



# Wise Fox

***A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – February 2019***

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

Thanks to Punxsutawney Phil not seeing his shadow, Spring should be right around the corner! Or you if are like Bill Murray's weatherman in Groundhog Day, you would agree with him when he says of the day's events, "This is pitiful. A thousand people freezing their butts off waiting to worship a rat."

A change to our current Board occurred recently, as Pam Warren has taken over Secretary duties and was sworn in at our last Board meeting. Welcome back Pam!!!

At the January 9<sup>th</sup> GM, the chapter voted to continue as the Foxboro Jaycees. It was also decided that the "group formerly known as the Exploratory Committee" would now start the process of creating a 501(c) (3) entity in addition to our current Chapter. You can read more about the decision and rationale for going down that road in the Secretary's Report in this edition of the Wise Fox. And since Prince is no longer with us, maybe we can use his symbol as the name of this new committee ☺



A huge thanks to Lynda Walsh who put on another great Patriots Rally for what has become the team's seemingly annual trip to the Super Bowl. Check out the Foxboro Jaycees website (or the Chapter's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages) for a link to the video that was produced and sent to the team in Atlanta.

Oh, and for some more good news.....

"Mighty" Max Loew has set the lineup for this year's Concerts On The Common!!! Do I know who the bands are? Yes. Am I going to spill the beans in this report? Nope! We have not received all the contacts back at this time, so I do not want to jinx anything. I am sure we can announce the lineup at the next GM which is Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the South Foxboro Community Center. (hint hint...hope to see you all there!)

Stay warm everyone!

Marc Rivard  
President

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



# Secretary's Report

Returning Secretary: Pam Warren



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

**Sunshine** - Spring is on the way – and so is the Sun! So if we need to send some Sunshine – let me know. It can be a Congratulations, get well, sympathy, thank you.... Get me the details.

**Wise Fox**- I am also continuing as Wise Fox Editor and Publisher, if anyone would like to have something posted in the Wise Fox email me at [locgazette@yahoo.com](mailto:locgazette@yahoo.com) and I will get it included – ANYONE can add to the Wise fox – not just the board. I highly encourage Project leaders to post about events and am always looking for additions to the Shout-out section.

## Our Award Winners from January 2019 GMM:

**November 2018 Jaycee of the Month - Carl Bertolino:** Carl did a fantastic job organizing the Nativity Se-up and got the Knights of Columbus to come out and help.

Also Nominated were Lisa Jolicoeur and Lynda Walsh

### **November 2018 Project of the Month - Friendsgiving Meeting and Dinner,**

**Lynda Walsh:** This event got us all together with the Senators to enjoy a wonderful meal before our November GMM. The Senators were very appreciative and all who attended ate well

Also Nominated were Thank-a-Vet Turkey delivery (Lynda Walsh) and Nativity Set-up (Carl Bertolino)

**December 2018 Jaycee of the Month - Kathy Brady:** KB has been doing great work behind the scenes, especially with the Sign restoration and continuous maintenance of the Common decorations throughout the month. She also organized the delivery of the baby to the Nativity scene on Christmas eve.

Also nominated were Carl Bertolino, Monica Fisler and Bob Gillis

**December 2018 Project of the Month - Fruit Baskets, Monica Fisler:** The annual project was well run, brought out a lot of Jaycees to help and went very smoothly. The fruit was even counted correctly 😊

Also nominated were Progressive Party (Bob Webster and Helene Savage) and Caroling on the Common (Bob Gillis and Pam Warren)

**Congratulations to all of our winners!!!!**

### **February Birthdays:**

**Ed Miller**  
**Jane Webster**  
**Thomas Sullivan**

### **February Anniversaries:**

<b>Bill Dempsey</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Joseph Nawn</b>	<b>2017</b>

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

At the January GMM, We had two very important discussions. First was a presentation by the Exploration Committee - **Deena Cummings, Lisa Jolicoeur, Kathy Brady** – Committee met in December to discuss the new Criteria for membership now that dues have been waived. Presentation follows:

Our goal is to introduce prospective members to the range of Jaycee involvement and opportunity. We hope prospective members will find incentive to explore various areas of involvement without the pressure of paying for a fee. We also want prospective members to be mindful that their involvement is appreciated and valued and that while there are no additional requirements, we hope they will find the internal motivation to take more steps toward being involved.

