



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – November 2018

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

First off, I am happy to announce that Bob Gillis is re-joining the Board in November! He will be taking over as Vice President of Individual Development and thereby relieving me of that duty! Thank you, Bob! We are so happy to have you back!

We had another unbelievable Fall Vendor Fair on October 13th. Thank you to all for your hard work on what is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Special thanks to Deena Cummings, Pam Warren and Sophia Manos for a job well done!!

It is hard to believe that Christmas and the Holiday Season is rapidly approaching. As always, we have many projects coming up and could use some help. Please reach out to the chairman of a project you would be interested in assisting with.

In last month's report, I talked about the Exploration Committee and that we would meet at the October GM to go over their findings. Deena Cummings and Lisa Jolicouer presented the committee's recommendations for the future of our chapter. Thank you to both of them for a fantastic presentation and to the entire committee for their hard work over the past 9 months. The downside was that the turnout at the GM was very disappointing. We really need to address the "elephant in the room" and make some important decisions on how we will continue. Back in January, we decided to create the Exploration Committee to see what our options were. They were to report back to us in October and they have done so. What do we do now? A decision has been made and voted on at the last GM to have an in-depth discussion about this at the November 14th GM. This is your opportunity to ask questions, comment and make suggestions. I have only been a Jaycee for just over 3 years. Some of you have been members for 10, 15, or even 20 + years. We would really love to have your input as it is your hard work that has made the Foxboro Jaycees what we are today! Please make every effort to attend on November 14th at 7:15pm at the South Foxborough Community Center. *Please note: We will also be voting as a chapter on no longer requiring annual membership dues at this meeting.* After a holiday break, we will have the final vote at the January 9th GM to decide the path of our chapter. The presentation on the committee's findings will follow this report (prior to the committee reports). Please read it carefully and be ready with your questions on November 14th! We will also be sending the presentation out by email and regular mail to all of you. I speak for the Board when I say that we all really want to continue the good work that the Foxboro Jaycees have done for decades. The time is now to decide how to best do this going forward.

"Service to humanity is the best work of life!"

Thank you,

Marc Rivard
President

P.S. We are planning to have a Thanksgiving dinner at the November 14th GM. **NOTE: Dinner will begin at 7:15 pm** Please RSVP to Pam Warren (lccgazette@yahoo.com) by November 10th if you are planning to attend as we will need a head count.



Jaycees Exploration Committee Presentation to the General Meeting October 10, 2018

Background: On January 14, 2018, at the General Membership meeting, the Board expressed concern that the chapter would not be able to continue into the new year due to lack of regular membership. Bob Hickey proposed creating an Exploration Committee to explore options. Deena Cummings chaired the committee to explore the process for closing the chapter, merging the chapter, or continuing in the current state. Committee: Deena Cummings, Bob Hickey, Lisa Jolicoeur, Kathy Brady, and Pam Warren. Lisa and Deena presented the following four options at the General Membership meeting on October 10, 2018.

1. Jaycees Continue in Current State

- Chapter pays membership dues to attract more people who may not want to make the financial commitment to perform service.
- Create other criteria for membership, such as swearing in, help / lead 1-2 projects, meeting attendance optional.
- T-shirts for swearing in and project participation; the point is to encourage people to want to wear the shirts, to spread the good will and excitement of Jaycees in the community.

2. Creating a New Organization 501(C)3

- Need a new name.
- File paperwork to incorporate with IRS.
- \$1000 estimate for anticipated incorporation fees (per lawyer)
- Establish bank accounts, build funds, will need insurance, marketing materials, etc. to reflect the new name and organization.
- 2-3 Year timeline to get everything transferred officially.

3. Exploring a Merger

South Street Community Center (example). Ellen Dean was kind enough to speak to our membership and invited Lisa to attend meetings with the South Foxboro Community Center to learn what a potential merger might look like. Ellen Dean presented an overview at the Jan. 14, 2018 Jaycees GM; Lisa investigated further. What would it look like? Options are varied; there would be autonomy with all and any projects Jaycees wish to keep.

- What would the role of each group be? This would be clearly defined by each group.
- What would each group bring to the merger?
- How would finances work? Finances can be kept separate to ensure the continuance of each group's projects.
- Concerns: Both groups struggle with manpower. Since many area community groups are struggling with manpower, merging with another group with the same struggles may not provide the kind of volunteer support we need, but this meeting gave us the opportunity to learn what it might look like.

