



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – April 2018

CHEERS TO A NEW CHAPTER FOR OUR CHAPTER

Dear Foxboro Jaycees,

It has been a rollercoaster year as your President. Ultimately, I feel we have persevered after reflecting on our reality. I saw the heart of our chapter this year, and it is passionately dedicated to perpetuating the values expressed in our creed and displayed by our members. We are striving to adapt, to prepare, to continue serving our community in the tradition of our predecessors while innovating to accommodate the next generation. My legacy is preparation and acclimation, and I hope it assists with future successes of the chapter.

Thank you for the honor, for the experience, for the friendships and memories. I am grateful for my time as your President, as your student, and teammate. I am thoroughly excited to become Chairman of the Board and to continue serving alongside some of the most inspiring people I've ever had the pleasure to work with. It's going to be a good year!

I hope to see everyone at our major upcoming events including the **Scavenger Hunt and Installation Banquet, the Spring Fair,** and of course **Founder's Day!** These are our major events of the year and manpower is vital! Please get in touch with project chairmen with your availability.

Thank you for a wonderful year! I look forward to continuing to serve our community and our chapter.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,
Mary Suttie Sorensen



May's Secretary's Report

Minutes from Last Month's GM- Accepted Contact any board member if you would like a copy.

Sunshine – If anyone wants some Sunshine sent – for good or bad occasions – contact any Board Member with details.

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 have done a wonderful job this year. If you have anything that needs to get in to the Wise Fox please contact Pam Warren.

Congratulations to our April Award winners:

Jaycee of the Month – Sophia Manos

Project of the Month – Easter Egg Hunt – Sophia Manos

May Birthdays:

Kathy Brady
William Byrnes
Kelly Condon
Jade Cummings
Lynn Freerksen
Dawn Hadley
Sharon Hall
Bob Hickey
Derek House
Joseph Nawn
Stephanie O'Neill
Monica Rigamonti
Michael Stewart
Stephen Strickland
Malinda Vance



Jaycee Anniversaries:

Peter Filosa - 2015
Lynn Freerksen – 2014
Heather Loew - 2008
Chandler Quintin- 2015

Yours in Jaycees,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

Chapter Secretary



Individual Development

VP: Max Loew

Hello Jaycees!

Individual Development has some fun projects currently running.

Book club meets the first Thursday of every month. "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks (<http://geraldinebrooks.com/calebs-crossing/>) will be discussed at the next meeting, June 5, 2018 at Lisa Jolicoeur's house. Lisa's Full Summary is below.

The Installation Banquet is May 5 at Lafayette House in Foxboro. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Mary Sorenson and Max Loew are Co-Chairing this project.

This year's President's Party will be the following Saturday night at Toby Keith's at Patriot Place. We will gather at 7:00pm to celebrate!

The Walking Club meets at 7:45am on Saturdays at the bike path in Mansfield at Fruit Street.

The Cinco de Scavenger Hunt is May 5 from 1-3:30. We will meet at 1:00pm at the South Foxboro Community Center. The hunt will start and finish there. This is a rain or shine event. Be prepared for a fun afternoon and bring the kids!

Trivia night is the third Wednesday of the month at Game 7 Sports Bar, 60 Man Mar Dive in Plainville. Kathy Brady chairs this project.

Happy Jaycee New Year!

Max Loew,

VP Individual Development

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Book
Club



On April 5th, Book Club members discussed "One Perfect Lie" by Lisa Scottoline at the home of Monica Rigamonti while enjoying tea, fruit salad with whipped cream, cookies, and an array of veggies and dip!

The following summary is from the publisher:

"On paper, Chris Brennan looks perfect. He's applying for a job as a high school government teacher, he's ready to step in as an assistant baseball coach, and his references are impeccable. But everything about Chris Brennan is a lie.

Susan Sematov is proud of her son Raz, a high school pitcher so athletically talented that he's being recruited for a full-ride scholarship to a Division I college, with a future in major-league baseball. But Raz's father died only a few months ago, leaving her son in a vulnerable place where any new father figure might influence him for good, or evil.

Heather Larkin is a struggling single mother who lives for her son Jordan's baseball games. But Jordan is shy, and Heather fears he is being lured down a dark path by one of his teammates, a young man from an affluent family whose fun-loving manner might possibly conceal his violent plans.

Mindy Kostis succumbs to the pressure of being a surgeon's wife by filling her days with social events and too many gin and tonics. But she doesn't know that her husband and her son, Evan, are keeping secrets from her – secrets that might destroy all of them.

