



Wise Fox

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Dear Fellow Jaycees,

I'm honored to be your new President! The Installation Banquet was wonderful, with touching dedications made in honor of our outstanding members of this past year. I so look forward to witnessing next year's award winners in action throughout the year. We have a lot of new members (and hopefully a bunch more to join in the future) that are committed to the success and longevity of this chapter. With the support and guidance of our experienced members, I hope to be reading some of their names at next year's banquet.

May 10th is our next General Membership Meeting. Don't miss out on watching me fumble my way through my first meeting as President! May 20th is our annual Vendor Fair on the Foxboro Common from 9am to 3pm. Please come out in your Jaycee attire and help in whatever manner you are able, and bring your friends! This event is a great way to show potential new members what we are about. The same can be said for Founder's Day, one of our major annual projects, coming up on June 10th; and our Summer Concert Series starting June 8th. These are the events where we have great visibility, potential for growing our chapter and your skills as a community leader. Please see our Meetup calendar for event and contact information.

I'd like to thank the outgoing Board for their service and dedication, and the new Board for stepping up into their positions. I look forward to a productive and exciting year, continuing the work of our predecessors in breathing new life into the chapter and continuing our work in the community. I welcome any and all advice, comments, and questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me, I am at your service! Together, we can do anything.

Most Sincerely,
Your 2017 President
Mary Suttie Sorensen





Secretary's Report

Hello Jaycee Friends! For those who do not know me, my name is Jeanne Suttie Christian and I am new again to the Foxboro Jaycees. I am happy to be back and look forward to working with such an amazing group of people.

Elections were held at our April Meeting

Elected unopposed:

President - Mary Suttie Sorensen

Individual Development VP – Max Lowe

Community Development VP – Sophia Manos

Secretary – Jeanne Suttie Christian

It was also announced that the following members will be appointed to the following positions:

Ways & Means VP—Lynda Walsh

Membership VP—Devlyn House

Treasurer—Lisa Jolicoeur

Director—Bob Gillis

Director—Laureen House

Sunshine –

Cards have been sent to Julie Grant for her sick horse and to DJ Jolicoeur for having his tonsils out. If anyone wants some Sunshine sent – for good or bad occasions – contact Jeanne Suttie Christian with the details.

Inventory Coordinator – Chairman Needed

Please 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 – or if you would like to take on the job of coordinator, please contact me to coordinate pick-up and drop off.

Congratulations to our April Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month - Dave Fisler

Project of the Month - Shoe Recycling – Dawn Hadley

May Birthdays

Kathy Brady

William Byrnes

Kelly Condon

Jade Cummings

Lynn Freerksen

Dawn Hadley

Sharon Hall

Bob Hickey

Derek House

Stephanie O'Neill

Monica Rigamonti

Michael Stewart

Stephen Strickland

Malinda Vance

May Jaycee

Anniversaries:

Heather Lowe – 2008

Lynn Freerksen – 2014

Peter Filosa - 2015

Chandler Quintin – 2015

Yours in Jaycees,

*Jeanne Suttie
Christian*

Chapter Secretary

Individual Development

VP: Max Loew

GM Meetings and Programs: Snacks for the May GM to be provided by Bob Gillis since he forgot he had April he will make it up to everyone at the May GM. Sign up with Max if you would like to provide snacks for one of our meetings in the upcoming year.

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.



Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur if you wish to get on the email chain for book club please contact Lisa at lisajolicoeu@gmail.com

Despite torrential downpours, Book Club members met on **Thursday, April 1, 2017** at the home of Michele Rogers, who graciously served an array of teas, crackers and cheese, fresh fruit, and

creative South African fare to go along with the memoir of Trevor Noah, whose compelling memoir ***Born A Crime*** about growing up during apartheid and "the tumultuous days of freedom that followed"(from the publisher) intrigued us and kept us in conversation for hours!!

From the publisher: "Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle."

