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A message from the President....

Dear Fellow Jaycees!

April is here! That means spring has finally arrived (and I am sure this annoying cold rain will go away sometime soon. It has to, right?)

With spring comes busy times for the Foxboro Jaycees. We have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on 8 March and then our Vendor Fair on 20 May. Both events will be held on the Foxboro Common and we hope you can come out to help! After that, Founder's Day is right around the corner. We will be looking for chair-people and manpower for those regularly scheduled projects on Saturday, 10 June.

Our upcoming General Membership Meeting is another important one. Yearly elections for the new Board of Directors will be taking place on Wednesday, 12 April. Please plan to attend to vote for the incoming President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, etc. The Installation Banquet will follow on 29 April at the Lafayette House. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend as we swear in our new BOD and present awards to the projects and people who made a difference in our community over the last year.

With that, I would like to take this last bit of space to thank everyone for the support you have provided me over the last two years as the President of the Foxboro Jaycees. It has been a pleasure to work with both the members of my Board of Directors and with everyone who is a part of our great organization. I know we can continue to do great things for our community while having a fantastic time doing it. I look forward to the opportunity!

Thank you!
Deena

Secretary's Report

Secretary: Pam Warren

Apparently when the groundhog said there would be six more weeks of Winter back in February, he didn't specify WHICH 6 weeks – once again we have snow to start April. However, there are signs of good things to come... With the warmer weather we turn to thoughts of our Big projects – Easter egg hunt, Spring Fair, Concerts and (dare I say it) Founder's Day! So many great projects to do – I hope to see many of our new and old members coming out for all of them.

Sunshine –

A card was sent to wish Stephanie O'Neil a BIG Congratulations on her new Baby. If anyone wants some Sunshine sent – for good or bad occasions – contact me with the details.

Inventory Coordinator – Mike Stewart

As we get into the Spring and Summer seasons, remember that we have items available to be borrowed for parties and functions – including the large coolers, pop-up tents and more. If you need to borrow anything from inventory – as long as it does not conflict with any official functions – please contact Mike or me to coordinate pick-up and drop off

Congratulations to our February Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month

Mary Sorensen – Mary is a fairly new member, but from a Legacy Jaycee family. Mary has stepped up to run for Chapter President next year – thus saving our chapter from the Brink of Extinction. Thank you So Much, Mary – it is members like you that keep us going.

Also nominated was Dave Fisler – He personally called members to get a board together and wrote a heartfelt letter (and obituary) to save the chapter.

Project of the Month

Patriots Rally – Lynda Walsh



Big cheers go out to Lynda Walsh for coordinating this Fabulous Community Event. Hundreds of fans showed up to make signs and cheer on our hometown team as they prepared for the Big Game. Foxboro Cable Access taped the entire thing, edited it and got it sent to the Team who did view it – and then went on to win the Superbowl in the most amazing comeback of all time.

Also nominated was Sand For Seniors – Sophia did a great job distributing those much needed sand buckets throughout the winter.

April Birthdays

Bob Webster
Cheryl Cushman
Laureen House
Kevin Bean

April Jaycee Anniversaries:

Robert Cole - 1975
Jim Evans – 1984
Paul Dean – 1985
Dave Brown - 1985
John Zarella – 1987
Sandy Daniels – 1988
Kathy Brady - 2000
Stephanie O’Neil – 2014
Kevin Bean – 2016
Kristen Nicholson - 2016

Respectfully Submitted
Pam Warren
Chapter Secretary

WHOS WHO



Hi Everyone! This month, our featured Jaycee is Mary Suttie Sorensen. Mary has only been with the chapter since August, but she is our new President!

How did you hear about the organization? I am a legacy! My mother and father met via the Jaycee's back in the 70s. I grew up attending Senate events across the country, surrounded by our creed and watching it in action.

Where are you originally from? I'm from Lowell, Ma. I moved to Dracut, a suburb of Lowell, at the age of 12, but continued my education in Lowell. After graduating, I moved to Southern NH. I later moved to Boston, then to Norton in August.

