



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – January 2019

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

As you may know from the email that went out to the chapter on 12/30/18, we have been hit with a tremendous loss. Fred George was a former longtime Jaycee who had returned to the chapter a couple of years ago. Even though he was ill, he had decided to spend his remaining time serving his community and helping others. He took part in many projects and was always willing to step up and volunteer even when it was difficult for him. Fred defined what being a Jaycee is and he will be greatly missed. Please keep his family, especially his three sons, in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

RIP Fred, we will miss you.

Our next GM will be on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:30pm at the South Foxboro Community Center. Please remember that we will be voting on how the chapter will move forward. Please try and make this meeting if you can.

I hope you all have a safe and prosperous New Year.

Marc Rivard
President

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



Secretary's 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 December 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!!!!

January Birthdays:

John Zarella 52
Kevin Mack 69
Kelly Reid 79
Peter Filosa 82
Deena Cummings 83

January Anniversaries:

Deena Cummings	2004
Vanessa Shirley	2007
Patty Reid	2015
Michael Stewart	2015
DJ Jolicoeur	2017

Individual Development



VP: Bob Gillis

Happy New Year Jaycee friends!

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

Thank you, Bob Webster and Helene Savage (and Jane Webster and Mike Savage) and Andrea Johnstone and Deena Cummings for opening up your homes for the annual Foxboro Jaycees Progressive dinner -- great food, amazing desserts and a FANTASTIC night of friendship, great talks, and fun! And Julie Grant -- you made so many people happy that you made it to the party! Thank you to everyone! I was SO happy that this tradition continues!



Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – 3rd Wed of the month 6:30-9pm (moved to Red Stone Grill in North Attleboro)

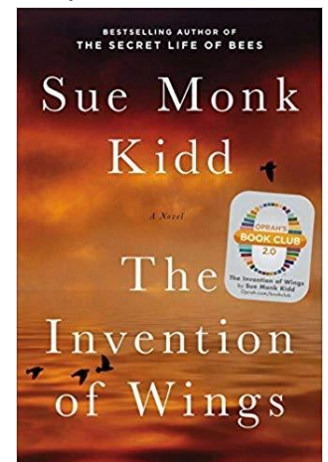
Game 7 has closed, but Dan Madoff has moved Game On trivia to the Red Stone Grill and we have followed him along like the Trivia Groupies we are. Kathy and Pam have checked it out and say the food is great, the place is inviting, and trivia is still a blast – hope to see you there in January.

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

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, Book Club members convened at Lisa's house to discuss Sue Monk Kidd's "The Invention of Wings," set in the early 19th century Charleston and covering 35 years of American history during which women sought freedom to pursue intellectual enlightenment while abolitionists were moving to a big fight.

Hetty "Handful," a slave who at 10 years old is given to 11-year-old Sarah Grimke, desperately yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The daughter of a judge / plantation owner and difficult mother, Sarah, hemmed in by the limits imposed on women, feels that she is destined for great things and constantly sneaks into her father's study to read his books and begs her brothers to help her being a "jurist."

Their journeys over the next thirty-five years, shape each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by "guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love." Handful's cunning mother, Charlotte, courts danger in her search for something better and crafts her "story quilt." Toward the end of the novel, action culminates with Sarah Grimke's journey to the Northeast to speak on behalf of civil rights for slaves, and for women. We enjoyed this fascinating novel in which Kidd takes the story of abolitionist and women's rights activist Sarah Grimke and weaves an amazing tale that kept us intrigued until the very end.



The notes at the end of the novel gave us deeper understanding as to historical facts. Sarah Grimke was known for her abolitionist work, but she also worked hard for the women's rights movement. The novel offered insight to the challenges women faced, limited from freedoms we take for granted today, such as education.

The novel gave us a great deal to discuss! We talked about how Kidd portrayed characters who were unaware of their racist behavior; Sarah's mother, for example, was based on a snippet of information Kidd found about her. but Kidd then developed a well-rounded character we enjoyed discussing: she was demanding, harsh, unappreciative, and cruel. We cringed examining some of the punishments imposed upon the slaves, such as whipping and the work house. Charlotte, an amazing seamstress, crafts a story quilt and teaches her daughter her sewing skills. We discussed what we knew about the story quilts. We also learned that people have gone to the plantation where the Grimke family lived.

We unpacked a bunch of 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 1 with one person who was unable to make it messaging us with a 1, as well!! High scores for our little book group!

