



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - July 2017



Congratulations are in order for all those who contributed to making Founder's Day a success! Our parade float won an award, "Most Representative of Theme"; the glow items were a smash, concessions were always busy, and the membership and note card tables were fun and informative for all, especially with our new prize wheel. Great job everyone!

Concerts on the Common are running strong, with talented performers on Thursday nights this summer. We have met many potential members through our presence there, and I'm sure with more Jaycees around, we can attract and inform many more; join us!

The Board had Michele Mangiacotti speak at our meeting on utilizing Social Media to our benefit. Many thanks to Michele for sharing her insights with us, and for speaking at the General Meeting on behalf of the Foxboro Community Farm Stand. Some of Michele's advice to the Board included sharing pictures and videos daily on our pages with hashtags (#FoxboroJaycees #Foxboro #BestWorkofLife). Please actively share and promote the Jaycees in your own social media, and contribute to the chapter's pages. Photos and videos of our community and every day beautiful lives are welcome: #Foxboro is #OurTown!!!

There were so many wonderful ideas inspired during the last month in regards to projects and techniques to improve, but as always, we need your help! Do you have a project in mind? We will help you get it off the ground if it's a feasible undertaking! I wanted to set up a huge slip and slide as a fundraiser, but evidently there are no huge hills in Foxboro. No idea is a bad idea! Let's discuss and be active participants in our community and our chapter!

The Fall Fair is being developed; we need Project Chairs for community presentations and creating brochures. We need Project Chairs for all sorts of various projects (large and small). Please inquire and keep our chapter alive and well!

The next General Meeting is Wednesday, July 11, 2017, 7pm at the South Foxboro Community Center. If visitors attend, please make it a point to make them feel welcome. See you there!

Most Sincerely,

Mary

JULY Secretary's Report

HAVE YOU SEEN ME ? ! ?



MISSING from his home at 382 South Street, Foxboro, MA.

If you have any tips, please call the tip hot line 978-866-4327. The family is happy to negotiate the terms of release, will meet on a busy street or in unlit alley with masks if necessary for a safe return home.

TO THE KIDNAPPERS WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU.... THE FAMILY WILL GRANT COMPLETE AMNESTY AND ALL TIPS WILL BE CONSIDERED ANONYMOUS.

Minutes from Last Month's GM- Accepted.

Contact Jeanne Suttie Christian if you would like a copy.

Sunshine -

A congratulations card has been sent to Fred Badger for being Cancer Free!

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.

Class offering - How to write a CPG

This Class will be offered when we have at least 5 people interested in taking the class. Please call Jeanne Suttie Christian at 978-866-4327 with your interest.

Congratulations to our May Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month – TBA

Project of the Month – TBA

Next Award – The very next person to chair a project will win something special.



July Birthdays:

Fred Badger

Paul Howard

Jim Philbin



July Jaycee Anniversaries:

Kelly Condon – 2015 Mark Emery - 1991

Sandy Emery – 1991 Greyson Franc - 2015

Robert Gillis – 1993 Sue Gillis – 1993

Derek House - 1997 Laureen House – 1997

Paul Lanza – 1984 Sophia Manos – 2014

Ed Miller – 2015 Mike Mills – 2014

Dave Reid – 2002 Marc Rivard - 2015

Yours in Jaycees,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

Chapter Secretary

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

Thursday, June 1, 2017, Hostess Cathy Collins graciously served an array of delicious treats, tea and beverages while Book Club members discussed with great enthusiasm J.D. Vance's "Hillbilly Elegy."

Summary From the Publisher: In *Hillbilly Elegy*, former marine and Yale Law School graduate 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.

Vance's book gave Book club members a great deal to discuss, especially the vividness of his family. Vance's grandmother was our favorite family member. Mamaw's good values juxtapose the craziness of her personality, and we agreed that she resonates in the book as the most influential relative for Vance. She rescued Vance from a difficult family situation because his mother, despite a nursing career, was a drug addict and married several times. Vance lived with Mamaw and eventually became a Marine and went to college. His descriptions of his life during those challenging teen years reminded us of other books we had read, such as "All Souls" and "Glass Castles." The details reminded us that there are many kids who go to school every day with the weight of the

world on their shoulders, with serious fears about where the next meal will come from, if there will be violence in their home that evening, etc. We discussed several passages regarding this topic, including the following: “I remember watching an episode of The West Wing about education in America, which the majority of people rightfully believe is the key to opportunity. In it, the fictional president debates whether he should push school vouchers (giving public money to schoolchildren so that they escape failing public schools) or instead focus exclusively on fixing those same failing schools. That debate is important, of course—for a long time, much of my failing school district qualified for vouchers—but it was striking that in an entire discussion about why poor kids struggled in school, the emphasis rested entirely on public institutions. As a teacher at my old high school told me recently, “They want us to be shepherds to these kids. But no one wants to talk about the fact that many of them are raised by wolves.”

