



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - June 2017

Hello Fellow Jaycees!

What a wonderful and successful month we enjoyed this May. I'm happy to report that we broke the raffle ticket sales record! We had an impressive 111 vendors, who were especially pleased with the efforts made by us to make them feel welcome. Thank you to everyone who helped out, you truly make the difference!

A beautiful display of 29 handcrafted metal crosses were on the common for Memorial Day, a Jaycee project that commemorates those Foxboro lost in battle from WWI through Vietnam. Every project makes an impact in our community, and I'm very proud of this one.

I'm looking forward to this month's events as well, and hope to see everyone on hand for Founder's Day on June 10th. Please visit our website and the Founder's Day page, where you will find a link to sign up for your shift. There are too many left, so please, get on there or contact Lynda Walsh to sign up. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! WE NEED EVERYONE!

June 8th will begin Concerts on the Common, with the Foxboro High School Jazz Ensemble performing. This concert will be the last Jaycee concert led by Steve Massey before he retires from teaching. I urge all members to join us on the common by 6:45p, wearing your Jaycee shirts, to honor Mr. Massey as he has honored us for years.

The following Thursday, our own Vice President of Membership, Devlyn House, will be performing with his band, Open Ocean. Do I even have to say it? Be there!

The concerts will continue every Thursday through June, picking up again after the break for July 4th.

The General Membership Meeting is on June 14th, 7pm, at the Foxboro Community Center. Please encourage and invite anyone who has expressed interest in the Jaycees! Keep in mind vendors or others you may have spoken with at the tremendously successful Spring Fair and elsewhere. Contact Devlyn or I about reaching out to anyone you think we should invite. Growing our membership isn't just about numbers, it's about growing our ideas, our breadth of knowledge of our community and ourselves, and expanding that knowledge into positive action!

Sincerely,

Mary Suttie Sorensen

Secretary's Report



Jeanne Suttie Christian

Minutes from Last Month's GM- Accepted

Contact Jeanne Suttie Christian if you would like a copy.

Sunshine -

A Card has been sent to Mark Emery, to wish a speedy recovery.

If anyone wants some Sunshine sent – for good or bad occasions – contact Jeanne Suttie Christian with the details at sweetjeans20@comcast.net

Inventory Coordinator - Jeanne Suttie Christian

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 – please contact me to coordinate pick-up and drop off.

Wise Fox--- Pam Warren

Thank you Pam for compiling our monthly newsletter – You are greatly appreciated! If you have anything that needs to get in to the Wise Fox please contact Pam Warren.

Congratulations to our May Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month – Deena Cummings

Project of the Month – Darkness to Light – Kathy Bardy



June Birthdays:

Jennifer Hesford

Devlyn House

Andrea Johnstone

Paul Lanza

Maria Montanez

Paul O'Sullivan

Patty Reid



June Jaycee Anniversaries:

Fred Badger- 1986

Laura Franc - 2015

Paul Howard - 1979

Yours in Jaycees,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

Chapter Secretary



Ways and Means

Vice President: *Lynda Walsh*

It's HERE... Hoping you all receive this before Founders Day... **JUNE 10TH...WE NEED YOUR HELP**, even if you can only give an hour to relieve one of your fellow members who will be on the field all day. Several of the chairmen will be at their booth all day, some will march in the parade, and some will stay to sell light-up items. Please give me a call to schedule your time for Parade, Concessions, Notecard Sales, Membership Booth, and Light-up Items Sales.

Restaurant Night – LaNecia Wood

LaNecia has several restaurants she's looking into to see which will give us the best percentage of food sold that evening. Once she has chosen one, we will receive a flyer to take with you to the restaurant, and a percentage of your bill will be given to the Jaycees. Please share that flyer with your friends and neighbors. We will keep you posted.

Concerts on the Common Sponsorships - Max Loew / Lynda Walsh

Currently, we have four sponsors, Foxboro Federal, Mayfair, FoxCares, and Rodmans. Foxboro Federal will have a table, FoxCares will bring food to share, Rodmans have asked to have a vehicle for their publicity. Pam Warren solicited a couple folks from the Vendor Fair who may be interested, I've sent out letters to them. If you know anyone who would like to sponsor a concert, please direct them to me or Max.