4. Closing the Chapter

Required Steps:

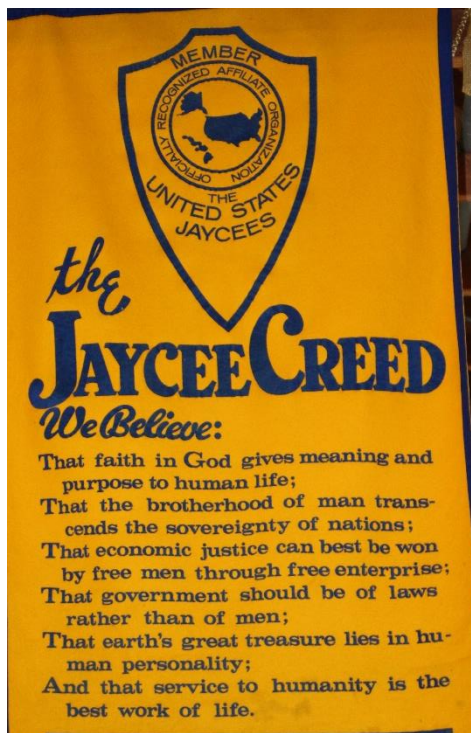
- Send announcement to the membership that the topic will come up at the scheduled GM.
- Make a motion.
- Hold a vote and certify the results.
- Disburse the funds to like-minded charities (those which follow our mission or proceed with contributions similar to what we have done in the past.)
- Disburse Inventory.
- Leave the bank account open for one year for outstanding debts.
- IRS Paperwork - 990 e card has option.

There was also discussion on some suggestions for changes to the format of our General Membership Meetings:

- Schedule committee work throughout the year and advertise.
 - June, July GMs- advertise to community well in advance that help for NNO is needed.
 - October GM - advertise to community that help for Christmas activities are needed, such as Nativity, Fruit Baskets, Caroling, etc.
- Schedule fun events for the meetings quarterly.
 - Quarterly raffles (50/50, gift baskets, etc.)
 - Themed food (Holiday related, barbecue, etc.)
 - Guest Speakers
 - Trainings

These suggestions will allow people to feel more involved rather than attend meetings to plan meetings. Also, people are strapped for time; meetings provide that space and time.

We invite your participation in discussion of this presentation at our next General Membership Meeting on November 14th, 2018 at 7:30pm. We hope to see you there!!



November 2018 Secretary Report



Minutes report from last month's GM- Accepted, if a member would like a copy contact any Board Member.

Sunshine- It's officially fall and what do some people need in fall? SUNSHINE of course, so if anyone would like some sunshine sent please let me know and I will spread some wonderful fall sunshine....

Sunshine was sent in October to Julie Grant. Julie was seriously injured when she was thrown from a horse – We sent her flowers and a card to wish her a speedy recovery.

We also gave a card to Chairman of the Board Mary Suttie who had Carpal Tunnel Surgery on BOTH wrists in October. The good news is – the surgery has worked and she will be back up to full operating capacity soon – Congrats Mary.

Wise Fox- Pam is our Amazing Wise Fox Editor and Publisher, if anyone would like to have something posted in the Wise Fox contact Pam and she will see to it with all her amazing powers and joyous ways.

Our Award Winners for October 2018:

Jaycee of the Month - Lisa Jolicoeur Great job organizing our participation in McGinty Family Fun Day!

Project of the Month - Wise Fox - Pam Warren

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

November Birthdays:

Carl Bertolino
Dave Brown
Grayson Franc
Bob Gillis
Robert Reid
Mary Suttie-Sorensen
Dwayne Williams

November Anniversaries:

Sharon Hall	2014
Sean Kelly	2016
Maria Kerrigan	2016
Cindy McCann	2006
Paul O'Sullivan	1989
Jim Philbin	1994
Kim Slavin	2015
Stephen Strickland	2014
Dwayne Williams	2016



Individual Development

VP: Marc Rivard

"It's the final countdown!!!" (everyone sing along!) Apologies if I got this classic 80's song by Europe stuck in your head. Ok, maybe I am not sorry...

This is my last ID report as I am handing off the reins to Bob Gillis so I can concentrate on my Presidential duties (no tweets, I promise)

We had a fun time getting scared and had many laughs as we visited Fear Town at the Seekonk Speedway on October 13th. We took a long and spooky walk through the woods avoiding tree roots and the scary characters that popped up at almost every turn. A visit to TGIF for some food and drink to calm our nerves followed. Thank you to Mary Suttie for organizing this fun event!!!

