



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – December 2017

Happy December Everyone!

We are quite busy this season, with numerous projects that have been successfully executed and many more yet to be completed. Your help is crucial to the continued success of the chapter!

My thanks go to the many Jaycees that have participated or are participating in our recent and upcoming projects including: Decorating the Common, Banners, Nativity Set Up, Santa on the Common, and the Turkey Delivery.

Kudos to **Mike Mills, Marc Rivard, Sophia Manos, Laureen House, Monica Rigamonti, Kelly Reid, LaNecia Wood, Andrea Johnstone, Deena Cummings, Lynda Walsh, Bob Gillis, Tabitha Gaston, Lisa Jolicoeur, Fred George, Kathy Brady, Max Loew** and all the

Jaycees that have been active this season as Project Chairs and helpful volunteers making our projects successful and memorable!

We have had heartwarming and sincere thanks and feedback from the community, especially in response to the Veterans Turkey Delivery. I encourage you to seek the related comments posted in the Facebook Foxboro Discussion group; the posts are a powerful reminder of why we do what we do!

We have big fundraising projects coming up, including Restaurant Night at the Mansfield Buffalo Wild Wings on Dec. 11. Please encourage everyone to come out for a bite and to enjoy the game, while also raising money for our organization. We may also have a movie night at the Orpheum, where we share the proceeds of sales for the shows. Stay tuned for more information. As always, volunteers are needed to organize, assist, and/or chair such projects.

Andrea Johnstone has painstakingly organized this year's Progressive Dinner for December 16th. Although I'm regretfully unable to attend, I am positive it will be an event to remember. The Jaycee Kid's Christmas Party is scheduled for the same day, I believe. Don't forget to bring your donations with you to the Progressive Dinner for Deena's Pine Street Inn Cereal Drive. She will be delivering them that weekend. I hope all will have a wonderful time!

A big point of discussion lately has been membership and trying to uphold the fundamentals of our chapter. We need your feedback to help us improve! We have spoken to many new members and are attempting to incorporate their ideas into the way we run this chapter. We are a team, and in order to continue running, we need to update policies and procedures, and most importantly, support each other. We need mentors for our new members, and for our experienced members who are taking on new roles. Please get in touch with whatever you can contribute to the chapter; whether it be advice, criticism, time, or compliments, everything is valued and welcome!

In this season of giving, please consider contributing your input and time to improve our chapter, and to ensure our continued presence in our community!

I wish everyone a beautiful and safe holiday season, and I'll see you at our much anticipated gift swap and holiday party at the December General Membership Meeting!

Sincerely,

Mary Sorensen

Foxboro Jaycees President 2017-2018



Secretary's Report

Minutes from Last Month's GM- Accepted

Contact Jeanne Suttie Christian if you would like a copy.

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

Inventory Coordinator – Fred George

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.

Fred would like to do an updated audit of our Jaycee inventory and asks that all Jaycee inventory / property you might have please be returned ASAP. Fred can be reached at Fgeorgejr67@hotmail.com

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.

Individual Development

Reminder: Our December 13th GMM will feature our always fun Yankee Swap. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift with a value of approximately \$10. Pam Warren will be bringing a selection of Christmas Cookies for refreshments.

Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – TBD, 6:30-9pm @ Game7 Sports Bar, 60 Man Mar Drive, Plainville, MA – usually the third Wednesday of the month (we always send out an email).

This event remains exceptionally popular and is VERY family friendly so bring the kids, bring friends. Dan saves us a table at 6:30; you can order food (which is delicious) and time and game starts at 7:30.

Walking Club – Laureen House / Lisa Jolicoeur - Saturday mornings 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 Laureen House at ducla567@aol.com for more details or to let us know you'll be there!

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

I ♥
Book
Club



On Thursday, November 2, 2017, Book Club members enjoyed apple cake, pumpkin spice bread, wine, tea, and crunchy treats courtesy of Kathy B. at Lisa's house to discuss the Ruth Ware's psychological thriller "The Girl in Cabin 10." From the publisher, "When travel journalist Lo Blacklock is invited on a boutique luxury cruise around the Norwegian fjords, it seems like a dream career opportunity. But the trip takes a nightmarish turn when she wakes in the middle of the night to hear a body being thrown overboard – only to discover that no-one has been reported missing from the boat. How do you stop a killer, when no-one believes they exist?"