At the center of all of them is Chris Brennan. Why is he there? What does he want? And what is he willing to do to get it?"

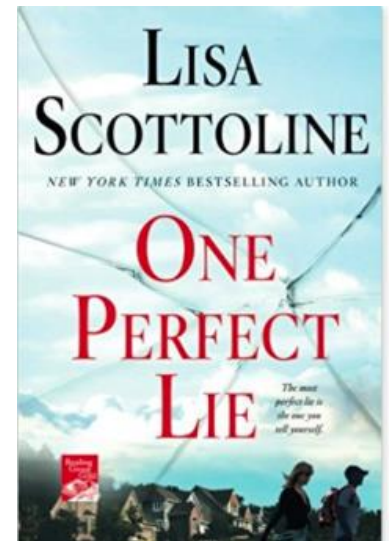
Book Club members enjoyed reading this book, describing it as a page turner, especially after the first part when aspects of Chris' identity began to surface. We agreed that Scottoline develops the characters very well, especially the mothers, by switching the focus of sections back and forth to provide the perspective of each person about the same events. For example, Heather, a struggling waitress, serves Mindy, a wealthy woman who appears to have a very perfect life but in reality, does not. Heather is embarrassed and hopes Mindy will not recognize her as the mother of one of her son's friends and baseball team members because she doesn't want to embarrass her son, thinking Mindy would look down upon her. The boys were also very well developed through their relationships with their parents and with each other. Chris also provides great insight as to what the boys appear to struggle with since he does have extra intel about the parents.

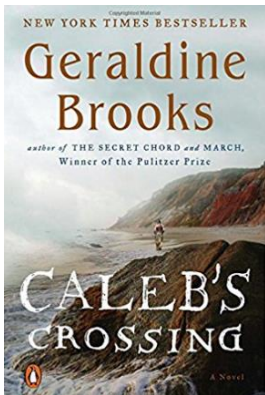
The beginning of the book is very mysterious; Chris easily manipulates immediate friendships with the boys, and at first, we thought he was a bit creepy, but his motives are much more complex, and once we learned about them, the story moved quickly and captivated us.

One topic that stood out was the role of the soccer mom. We discussed how when we were younger, our parents came to a few events but that their lives did not revolve around our every activity. Although the "soccer mom" and "helicopter mom" connotations sound negative, the struggles of the moms and their relationships with their kids are challenged by so many complicated scenarios, and the author does a nice job to juxtapose such different family situations. The novel also presented the challenge put on the boys' friendship when there was competition for starting positions on the baseball team. Members shared experiences in which competition made for better performance but that other factors can get in the way as well. We had some good conversations about our kids and challenges they had faced. Monica gave some great examples she has seen in the elementary classroom surrounding good sportsmanship lessons and "growth mindedness,"

We engaged in great discussions about competition in our own lives growing up, about healthy competition, about American Idol contestants who genuinely appear to want to win but also don't want to see others lose, about eliminating the valedictorian and instead recognizing lots of others, and about the value of a victory rather than recognizing a "participation trophy."

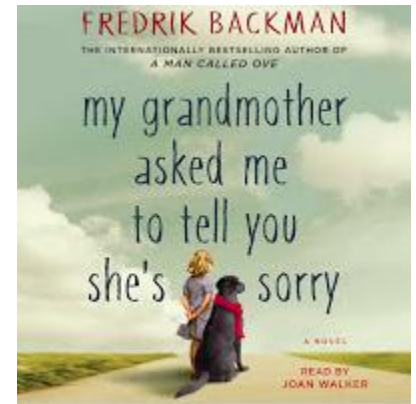
On a rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being "close the door and don't bother me until I have finished," 2 being "so glad I read it and own it and spent hours of my life reading it," 3 being "glad I read it," 4 being "it was okay but not for everyone and wish I had not purchased it," and 5 being "oye, did I really spend hours of my life on that?", the book earned the full range: 1's - 3's. We agreed it was a pleasant reading experience!





For May 3rd Book Club Meeting, we will be reading "**Caleb's Crossing**" by **Geraldine Brooks. (Lisa's House)**. The following is from the publisher: "*Caleb's Crossing* follows Bethia and Caleb from Grand Harbor to Cambridge and beyond, charting not only their crossing of the stretch of ocean between island and mainland but of the vast—and sometimes unbridgeable—expanse between Native American and white settler, between pagan and Christian, and between male and female. Brooks has built a world of emotion, struggle, and natural beauty in which the balance between the traditions of the past and the potential of the future are captured in the lives of two young friends."