Concerts on the Common Concessions – Pam Warren

Pam is getting ready for the start of the new concert season. She's purchasing soda, water, wrapped candy, and chips to sell. If you're interested in helping her out on any concert night, please contact her.

Founders Day Concessions – Pam Warren

June 10th will be a busy day for Pam, please plan to help her out at some point during the day. She will be there early to set up and will need help throughout the day to sell, burgers, dogs, salt potatoes, chips, soda, and water.

Founders Day Light Up Items – Stephen Strickland

Steve Strickland is ordering up items to sell during before Fireworks on the Field. It will have been a long day for all of us, but please push yourself for another couple hours in order to help Steve sell these items. The field looks so cool when the children are playing with their light-up/glow items. Maybe you couldn't help at the field during the day, this is your perfect opportunity to help the chapter. Show up, ask what needs to be done, Steve will set you up to sell.

Notecards/History Game – Laureen House

Laureen will be selling our notecards during Founders Day. We've also come up with a new way to draw folks in to our booth. We'll have a spinner wheel and folks will pay a dollar to answer a question about Foxborough, if they get the question correct, they can choose from one of our Notecards.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Vendor Fair a success. We had many compliments from the vendors and visitors. We are hoping to have another fair in the Fall. A few of the vendors are already interested and we'd like to expand it by offering some sort of food items as additional revenue for the chapter.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



VP: SOPHIA MANOS

DIRECTOR: BOB GILLIS

FOUNDERS DAY IS JUNE 10TH:

The theme this year is “History of Foxborough” and super chairperson Lynda has shifted focus from how we can represent the town’s history in the parade to how we can present the Jaycees history in the parade. What costumes can be created to sum up what Jaycees mean to Foxboro? Zombie outfit for Haunted Houses of past? Will the Easter Bunny make an appearance? Mr and Mrs Claus? Who knows, especially if it turns out to be a hot day!

If nothing else as many Jaycees as possible, please wear your main costume: you in your Jaycee shirt and join the parade!

The Parade line-up starts at 9AM from 132 Central Street across from the Charter School. Organizers ask that participants park in charter school or are dropped off there. The parade kicks off with the firetrucks at 10AM. Assuming Jaycees will be distributing candy again this year, please remember not to throw them at the kids...(well not hard at least) A gentle toss or hand off will do.

The route ends at Booth field area and thus will start the rush to the Founders Day vendors and out concession stand.

Thanks again to Pam for taking this enormous task on yet again! She is the master of all Jaycees commissary and we thank her again. As usual we will need many helpers on deck for the day to fill in as cooks, assistants and cashiers. As well as help for Membership and Note Card tables:

Please fill in a slot on the SIGN-UP Genius page:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafaa2fa0fa7-founders2>

The fireworks will be popping and the kids will be parading around with glow items again this year thanks to Steve, for taking on the acquisition and sales of the popular glow sticks, wands, swords and necklaces! He will need some help with sales that evening. Please also use the sign-up link to volunteer to do so.

THANKS!!

Also, coming up this week is the first:

CONCERT ON THE COMMON

Our thanks again to Max for taking on this project and booking the bands!

This year’s line up is on our website:



http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?page_id=12655

Please come by and enjoy, there is plenty of room for kids to run around and even dance while the adults and enjoy some R&R listening to fine local music. You may even know a performer or two!

Start by coming out for the first concert on June 8th. It will be the last Jazz Ensemble concert featuring FHS's Music Director Steve Massey, who is retiring this year. Lynda and Max will be presenting Mr. Massey with a plaque from the Jaycees in honor of his last Concert on the Common.

Then our very own, Mr. Membership, Devlyn House, will be performing with his band, Open Ocean, the following week on June 15th. A perfect time to continue winding down from Founder's Day. :)

We are looking for chairs or volunteers for the following upcoming summer event:

- National Night Out which takes place in early August – More to come on that.
- Foxboro Community Farm stand – It is not a Jaycees project, but they can always use volunteers. I am not sure if this is still on this year...late Spring and all, I will look into it. Please stand by.