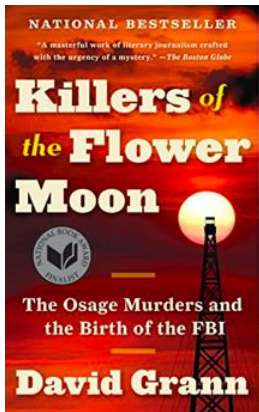
Here is what is going on in ID land....



Current Projects:

Book Club meets the first Thursday of every month:

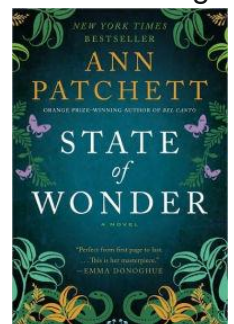
Next Book Club Meeting: Lauren's House, Thursday, November 1, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm



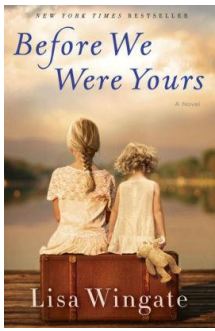
Book: Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann. (From Wikipedia) The book investigates a series of murders of wealthy [Osage people](#) that took place in [Osage County, Oklahoma](#) in the early 1920s—after big oil deposits were discovered beneath their land. Officially, the count of the murdered full-blood wealthy Osage native Americans reaches at least 20, but Grann suspects that hundreds more may have been killed because of their ties to oil. The book reports cattleman [William Hale](#) as the mastermind standing behind the murders and presents detailed evidence.

October Book Club Summary: Book Club members enjoyed birthday cake (It was Sandy's birthday!), pizza, and a range of snacks and beverages at Lisa's house to discuss our summer reading selections and choose books for the upcoming months. We had not been together since June, so we had five great books to discuss and shared other books we read this summer as well!

State of Wonder by Anne Patchett, set mostly in the insect-infested Amazon, follows Dr. Marina Singh as she embarks upon a strange mission to get answers after a colleague appears to have died there. She must find her eccentric former mentor Dr. Annick Swenson, a researcher who has disappeared while working on a valuable new drug but who holds the key as to what happened to her colleague whose wife and children want answer. Marina and Dr. Swenson work for a Minnesota-based pharmaceutical company which has been funding the mysterious research in the Amazon. We tabled the conversation about this novel until next book club meeting because two members will read it this month!



Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. (From the publisher) Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty.



Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long-hidden history, on a path

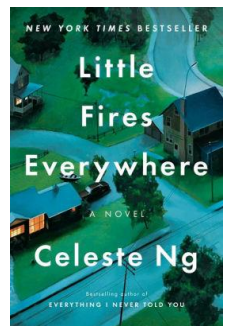
that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption.

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

Book Club members loved this book and gave it 1's. We discussed the characters and the connections to other books, such as "Orphan Train." We loved the unraveling of the mystery and that the story was ripped from headlines about the real orphanage. We also discussed the nursing home conditions and how the two older women were in different situations based on affluence and social status. The political backdrop added more dramatic irony because of the connection the women had.

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng is a web of fascinating stories tied to some common themes:

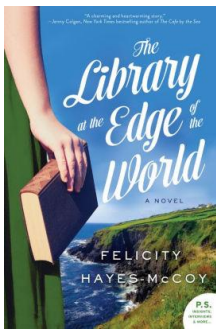
From the Publisher: "In Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is meticulously planned – from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules. Enter Mia Warren – an enigmatic artist and single mother – who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenage daughter Pearl and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than just tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the alluring mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past, and a disregard for the rules that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community. When the Richardsons' friends attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that dramatically divides the town and puts Mia and Mrs. Richardson on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Mrs. Richardson becomes determined to uncover the secrets in Mia's past. But her obsession will come at unexpected and devastating costs to her own family – and Mia's."