Members very much enjoyed Noah's engaging literary voice as he described his parents and neighborhood with captivating imagery and humor that brought to life his challenging surroundings while also celebrating the deep sense of community he felt amidst the need to hide his existence; the wonderful women in his life, such as his mother and grandmother; the colorful stories of friends and mischief; and the opportunities that presented themselves through his budding career. Noah shared stories about school,

food, jail, and family strife. He is very smart and knows 12 languages, learned from the many communities he was exposed to. He says on page 56 of the book that "Language, even more than color, defines who you are to people." This chapter is called "Chameleon."

The conversation the 18 essays in the book inspired was great. When rating the book on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being the highest, the book earned several 2's. Overall, we were very happy to have read this book and to have engaged in such rich conversation!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

****Thursday, 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."

****Thursday, June 1, 2017 (Host: Cathy Collins) J.D. Vance's "Hillbilly Elegy."** From the Publisher: From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a probing look at the struggles of America's white working class through the author's own story of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town *Hillbilly Elegy* is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of poor, white Americans. The disintegration of this group, a process that has been slowly occurring now for over forty years, has been reported with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. In *Hillbilly Elegy*, J.D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hanging around your neck. The Vance family story began with hope in postwar America. J.D.'s grandparents were "dirt poor and in love" and moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. They raised a middle-class family, and eventually one of their grandchildren would graduate from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of success in achieving generational upward mobility. But as the

family saga of *Hillbilly Elegy* plays out, we learn that J.D.'s grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and, most of all, his mother struggled profoundly with the demands of their new middle-class life, never fully escaping the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma so characteristic of their part of America. With piercing honesty, Vance shows how he himself still carries around the demons of his chaotic family history. A deeply moving memoir, with its share of humor and vividly colorful figures, *Hillbilly Elegy* is the story of how upward mobility really feels. And it is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large segment of this country.

Summer reading titles: We have compiled a list thus far, but if you have any ideas, please share!! Be sure to join us for one of our last meetings before the summer hiatus!

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!

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 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 – This was held on April 29th at the Lafayette House. We installed our new board members for the next year and awarded our year end recognitions – including 4 life time memberships to Kathy Brady, Dave Fisler, Bob Gillis and Paul Lanza – congratulations to all.

Life Members: Mark Emery, Paul Lanza, Sandy Emery, Lynda Walsh, Kathy Brady, Bob Gillis, Dave Fisler and Bob Webster.





Ways and Means

Vice President: *Lynda Walsh*

FIRST, thank you for all the support this past year. I have been lucky to have many of you step up and take chairmanships for our Ways and Means Projects and I am truly thankful for each and every one of you. Thank you Pam Warren for serving as my director this year, and taking on many projects in jeopardy of not running.

SECOND, two of our largest fundraising days are coming up. Vendor Fair on May 20th, and Founders Day on June 10th. For any newer members: The Vendor Fair hosts up to 100 vendors on our common to sell their wares. We will need lots of help from our members that day, from set up at 6:30 am to tear down at 3:30 that afternoon. For Founders Day, there are many ways to help, with set up on the field at 6:00 am through Fireworks at 9:00 that evening. We have several projects running, Parade Participation, Concession Stand, Membership Booth, Selling Notecards, and Glow Items, just before the fireworks. I'm hoping each of you could take an hour or so from the festivities of the day and help out our Chairmen by giving them a break.

Note Cards Sales at Vendor Fair – Lisa Jolicoeur

Lisa will be manning the table at our Vendor Fair selling our famous Notecards. They are on sale for \$1.00 each. Blank inside, with envelope, several different shots of Foxboro, perfect thank you gift for teachers. Swing by and grab a few on Saturday, May 20th.

Restaurant Night – LaNecia Wood

LaNecia stepped up to chair this project. Basically, we find a restaurant willing to give us a percentage of sales for an evening. Friends will bring a flyer to the restaurant and so much of their tab will go to the chapter. LaNecia is looking for a restaurant and will let us know where/when. Maybe we can get a group of us to go, or bring your family out for the evening.

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. Please be sure that you don't plan to drop off bags and bags of clothes to the store, she doesn't have space for that. Those donations should go to an organization of your choosing, like Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Veterans, or Salvation Army.

