



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – November 2018

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

I would like to send a huge thank you to Carl Bertolino and Mike Mills for an awesome job on chairing the Nativity and Christmas decorations projects this year. The Common looks great!! We had a lot of help this year as Carl also recruited members of the Lions and Knights of Columbus. Thanks to all who came out and lent a hand!!! (special thanks to Dave Fisler for once again being our electrical guru and to Emma Fisler for ensuring that the Nativity was set up “just right”). That same evening we had Light up The Town where the town Christmas tree is lit and Santa and Mrs. Claus make their annual appearance. Thank you to Lynda Walsh for chairing the Jaycee portion of this event, and to Sophia Manos who helped me with “Santa Security” detail. (and a special thanks to jolly ole’ St. Nick and the Mrs. for stopping in to say hi to the kids. I hope you got my list this year...I will be checking under my tree on 12/25 😊)

The November GM was a lot of fun and very filling! Those who could not attend missed out on a fabulous Thanksgiving dinner with some of our Jaycee Senators. Thanks to the Board for providing an unbelievable meal (and even better leftovers!). We also voted on and agreed as a chapter to no longer require members to pay annual membership dues. The caveat is that we will still need to determine what will constitute a “member in good standing”. Our Exploration Committee has been tasked with coming up with a list and will report back to the chapter so we may vote on it.

Once again, the Thank A Vet project was a huge success! Over 80 turkeys and a massive quantity of whoopie pies were delivered to our local military veterans on Saturday, 11/17. Thank you once again to Lynda Walsh, who teamed up with Selectman Jim DeVellis, the town, and local area businesses to thank our veterans for their service. Thanks to the many Jaycees who also helped with preparing the packages and delivering them directly to our veterans.

Our next GM will be on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:30pm at the South Foxboro Community Center. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend as I will be out of town on business. Our newly sworn-in Vice President of Individual Development, Bob Gillis, will be running the meeting in my absence. Please remember to remain consistent and give him just as much of a hard time as you would give me 😊 (just kidding). Also, another reminder that our GM on January 9th will be when we vote on how the chapter will move forward. Please make a note on your calendars and try your best to make this very important meeting.

Happy Holidays to All!!

Marc Rivard
President

“Service to humanity is the best work of life!”



December 2018 Secretary Report



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

Sunshine- Winter is here – half way out of the dark, so of course everyone could use a bit more SUNSHINE, so if anyone would like some sunshine sent please let me know and I will spread some wonderful Winter sunshine....

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 from November 2018:

Jaycee of the Month - Jeanne Suttie Christian - All your hard work on the Fall Frolic was greatly appreciated by the Senators. Thank you for representing our chapter so well

Also Nominated were: Mary Suttie Sorenson for organizing our Haunted House Trip, Deena Cummings for Chairing the Fall Vendor Fair and the Exploration Committee, and Lisa Jolicoeur for all her hard work as treasurer, with the vendor fair and the Exploration committee

Project of the Month - Fall Vendor Fair - Deena Cummings - It was another successful event, raised lots of funds for the chapter and premiered our new brochures at the membership booth.

Also Nominated were: Fall Fair Concessions, Fall Frolic, Haunted House trip and the new Membership Brochures

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

December Birthdays:

Lisa Jolicoeur
Jennifer Franco
Jordan Cummings-Dee

December Anniversaries:

Max Loew	2008
Lisa Jolicoeur	2018
Thomas Sullivan	2014



Individual Development



NEW VP: Bob Gillis

Happy Holidays my Jaycees friends. My break from being on the board is over -- I REALLY missed this and seeing everyone. It is VERY good to be back, and now, in my traditional #brevity that you have come to know and love, onto the report!

Friendsgiving Turkey Dinner – Lynda Walsh 11/14/18

Years ago when I first joined, we often had DINNER at the GM – and every November, we had a thanksgiving dinner. Thank you Lynda and the board for bringing back this tradition – while I missed the GM, everyone raved about what a good time it was, how great the food was, who made the best cranberry sauce... And we received a thank you from the Jaycee senators who were invited to the dinner.

Progressive Party – Bob Webster and Helene Savage 12/8/18

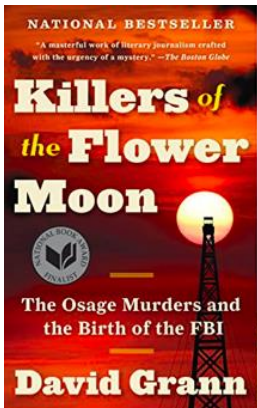
THANK YOU to Bob Webster and Helene Savage for stepping up to continue this Jaycee favorite. I placed a survey online for all members and was able to gauge interest – the event will be December 8th; details will be emailed to you as soon as we have them!

Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – TBD (usually 3rd Wed) 6:30-9pm (moving to Red Stone Grill in North Attleboro, date TBD)

Game 7 has closed, but Dan Madoff has moved Game On trivia to the Red Stone Grill and we plan to follow him along like the Trivia Groupies we are – I believe this is the third venue for Dan and Jaycees Trivia! As always, an email will be sent out. Please consider joining us as we try out this new place together – this one is ALWAYS a lot of fun.

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur - 1st Thur. of month 7-9pm.

On Thursday evening, November 1st, Book Club members enjoyed an amazing array of treats: pizza, apple tart, assorted crackers and cheese, margaritas, wine, coffee and tea around Laureen's kitchen table to discuss the fascinating David Grann "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI," a true-life "murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history." From the publisher: "In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, they began to be killed off. One Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, watched as her family was murdered. Her older sister was shot. Her mother was then slowly poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more Osage began to die under mysterious circumstances. In this last remnant



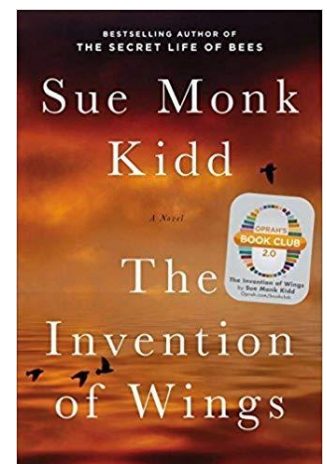
of the Wild West—where oilmen like J. P. Getty made their fortunes and where desperadoes such as Al Spencer, “the Phantom Terror,” roamed – virtually anyone who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll surpassed more than twenty-four Osage, the newly created F.B.I. took up the case, in what became one of the organization’s first major homicide investigations. But the bureau was then notoriously corrupt and initially bungled the case. Eventually the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including one of the only Native American agents in the bureau. They infiltrated the region, struggling to adopt the latest modern techniques of detection. Together with the Osage they began to expose one of the most sinister conspiracies in American history.”

We absolutely loved discussing this book, comparing it to the reading adventure of Erik Larsen's "Devil in the White City," revealing significant facts about a specific time in American History but in a style that reads like a novel. Grann astounded us with gripping and gruesome tales of a serial killer who eliminated a family of the Osage tribe, heirs to wealthy land. Grann documents the family tree going back to the late 1800's, brings us the next generation in the 1920's against the backdrop of Prohibition, the Jazz Age of wealth and fast living, and then introduces us to the grandchildren of the families who are still unraveling the mysterious deaths of over 30 Osage tribe members. Grann unpacks how investigators used forensics to analyze evidence but ultimately struck multiple roadblocks because of the many levels of corruption which led to the deaths of witnesses and investigators. William Hale, a Whitey Bulgar-like crime boss was instrumental in orchestrating many of the deaths to gain money and power and took advantage of many unsuspecting Osage tribe members who had put their faith in him. He eventually was tried and went to jail thanks to the due diligence of Tom White, a hardworking, old-school detective who receive little credit from Hoover and who eventually became the warden at Leavenworth where Hale was imprisoned after White had him convicted. Grann portrays White favorably and suggests Hoover should have been more indebted to his excellent work. Grann meets the grand daughter of Mollie Burkhart, whose husband was part of the web of corruption, in section 3 during which Grann uncovers more evidence to suggest that the murders probably went on well before and after the time period he investigates in the book.

We unpacked a dozen excellent scenes and talked about so many wonderful topics. Our rating scale is 1-5 with one being "close the door and don't bother me until I am done," 2 being "love this book and you all should read it too," 3 being "glad I read it/borrowed it from the library or a friend but might not suggest that everyone needs to add it to the reading list," 4 being "it was just okay and am so glad I did not buy it or wish I had not bought it," and 5 being "I just wasted hours of my life reading that book???" We all gave this book a 2 with one person given it a 2+!! High scores for our little book group!

Next Book Club: Thursday, Dec. 6th at Lisa's House! Sue Monk Kidd's "The Invention of Wings." From the Publisher:

"Writing at the height of her narrative and imaginative gifts, Sue Monk Kidd presents a masterpiece of hope, daring, the quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world. Hetty “Handful” Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke’s daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. Kidd’s sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah’s eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten-year-old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty-five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other’s destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love."



Walking Club – Laureen House / Lisa Jolicoeur - Saturdays 7:45am @ bike path in Mansfield/ meet behind Jimmy's Pub

Our hardy walkers continue their weekly walk – everyone is welcome to join them. J

New Projects (Chairman needed)

Providence Bruins (Fall/Winter) – I've chaired this one several times and it's always a BLAST, we go on a Sunday afternoon, the kids are home early because the games starts around 3, and it's usually about \$18 (1/2 price). We do this in February and March – we didn't have a lot of interest in winter 2018 but I would like to see this one come back. If you're interested in chairing email or call me and I can give you the details. Will also send out an email after the holidays to gauge interest.