The Chapter voted to allow members to "earn" membership through involvement rather than through financial contributions; thus, the Chapter will be paying dues on behalf of members.

The Exploration Committee met to determine criteria for membership for individuals to earn membership:

**The first step toward** earning membership would be volunteering at a project and attending one meeting to ensure a prospective member would learn about our business and the process for planning events.

**The second step** toward earning membership would be participating in a second project but in a different area to ensure a prospective member experiences the diversity of Jaycee involvement in the community.

**The third step toward** earning membership would be swearing in to invite the prospective member to enter the organization willingly and with understanding of the importance of commitment and the Jaycees values.

**When would a person earn a t-shirt?** Once the person is sworn in, he or she will receive a t-shirt. We want to encourage people to earn a t-shirt! We love our t-shirts and hope to find people who will wear them with pride in our community!

**Why would someone want to volunteer without being sworn in?** There are people dedicated to a few events who would appreciate the opportunity to volunteer for specific events; we can offer another color shirt or just use lanyards for people who do not swear in.

**How would a person "maintain" membership?** Ideally, a person retains membership by being involved. Contact people can reach out to them as needed, but if someone does not stay involved, he or she will be dropped from the roster.

A committee will be formed to review the Degrees of Jaycee Membership: perhaps we can revisit this aspect of Jaycee membership to use as a basis for helping shape future membership expectations or providing motivation for volunteers. We should also re-introduce the idea of sign-in sheets at every event, VP's should try to include a listing of attendees in reports for the Wise Fox

**The Second discussion was a vote on status of the Chapter:**

Three options have been discussed:

- 1) Maintain the status Quo
- 2) Merge with another Organization
- 3) Start a new organization as a 501c3

**Motion by Lynda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Max** - After discussion final motion reads:

**Continue chapter as is, in addition have a committee to start proceedings for adding a 501c3 group**

Discussion – new group can run in tandem with the existing chapter and can be used for soliciting donations, running the Scholarship fund or any other needs.

Votes to approve – 12 members in attendance

3 proxy votes via text from Jeanne Suttie, DJ Jolicoeur & Andrea Johnstone

1 Abstention – Peter Filosa

Motion carries as read

# Individual Development



**VP: Bob Gillis**

Greeting Jaycee Friends!

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

Since the closure of Game 7, Dan Madoff has moved Game On trivia to the Red Stone Grill – Team Jaycee had a full table in January and WE WON! Like Game 7, the winning team receives a \$25 gift card which we use toward apps at the next event – please join us on the third Wednesday of the month for lots of laughs, great food and great company.

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

January Book Club Meeting – Thursday, January 10, 2019 at Sandy Daniels' Home

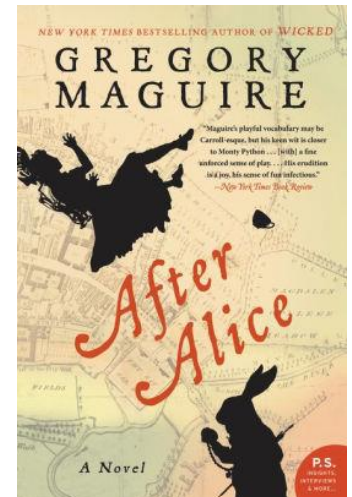
Book Club members: (new people are always welcome!) Sandy Daniels, Deena Cummings, Andrea Johnstone, Monique Louty, Michele Rogers, Kathy Brady, Laureen House, Lisa Jolicoeur (This is an abbreviated review, you can read Lisa's full report on the Jaycee website under Book Club)

On a cold January evening, Book Club members warmed up beside Sandy's toasty gas fireplace with tea, stuffed mushrooms, quiche, an array of cheese, spreads, and crackers, apple pie, chewy heart candy, red velvet cupcakes - Alice treats! - to discuss Gregory Maguire's "After Alice" and optional additional book Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland."