Spring Vendor Fair – Lynda Walsh

The Vendor Fair will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 9 to 3 on the common (rain date of the 21st.) I'll need all hands on deck for manpower. We already have over 80



vendors registered and are hoping for more. I'll need folks to help with relieving vendors for breaks, selling raffle tickets, and shuttling vendors / Jaycees to their cars.

Concerts on the Common Sponsorships - Max Loew/Lynda Walsh

Letters have been sent out to the usual sponsors, but if you know of a business that would like to get some publicity and sponsor one of our concerts, please let me or Max know.

Concerts on the Common Concessions – Pam Warren

Thank you Pam for stepping up again this year. If you plan to come up to the concerts, think about helping Pam sell, candy, water, soda, and chips.

Raffle at Vendor Fair – Deena Cummings

Deena has offered to help out with the raffle, but we'll certainly need others to help that day selling tickets, and manning the booth. Please let Deena or me know if you can help, even for an hour or so.

Founders Day Concessions – Pam Warren

Pam has stepped up again this year to run Founders Day Concessions. This is one of our largest fundraisers for the year. Please pencil in some time to work the stand during Founders Day this year, which is the 10th of June.

Founders Day Light Up Items – Stephen Stickland

Thank you, Steve for offering to run this project again this year, I'm glad that I know this project will be another success. If you plan to watch the fireworks, please think about coming down to the field a little early to help sell the Light Up Items with Steve. The more folks we have combing the field the faster we will sell them.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



VP: SOPHIA MANOS

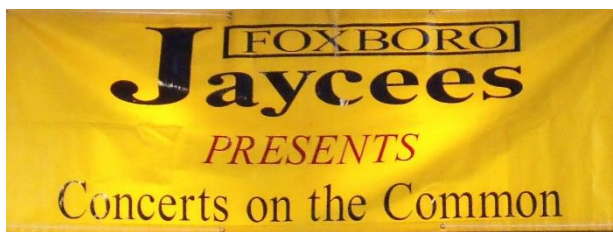
DIRECTOR: BOB GILLIS

(one more report from me, will try to keep it under nine pages)

Hello Jaycee friends! Sophia will be taking over this report next month, and I will be happy to do the report any time she needs it. Sophia, you are a FANTASTIC choice for community development VP and I am thrilled to be working with you as one of the directors on this year!

Summer brings two important events for community development to Foxboro – Founders day, and Concerts on the Common.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew – thank you mighty Max for once again taking on this incredibly important project. Since 1991, the Foxboro Jaycees proudly present their FREE Summer Concerts on the Common series! What started out as two or three concerts, has, since 1993, evolved into weeks of diverse shows and a beloved tradition for the town. We really appreciate all you do Max! I will be updating meet up and the Jaycee website in the next week or two with all of the bands in concert information.



- Thursday June 8: Foxborough High School Jazz Ensemble
- Thursday June 15: Open Ocean with Devlyn House
- Thursday June 22: Ultimate Soul Band
- Thursday June 29: Infractions
- Week of Independence Day: No concert as usual
- Thursday July 13: Victims of Gravity
- Thursday July 20: The Gobshites
- Thursday July 27: Black & White
- Thursday August 3: Southbound Train

Founder's Day Parade – Julie Grant very kindly offered to once again bring her beloved horses Shamus, Cherokee, and of course her dog, Penny riding sidesaddle in this year's parade – but Cherokee has been ill and is not up to the ride. I would ask you to please keep Cherokee in your good thoughts and prayers – she is a beloved part of Julie and Jim's family. In the meantime, thank you so much to Lynda Walsh for chairing our parade. Not sure yet what that will entail – the history of Foxboro is this year's theme – and the Foxboro Jaycees have been around longer than founders day! Expect something amazing and please say YES when Lynda calls for help.

Friends, before I go any further, when you get the call or the email for your assistance for ANYTHING on founders day – say YES. We will take as much time as you can give us that day. It is all hands on deck – for

one of our two biggest fundraisers of the entire year which allows us do everything else for the chapter. Parade, concessions help, glow sticks, set up, cleanup, PLEASE HELP! Saturday, June 10, 2017: BE THERE

Treats for Troops – Sophia Manos – ongoing. No update at this time, Sophia and Deena are working on this.