We admired the strength of Mamaw to help her grandchildren, and we also liked Papaw Vance from the Kentucky Vance’s from the Hatfield and McCoy feud. (2012 miniseries about the feud - Tom Berenger played a lead Vance.) Despite the best efforts of Mamaw and Papaw to bring their family to a nice area, they could not escape the chaos JD Vance's mother seemed to perpetuate. Vance experienced a great deal of harsh moments with his mother; her inability to overcome her additions to provide stability for her family was so tragic.

We also discussed Vance's depiction of negativity he saw in the poverty that surrounded his community, leading to conversations about the objective manner in which he describes the situations (even though it must have been really painful for him), the role of religion as it applied to the different family members such as Mamaw and Vance's biological father, and the role of life skills as empowering for people (which led to education today and the need for life skills, such as cooking, sewing, financial literacy, etc.). The following passages from the book inspired these conversations:

“We’ll get fired for tardiness, or for stealing merchandise and selling it on eBay, or for having a customer complain about the smell of alcohol on our breath, or for taking five thirty-minute restroom breaks per shift. We talk about the value of hard work but tell ourselves that the reason we’re not working is some perceived unfairness: Obama shut down the coal mines, or all the jobs went to the Chinese. These are the lies we tell ourselves to solve the cognitive dissonance—the broken connection between the world we see and the values we preach.”

“To this day, being able to “take advantage” of someone is the measure in my mind of having a parent. For me and Lindsay, the fear of imposing stalked our minds, infecting even the food we ate. We recognized instinctively that many of the people we depended on weren’t supposed to play that role in our lives, so much so that it was one of the first things Lindsay thought of when she learned of Papaw’s death. We were conditioned to feel that we couldn’t really depend on people—that, even as children, asking someone for a meal or for help with a broken-down automobile was a luxury that we shouldn’t indulge in too much lest we fully tap the reservoir of goodwill serving as a safety valve in our lives.”



An appealing array of tasty treats accompanied the discussion

Our conversation turned to television shows, such as "Justified" and "Appalachian documentary," both of which provided portrayals of life as Vance described it. The documentary described the challenges teens face to obtain an education to better their lives.

The ratings varied: On a scale of 1-5 with 5 being "blah" and 1 being "turn off the phone and lock the doors until I finish this book," the book earned a few 1.5's, 2's and one 3. Most of us agreed that the book, while interesting, insightful and seemingly authentic, was much richer in ideas and fodder for discussion, and there were many aspects we had missed until discussed in our group.

Looking ahead during our Summer Hiatus, we are reading the following Summer titles:

"News of the World" by Paulette Jiles (Publisher: It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas, giving live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. An elderly widower who has lived through three wars and fought in two of them, the captain enjoys his rootless, solitary existence.) In Wichita Falls, he is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio. Four years earlier, a band of Kiowa raiders killed Johanna's parents and sister; sparing the little girl, they raised her as one of their own. Recently rescued by the U.S. army, the ten-year-old has once again been torn away from the only home she knows.

"Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles (Publisher: *A Gentleman in Moscow* immerses us in another elegantly drawn era with the story of Count Alexander Rostov. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an



attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery. Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.)

"Belgravia" By Julian Fellowes (writer of *Downton Abbey*): (from the website: It's the eve of the Battle of

Waterloo, 15th June 1815. The Duchess of Richmond throws a magnificent ball in Brussels for the Duke of Wellington. The guests include James and Anne Trenchard, who have made their money in trade. Their beautiful daughter Sophia has caught the eye of Edmund Bellasis, the son and heir of one of Britain's most prominent families. Twenty-five years later, when the two families are settled in the newly developed area of Belgravia, the events of the ball still resonate. Because behind Belgravia's magnificent doors is a world of secrets, gossip and intrigue...

"Underground Railroad" Colson Whitehead (from the publisher: Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, the #1 *New York Times* bestseller from Colson Whitehead, a magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South. Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. Life is hell for all the slaves, but especially bad for Cora; an outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is coming into womanhood—where even greater pain awaits. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape. Matters do not go as planned—Cora kills a young white boy who tries to capture her. Though they manage to find a station and head north, they are being hunted. In Whitehead's ingenious conception, the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor—engineers and conductors operate a secret network of tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. Cora and Caesar's first stop is South Carolina, in a city that initially seems like a haven. But the city's placid surface masks an insidious scheme designed for its black denizens. And even worse: Ridgeway, the relentless slave catcher, is close on their heels. Forced to flee again, Cora embarks on a harrowing flight, state by state, seeking true freedom.

