair projects. Join the board. Make a difference.

Speaking of making a difference, Mighty Max Loew has once again stepped up to chair the concerts on the common series and already has the season booked. THANK YOU MAX! Updates and events are already on our FB page and will be on the site as we get closer to June.

I need a chairman for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. It’s an easy project to run and manpower is guaranteed because there’s candy. Email me at robertxgilis@aol.com or call if interested. PLEASE?

Still wondering if anyone might be interested in coordinating nativity scene repair?

Finally, Founders Day is June 10. We march in the parade each year, would you like to chair that? It’s easy, it gets the Jaycees out there, and again, there’s CANDY! Please let me know.

That’s all for this month – except this, I need to say it. If you’re a member of the chapter and haven’t been to a GM in a while, please come by, we would love to see you. Just say hi! And we’d love it even more if you might step up and chair a project, co-chair a project, or even join a committee. We need more of our members to step up and help. End of speech.

Peace,

Bob

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Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Director: Pam Warren

Shoe Drive – Dawn Hadley - Ongoing

The company we've been dealing with for this fundraiser has not made a payment to us since November. The board has decided it may be best for this to continue through Common Consignments and Krissy Britton. She deals with Savers and we will still get a profit from shoe/sneakers donated. Thank you Dawn for all your work over the past two years.

Note Cards Sales at Vendor Fair – Chairman Needed

I'd like someone to take on the sales of our note cards at the upcoming Vendor Fair. If interested, please see me or Pam. 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.

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 Vendor Fair – Lynda Walsh

For fear of this project not running this year, I took on Chairmanship. I'll need a lot of help to make this another successful year. Please reach out to me if you're interested in taking on a part in this large project.

Concerts on the Common Sponsorships – Chairman Needed

I'm looking for someone who can reach out to local business to see if they'd be willing to sponsor one of our concerts this year. We have a list of folks who have contributed in the past that you can use to get started. If interested, please reach out to me.

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.

Raffle at Vendor Fair – Chairman Needed

We need someone to take on this as a separate project. You'll collect items from the participating vendors, set them up for folks to take chances on. This is a fun and pretty easy project even for a newer member. Let me or Pam know if you could help us out with this.

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

Membership

Vice President: Laureen House Director: Now Accepting Applications

By now you must have read the letter to the Chapter from Dave Fisler, Nominations committee member. The Chapter is in desperate need of People to step up and take a leadership role. We had 3 people commit to the Board for next year, but that still is not enough. In order for this Chapter to survive we need you, regular and Associates to take an active role. The current Board is willing to Mentor anyone stepping up into the Board positions.

The responsibility is now on you as to whether we continue or not.

We are moving forward for now, and having said that, the March meeting is very important to attend. We will be reviewing the By-Laws for the Chapter and need to make a quorum. Please come to the meeting, bring your dues check of \$35 (National has gone up, therefore we needed to increase dues) so that you may be part of the quorum.

Who's Who – Stephanie O'Neil

Shout out to Stephanie as she has welcomed into the world her beautiful daughter Amelia. Congratulations!

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 will meet March 15th at the home of Laureen House, from 7-9pm, we will be discussing recruiting and activation. 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.

Membership Table Chairman Needed

Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Fair, Concerts on the Common and Founder's day. Please contact Laureen to volunteer for these Chairman positions.

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 (<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 March.

As always, please email Lauren with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area. Ducla567@aol.com