Book Club members engaged in a wide range of topics related to the story. Some parts of the ending were predictable, we agreed, but we did note that one part of the story, such as whose body was thrown overboard, was surprising in an Agatha Christie - like manner. We also enjoyed discussing



how the narrator unfolded the story to us and debated how she compared to the narrator in "The Girl on the Train." Ware's narrator Laura ("Lo") in "Cabin 10" is a journalist, so her prying manner made sense, but her reliability becomes questionable with all the drinking and medication. However, we also became annoyed with the other characters who dismissed her because of her drinking and medication, needed for anxiety, which was heightened by a burglar at the beginning of the story before she embarks on the cruise and the tight quarters on the ship that made us all feel quite claustrophobic. We agreed that we all hated the mud bath/wrap because Ware created all the paranoia so well and that we could feel Lo's anxiety in that tight cabin below deck while she was wrapped and semi-conscious. We could relate to Lo's frustration with some of the other journalists because she does appear desperate to be noticed in the travel journalist world and therefore put up with dismissive behavior by others, especially one woman in particular and some of the men. It was due to Ware's character development and writing style that we could connect to Lo's struggle and agreed that the novel was a page turner, especially for many of us who do not often reach for mysteries. Additionally, the conversation turned to experiences with cruises and travel and other stories about them, which was a lot of fun.

On a rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being "close the door and don't bother me until I have finished," 2 being "so glad I read it and own it and spent hours of my life reading it," 3 being "glad I read it," 4 being "it was okay but not for everyone and wish I had not purchased it," and 5 being "oye, did I really spend hours of my life on that?", the book earned mostly 2's, a 2.5, and a 1.5. It was definitely an enjoyable book that generated some really great conversation.

We also rated books from our summer reading which we did not rate last month because only a few people had read each, but we decided to rate them to encourage more people to read (or not!): "Gentleman in Moscow" received rave reviews of multiple 1's and one 2 from those who had read it, including comments that it was a commitment to read because of its length and depth but that we did not want it to end; "News of the World" received all 2's and agreement that it was a quick, enjoyable read with a satisfying ending; "Ruby" earned 1 and 1.5 as magical realism and a cross between "Beloved" and 'House of Spirits"; and "Belgravia" earned 2.5's as light and enjoyable, like reading "Downton Abbey" but without actually hearing the delicious British accents and seeing the gorgeous setting and beautiful characters, clothing and food.

We will be reading "Fall of Marigolds" for December at Sandy Daniels' home in Foxboro and "Small Great Things" by Jodi Piccolt for January at Monica's home in Norton!

We discussed future book choices and will decide at the next meeting our selections for February and March: candidates include Ann Patchett's "State of Wonder," Eugenia Kim's "The Calligrapher's Daughter," and Fredrik Backman's "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry." Do you have some choices you would like us to consider? Join us at our next meeting to share!! or email Lisajolicoeu@gmail.com for more information about our Book Club!! Bring a friend!! New people are always welcome!!

Foxboro Jaycees Progressive Dinner.... Progressive Party 2017

You are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Progressive Party

Saturday, December 16, 2017 6:00 p.m. - ?

This year we are changing this project up. We will be eliminating the dinner part and just having 2 rounds of appetizers. Depending on how many people sign up we will need either 4 or 6 app houses. We will all then gather at Mike and Helene Savages home for dessert at the end of the night.

For those of you who have never attended, the progressive party serves as our chapter holiday party. It is a fun and relaxing social event that you don't want to miss! In true Jaycee spirit, everyone who attends this event plays a role in making it successful, and it's a wonderful night out!

Here is how it works...you agree to fill one role for the night.

The following is more information regarding each role:

Appetizer Cook – each individual appetizer cook should bring two appetizer dishes for 20 people. Contact your host to coordinate food and cooking schedules.

Appetizer House - Plan to open your home to host an appetizer. Plan to have enough soda, beer, wine and/or punch to serve 20 people.

Dessert Cooks – Bring something sweet for dessert.

Due to the cost for hosts if you are not a great cook or baker and would like to just pass along your \$25.00 per person to one of the hosts you may also sign up for this option. Who you should pay will be on your invite.

Once you have been "assigned" to a role, the committee selects your name randomly to determine to which houses you will be attending for appetizers. Everyone will then meet up at one dessert house at the end of the night.

Each individual participant in this event will be asked to spend \$25 per person toward their food and/or supply purchases to make their role successful. For example, if you are a couple that is hosting, you should plan to spend \$50 (\$25 x 2) on drinks

If you signed up to participate in this event, you should have received an official "invitation" in the mail with details of when, where and what you should be doing for this event. If you have not received the details and have said you will plan to attend, contact project chairperson Andrea Johnstone at ajohnstone617@gmail.com



Community Development

Vice President Sophia Manos

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

ALERT!!!!:

We are looking for chairs and volunteers for some of the following upcoming Fall & Winter events - this is the busiest time of the year for the Jaycees and a chance to continue to make a positive impact on our community.