Scat Night – January/February – Another Jaycee tradition; Scat/31 card game night only requires a roll of quarters, the beverage of your choice, and 2 minutes to learn the rules of this card game. This is ALWAYS a night of fun and laughs. Do I have a chairman for this? Anyone, anyone? Beuller?

2018-2019 General Membership Snack Sign-Up

December – Pam “Awesome Christmas Cookie” Warren. January – Deena “She calls me Gillis” Cummings. February – Lynda Walsh. March – Mary Sorensen. April – Ryan White. May – Bob Gillis (I missed November, so will do May)



Yankee Swap and Group Picture at the GM

Be sure to come to the December GM 12/12/18 as we will be having our annual Yankee swap and group picture. Please remember to wear your Jaycee shirt! Yankee Swap gifts shouldn't cost more than \$10-\$15 max.

... and Finally... ... One of my New Year's resolutions for 2018, which has been met with some success but work to do, is to talk a bit LESS and listen MORE. So rather than my usual three-page monologue I will just say it's awesome to be back on the board, wish all of you Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and of course, Happy Festivus.

Peace!
Bob



community

Development

VP: Sophia Manos



CURRENT PROJECTS

SANTA ON THE COMMON - We will be greeting Santa and Mrs Claus and taking pictures with the kids on the Foxboro Town Common from 10 am to Noon on December 15. We will move over to the Orpheum if the weather does not cooperate. **Lynda Walsh - Chair**

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 200 to 240 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 17th 6:00 PM. - Monica Fisler - 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 December 20th - Bob Gillis & Pam Warren - Chairs**



Thanks to the Claus'!

Santa and Mrs. Claus graciously agreed to take time away from building toys and planning sleigh flight patterns and rode into the annual tree-lighting on the eve of November 24th. They also brought cheer to the children of Re-Max employees at Gil Campos' annual work party. Coming out again for the 15th!

We wholeheartedly thank the Clauses again for being so jolly and kind to the Jaycees.

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 Jolicouer- chair**

COMPLETED *and* UPCOMING - The paradox of holiday decor!

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! **TAKE DOWN SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 5TH -WEATHER PENDING**

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! **TAKE DOWN SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 5TH -WEATHER PENDING** Carl Bertolini - Chair

COMPLETED PROJECTS

TURKEYS FOR TROOPS (aka Foxboro Based Veterans): The annual town tradition got a great response this year and all the packages went out in record time! Thanks again to all those who volunteered and as always to our own Lynda Walsh and Selectman Jim Devellis for keeping this going.

We look forward to continue this great run in 2019...Jaycee style.

FOXBORO VS MANSFIELD ANNUAL FOOTBALL GAME - A TREK FOR TROOPS: The Warriors Won!

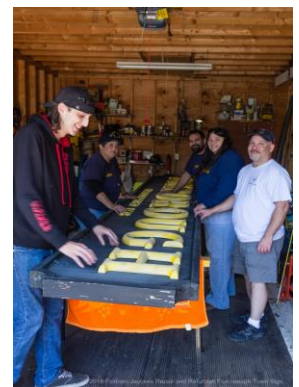
The annual Thanksgiving HS football game this year has a twist. The regional rivals had the fun honor to play at Fenway Park on Tuesday, November 20th. The Jaycees helped to on provide tickets and transportation to the game for the local Vets. It turned out well for the Warriors who won in overtime!

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.

SAND FOR SENIORS

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.

7 residents already being served!

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

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Jaycees Scholarship Offering - Lisa Jolicouer

Begins again in January! Online forms available on the Jaycees Website.

Foxboro Diversity Night - Lynda Walsh

During Diversity Awareness Month in April.



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.

Paint/Sign Night Fundraiser – Deena Cummings

I am in the planning stages of putting together a paint or sign night fundraiser for January or February. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know, otherwise, stay tuned for future information!



Members: We are in the 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, 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 board member and 2 time Keyman Lynda Walsh – 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 - Who is Lynda Walsh?

Lynda Walsh's work permeates many aspects of our local community. A 1979 Foxborough High School graduate, Lynda began working for the Foxboro Company in 1978; after the company was sold and then had a major layoff. She was hired by the company that took over the printing services and has been the manager for the printing of materials used by the current owner, Schneider Electric, ever since. She is currently an Account Manager at Spectrum Print Plus in Canton and adores her cat Ricochet and pug Rosco.

