



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – January 2018

Happy New Year Foxboro Jaycees; I hope everyone has enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season, but now we have work to do!

**AT THE JANUARY 10 GM, WE WILL DISCUSS CLOSING DOWN
THE FOXBORO JAYCEES CHAPTER.**

I chose the hour glass clip art because it's symbolic of our very real situation. Big changes are coming in this chapter, and it's no longer possible to postpone or draw out these deliberations and the actions they will determine. We are running out of "Hail Mary's." Our January 10th General Membership meeting will be a crucial and informative meeting. The Board will be distributing a letter and making phone calls with further details before the January GM. It is imperative that this correspondence receives the respect and consideration a situation this serious warrants. As sworn Jaycees, as loyal and dedicated community volunteers, **WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON HOW TO PROCEED.** Every Jaycee voice and opinion is valued, and you will be heard.



On a lighter note, December was a month filled with the very best of what the Jaycees are all about. Everyone who pitched in is truly appreciated for their efforts. Caroling on the Common, Santa on the Common (with our wonderful Santa and Mrs. Claus), and our annual Christmas Fruit Basket project were excellent examples of community organizations working together, benefiting from each other, and providing for the community. We will see more collaboration with other Foxboro organizations in the months to come.

The Yankee Swap, Kids Christmas Party, and the Progressive Party were some of our ID projects for the month, and major kudos go to Andrea Johnstone for a job well done in organizing the Progressive Party, and to Kelly Reid for the most impressive Jaycee Yearbooks she published for the chapter! Also many thanks and a major shout out to Tom & Lisa Sullivan for hosting the Kid's Christmas Party.

We have challenging times ahead, very gut-wrenching times, but we will get through it with cooperation, patience, and perseverance. Our service to the community can and will continue. My sincerest thanks to those who are stepping up, and I look forward to seeing everyone on January 10th!

Yours In Jaycee Spirit Always,
Mary Sorensen
President 2017-2018

December/January Secretary's Report

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

Sunshine

A \$50.00 donation went to The Discretionary Fund in lieu of Sunshine in memory of Marge Authelet. Congratulations to Deena Cummings and Kevin Mack on the occasion of their engagement. 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.

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.

Some of this information should have been in the December Wise Fox – We added it here:

Congratulations to our November Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month – Kelly Reid

Project of the Month – Fall Craft and Vendor Fair Deena Cummings, Chairman

Congratulations to our December Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month – Mike Mills

Project of the Month – Thanksgiving Turkeys and Cards for Veterans- Turkey Brigade, Lynda Walsh, Chairman



December Birthdays:

Jordan Cummings – Dee
Jennifer Franco
Lisa Jolicoeur
Kim Slavin
Emily Warner



January Birthdays:

Deena Cummings
Peter Filosa
Maria Kerrigan
Kevin Mack
Kelly Reid
John Zarrella

December Jaycee Anniversaries:

Lisa Jolicoeur - 2013

Max Loew – 2008

Thomas Sullivan – 2014

January Jaycee Anniversaries:

Deena Cummings - 2004

DJ Jolicoeur – 2017

Patty Reid – 2015

Vanessa Shirley – 2007

Michael Stewart – 2015

Yours in Jaycees, *Jeanne Suttie Christian*, Chapter Secretary

Individual Development

Hello Jaycees!

December was a fun month for Individual Development. We had two excellent events, the Kids Christmas Party which was chaired and hosted by Tom and Lisa Sullivan. We even had a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Andrea Johnstone chaired the Jaycees Progressive Dinner which was quite a success! Thank you to all the folks who hosted and to all the chefs who made great food.



Individual Development has some fun projects currently running:

Book Club will be Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7pm. (Date has been changed due to forecasted snow on Dec 4) This month's meeting will be at Monica Rigamonti's house at [8 Danielle Street](#) in Norton. RSVP to Lisa Jolicoeur or Monica. The book this month is Jodi Piccolt's "Small Great Things". Here is the Summary of the December Meeting from Lisa Jolicoeur:

On Thursday, December 6, 2017, Book Club members enjoyed apple pie, an array of cheese, mini pickles and crackers, tea, and sweets at hostess Sandy Daniels' home, warmed on a chilly night with a toasty fire, to discuss Susan Meissner's beautifully crafted novel "Fall of Marigolds."