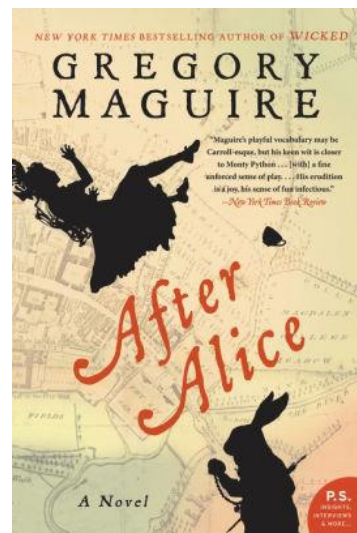
January Book Club Meeting

Thursday, January 10th

Sandy Daniels' Home

Gregory Maguire's "After Alice" and a second optional choice of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland."

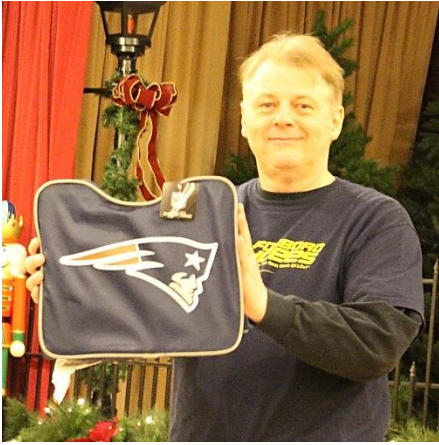
From the publisher: "When Alice toppled down the rabbit-hole 150 years ago, she found a Wonderland as rife with inconsistent rules and abrasive egos as the world she left behind. But what of that world? How did 1860s Oxford react to Alice's disappearance? Ada, a friend of Alice's mentioned briefly in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, is off to visit her friend, but arrives a moment too late--and tumbles down the rabbit-hole herself. Ada brings to Wonderland her own imperfect apprehension of cause and effect as she embarks on an odyssey to find Alice and see her safely home from this surreal world below the world--"



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. Please contact Lisa for the deets.

Yankee Swap and Group Picture at the GM



It was fun to once again chair the GM and I still hold the record for completing a full GM in under one hour (that's me, Mr. Brevity) and our Yankee Swap was a great time. As ID VP I would rate the most unusual gift as the "Man Bar," (you had to be there) and Sharon's gift of a toboggan was awesome. Thanks to Ed Miller, I have an officially licensed Patriots Glass and seat now. Thank you to everyone who participated, and Marc, I enjoyed running the GM a lot, but I return the



command to you, good sir.

New Projects (Chairman needed)

Providence Bruins (Feb/March) – 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 games start 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? I'm pretty funny at this one and weirder than usual. Let that sink in.



2018-2019 General Membership Snack Sign-Up

January – Deena "She calls me Gillis" Cummings.

February – Lynda Walsh.

March – Mary Sorensen.

April – Ryan White.

May – Bob Gillis

... and Finally...

... We have a lot to discuss at the January GM regarding the future of the chapter and will likely take a vote. I want this group to continue and you do too, so please come to the January GM.

I'm so glad to be back on the board and had a blast at all our holiday / Christmas / Festivus projects – I hope you did as well.

Peace and Happy New Year!
Bob

community

Development

VP: Sophia Manos



UPCOMING PROJECTS

UN-DECORATING THE COMMON FOR CHRISTMAS: Time to take down the lights on the hedges and the bows and garland from the lights...wait...yes, that statement did make sense! Please come on down to the center of town, but don't wear a frown, as it will all be back next year 'round.

TAKE DOWN SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 5TH - WEATHER PERMITTING



Gently Putting away - NATIVITY SET ON THE COMMON: They made it through another year! The nativity still needs some repair work, but for now the scheduled move back to storage is also **JANUARY 5TH - WEATHER PERMITTING**

Carl Bertolino and his den of friends will be there with their trucks, but more would not hurt.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

SANTA ON THE COMMON - Santa and Mrs Claus came out to the Common on the morning of Dec 15th.

Thanks to Lynda (no head cold will keep me down) Walsh and Bob G., Ed G., Kris L., Kenny, and Carl for bearing the elements.



CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS: Another fantastically successful event this year! The Jaycees and partners from Brigham & Women's / Mass General Health Care Center and their families made 243 baskets this year! Monica Fisler ran the show to perfection... including an accurate count of fruit. Thanks Monica!

The kids did some great work this year with assembling and wrapping. Shout out to Emma, Brooke, Tina, Matthew and Tyler!

The baskets were picked up from the Community Center this year with help from some of the Foxboro Lions. Thanks to Jen Franco for helping out with pick up that morning too! Another example of the community working together. :)



CAROLING ON THE COMMON - The Thursday before Christmas saw a fantastic turn out for caroling on the Common. The mild weather and the triumphant return of Steve Massey to conduct the symphony of Christmas all-stars were no doubt contributors to this highly successful evening. This event brought Christmas cheer to the center of town and brought some smiles and joy to the audience at the Dolittle Home. Great work by chairs Bob & Pam

Special thanks to Carl, Ed, Max and Mike for getting all the chairs there and the bandstands all set up. Ho-ho-hooray for the truck brigade!