WE CANNOT CONTINUE **WITHOUT** VOLUNTEERS

WINTER / HOLIDAY / CHRISTMAS - PROJECT EVENTS!

CAROLING ON THE COMMON - Each December, the Foxboro Jaycees invite the town to join us for an evening of Christmas Caroling at the bandstand. The Foxboro High School Christmas Chorus Band usually joins and provides the music. We bring the hot chocolate and cookies. People really like this event. Let's keep it going!

DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS: This is a big one and always pretty successful each year! The Jaycees, their family members, and partners from Brigham & Women's / Mass General Health Care Center and their families gather and create anywhere from 250 to 280 baskets of fresh fruit and snacks that we assemble like a perfect assembly line of joy!

Those baskets are delivered the next day by the Foxboro Discretionary fund as part of the meal boxes distributed to families in need. **DECEMBER**



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 on Sunday, May 20, 2018! Get your motor running and head out on the highway...or to a parking lot! Wherever they need us to help out with set-up or strike down.

They Fought, We Ride (www.TheyFoughtWeRide.com). Boston is the founding Chapter in the Nation. Planning for the Ride begins soon, see Laureen for details.

CURRENT PROJECTS:



St. Mark's Community Outreach Support Boxes – 2017 (on-going): Chair - Tabitha Gaston

Committee & Donations Needed!

Father Ed Cardoza from St. Mark's initiated 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 of 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" or "blessing boxes" around town.

One of our newest members, Tabitha Gaston, stepped up immediately to take on this important project. We cannot thank her enough for being so bold, willing, and able to take on this important project! Many thanks Tabitha!

But she will need help. Committee members are needed. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible.

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.

Father Ed is gearing up to get this full tilt and we would like the Jaycees to make this a regular project / volunteerism.

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!

Pine Street Inn Cereal Drive:

Chair Deena Cummings is going need our help in gathering cereal boxes for Boston's Pine Street Inn over the next several Jaycee events.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day! Pine Street uses 80 boxes of cereal each morning. This easy activity helps us to help Pine Street Inn meet an enormous need!

This could not be easier for us to contribute too as well! At the grocery store, pick up an extra cereal box and bring it to the Fall-Winter Jaycee events. **ENDS**

DECEMBER 10th!!!

HOMELESS SUPPLY LIST

<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo	<input type="checkbox"/> Small First Aid Kit
<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush	<input type="checkbox"/> Thermal Socks
<input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste	<input type="checkbox"/> Small s Gift Cards <small>(to easily accessible restaurants or superstores)</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant	<input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight Snacks <small>(trail mixes, granola bars, dried fruits, crackers)</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> Comb	<input type="checkbox"/> Mints/Gum
<input type="checkbox"/> Razor	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottle of Water
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapstick	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Lotion
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarf	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Resources Guide
<input type="checkbox"/> Hat	<input type="checkbox"/> Words of Encouragement
<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves	



Scholarship Award (on-going):

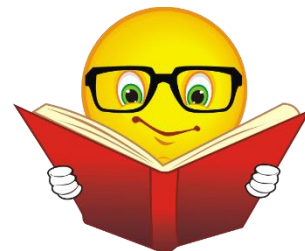
Chair - Lisa Jolicoeur



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.

Ads are out in local papers and schools. Fall semesters are under way but students will be happy to accept an award no matter what time of year!
Do you know a worthy student?

Applicants must complete and submit the application via mail:
Foxboro Jaycees Scholarship Program, PO Box 169, Foxboro, MA 02035
Or inquire with scholarship@foxborojaycees.org



ASSIST A KID FOR CHRISTMAS, ASSIST A SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS: We shop for some special gifts for a local child and senior who require some assistance and cheer. **DECEMBER**

Here is the text of the letter sent with the Santa for a Senior donation from Lisa Jolicoeur

Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Gathering of Giving invites local businesses and service groups to give back to the community.

The Foxboro Jaycees say, "Yes!" to "BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR"

The Foxboro Jaycees are honored to participate in the Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce "Be A Santa to a Senior" program. With members in local communities such as Attleboro, Mansfield, Plainville, Foxboro, Norton, and Easton as well as in other states (even other countries!), our chapter supports such tremendously important endeavors in communities when an opportunity presents itself!

Our gift bag includes gifts for a local senior.

The Foxboro Jaycees would like to thank the Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce for organizing such a unique opportunity for local businesses and community groups to reach out to the community. Thank *you* for your good work!

Peace and happy holidays!

Sincerely,

The Foxboro Jaycees,

Lisa Jolicoeur,

Project Chairman




Ways and Means

Vice President: *Lynda Walsh*

Restaurant Night – LaNecia Wood

LaNecia has secured the date of December 11th as the Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser. Great work LaNecia, as I'm sure they'll be busy on a Pats Game. Please print out flyer included here in this edition of the Wise Fox, and bring with you to Buffalo Wild Wings in Mansfield. Share the flyer with your friends.