From the publisher: "September 1911. On Ellis Island in New York Harbor, nurse Clara Wood cannot face returning to Manhattan, where the man she loved fell to his death in the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire. Then, while caring for a fevered immigrant whose own loss mirrors hers, she becomes intrigued by a name embroidered onto the scarf he carries ... and finds herself caught in a dilemma that compels her to confront the truth about the assumptions she's made. Will what she learns devastate her or free her? September 2011. On Manhattan's Upper West Side, widow Taryn Michaels has convinced herself that she is living fully, working in a charming specialty fabric store and raising her daughter alone. Then a long-lost

photograph appears in a national magazine, and she is forced to relive the terrible day her husband died in the collapse of the World Trade Towers ... the same day a stranger reached out and saved her. Will a chance reconnection and a century-old scarf open Taryn's eyes to the larger forces at work in her life?"--

This book inspired some terrific conversation. Both women are survivors of terrible tragedy and loss, and the story shows their struggle as they endure day in and day out, month after month. We loved how the two historical tragedies were threaded together by the scarf, and we spent some time unraveling how the scarf traveled from Scotland to Ellis Island in 1911 and found its way to Manhattan

100 years later, a journey that came together in letters and lost stories that made it home through a picture in a magazine. We wrestled with Clara's ethical dilemma and asked, "what would you do?" to each other. We each wrestled with the

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answer and discussed the impact our decision would have on a vulnerable individual. Clara had learned that Andrew, an immigrant suffering from Scarlet Fever, had lost his wife Lily of only two weeks aboard the ship during the trip to America, and when Clara retrieved some of his belongings, she inadvertently learned that Lily had packed a letter intended for Andrew which explained her betrayal. Since she died on the ship, Clara was torn: should she destroy the letter and spare Andrew or tell him the truth. We were divided because it was unclear if Andrew was going to survive from the Scarlet Fever; some of us thought the truth would set him free of his suffering over the loss and help him move on with his life, something Clara was unable to do because she had lost someone in the Triangle Waist shirt Factory fire six months before, someone she loved. Would the truth had set Andrew free? That was the dilemma. Meissner also included Keats' "Ode to a Grecian Urn" in which the character Andrew explains that it is about loving someone or something from a distance and then realizing it's not exactly the same when up close.

We had some fun selecting actors to portray the various characters. For some reason, a couple of us imagine Ethan (the love interest doctor) looking like a young George Clooney while one of us thought he resembled George Costanza! The characters were vivid and likable, and the ending was wrapped up in a way that was satisfying.

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 2's and one 1.5. It was definitely an enjoyable book that generated some really great conversation.

We will be reading "Small Great Things" by Jodi Piccoult for January at Monica's home in Norton, and Eugenia Kim's "The Calligrapher's Daughter" for February (location TBA). 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!!

Trivia Night will be on the third Wednesday of the month. As usual it will be at Game 7 Sports bar & Grill at [60 Man Mar Drive](#) in Plainville (near the intersection of 106 and 152). Family and friends welcome, just contact Kathy Brady if you plan on attending so she can get a head count to reserve a table.

Our next project gives me a chill on this zero degree morning. **Walking club**, chaired by Laureen House and Lisa Jolicoeur, meet every Saturday morning at 7:45am at the bike path on Fruit Street in Mansfield.

The **Jaycees Scavenger Hunt** will be on March 24, 2018. The committee for this project will be meeting again soon to help provide more details on this event. Thank you Marc Rivard for chairing this revived project.

Last but not least, is there anyone that would like to host **Scat Night**? Please contact me if you are interested. Happy New Year,

Max Loew,

VP Individual Development



Community Development

Thank You Jaycee Participants for helping make December a great month full of successful projects!



Here are the completed projects:

The end of November saw the Jaycees kicking off the string of community projects with the **DECORATING THE COMMON / NATIVITY SET UP**.



Thanks to **Mike Mills** and **Marc Rivard** for running this and for all of the great volunteers who came out to wrap the garland and set up the wise men! Special thanks to **Carl Bertolino** for getting the hay donation from Ferestien's Farm Supply.

Also thanks to **Monica Rigamonti** for once again getting Foxboro decorated with the holiday banners!

Then came the appearances of everyone's favorite couple. First at the annual Recreation Department's **TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**, the Clauses, to the delight of so many children and adults, helped light the town's tree. Our thanks to the always-resourceful **Lynda Walsh** for her leadership on this project.



Laureen and Ed were again champions of cheer, grace, and patience, (not to mention the ability to feel no cold) on December 2nd for the return of **SANTA ON THE COMMON**

This event came back this year thanks to a generous donation from Gil Campos ReMax Realty and Chairperson **Sharon Hall**.

The Clauses hosted and posed for photos with the children from the ReMax families and then opened up to the public. Sharon came through in a major way as chair. She perfectly planned the lines, the music, tent and contributed a wonderful addition with the lovely backdrop. In short Sharon rocked! Thanks so much to Sharon, Kelly Reid, Robbie Reid and Mike and Alexander Mills!





But this would not have been as successful without our volunteer photographer Danielle Lanson for doing a terrific professional job on the photos and even helping with set-up and strike. A great deal of thanks to Danielle and her wife Chelsea for their time and professionalism.

