



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – August 2017

A Message From Our President:

Hello Foxboro Jaycees,

*****National Night Out is tonight, August 1st, 6-8pm on the common. We need all hands on deck! We will see you there!*****

We are enjoying a beautiful summer! Our Board has produced some wonderful ideas for the chapter, including expanding our social media presence, partnering with local organizations on important community projects, and planning fun events to build our chapter.

We are trying to utilize and grow our social media presence, and our membership. We have started to share Who's Who interviews (with permission) on our Facebook page. Please post to our page, share our posts, and spread the word. Anything that impresses you about our community, please snap a photo, take a video, or make a comment and share it on our page. Help our community get to know us!

We have a couple partnerships that we have started recently, and we need your help! In collaboration with St. Mark's, we will be collecting toiletries for community members in need, to be distributed to local, discreet pick-up locations. We may also be offering a private Thanksgiving Dinner for some of those families. Foxboro has a hidden population of homeless and struggling families and individuals. We are stepping up to help. Please share your ideas and get involved.

The Foxboro Farm Stand has requested volunteers to work shifts. We are organizing a time for Jaycees to go together and work the stand. Volunteering with them is a good way for us to meet service-minded people, and it's also great exposure for us.

We have many other events that are fast approaching, some of which still need chairs! We need you to get involved, be active, and stay active. This chapter survives because we make it thrive! Some of the projects are small, with minor responsibilities that aren't as time-consuming as others (making phone calls, bringing a collection box to meetings). Assess what you are capable of taking on, and talk to the VP's about what they might have available for you to chair. FYI: chairing a project doesn't necessarily mean that you are responsible for executing every aspect, you can delegate as the manager, create a committee to distribute the work; becoming chair means that you make sure the project is completed, not that you must do it all yourself. We are here to help you, to help each other, to help our community.

In Service to Humanity,

Mary

August Secretary's Report

Minutes from Last Month's GM- Accepted - Contact Jeanne Suttie Christian if you would like a copy.

Sunshine -

Congratulations cards have been sent to Kristyn Britton, Virginia Cyr, and Vanessa Linke for their marriages.

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 – June – Lynda Walsh July – Max Loew

Project of the Month – June – Spring Fair July- Glow Items

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



August Birthdays:

Bill Dempsey
Sandy Emery
Monica Fisler
Sue Gillis
Julie Grant
Heather Loew
Mike Mills
Karen Mulvey
Chandler Quintin



August Jaycee Anniversaries:

Lauren Bitar – 1989
Jennifer Franco – 2010
Julie Grant – 1996
Dawn Hadley - 2014
Jennifer Hesford – 2003
Maria Montanez - 2011
Karen Mulvey - 2013
Andrew Needleman - 2013
Monica Rigamonti – 2001
Jeanne Suttie Christian – 2016
Mary Suttie Sorensen - 2016

Just one trivia question – When is the chapter's anniversary specifically the Month and Year?

The 1st to Email the correct answer to sweetjeans20@comcast.net gets a special surprise.

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

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

Summer Reading & Book Club Updates/Reminders

What's on *your* summer reading list?? We are interested and hope you'll share your favorite summer reads when we meet October 5th to kick off the fall book club meetings! Save the date! Book Club Meeting! Everyone is welcome!

These are some of the favorite titles we picked to read this summer. Perhaps you are reading one?

"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: Ephram Jennings has never forgotten the beautiful girl with the long braids running through the piney woods of Liberty, their small East Texas town. Young Ruby Bell, "the kind of pretty it hurt to look at," has suffered beyond imagining, so as soon as she can, she flees suffocating Liberty for the bright pull of 1950s New York. Ruby quickly winds her way into the ripe center of the city—the darkened piano bars and hidden alleyways of the Village—all the while hoping for a glimpse of the red hair and green eyes of her mother. When a telegram from her cousin forces her to return home, thirty-year-old Ruby finds herself reliving the devastating violence of her girlhood. With the terrifying realization that she might not be strong enough to fight her way back out again, Ruby struggles to survive her memories of the town's dark past. Meanwhile, Ephram must choose between loyalty to the sister who raised him and the chance for a life with the woman he has loved since he was a boy.

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.

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 – Lauren House / Lisa Jolicoeur - Saturday mornings, 7:45am @ bike path in Mansfield / Fruit St. Email Lauren House at ducla567@aol.com for more details.

Join the Saturday Morning Walkers in Mansfield!

We meet at the Fruit Street entrance of the Mansfield Bike Path (just past the Mansfield airport) and walk for about an hour at a leisurely pace, enjoying nature, great conversations, and great company! We meet around 7:45, walk to Mansfield Center, and return around 9:00 to the Fruit Street entrance. Email Lisa Jolicoeur or Lauren House for more info or to let us know you'll be there!

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.

Scavenger Hunt – Chairman Needed - We already have people interested in being involved. This is an old project that is not difficult to run. If you are interested in chairing this project, email Max Loew at loewfrequency@yahoo.com.