Easter Egg Hunt – Monica Fisler – I cannot possibly say thank you enough to Monica for the absolutely outstanding job she did on the Easter egg hunt. FOUR THOUSAND EGGS! To everyone who stuffed eggs, to everyone who showed up that morning to put out the eggs, handled the crowds, take pictures, and help in every way to make the event absolutely seamless and a joy for the children – THANK YOU! The Jaycees really shined once again at this event!. And of course, a very special thank you to Devlyn House, without

whom the event could not have taken place!

Candidates Night – Sophia Manos – Sophia, you stepped out of your comfort zone and absolutely rocked this event. Candidates night has been going on for well over 20 years as we partner with both local media and Foxboro cable access to give the voters of Foxboro important information about candidates running for office. The town has come to depend on this video each year to help them make informed decisions. From sending out the letters, to coordinating the event itself, to writing the script – and -- handling the moderator job like you have done it 100 times – Sophia, you knocked it out of the park. Thank you

So, as I pass the baton to Sophia, I would just like to say how honored I am to continue to be on the Board of Directors; Laureen and I have a new title of “Directors at large” – that is, we are here to mentor, we are here to help, whatever you need. It doesn’t matter what area you are in charge of – if there is something we can do to assist you, we want to help.

Next month, Sophia will be writing this report. Sophia, you can use any format you like, there is no standard, all you need to do is give a summary of the current projects, and what’s upcoming. You are going to do awesome.

Finally, Mary – I am thrilled that you are the Jaycee president – you bring a very proud generational Jaycee history to the group – and I can tell we are going to get a lot done this year, and have a lot of fun doing it!

Let's have an amazing year!

Peace,

Bob



Membership

Vice President: Devlyn House

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 May Meeting! Sadly there is no news to report on the month of April's new members as we did not swear in any new members last month.

Who's Who – Stephanie O'Neil

Thankfully Stephanie has stepped up to dedicate her time to one more year of writing the Who's Who! The Who's Who 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 Dave Reid.

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 Devlyn House. Currently the committee consists of Sandy Daniels, Dave Fisler, Devlyn House, Laureen House, Deena Cummings, Kathy Brady, Mary Sorensen and Lisa Jolicouer. (Please let me know if you are interested in joining or leaving)

New Member Orientation –Chairman Needed– We would like to hold one in June

Membership Table Chairman Needed

Founder's day membership table June 10th. Please contact Devlyn to volunteer for this Chairman position.

New Membership Projects

Membership Pamphlet: This project would require not only a chairman but also a committee to help bounce ideas off each other in order to create a pamphlet to hand out to potential new members. We would like to have one designed for teen associates and one for possible members 21 and older

Membership Presentation: This project would require not only a chairman but also a committee to help bounce ideas off each other in order to create a presentation for potential new members. We would like to have one designed for teen associates and one for possible members 21 and older.

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 - Devlyn 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 May.

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

Devlyn House
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Who's Who

By Stephanie O'Neil

Hello fellow Jaycees! This month I interviewed Dave Reid. Dave has been a member since 2002. He was introduced to the Jaycees on Founder's Day. He put his name in a drawing for a free membership and won. Over the years, Dave has had varying levels of participation in the chapter depending on what's been going on in his life. He is especially proud of his time raising money for the Sparky the Firedog costume. He really enjoyed working with the other civic organizations in town in order to raise the funds to replace the costume.

Dave grew up in Bellingham and lived in Boston and New Hampshire prior to returning to the area. He has been living in North Attleboro for the past eight years. He has a blended family. He has a fourteen year old son, a seven year old daughter, as well as a fifteen year old stepdaughter and nineteen year old stepson. Dave is a realtor as well as an actor. He has been in films such as "American Hustle" and "Ted." However, you wouldn't recognize him in "Ted" because he's dressed as Darth Vader. He also had a significant role in the film "Bostonian." For fun, Dave enjoys riding his motorcycle, camping in Connecticut, and playing pickleball (a combination of tennis and ping pong). Come by an event and say hi to Dave!

Dave and his lovely Wife Patty