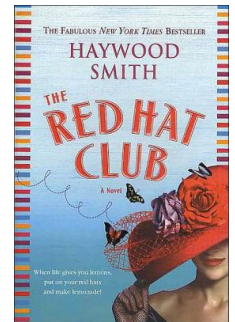
The opening was interesting with the house burning down, everyone watching, and Izzy a common suspect. Mia, from when we are first introduced, clearly appears to be running from someone or something. She is an artist, a photographer, and her picture is in the art museum. Pearl is clearly drawn to the Richardson family: is it because they appear so perfect? We know they are flawed. The abandoned baby story drives a wedge in many aspects of the community. Bebe ends up taking Mayling and bringing her to China. Mia has a hand in helping her do so. Lexie gets pregnant by Brian, and the decision to have an abortion juxtaposes everything Elena stands for.

Book Club members discussed every character in this novel!! and there were lots of them! Beautifully crafted storylines with enough intertwining plot twists to keep us on the edge of our seats as we made connection after connection! This book earned 1.5, 2, and 2.5 on the rating scale and kept us talking about a range of topics.

The Library at the Edge of the World by Felicity Hayes-McCoy, set in the fictional Finfarran area of Ireland, follows Hanna Casey, a 50ish librarian who returns to her small community after a painful divorce from her lawyer husband in London. She brings her daughter, Jazzy (Jasmine), who is 16 at the time and not happy about leaving her London friends, but now, almost five years later, Jazzy has adjusted well, loves her career as an airline stewardess, but Hanna is less than satisfied living with her bossy mother Mary Casey in very tight quarters. Hanna decides to revisit the small cottage left to her by an aunt, run down and abandoned, but filled with fond memories and hope for a space of her own. In the meantime, her small community faces some hardship with council members seeking to make changes that will hurt small local businesses as well as the small library, and the eccentric characters in her life add color to the story as she negotiates her options. Book Club members enjoyed the characters in this novel and the basic plot premise. Hanna brings together diverse characters we enjoyed getting to know: Fury, the eccentric builder, is an amazing guy we loved discussing. He shows up, knows what to do, knows what Hanna needs for her home, and simply does it because he recognizes she is incapable of restoring the home to its gracious state. One scene that stood out was when he tied a goat to her yard because it was so overgrown. Hanna celebrates the role of the library and a convent in unifying a village that otherwise would have lost its sense of community in the wake of big corporate take-downs, so we enjoyed the revolutionary nature of her quest, the interesting and diverse characters with their eccentricities, and the potentially hallmark ending that did not tie up loose ends as neatly as we expected but left enough promise that it would! 2.5's and 3's for this book!!!



The Red Hat Club by Haywood Smith, set in the affluent Buckhead section of Atlanta, Georgia, follows a group of friends as they struggle to deal with changes that are out of their control: Teeny's husband Reid is not very nice to her (i.e. abusive); Diane's banker husband Harold has a condo with his girlfriend and is stealing from his clients - the women engage in a spy mission to expose him - Linda and her husband Brooks appear stable and happy; wild, red-headed SuSu who is always late and whose less than happy life gradually unfolds through the narration; and narrator Georgia Hayden Peyton has a less than satisfying relationship with professor husband John while remembering with increasing excitement first love Brad. This Club is not to be confused with the Red Hat Society. Book Club members thought the book was a light summer read; one of the members enjoyed it and gave it a 2.5 on the rating scale because she read it during a time when she was getting together with a group of lifelong friends for an annual outing while another member was not feeling the same connection with another group of friends and gave the book a 4. We had some great conversations about the role of friendships, even long-distance ones, and how we may find those roles shifting as our lives change, expand, and grow.



The Walking Club meets at 7:45am on Saturdays at the bike path in Mansfield (meet behind Jimmy's Pub)

Trivia Night is the third Wednesday of the month at Game 7 Sports Bar , 60 Man-Mar Drive in Plainville, MA. Kathy Brady chairs this project. (I heard that we had only 3 people show up this month, but they kicked serious butt!)

New Projects (Chairman needed)

Providence Bruins (Fall/Winter) – this would be a fun time to go and root on the “Baby B’s”!
 Scat Night – January/February
 Progressive Party - December

2018-2019 General Membership Snack Sign-Up

November – Thanksgiving Dinner provided by the Board

December – Pam “Xmas Cookie” Warren

January – Deena “Lord” Cummings

February – Lynda Walsh

March – Mary Sorensen

April – Ryan White

May – TBD



Social Media

I currently update the Jaycees Twitter and Instagram accounts. I am putting a call out to our Chapter! If you have a Twitter or Instagram account, please make sure to follow the Jaycees pages:



Instagram – foxborojaycees

Twitter - @FoxboroJaycees



Tell your friends, family, co-workers, etc! The more followers we have, the more exposure to potential new members!!