Ways and Means

Vice President: *Lynda Walsh*

Restaurant Night – LaNecia Wood

LaNecia continues to investigate restaurants that are willing to give us a percentage of customers bills for the evening. Once she has decided on which one is best for us we will notify you all and you can share the flyers with your friends. We also will have invite the chapter to meet up for dinner that night. Stay tuned, more details in the September Wise Fox.

Concerts on the Common Concessions – Pam Warren

Pam has done another year of selling treats to the concert goers. Thank you for your hard work on this project, that is an every week event.

Fall Vendor Fair – Deena Cummings

Deena has stepped up to chair and will be looking for help as members of her committee. The date has been set for October 21st with a rain date of the 22nd. I'm sure with Deena at the wheel, this will be just as successful as our Spring Vendor Fair. Mark your calendars now so that you'll be able to help out during the day.

Fall Vendor Fair Concessions – Chairman needed

This project will be much like we do on Founders Day, but won't have the rush of folks as on Founders Day. We're hoping to be able to offer our vendors and shoppers at the fair a place for them to grab a burger or hot dog, something cold or hot to drink. If you're interested please let me know. Pam Warren has stated that she would run this or team up with someone to co-chair this project.

Fall Vendor Fair Raffle – Chairman needed

We've decided to have the Fair Raffle as it's own project. If you'd like to chair this, Deena Cummings, who has run the raffle many times is willing to sit with you to go over the Planning Guide.

Note Card Sales – Chairman Needed

Hoping to sell our famous Note Cards at the Fall Fair. If you're interested in running this project let me know. The note cards are already printed, you'd just need to sell, sell, sell.

Haunted House Fact Finder – Michael Mills

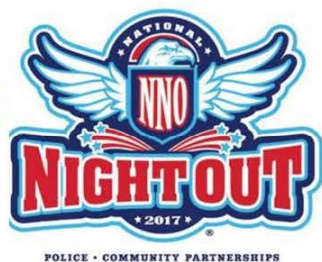
Mike has been busy looking around town for a building that we could use and has reached out to town officials for their opinions etc. If you have any helpful hints for Michael, please get in touch with him.

If you have ideas for other fundraisers, feel free to let me know.

Thanks

Lynda

Community Development



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – COME OUT TO THIS EDUCATIONAL FAMILY EVENT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST!

This annual event came together quickly thanks to the herculean efforts of Lynda Walsh. Thanks again, Lynda! In just a week she has put together a great group of local organizations; face painting; police –dog demos; a fun new bouncy house and special appearances by Sparky the Fire Dog and Slyde the Fox!



We are expecting good weather.

Set-up starts around 5PM. Event starts at 6pm. Bring the kids!!

CONCERT ON THE COMMON – COME OUT FOR LAST CONCERT - AUGUST 3RD!



The weather has not cooperated with our concerts this year, but we hope it holds out for the final one on August 3rd from 7-9PM.

Please come on down and get ready to rock out / line dance with the band “Southbound Train”

Thanks again to Max for assembling these great bands this year. :) Let’s hope for better weather next year!

RE-INTRODUCING THE FOXBORO JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

The Foxboro Jaycees 2017 Scholarship Program is a go!

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 goal is to begin soliciting qualified scholarship candidates for the Fall semester.

The Scholarship application will be available on our website; Facebook page; library flyers and local newspapers. We may need some more insight as to how best to spread the word in other towns in the general Foxboro area. If any members out there can think of more ways to spread the word, let us know.



MAJOR NON -JAYCEE EVENTS COMING UP – VOLUNTEER OPPURTUNITIES

THE FOXBORO COMMUNITY FARM STAND

While this is not an official Jaycee project, it is a great Foxboro community effort and if you can volunteer a few hours for the remainder of the summer, please sign up here:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation/6775657374/1851569/false#!1851569/false/false>

We are also urgently looking for a chair to organize a JAYCEE day at the farm stand. Where we can get a group together, out on our shirts and cover a good portion of a day, take some pictures and pass out some Jaycee cheer and info with the fruit. It is all about trying to branch out and build more relationships within the community. This is an excellent opportunity to do so.

Currently there are a few days in August that look promising like Friday August 18th!

But LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in putting this day effort together as the farm-stand closes September 30th! Also we can reach out to let Michelle (farm stand organizer) know when we can help - foxboroughfarmstand@gmail.com

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT BOX – 2017 (on-going)

At the last GM, the Jaycees got a visit from Father Ed Cardoza from St. Mark's where he discussed the church's ongoing efforts to give to those in need in the community. In addition to all they do for the Discretionary fund, Father Ed is starting a program where those or our neighbors who may find themselves in an unfortunate situation can find items necessary for their daily needs and well being: deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, razors and the like that can be placed in strategically placed "charity boxes" around town.