Thanks to all of those who volunteered with the Founders Day fundraising this year as well as Lynda and Kathy and those who put up the crosses for Memorial Day.



Please bear with me as I am new to this post so all feedback is welcome. :)

Thanks for reading!

More to come, THANKS!

Sophia

Membership

Vice President: Devlyn House

Thank you to all of you who made it to the last meeting, now let's hope we have as good a turnout at the June 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 Bob Gillis

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 June 19th. 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 outgrown 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 or 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 Devlyn with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area.

Devlyn House
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Individual Development

VP: Max Loew

GM Meetings and Programs: 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 News

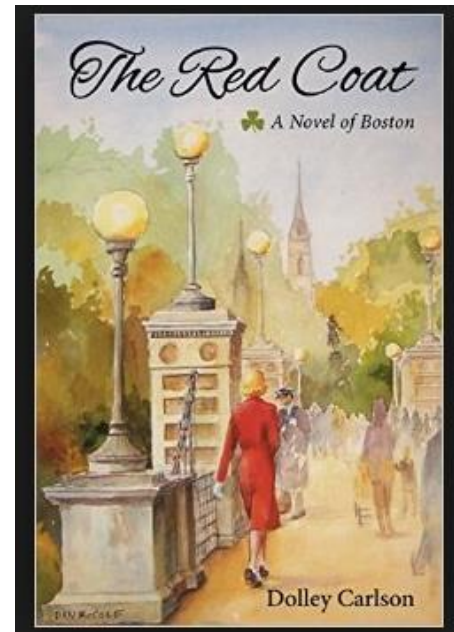
On Thursday, May 4, 2017, Book Club members enjoyed delicious scones, tea sandwiches and an array of teas to discuss Dolley Carlson's amazing novel "The Red Coat: A Book of Boston," a wonderful novel that follows the events started by Irish domestic worker Norah King, who asks her wealthy employer

Caroline Parker for an elegant red coat the Beacon Hill matriarch had marked for the donation bin. The coat, "last season's," had belonged to Caroline's daughter Cordelia and was hardly worn, but to Norah, the coat would be a serious treasure for her daughter Rosemary, one of Norah's children; Norah's life is not easy due to her alcoholic and abusive husband and the constant struggle to make ends meet. Despite these struggles, however, Norah maintains a sense of class and dignity and thus realizes the contribution this coat would make to keeping her daughter warm as well as proud. It is very difficult for her to ask her employer for such a favor, but she does it for her daughter. The attention to detail during scene fairly early in the novel sets the stage for the kind of character she is as well as revealing a great deal about her the character of Carline Parker.

Carlson's novel portrays realities surrounding financial struggle, family loss, class prejudices, the role of faith, and changes in societal expectations for women. There was a great deal of change Boston during the 1940s and 50s, and Carlson provides a slice into many different areas with lots of historical allusions specific to Boston.

Book Club members shared their own personal history and experiences with Boston, making connections and comparisons with Carlson, whose grandparents arrived in Boston from Ireland in 1917. Carlson, whose father was a Boston Police Officer, lived in the Old Colony Housing Project during the 40s and 50s, so we talked about other books we have read, such as

"Brooklyn" and "All Souls," that evoked some connections to themes, plot, or characters. We also enjoyed discussing the rich development of the characters, loving the contrast between classes and unexpected losses, such as with Norah and the Parker parents. Both Caroline and Norah illustrate class and dignity despite their socioeconomic differences, and both strive to embed these values in their children. Norah, for example, has so little, yet she takes pride in finding clothes to dress her children nicely for church. She also ensures that tea is served with attention to detail in her little home. We also noted how frugality was more of a virtue in this book. For example, when someone got married, there was a lot of excitement surrounding a borrowed wedding dress with "some alteration" and the specialness of a certain flower or treat versus the excess of weddings today. Additionally, Norah struggled to make ends meet but ensured that her children looked presentable every time they left the house. This led to conversation about style and what defines "presentable." Clothes and appearances in this novel led to conversations about how attire in the workplace and church have changed so drastically over the years. Is this for the better?