ASSIST A KID FOR CHRISTMAS, ASSIST A SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS: The Jaycees provided gifts to a senior citizen and child in need of extra care this holiday. An annual donation we are happy to continue doing. Thanks to Lisa checking her list twice and shopping for these folks this year. :)

Also our annual Thanks to Monica Rigamonte for handing the Jaycee Holiday Banners!



Thanks to the Clauses!

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 and we really could not have Santa on the Common without them.

We wholeheartedly thank the Clauses again for being so jolly and kind to the Jaycees. It was a Merrier Christmas for us all.

ALSO:

Jaycees Scholarship Offering - Lisa Jolicouer

BEGINS THIS MONTH! Online forms available on the Jaycees Website.



Foxboro Diversity Night - Lynda Walsh

During Diversity Awareness Month in April.

Concerts on the Common - Looking for a chair!!

Acts and sponsors will need to be booked soon. This is one of our most notable and important community projects.

On-going projects



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.



WE NEED MORE 5 GALLON BUCKETS. IF YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS FOR FREE BUCKETS PLEASE GRAB SOME AND LET ME KNOW.

A dozen seniors have already been served.

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

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, Kevin Mack and other Jaycee helpers are still at work repairing / replacing the sign. We thank them for their continued effort and special set of skills to make this sign ready for our eyes and the Foxboro elements. We look forward to seeing the results of the hard work.





Ways and Means

Vice President: *Deena Cummings*



Note Cards – Lynda Walsh

We still have lots of pretty note cards with scenes of Foxboro available. 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 the end of February or beginning of March. 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



Happy 2019! The New Year brings many hopes for a great year and dreams of a bright Jaycee future. I am fortunate enough to work for a caring company, who granted their employees 8 hours of paid volunteer time. I was so excited to hear this news! However, when sharing my joy with my co-workers, I was deflated, their opinions of the new policy broke my heart! They had many comments of "This is BS, what do I want to volunteer my time for?" "I have my life to live, I am not going to use that, pointless." I thought "Wow, I don't even know these people! For the first time in my life I discovered that people I know are very self-absorbed, and I am saddened and appalled by this attitude. This is what is wrong, with our youth and with our country. PLEASE make it part of your New Year's resolution to be active with in the chapter. Grab an impressionable youngster or retired person looking for a little something to do, a friend, anyone of any age, bring your children / grandchildren and spread the seeds of community / family / neighborhood volunteerism! We are the JAYCEES; let's teach the value of self-worth through helping and giving to others through Volunteering! Please come join us in 2019 for at least two projects this year and bring anyone you feel you would like to share your experience with.

This is your personal invitation to anything and everything Jaycees this Year:

Dear Jaycee/Friend,

You are invited to be a Jaycee or Jaycee friend at every meeting and activity in 2019 -2020.

Sincerely,

Your Membership Vice President,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

I am optimistic for what this year can hold for the chapter, we are a great group of people who have a lot to teach and share especially that:

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

Who's Who – Lisa Jolicoeur

Who are the Foxboro Jaycees?? Meet Mike Mills!

Mike is from "New JOISEY" and says, "That's why I'm one of the only EAGLES fans in the neighborhood. When our son Alexander was born, we decided to move back to Sophia's family area." Mike's wife Sophia, also a Jaycee, is from Boston, so settling in Foxboro was a great location near Boston and Sophia's roots. Foxboro has since become a great place to place their roots and raise son Alexander as well as their cats Nate and Tigger.

Mike is busy as a Project Manager for an AV/Data integration company in North Easton. He also has worked in many high end biomed/pharma facilities, corporate offices etc., in and around Boston / Cambridge / Eastern Mass mostly.



He has lots of great hobbies and claims they have "WAYYY too many motorcycles/bikes/toys in the garage, pretty much anything with wheels and/or an engine."

Evel Knievel was one of Mike's role models: "Everyone must have goals and people to look up to." Mike is a huge motorcycle enthusiast: he loves riding and reading about it and always looks to bring in "newbies": looking to ride a motorcycle? Call Mike!

Fortunately, Mike has time for community service and found his way to the Jaycees from Bob Webster, a volleyball friend who recommended the Jaycees as a way of meeting new people when Mike and Sophia had first moved here. Mike and Sophia found their way to the Jaycees about four years ago.