Thank you everyone!

Marc Rivard

VP Individual Development

(Soon to be former ID VP, Very Happy Red Sox Fan, Big Fan of Deena's Halloween cookies)





VP: Sophia Manos

TIS THE SEASON...



CURRENT PROJECTS

TURKEYS FOR TROOPS (aka Foxboro Based Veterans): The annual town tradition has been in the hands of our own Lynda Walsh and Selectman Jim Devellis over the last few years. We will be looking to continue participating and this time helping run it in Jaycee style. Please come on out to help deliver Turkeys and Whoopie Pies to our local vets on the morning of **November 17th** at the SFCC lot. Please see **Lynda** for more details.

FOXBORO VS MANSFIELD ANNUAL FOOTBALL GAME - A TREK FOR TROOPS: The annual Thanksgiving HS football game this year has a twist. The regional rivals will have the honor and experience of playing at Fenway Park on Tuesday, November 20th in the evening game. The Jaycees are working on providing tickets and transportation to the game for the local Vets. More info to come. **Please see Lynda if you have a suggestion or means to get the vets to Fenway that night in style! :)**

DECORATING THE COMMON FOR CHRISTMAS: Every year the Foxboro Jaycees decorate Foxboro Common with bows and wreaths, and place lights on the hedges at the foot of the Common and around the bandstand. The public is invited to help us do the decorating! **The Saturday after Thanksgiving - November 24th 9am - Mike Mills - Chair**



NATIVITY SET ON THE COMMON: Each December, the Foxboro Jaycees set up the Nativity Scene on Foxboro Common, on the bandstand the Jaycees built in 1972. The Jaycees have been doing this since the 1960s, and store the set all year, and repaint, repair, and refurbish it as necessary. Come out with your trucks and sling some hay! **The Saturday after Thanksgiving - November 24th 9am - Carl Bertolini - Chair**

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. Always a nice event that people really like. **Thursday before Christmas, December 20th - Bob Gillis & Pam Warren - Chairs**

CHANGE ON CLASSIC - SNACKS WITH SANTA! - If Santa and Mrs Claus can fit us into their busy schedule this time of year, we will offer a public snack date and photo session with the Clauses after our own Jaycees Kids Christmas part possibly on the afternoon of Dec 15th. - **Lynda Walsh - Chair, looking for co-chair!**



Don't forget our partnerships!



Santa and Mrs. Claus have graciously agreed to take time away from building toys and planning sleigh flight patterns to ride into the annual tree-lighting on the eve of November 24th. They will also be brightening the day for children of Re-Max employees at Gil Campos' annual work party. We wholeheartedly thank the Clauses again for being so jolly and kind to the Jaycees.

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. - **TBD Week of December 17th. - Monica Fisler - Chair**



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. - **Lisa Jolicoeu- chair**

Don't forget these other on-going projects

FULL REPAIR OF FOXBOROUGH SIGN ON COMMON - **Kathy Brady - Chair & Repair!**

The old Foxborough Town Sign on the common that you see when arriving from Mechanic Street (and at times on nationally televised Patriot games) has been under the Jaycees care for decades now. The Jaycees saved it from ruin and have been fixing it steadily along the way.

Kathy Brady has always been picking up the dropped letters and now has a way to get all the letters fixed and repainted. We are revamping the sign but with the classic look. Kathy's goal is to have this completed very soon. We thank Kathy for her continued stewardship of the sign and many other fixtures on the Common, just like...



NATIVITY SCENE REPAIR - Mary Suttie - Chair

Another KB annual project is trying every year to salvage and prolong life of the plaster nativity figures for the Christmas Common scene in the bandstand. This year Mary has been inquiring around various businesses and organizations to find some help to finally give them a full overhaul or see if any replacements existed that could be donated to the Jaycees. Plaster is the problem here as few still work in that medium for full size statues/models. We thanks Mary for working on this for us.

COMING SOON...

SAND FOR SENIORS RETURNS!

For the last 21 years, each winter, as a public service to our seniors, the Foxboro Jaycees offer a "Sand For Seniors" program. Foxboro senior citizens who need sand or salt for winter can call and a Jaycee or two will deliver a bucketful of sand to their door.

Contact Sophia for more info if you are interested in helping distribute sand this winter.