Although Lynda, an only child, has lost both her parents over the years, but she considers herself part of a huge Jaycee family. After her friend Chico invited Lynda to volunteer at the Jaycee Haunted House, she was hooked and joined in October, 1993. Lynda explained how the Jaycees help fill a void created after her husband passed in 1991: "When a person loses his or her spouse, many friends of the pair tend to not know how to continue the relationship, so I lost many friends after that." Certainly what followed was not expected: the friendships Lynda has made since that October have been uncountable, and she has done the same for people in this community as well: she was a town selectman for 2 terms (6 years); is currently on the FCA Board of Directors; currently on the Foxboro Child Sexual Abuse Committee; currently on the Vestry for St. Marks Church; and currently a member of the Board of Directors for Orpheum Theatre.

In 2018, Paul Feeney nominated Lynda to receive recognition from the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women: "I immediately thought of Lynda, who exemplifies everything they're looking for," Feeney explained; "She's more deserving than anyone."

Lynda's resume with the Jaycees is phenomenal: she was awarded Jaycee Keyman Recognition this past April for the second time, a recognition usually not awarded twice, but Lynda's tireless persistence to "get the work done" time after time ignites the spirit of this organization, and the Keymen who gathered to present this award could think of no one more deserving than Lynda.

Although Lynda is involved in every Jaycee project, she cites a favorite as the Founders Day Float: "For so many years we had an award-winning float in the parade. Everyone got together on a nightly basis at Tom Sawran's house to create the best floats. Folks would bring food, beverages, and ideas to add to the fun. We didn't realize it at the time, but it was what is now called team building. Although we no longer have a member as talented as Tom, I truly believe we still have the abilities to create an award-winning float because of that kind of team-building spirit."

Lynda explains that The Haunted House is another favorite: "Although I don't believe I could physically do the three months prep or the 15 night gigs, I have some great memories of the project." Lynda echoes the sentiments of many long time Jaycees who found their way to this great organization because of the Haunted House! Those of us who joined after the famous event enjoy hearing stories and seeing pictures of the fun and success of its legacy.



Another favorite event that Lynda is so happy to see return is Santa on the Common. Lynda loved being Mrs. Claus in 1994 and is so happy to see other members have stepped into that cherished role, making the holiday events special for so many young children and enriching family traditions that include Christmas celebrations on the Foxboro Common. Many people have pictures of their children sitting with Mr. and Mrs. Claus on the Foxboro Common in their scrapbooks or fireplace mantle, and those experiences are captured in photos thanks to the volunteers who commit to the project year after year.

Lynda would love to see the Jaycees history captured and documented in a permanent sort of manner: "the history of the organization would in many ways capture the important history of the community."

Lynda reflects on Jaycee leader Tom Sawran as a wonderful friend and mentor and notes that police, fire, teachers, military personnel, and all folks who protect and serve the community contribute to shaping the value young people see in giving back to the community. Lynda notes that the Foxboro Common has always been a great place for families to gather for happy celebrations, such as free summer concerts, as well as for remembrance and healing: "Community rallies for others in need or simply to say thank you provides an opportunity for young people to see how they can make a difference." Lynda notes that the annual celebration for the Police, Fire, and Military also spotlights groups that help people in the community, such as the Lions, shelters, karate schools, and substance abuse providers, (referred to as National Night Out Against Violence and Drugs and held in the fall) provides is an amazing opportunity for families to enjoy their community on the Common. The Patriots' rallies on the Common also provide a great way for the local community to share in a family-friendly celebration of a great football team recognized for its generosity to the community.

Jaycee Lisa Jolicoeur first met Lynda Walsh in 2005 when she helped Cindy McGinty with the McGinty Family Fun Day event and then came out every year to help with the event: "I wondered who these amazing Jaycees were who showed up year after year to help with this amazing local event (then in its infancy) and realized I wanted to be a part of them." Lynda's efforts permeate every aspect of the community, but she shows her humility by instead focusing on the work of others: "I think there are many people who do great work in the community, which is why I'd like to see the Jaycees acknowledge these people by awarding the GEM Award, an award that recognizes people who contribute in ways that often go unrecognized; Foxboro is the Gem of Norfolk county, but there are many 'Gems' here in town that have made the community what it is today." Looking for ways to celebrate the efforts of others is what makes Lynda Walsh an amazing role model for others, and we are lucky to have her in our "gem" of an organization!!

Shout Out!!

If you have someone you would like to recognize, send the information to Editor Pam Warren at locgazette@yahoo.com Anyone can send a shout out to anyone else... lets send some positive vibes out there!

Our first Shout this month is to Kevin Mack for all his help and hard work with the sign repair project.

Thank you once again to Dan St Laurent at the Foxboro Stop and Shop – He provided us with fresh baked cookies for the Light Up The Town event and donated all the Turkeys for the Thank-a-Vet project