This could be a great Jaycee FAMILY based project. Some of the full Jaycee families may have fun gathering donations and working on how to best help place these. It's another way to give back to the community and especially those in need that may need more than just a warm meal to function day to day.

We are all going to work towards this effort, but if anyone would be interested in taking this on as a chair, please let us know as soon as possible. This will be an on-going venture to end the year and beyond, but for now a chair for the Fall-Winter would be great!

MCGINTY FAMILY FUN DAY – SATURDAY SEPTEMEBR 9TH

Cindy McGinty and her family will return to Foxboro Common on Sept. 9 to hold this year's McGinty Family Fun Day in remembrance of her husband, Michael McGinty, who was killed in the attacks at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001 at the age of 42.

The Jaycees offer a \$50 donation for the day's events as well as manpower. We will also have our membership booth and spin game at the ready! Folks can answer trivia for some dime candy and pride! We need volunteers for the table as well as for some kids event tables and possibly some general runners.

The event is 11 AM through 3PM, but set-up starts at 9AM and strike and break down volunteers can stay on till perhaps a bit after 4PM.

You will be able to use Sign-Up Genius for this event – COMING SOON.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508094DA4AF2EA5FE3-mcginty (This link is not fully active yet)



We are looking for chairs or volunteers for the following upcoming Fall events:

- Chairman Fred George is seeking volunteers for a Thanksgiving Dinner project coming this Turkey Day! More to come!
- We are looking for volunteers for the Turkey Day Tradition of dropping off said bird to local veterans before the big Foxboro-Mansfield football game.

And coming soon in 2018, a new project!:

Chair Laureen House will be looking for manpower to help out in the Wounded Veteran's Motorcycle ride in Spring 2018! They Fought, We Ride (www.TheyFoughtWeRide.com). Boston is the founding Chapter in the Nation. Planning for the Ride begins in October.

More information from their website:

"All proceeds raised go towards housing modifications to suite a comfortable living for the disabled veteran. Besides housing modifications, funds are also used to improve the quality of life of disabled veterans. Recreational needs, cars, and basic living needs are also other fields of charity the ride is dedicated to. The event is sponsored by the Italian-American War Veterans, a federally chartered non-profit veterans organization. They fought, and we ride, a bike run honoring the wounded veteran's of New England."

Currently, they are looking for Manpower the day of the event. Special thanks to Derek House for making us aware of how we can play a small part to give back to those that gave so much.



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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 August Meeting! We have officially had three new members join our chapter with two more prospective members to come

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. This month she has highlighted Sharon Hall

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, but is hopefully to be set in September. 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

the entire Foxboro Jaycee web site has been redesigned:

Completely new theme that is very clean, organized and VERY mobile friendly on any device.

- Site is MUCH better at recognizing a mobile device and should display better on your phone / pad / tricorder, etc.
- Main menu total reorganization – designed with less sub menus, more logical grouping and focuses more on new visitors to the site finding what they want quickly.
- VERY cool new way to display photos incorporated across entire site. Images load about 50 at a time for speed and format really nicely.
- Member Resources area consolidated -- things like expense form, CPGs, etc. much easier to find
- History – not just for time lines and key men and pas presidents but also awards (annual and monthly)
- Contact – All consolidated so people can find us easier.
- New use of embedded tables into WordPress (rather than Excel spreadsheets that need to be downloaded) for annual / monthly awards, past presidents, key men, and book club – much easier to find on a mobile device. These tables are also searchable.
- New social media sharing offers 40+ ways to share content with click of a button on EVERY page and EVERY post. (Actually configurable to nearly 100 but didn't want to get too cluttered) Made the most popular platforms first
- **Online forms** – apply for membership, register for the vendor fair – no paperwork – just fill in and click. Online member for has been available several weeks and Deena and Lynda are vetting the registration vendor form
- *Coming soon: Paypal (pay your dues, make a donation, pay for your vendor fair site, etc)*
- *Coming soon: Instagram and other social media*

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.ici.cc/local/media/usa/18989/2013-January-May-Webinar-Schedule-Released>

No scheduled live trainings for the month of August.

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

Devlyn House
Membership VP

Devh567@aol.com



Who's Who:

Hi everyone! This month's featured Jaycee is Sharon Hall. Sharon is a member who joined a number of years ago, but life got busy with kids and she stopped participating. However, when her kids were older and more independent she was able to rejoin a couple of years ago. Sharon originally got involved when she saw something in the paper about the Jaycees. She had seen the organization's presence around town and learned about all of the things they do. Sharon's favorite event to chair was Scat Night, and she has also enjoyed chairing Caroling on the Common.

Sharon is originally from Belchertown, MA and has been living in Foxboro for over 20 years. Sharon is a massage therapist. She has started to grow her practice to include cranio psychotherapy, where the main goal is to balance the central nervous system. She has two boys who are 19 and 16. Sharon enjoys riding her bike and doing photography in her free time. Come by a meeting and say hi to Sharon!