I see you currently live in Norton. How long have you lived there? I moved to Norton in August.

What made you want to become president of the organization? I heard the call and answered it! I was moved by the heartfelt solicitation for officers and share our love for the Jaycee organization. It may have been sooner than expected, but it's been a lifetime goal of mine. I've always known that I wanted to follow in my parent's footsteps. My career has always been service oriented, as I was raised by the Jaycee creed. I am blessed with the ability to serve others, and strive to make it my purpose in life. If I can make just one person's day a little brighter, I'm rewarded and fulfilled. The Foxboro Jaycee's provide the increasingly rare opportunity to join with like-minded people in improving our world. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve, to learn, and to grow with my fellow Jaycees.

How do you think we can best revive the organization / attract new members? I've shared many ideas with the membership committee already. Deena, Lauren, Devlyn and I discussed appealing to community centers, church groups, senior centers and retirees, community colleges and their clubs, probationers who need community service hours, etc. It was a productive brainstorming session! I offered to do presentations and proposed having materials (specific to the target audience) at our general meetings for visitors and new members, and to distribute at recruitment presentations and membership booths. Tapping into existing groups, with members who are already used to volunteering: one would assume they may be more inclined to join. That's the hope anyway! We really liked the idea of appealing to retirees because our chapter is unique in accepting members of all ages, and many retirees seek out constructive activities for their free time. Imagine the possibilities! The experience and passion, the wealth of information about our area and our citizens provided by local seniors may inspire a whole new wave of projects for the chapter. It was exciting to imagine and discuss! Now, to make our ideas and visions a reality...

What events have you been involved with since you joined? The first event I attended, just to make a couple introductions, was one of the concerts on the common. I met Pam and Lynda at the Jaycee concession stand and was welcomed heartily to the organization. In the winter, I enjoyed decorating the town common with my son, Neily (age 6), and my mother, Senator Mary Anne Johnston. We later brought Neily for the lighting ceremony. I also have collected shoes and clothes for the respective drives, raising money for the chapter. Since volunteering to be President, I've been shadowing Deena and attending board and committee meetings, in addition to the general meetings. My project involvement is limited, as I'm relatively new and was away for some time. However, when I took on the Presidency, I took it on with a fierce commitment and deep passion for the organization, our members, and our community.

What do you like to do in your free time? I'm a dreamer and a would-be adventurer! I love nature and reading, traveling, and culture. A favorite activity is Geocaching, a worldwide GPS-driven scavenger hunt. I'm anxiously awaiting nice weather to get out and walk the trails in our area to discover some caches and beautiful sites tucked away in our community and beyond. I've thought about a Jaycee Geocaching team... How much fun would that be?!

Are there any fun facts the Jaycees should know about you? I'm the youngest of 7. Currently, my favorite movie is Dreamworks Trolls! (I'm a kid at heart). I've gone cliff jumping, climbed Mayan ruins, and swam through an underground river in Mexico. I've panned for gold in Appalachia and boated on an underground lake in a deep Tennessee cave. I love exploring! I graduated Valedictorian from my high school, Summa Cum Laude with my Bachelor's in Psychology and Political Science, earned my Master's in Regional Economic and Social Development, and became the Director of an alternative high school program for at-risk students in Manchester, NH all by the age of 22! I've experienced great success and epic failures, but it all contributes to a well-rounded, grounded, and passionate outlook on life and people

Come to a General Membership meeting soon and meet Mary!