Vietnam Moving Wall Comes to Foxborough

From Nov. 8 through Nov. 12 we will be hosting the Vietnam Moving Wall at Patriot Place in honor of Veterans Day and recognition of the more than 58,000 men and women who lost their lives during the Vietnam War. This is part of our annual Salute to Service initiative with the NFL and we would love to invite the Foxboro Jaycees to come visit the Wall at your leisure during this timeframe.

The Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation are hosting the Vietnam Moving Wall at Patriot Place during Veterans Day weekend.

- The Moving Wall will be on public display from 1:00 PM on 11/8 until 12:00 PM on 11/12
- The Moving Wall will be located in Lot 5 of Gillette Stadium. Visitors are asked to arrive via the P1 entrance and follow signage to parking lot 5
- The Moving Wall is open to the public for all hours of the day and night. Parking and admission to view the Moving Wall is free
- The Moving Wall is a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- The Moving Wall travels across the country to provide people an opportunity to pay their respect to the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for our country
- Inscribed in the wall are the names of more than 58,000 men and women who lost their lives during the Vietnam War

Thank you!
Jeremie Smith
Manager, Business Development & External
Affairs
KRAFT SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT





Ways and Means

Vice President: *Deena Cummings*



Note Cards – Lynda Walsh

We still have lots of pretty note cards with scenes of Foxboro available. With the holidays just around the corner, snow covered Foxboro would be a fantastic choice to send to your family and friends! If you would like to purchase any, please let Lynda know.

Fall Vendor Fair – Deena Cummings

Thank you SO much to everyone who came out to help make our second annual Fall Fair a success. We had to make use of the rain date for the second fair in a row, but we still had a great turn out! To my Committee: Lynda Walsh, Andrea Johnstone and Lisa Jolicoeur; thank you for helping make sure everything was done when it needed to be and for ensuring the entire event went smoothly! To all my fellow Jaycees who came out to support and lend a hand with setup, take down and everything in between, I appreciate all of you! Here's to many more successful events in the future!



Fall Vendor Fair Concessions – Pam Warren

Pam rocked the concessions stand again! Although this is still a relatively new project for the vendor fairs, she always tackles concessions with gusto! We appreciate your willingness to continuously run projects that help us continue to give back to our community. To everyone that stepped up to help Pam the day of the fair, our success is thanks to you!

Fall Vendor Fair Raffle – Sophia Manos

Sophia bravely volunteered to chair the chaos that can be the Raffle table, which was once again quite successful. To everyone who stopped by to help at the raffle table throughout the day, thank you. And of course, to our raffle ticket salesman extraordinaire, Dave Reid, we couldn't have done it without you!



Members: We are heading into our slow months for Ways and Means, but that doesn't mean we aren't always looking for new ideas to raise funds for our community. If you would be interested in running a project for Ways and Means, such as a Restaurant Night or a Paint Party, let me know!



Thanks, Deena

Membership

Vice President: Jeanne Suttie Christian



Who's Who – Lisa Jolicoeur

This is a project that helps us learn a little more about our fellow members. Lisa has begun to solicit members for information - and will have a quick conversation with a member of the Chapter and write about what she has learned about this person. This month Lisa interviews Sharon Hall – her article is below...

Membership Committee - The next Membership Meeting will be announced via email soon, when we will revisit discussions and entertain new ideas for increasing membership, Jaycees Swag, Who's Who, and all things membership. We have some great ideas from our last meeting. Please contact Jeanne Suttie Christian with any questions.

Membership Table – Chairman needed

We have membership tables at various events – Watch for Future dates where we need help

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. Please contact Jeanne Suttie Christian if you need a shirt or sweater. Children size large will be ordered as well. If you have any child size shirt that your child has out grown please recycle said shirt with Jeanne. This will assist members with younger children to have shirts.

Website – Bob Gillis – Bob 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 at <http://www.foxborojaycees.org>.

Jaycee Photographs: if you have any pictures of Jaycees or Jaycee events and would like to share them on the website or Facebook 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 Twitter or Instagram -- you can always find the latest updates at www.foxborojaycees.org. If you are planning to attend 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:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsYAnFEwYvBxrvttMeydF761v1NZr_0f1

A list of the upcoming scheduled National training Webinars can be found at <https://jci.cc/en/news/21568>

As always, please email Jeanne with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area. Sweetjeans20@comcast.net

Who's Who?

Just who are the amazing Jaycees?? Meet massage therapist Sharon Hall, Foxboro resident and volunteer extraordinaire!