After meeting Gregory Maguire in the fall at the Foxboro Orpheum, our Book Club members perused his titles and selected "After Alice" as one we wanted to read. Since many of us had little memory of the original "Alice in Wonderland" text by Lewis Carroll, some of us decided to read it as well to refresh our memory, but it was not necessary to read both.

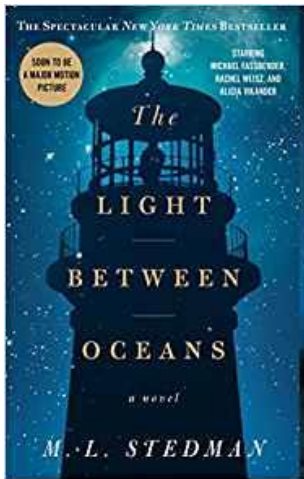
We spent a great deal of time discussing the original "Alice in Wonderland," trying to remember if we had read the actual Lewis Carroll text when teens or if we had simply learned the story; we discussed film versions, such as our favorite 1985 version. Just as Maguire inspired us in his presentation at the Orpheum, we also discussed his notes at the end of "After Alice" in which he explains the impact Carroll's story had, allowing children to enjoy a whimsical tale, "inspired nonsense" in a 1860 world with an expanding middle class that had not valued children during a period of time in which children were often forced to work. In that context, we discussed how children in our world today have so many other distractions that most likely overshadow "whimsical tales" such as Carroll's Alice. Just as Carroll's Alice has unbelievable events and random characters, so too does Maguire's "After Alice," which at first made the reading more of a "chore" to get into it, but once we got into it, we agreed that both became engaging. We moved onto conversations about "Wizard of Oz" and compared Alice to Dorothy, enjoying some great memories of watching "Oz" before cable television, the yearly family gathering with popcorn and snacks.

On the rating scale with 1 being "drop everything, turn off the phone, and read," 2 being "good but leave the phone on," 3 being "glad I bought it and read it but not for everyone," 4 being "wish I had not purchased it and would not recommend it to others," and 5 being "wish I had not read it," the book earned mostly 3's and some 2.5's. We enjoyed the book, had rich conversations about a range of great topic, and had a lovely evening filled with friendship and conversation. So, this very tough crowd gave this book respectable and positive marks and engaged in some fabulous conversation!





We spent some time discussing potential future books and selected the following:



**February 7th at the home of Michele Rogers: "Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman.**

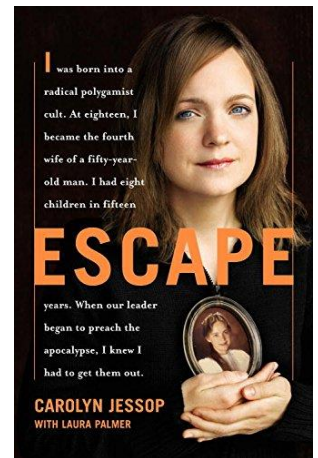
From the publisher: "Tom is a World War I veteran who maintains a lighthouse off the shore of Australia with his wife Isabel, a woman desperate to have a baby. Her prayers are answered when an infant washes up on shore in a rowboat. Tom thinks they should notify the authorities but ultimately gives in to Isabel's wish to keep the girl. Fate strikes again when the couple meet the child's biological mother on the mainland. Now, Tom and Isabel must make a decision that will forever affect the lives of four people."

**March 7th (location TBA) : Escape by Carolyn Jessop:**

When she was eighteen years old, Carolyn Jessop was coerced into an arranged marriage with a total stranger: a man thirty-two years her senior. Merrill Jessop already had three wives. But arranged plural marriages were an integral part of Carolyn's heritage: She was born into and raised in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS), the radical offshoot of the Mormon Church that had settled in small communities along the Arizona-Utah border. Over the next fifteen years, Carolyn had eight children and

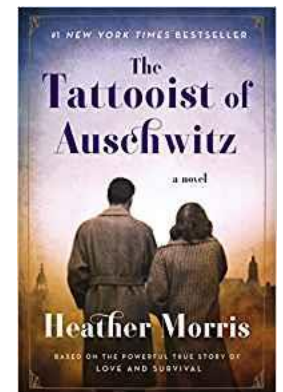
withstood her husband's psychological abuse and the watchful eyes of his other wives who were locked in a constant battle for supremacy.