When asked about a favorite Jaycee project, Mike said the Haunted House :(because he missed so many years of this successful event and legendary event that Post-Haunted House Jaycees hear discussed so often ("Back when we had the Haunted House...."). Mike has expressed interest in exploring establishing a new haunted house project, so this project is of special interest to him. Perhaps there are some Jaycees who want to join this endeavor? Mike helps set up the Common for the Nativity set, chaired the Ski Trip his first year, and helps with a slew of other projects. He would love to see more middle and high school students get involved with Jaycees projects. He believes there are so many amazing projects that the Jaycees bring to the community that often unnoticed; he would love to see people get younger children excited about giving back to the community.

"There is a lot of community spirit in Foxboro. The Common is the hub that brings together the community for a number of amazing activities, including concerts, rallies, vendor fairs, and so much more."

"It's a wonderful place to hangout / meet new people, brings out a sense of community. We all live in our little islands sometimes and need to get to know our neighbors."

Mike also checks the Foxboro discussion Facebook page routinely: "it feels good to contribute and help people that may need it, or knowing I can ask for something as well." Mike also finds time to be involved with the PTA and other school related activities (Taylor school). They are also involved with Personal Best Karate, participate in local soccer, and belong to the Y.

Be sure to say hello to Mike Mills if you see him in our community! Want to get involved with one of his projects? Ride a motorcycle? Let him know!



Membership Committee - The next Membership Meeting will be Sunday, January 27th at 7 PM. We have a great event coming soon "The Murder Mystery Masquerade", where we will all have a blast. This is in the planning stage and if you would like to get in on this spring activity we would love to have you. We will also be discussing ideas for increasing membership, Jaycees Swag, Who's Who, and all things membership. Please contact Jeanne Suttie Christian with any questions.

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. 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 to keep 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, Jaycee events and would like to share them on the website please forward them to Bob. He will ensure that they are included appropriately. Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FoxboroJaycees>) and Follow us on Twitter or find us on Instagram and you can always find the latest updates at www.foxborojaycees.org. If you are planning on attending posted events, please be so kind to RSVP so that we have accurate headcounts!

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!!

As always, please email Jeanne with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area. JeanSuttie@gmail.com

In Memoriam:

It is with great sadness to tell you that we have lost one of our own. Fred George passed away December 29th. He leaves behind a family who loved him very much and so many friends. He was active in the Jaycees in the early 2000s and came back these past few years to help again. He told Bob Gillis that he wanted to use what time he had left to make a difference, to be with people, and to help -- and he did. He was very active in the community and a very good father. He helped people. He as very well respected. He was kind.

His full Obituary follows... Please keep Fred and his family in your prayers. The world lost a good man, and we are all poorer for it, but are blessed that we knew him and he was part of our lives.

Here's some information from the Jaycee web site.

Aug-01 JC of the month

Aug-02 Project of the Month - Concerts on the Common

Jan-03 JC of the month

Annual awards

2017-2018 Special Award - Appreciation

Board service:

2017-2018 Membership Vice President

2003-2004 Community Development Vice President

2002-2003 Community Development Director



Frederick A. George, 51

Dateline: Norton, MA

Frederick A. George, Jr., age 51 of Norton, formerly of North Attleboro, passed away peacefully, in the presence of his loving family, on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at the Taunton Nursing Home in Taunton.

Born in Attleboro, MA on September 18, 1967, he was a loving son of Frederick A. George, Sr. and the late Gail S. (Butler) George

Fred grew up in Mansfield and North Attleboro and was a graduate of North Attleboro High School. He had made his home in Norton for the past three years and previously lived in North Attleboro for many years.

For several years, Fred had been employed as a tow truck driver at George's Service Station in Brockton. He was a member of the Foxboro Jaycees and served as a referee and coached youth sports in Foxboro. He loved spending time with his family and was an avid fan of the Boston Bruins and the Boston Celtics.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his devoted sons: Jeremy Ball of East Providence, Brendan George of Foxboro and Nathan George of Foxboro. He was the dear brother of Thomas George and his wife Lori of Norton, Christopher George and his wife Julie of North Attleboro, Derek George and his wife Katie of North Attleboro and Tyler George of North Attleboro. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend a service in celebration of his life on Sunday, January 13th from 12:00-5:00 P.M. at the North Attleboro Elks, 52 Bulfinch St., North Attleboro. Burial will be held privately at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Mansfield.

Visiting hours are omitted and those wishing may remember Fred with a donation in his memory to Foxboro Youth Basketball Association, Foxboro, MA 02035.



Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Norton Memorial Funeral Home, 19 Clapp St., Norton.

To send his family a message of condolence, please visit www.nortonmemorial.com