CAROLING ON THE COMMON – Helene Savage

ran the project to complete perfection for the near 200 people on the common braving the bitter cold to fill the air with song and music. Our thanks to Helene and the Foxboro High School Music Department and all the Jaycees who came out to lend their gloved hands and voices!



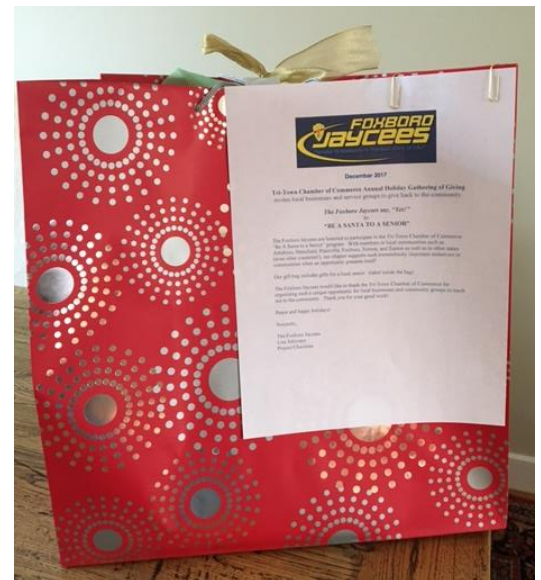
The **PINE STREET INN CEREAL DRIVE** was a success thanks to Deena Cummings for introducing this and running this program, she collected hundreds of boxes and delivered them to Pine Street mid December. Thanks to all those who donated!



Thanks to **Lisa Jolicoeur** for running our **ASSIST A KID FOR CHRISTMAS** and our **ASSIST A SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS** program where we purchase a special request gift for a senior and kid in the community.

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Assist a Senior >



CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS: We created 245 Baskets this year for the Foxboro Discretionary Fund! Another successful year with thanks to all those who came out from the Jaycees, Cub Scouts, and our partners at Brigham and Women's Foxboro branch! THANKS SO VERY MUCH!



\$500 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO FHS ALUM Lisa Jolicoeur chaired the return of the Jaycees scholarship program and this year it was awarded to Lexi Nelson, currently a freshman at Brown University studying chemical engineering and 2017 graduate of Foxboro High School.

While an amazing scholar and athlete, Lexi impressed the Scholarship Committee with her dedication to community service: she has been active in Hay Harmony through the YMCA and with the Best Buddies programs: Best Buddies prom, Special Olympics, and regular lunches. Additionally, she has done some volunteer work with the Foxboro Board of Health and through the National Honor Society at Foxboro High School. The Jaycees Board of Directors presented Lexi with her award at the Orpheum Theatre on Wednesday evening, December 27th. Congratulations to Lexi!



Here are the current projects:

SAND FOR SENIORS - The Jaycees deliver 5 gal buckets of sand and salt mix to senior citizens in and around Foxboro upon request.

TREATS FOR TROOPS – The Jaycees gather and accept donations of “treats” (snacks and food items) to send off to local soldiers deployed overseas.



Ways and Means

Vice President: *Lynda Walsh*

Restaurant Night – LaNecia Wood

Thank you LaNecia and to all who came out to Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser. Between the raffle and the actual fundraiser, the chapter almost \$300.00. Special thanks to Max, Mary, and Fred who manned the table during the evening.

Movie Fundraiser – Marc Rivard and Lisa Jolicoeur

Thank you Marc and Lisa for putting together this fun idea. Classic favorite to the Orpheum, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory was played on New Years Day, along with a fun Door prize basket.

Note Cards – Lynda Walsh

We still have plenty of note cards. If you'd like to purchase, just give me a buzz.

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

LaNecia Wood – Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser

Marc Rivard & Lisa Jolicoeur – Movie Fundraiser



Thanks for a very successful 2017, let's see what 2018 brings us.

Lynda

Autumn Vendor Fair >



Membership

Vice President Fred George
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2018 Yearbook – Kelly Reid

Thank you, Kelly for coming up with the idea of sharing memories of our Jaycee Year. The yearbooks have been distributed to the membership a great holiday surprise for our members.

Restaurant Night Membership Info Table – Fred George

We had the membership table set up at Buffalo Wild Wings and each person that entered the raffle were given a membership info sheet when they returned their filled out tickets. Thank you to Marc Rivard, Max Loew, Dave Reid, Mary Sorenson and Lynda Walsh for manning the table.

We have several ongoing membership projects, including our website. Bob Gillis has done and continues to keep us all updated on the website. Please be sure to check in frequently to stay informed.

I hope to see you all at the January General Membership meeting when we all have a chance to regroup after the holidays. I wish each of you a very Happy New Year.

Fred George

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