Originally from Belchertown, MA, Sharon Hall followed her heart: she met her future husband at UMASS Amherst and settled in Foxboro, which she describes as "not too city, not too country, and has the best of both worlds." Needless to say, she loves it! She and hubby John raised Nathan, now 20, and JD, now 17, in this great town! Dog Lucy and Sharon are the only female representatives in their happy household, so most movie nights are Sci-fi or action-based.

Sharon, a massage therapist for over 20 years, has been working exclusively from home for 17 years and can be seen at local events, such as the Jaycees Vendor Fair and McGinty Family Fun Day, taking her massage talents to the common! Perhaps you saw her there? Perhaps you were treated to some stress relief while on the Common attending a great community event?

Sharon **loves** her work: "Being a massage therapist has been a rewarding and enlightening experience. I love connecting with people and providing them an opportunity to not just relax, but to let go."

How did Sharon find the Jaycees?

"A long time ago, I joined the Jaycees to be part of the community, meet new people and do something good. The kids were little and I didn't have a lot of free time, so it was a while before I felt comfortable with chairing a project. The other Jaycees members were cool with me helping out when I could. It was a great, low pressure way to contribute to the team's efforts. These days I do chair a project now and then, but still prefer to be a helper when I can. Either way, I always love the experience when I participate!"

As all Jaycees do, Sharon squeezes volunteer opportunities into her daily life despite a packed schedule: "I also donate time at the Doolittle House to give hand massage to the residents there. Both of my husband's parents resided there for their last years, and I feel very grateful to have had such an amazing facility for them so close by. The staff makes all the difference and I look up to them for opening their hearts to the residents every day."

Sharon suggests everyone can benefit from slowing down and paying attention to how much one can learn from connecting with others:

"I believe teaching the young and caring for the elderly are the two most trying and rewarding things a human can do! They are role models for all of us. Both jobs teach us to widen our perspective, gain compassion, and give without expecting a return. What a beautiful world it would be if everyone embraced those lessons."

Look for Sharon Hall at one of our events and be sure to say hello!



Shout Out!!

This is a new section that we hope to have in every edition.... If you have someone you would like to recognize, send the information to Editor Pam Warren at lccgazette@yahoo.com Anyone can send a shout out to anyone else... lets send some positive vibes out there!

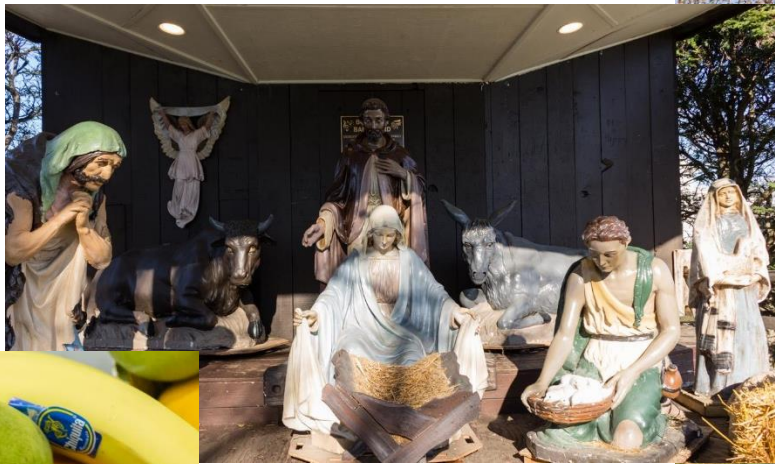
I would like to put a Shout out to Dan St Laurent at Foxboro Stop and Shop. Thanks to his help, all the food was donated for the Fall Vendor Fair Concession Stand. This was a huge part in making our Concession stand profitable. The vendors certainly seemed to appreciate having the food on site and the warm beverages were a huge hit on the chilly day. Thank-you Dan – your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Last Word -

We are heading into the busy Holiday season, with lots of projects on the horizon. Whatever direction this chapter takes in the future, these projects are a major portion of what our group is known for in the community. We need your help to make them successful. Come on out and sing on the common. Place a few pieces of fruit into a basket for the discretionary fund. Tie some bows and hang some lights on the common. Most of these events only take an hour or two of your time – but they mean so much to others. I hope to see you all “out there.”



Pam Warren
Wise Fox Editor



2017 Foxboro Jaycees Nativity Set Up and Common Decoration