EAT WINGS. RAISE FUNDS.

On the day listed below, present this ticket to your server and Buffalo Wild Wings® will donate 10%* of your total bill (not including tax, gratuity or promotional discounts) to our organization.

Buffalo Wild Wings strives to support our community and the organizations within it. Together we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together.

(Show this ticket to your server on the date & time listed below.)

THE JAYCEES OF FOXBORO

December 11, 2017 • 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM

321 School St. • Mansfield, MA • 508-339-4035

*The 10% donation is contingent on the organization raising at least \$300 of pre-tax sales during the promotion (subject to change in our discretion). Other restrictions may apply. Please see participating location for details. ©2015 Buffalo Wild Wings, Inc.

ADMIT ONE

Painting of Signs – Chairman Needed

This will be much like our paint night, but we will be painting signs on wood. This is instructed by Megan Gaylor, of Life Expressions Décor. The Chairman of the project can use the CPG from Paint Night as their guide to this new project.

Haunted House Fact Finder – Michael Mills

Michael will continue to be on a fact finding mission to see about the possibility of bringing back this past project.

Note Cards – Lynda Walsh

We still have plenty of note cards. If you'd like to purchase some for your Christmas Cards or presents for your friends, just give me a buzz. Many have said, they make great Teacher Holiday gifts.

Closing up of 2017 –

Thank you to all the chairmen who have stepped up over the course of this year to run a Ways & Means Project. Because of your efforts, the chapter was able to fulfill needs within our community.

Deena Cummings, Fall Fair

Kelly Reid, Fall Fair Raffle

Pam Warren, Fall Fair Concessions, Concert Concessions, Founders Day Concessions

Fred George, Fall Fair Notecard Sales
LaNecia Wood, Restaurant Night
Steve Strickland, Founders Day Light Ups
Laureen House, Founders Day History Game
Dawn Hadley, Shoe Drive
Mike Mills, Fact Finding for Haunted House

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

Membership

Vice President Fred George
membership@foxborojaycees.org



Hello everyone my name is Fred George and I have just taken over Membership VP position. If anyone has any suggestions and would like to talk please feel free to get in touch. I would greatly appreciate any information from you all. Thank you

Current Projects:

Jaycee Yearbook: Chairman Kelly Reid This is a year in review for the Membership in lieu of Foxboro Jaycee Christmas Cards. Kelly is looking to distribute them at the General Membership Meeting, December 13, 7:00 pm. For those Members not attending, they will be mailed to your home.

Membership Committee: Current Members: Deena Cummings, Lisa Jolicoeur, Laureen House. We are looking to have a couple of newer members to the Chapter and members in the Regular Member 18 to 40 age range.

Membership Brochure: Sophia Manos Looking to develop a brochure to have as a handout at Membership tables for the General Public. A basic but concise overview of the Foxboro Jaycees.

Membership Packet: Work with Fred to develop a packet of information that can be given to each new member; an orientation in a packet.

Chairman Needed

Restaurant Night Membership Booth – Fundraiser and Night out for the Chapter, we will meet approximately at 7:00 pm for set up, dinner then the Patriots Game.

Membership Presentations- meet with local company, colleges, groups, schools to talk about the Foxboro Jaycees.

Who's Who – Special thanks to Stephanie O'Neill for her longevity on the project. It is now time to pass the torch to another member. This is an opportunity for you to meet members and share what you learned about them through a casual conversation either in person or over the phone.

Membership Packet: Work with Fred to develop a packet of information that can be given to each new member; an orientation in a packet. If any member has existing Membership documents to contribute please email to Fred at FGeorgeJR67@Hotmail.com.

Additional Membership Information:

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 Fred so that he can ensure proper sizes are available for you. 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 Fred. This will assist members with younger children to have shirts.

Jaycees Lanyards - 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 <http://www.foxborojaycees.org>. the entire Foxboro Jaycee web site was redesigned over the summer, if you had not had a chance to check it out yet, here is what you will find:

- 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...
- Main menu total reorganization – designed with fewer 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
- Contact Information – All consolidated so people can find us easier.
- History – 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.
- 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)
- Online forms – apply for membership, register for the vendor fair – no paperwork – just fill in and click. Online member form has been available several weeks and Deena and Lynda are vetting the registration vendor form
- NOW AVAILABLE: PayPal (pay your dues, make a donation, pay for your vendor fair site, etc)

Bob Gillis is doing a wonderful job keeping 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. 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/>) 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>)



Happy Holidays!!