Individual Development

Vice President: Andrea Johnstone

GM Meetings and Programs: Snacks for the GM to be provided by Bob Gillis



Book Club-Lisa Jolicoeu

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

April 6, 2017 (Home of Michele Rogers) "Trevor Nash: Born A Crime Born a Crime" "Stories from a South African Childhood is the compelling, inspiring, and comically sublime story of a young man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed—from one of the comedy world's brightest new voices and The Daily Show host Trevor Noah." (from the publisher)

May 4, 2017 (Home of Lisa Jolicoeur) "**The Red Coat: A Book of Boston.**" by Dollie Carlson. From the publisher: "Think Downton Abbey, but set in the heart of Boston . . . Irish domestic worker Norah King's decision to ask her wealthy employer, Caroline Parker, for an elegant red coat the Beacon Hill matriarch has marked for donation ignites a series of events that neither woman could have fathomed. The unlikely exchange will impact their respective daughters and families for generations to come, from the coat's original owner, marriage-minded collegian Cordelia Parker, to the determined and spirited King sisters of South Boston, Rosemary, Kay, and Rita. As all of these young women experience the realities of life-love and loss, conflict and joy, class prejudices and unexpected prospects-the red coat reveals the distinction between cultures, generations, and landscapes in Boston during the 1940s and 50s, a time of change, challenge, and opportunity. Meet the proud, working-class Irish and staid, upper-class Brahmins through the contrasting lives of these two families and their friends and neighbors. See how the Parkers and the Kings each overcome sudden tragedy with resolve and triumph. And witness the profound impact of a mother's heart on her children's souls. Carlson brings us front and center with her knowing weave of Celtic passion-both tragic and joyful-words of wisdom, romance, humor and historical events. We are in Boston feet first and loving every step. The red coat is a rich legacy from both sides of the city, Southie and the Hill."

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

Thursday, June 1, 2017 (host needed) TENTATIVE TITLE: J.D. Vance's "Hillbilly Elegy."

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.

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 – Sophia Manos- April 29th at 5PM located at the Lafayette House
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 10th. 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

Note Cards Sales at Vendor Fair – Lisa Jolicoeur

Lisa has stepped up to man a table at the upcoming Vendor Fair to sell our notecards. Please make sure you swing by and purchase a few and tell your friends.

Restaurant Night – Chairman Needed

In the past, we've joined up with different restaurants where they give us so much of a percentage of patron's 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

With help from Laureen, Andrea, Bob, and Dave Fisler, we're well on our way to promoting this event. It will be held May 20th with rain date of the 21st. Bob has posted it on our website, Facebook page, etc. Laureen is handling all comments, etc. from our Facebook page, and Andrea and Fiz will be mapping out where vendors will be located.

Concerts on the Common Sponsorships- Max Loew/Lynda Walsh

Max and I will be teaming up to get sponsors for the upcoming concert season. If you know any business that may be interested in sponsoring a concert this year, please direct them my way. It's great advertisement for the businesses, as they are listed on our flyer, our facebook page, and on our website.

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.

Founders Day Concessions – Chairman Needed

Founders Day will be here before we know it, June 10th to be exact. Looking for someone to coordinate our concessions stand. Normally, we sell, hamburgers, hotdogs, salt potatoes, chips, water, and soda.

Founders Day Light Up Items – Chairman Needed

Looking for someone to coordinate the purchase and sales of light up items during founders day fireworks. If you're interested, please let me know.

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

Membership

Vice President: Laureen House Director: Now Accepting Applications

Thank you to all of you that made it to the last meeting, now let's hope we have as good a turnout at the April Elections Meeting!

I would like to welcome to the Chapter 2 new members, Jennifer Bryan and Daniel Veniza. Both joined at the March meeting and were sworn in. Jennifer is already looking to Chair a couple of projects and Daniel is contributing ideas for Membership recruitment.

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 Mary Sorensen.

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 next Membership meeting is TBD. We have some great ideas and are in need of someone that could design a trifold brochure. Please contact Laureen House.

Currently the committee consists of Sandy Daniels, Dave Fidler, Deena Cummings, Kathy Brady, Mary Sorensen and Lisa Jolicouer.

New Member Orientation – Laureen House – If you have not been to a New Member Orientation, please come to this one. It will be held at 7:00pm, prior to the General Membership Meeting. Please RSVP so we have appropriate materials.

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