We very much enjoyed discussing Carlson's ability to craft such vivid moments using simple language and understatement. We talked about several scenes, but one that stood out to us most was the description of police carrying a little girl's pair of shoes from house to house to identify the little girl who had been struck down by a car and the reaction of the parents when they learn of the tragedy. The other scene that evoked such emotion was early in the story when Norah is returning home from work and notices that the shades are drawn in her apartment window as she approaches, indicating that her husband is in a bad way from his drinking; the reader views the window from Norah's perspective as she trudges home from her hard job to face a grueling situation.

The story moves from the parents to the children of Norah and Caroline seamlessly with their passing (in different ways), and each gave us so much to discuss! In fact, we had to cut Book club off at 10 pm, well past our 9 pm ending time! There was just so much to discuss!!

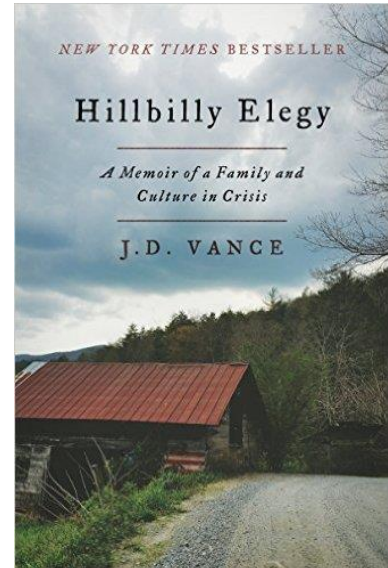
We so very much enjoyed this book and gave it 2's (on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being the highest). The printed version of the book has a gorgeous cover and includes lots of pictures of Boston; each image has a little blurb about the location. There are great pictures of churches and landmarks, and on page 392, there is a picture from Jaycees' very own Bob Gillis!!

***Looking ahead: June's meeting will be our last meeting before the summer hiatus - please join us!! Everyone is welcome!! If you've read the book or want to read it, here is a great chance to discuss it with other book lovers!!

****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 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 titles: "News of the World," "Gentleman in Moscow," Belgravia," "Underground Railroad," and "Ruby."



Who's Who

By Stephanie O'Neil

Hi Everyone! This month I interviewed Bob Gillis. Bob is the Community Development Director on the board. Bob also received a Lifetime Member Award at the banquet this year! Bob was first introduced to the Jaycees in October 1992 when he and his wife Sue attended the Haunted House that the organization used to put on every year. The following spring, he received a cold call from the Jaycees asking him to help with Founder's Day. Bob and Sue helped work on the float. They really liked the Jaycees and were sworn in that night.

Over the years, Bob has chaired and helped with many events, but the one he is most proud of is the September 11 Memorial. The week of the attack, the Jaycees held an

impromptu meeting to try and plan an event. A month later, they had an event on the common to commemorate 9/11. On the one year anniversary, Bob along with Lynda Walsh planned a candlelight memorial on the common. A woman from a town north of Boston came up to Bob sobbing. She said she felt that she had to do something that day and expressed her appreciation for the Jaycees putting on this event. This experience has really stayed with Bob and been very impactful. Bob says that being a Jaycee has really helped him develop leadership skills and come out of his shell. He has learned to run projects and stand up in front of people, even during hostile times.

Bob was born and raised in Dorchester, but has been living in Foxboro since 1991. He really enjoys living in Foxboro and intends to stay. He works at HP as a computer programmer / administrator. When not participating in Jaycees activities or working on computers, Bob enjoys photography, writing, and the water. He writes op-eds for the Foxboro Reporter. He and his wife enjoy going to the beach at all times of the year - not just in the summer! When I asked Bob for a fun fact about himself, he said he knows more about Superman than anyone and he also really enjoys comics.

Come stop by a meeting and say hi to Bob!

Bob receiving his Life Member award at the Installation banquet in April