"Ruby" by Cynthia Bond. (website: Full of life, exquisitely written, and suffused with the pastoral beauty of the rural South, *Ruby* is a transcendent novel of passion and courage. This wondrous page-turner rushes through the red dust and gossip of Main Street, to the pit fire where men swill bootleg outside Bloom's Juke, to Celia Jennings's kitchen, where a cake is being made, yolk by yolk, that Ephram will use to try to begin again with Ruby.)

We will get together in September to discuss what we read and pick books for the fall and winter! Everyone is welcome to join in our reading adventure and join us in September!

Community Development Report



CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

Max Loew has put together some excellent shows for community members of all ages!!

The Jazzy farewell to longtime FHS Music legend Mr. Massey was well attended, and the Jaycees were thrilled to present Mr. Massey with a plaque recognizing his awesome contribution to our concert community. Open Ocean and Ultimate Soul Bands drew amazing crowds! Thank you to everyone who came to support our bands!

No concert on the 4th of July week, but the rest of the season's gigs remain on the website:

Official 2017 Summer Concerts Schedule & Video



Since 1991, the Foxboro Jaycees proudly present their FREE Summer Concerts on the Common series!

2017 Schedule...

Join us Thursday evenings throughout the summer from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

All concerts are free to the public. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Sit back, enjoy the summer night and be entertained by local musicians. Snacks are available for purchase.

The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

- Thursday July 13: [Victims of Gravity](#)
- Thursday July 20: [The Gobshites](#)
- Thursday July 27: [Black & White](#)
- Thursday August 3: [Southbound Train](#)

FOXBORO CABLE ACCESS: The Foxboro Jaycees are very grateful to the staff and volunteers of Foxboro Cable Access (<http://www.fcatv.org>) for their regular taping, coverage and broadcasting of our concerts!

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!

FOUNDERS' DAY

SUMMARY:

Congratulations to the Jaycees' Award-winning parade float chaired by Marc Rivard, Julie Grant and Lynda Walsh.



Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Concession stand. We could not have done it without the great team effort!

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

The Foxboro Jaycees are pleased to announce a 2017 Scholarship Program: a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual enrolled in a two or four year college, a technical institute, school of nursing, post graduate school or other accredited secondary program who demonstrates a commitment to community service. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Lisa Jolicoeur, met to finalize the application process and will provide updates at the next membership meeting: the goal is to begin soliciting qualified scholarship candidates for the fall semester.

UPCOMING PROJECTS...

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

- **National Night Out**, which takes place August 1st. Please contact Sophia Manos immediately smanos235@gmail.com if interested in co-chairing and helping get this project perhaps done in a whirlwind amount of time. A most worthwhile event!!
- **Foxboro Community Farm Stand** – Opens this or next week! Please sign up to volunteer a few hours this summer. If one hour is all you can spare, then the Stand will take it. :) This is a great opportunity for the Jaycees to branch out and build more relationships within the community. What a great way to contribute to Foxboro. Contact them at foxboroughfarmstand@gmail.com or like them on Facebook for more info. This is a great family project!!

Photos from Founder's Day – many more are posted on our Facebook Page





Ways and Means

Vice President: *Lynda Walsh*

FIRST, thank you to all who participated in Founders Day Projects. Once again, the Jaycees should be proud of our involvement.

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.

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

Pam is at the concerts selling refreshments to the participants, be sure to stop by and grab a goodie while enjoying the concert.

Fall Vendor Fair – Chairman needed

Since the continued success of our Spring Vendor Fair, the thought is to have another in the Fall. We'll need to work around the Patriots Schedule and the McGinty Fun Day scheduled for September 9th. If you're interested please let me know.

Fall Vendor Fair Concessions – Chairman needed

Many of the vendors at the Spring Vendor Fair noted that it would be nice to have some sort of food available. I'm hoping someone would like to chair a concession project for the Fall Fair. The weather being a little more brisk, perhaps we could rent a grill, have some burgers, dogs, coffee, hot cider, and other little things available. The pizza shops around town all get the business from our vendors and customers, it's time we grab some of that revenue. If you're interested, let me know.

Fall Vendor Fair Raffle – Chairman needed

Once again, we'd like to have a raffle of donated items given from the vendors participating during the fair. If you're interested in running this portion of the fair, let me know.

Haunted House Fact Finder – Michael Mills

Mike has caught the Haunted House Bug...he's on a fact finding mission to look into the feasibility of us bringing back a Jaycee Haunted House. If you'd like to join his committee, please reach out to him. We look forward to hearing about any possibilities.

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

Who's Who – Stephanie O'Neil

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.

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 the midst of creating new and exciting social media platforms. 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 soon

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.

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.

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 in for new apparel and I am awaiting their arrival. Please contact Devlyn 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, 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 July.

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

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