For June 7th Book Club Meeting, we will be reading "**My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry**" by **Fredrik Backman(Hostess TBA)**. The following is from the publisher: "*My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* is told with the same comic accuracy and beating heart as Fredrik Backman's internationally bestselling debut novel, *A Man Called Ove*. It is a story about life and death and an ode to one of the most important human rights: the right to be different."



Have some ideas for future books for us to read? Please share! We are compiling our summer reading list and will distribute it soon! We would love your input!!

community Development

VP: Sophia Manos

Upcoming projects:

MEMORIAL CROSSES IN TOWN CENTER - Every year the Jaycees place several crosses to honor past local war veterans on Common and town center. Contact Kathy Brady if you can help bring them out this year.

**FOUNDERS DAY PARADE FLOAT -
Chairperson and Committee Needed**

Saturday June 9th 2018

Theme is Foxborough Founders Day
Celebrating 30 Years



RELAY FOR LIFE. Can we field a team for this year's relay? More info here:

[HTTP://MAIN.ACSEVENTS.ORG/SITE/TR?PG=ENTRY&FR_ID=87972](http://main.acsevents.org/site/tr?pg=entry&fr_id=87972)

MCGINTY FAMILY FUN DAY AND NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMING THIS SUMMER!

Current projects:

CONCERTS ON THE COMMON (JUNE 7TH - AUG 12) - Max and Kelly are co-chairs The concerts kick off June 7th with the High School Jazz Band and weather permitting, it ends with an Open Mic Night! Full schedule is on Jaycees website. Please let Max know if you can help out on concert nights to greet bands etc.

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

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - The scholarship went to Brown Freshman and FHS alum



for 2017-2018. Lisa has been getting the word out to schools and tech institutes to get submissions for 2018-2019. If you know anyone in the Foxboro metro area who could use \$500 for education, let them know. **We got a handful of submissions this year and look forward to reviewing them for this year's winner.**



Completed projects:

CANDIDATES NIGHT (APRIL 19TH)- May 7th is the local town election and the Town meeting is May 14th. We hope our candidate's night was successful in informing the voters of Foxborough.

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

LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR UPCOMING PROJECTS! WE NEED TO KEEP OUR PRESENCE GOING IN THE COMMUNITY. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS WHERE WE REACH OUT TO AND ENTERTAIN / EDUCATE / HELP THE COMMUNITY WITH OUR PROJECTS.

COME ABOARD!



Ways and Means

Vice President: *Lynda Walsh / Deena Cummings*

Spring Vendor Fair – Lynda Walsh & Deena Cummings

Mark your calendars.... All hands on deck, the Spring Vendor Fair will be held Saturday, May 19th from 9-2. We'll need folks to help out setting up from 6:30 am to 9:00 am, folks to help throughout the day from 9 to 3, and folks to help out with take down from 3 to 5 or so. PLEASE, even if you can only give an hour, it would be appreciated to folks who will be there all day. Please let Lynda know where and when you can help.

Spring Vendor Fair Concessions – Pam Warren

Pam will be running the concessions, selling burgers, dogs, water, soda, coffee, and donuts in the morning. We need folks to step in to help her out too... Please let Lynda know where and when you can help.

Spring Vendor Fair Raffle – Ryan White

Thank you Ryan for stepping up to run this years raffle at the Fair. Ryan could use a couple people selling tickets, and making calls to winners toward the end of the fair. If you can help, please let Lynda know.

Note Cards – Lynda Walsh

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

Founders Day Concessions – Pam Warren

Founders Day count down! We'll need all hands on deck for this day too.... Mark your calendar for June 9th. We'll be setting up at 6:30 and on the field all day. Please think about giving an hour or so to those who will be there all day. Let Lynda know.

Founders Day Light Up Sales – CHAIRMAN NEEDED

STILL needing someone to step up and take chairmanship of this project. There's a CPG written for it, Steve Stickland can give you some pointers, but basically, you need to order the product and get folks to sell the items just before the fireworks on founders Day.

Founders Day Fundraiser – CHAIRMAN NEEDED

Looking for someone to come up with another creative way of making money during Founders Day. This can be anything that will bring in some additional cash to the chapter. If you'd like to take this on, please let Deena know. We have a spinner that could be used as a game, or you could simply make it a raffle.

Members, One more time, we need folks to volunteer to help out at the Spring Fair on May 19th and Founders Day on June 9th. Chairmen will need your assistance, and none of these projects will be successful with only the chair person, please let Lynda or Deena know that you'll be there to support, even if for an hour. Your time and assistance is greatly appreciated and you'll even have some fun!

Thanks, Lynda & Deena