Carolyn's every move was dictated by her husband's whims. He decided where she lived and how her children would be treated. He controlled the money she earned as a school teacher. He chose when they had sex; Carolyn could only refuse at her own peril. For in the FLDS, a wife's compliance with her husband determined how much status both she and her children held in the family. Carolyn was miserable for years and wanted out, but she knew that if she tried to leave and got caught, her children would be taken away from her. No woman in the country had ever escaped from the FLDS and managed to get her children out, too. But in 2003, Carolyn chose freedom over fear and fled her home with her eight children. She had \$20 to her name.



**April 4th: (location TBA) Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris:**

In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a Tätowierer (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. Imprisoned for over two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism—but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive. One day in July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her.



**May 2nd: (location TBA) Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton:**

After the death of her beloved grandmother, a Cuban-American woman travels to Havana, where she discovers the roots of her identity--and unearths a family secret hidden since the revolution...

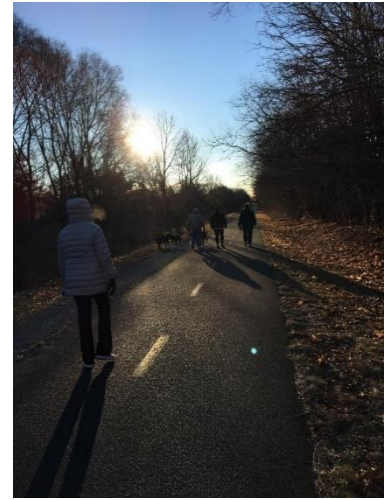
Havana, 1958. The daughter of a sugar baron, nineteen-year-old Elisa Perez is part of Cuba's high society, where she is largely sheltered from the country's growing political unrest--until she embarks on a clandestine affair with a passionate revolutionary...

Miami, 2017. Freelance writer Marisol Ferrera grew up hearing romantic stories of Cuba from her late grandmother Elisa, who was forced to flee with her family during the revolution. Elisa's last wish was for Marisol to scatter her ashes in the country of her birth. Arriving in Havana, Marisol comes face-to-face with the contrast of Cuba's tropical, timeless beauty and its perilous political climate. When more family history comes to light and Marisol finds herself attracted to a man with secrets of his own, she'll need the lessons of her grandmother's past to help her understand the true meaning of courage.



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**Saturday Morning Walking Club – Laureen House / Lisa Jolicoeur** — 8:00 am behind Jimmy's Pub in Mansfield - We walk the Mansfield Bike Path (about an hour, 4 miles) Grab your comfy warm clothes and sneakers and start your Saturday morning with your best foot forward! Join the Saturday strollers for an hour of casual exercise and friendly conversation. Go at your own pace, bring the dog, or bring a friend! Contact Lisa Jolicoeur for weather updates or more information.



**Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis chairing** – We have 20 people scheduled for the game which will be Sunday March 10, 2019 at 3:05PM at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence. I will be ordering the tickets before February 20; if you can bring a check to the GM that would be appreciated (made out to me), \$18 per ticket. If you live in Foxboro/Mansfield I will deliver the tickets to you when I get them; if you live outside the area, I will mail them to you and you can pay me before, or at the game.

**Scat Night – March** – 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. I have a chairman for this one and will have deets and date soon.

### **2018-2019 General Membership Snack Sign-Up**

**I need someone to bring snacks in April please**

February – Lynda Walsh.

March – Mary Sorensen.

April – Snack-Bringer Needed Please.

May – Bob Gillis



**Installation Banquet – Mary Suttie Sorenson** – Thank you Mary for chairing this! Venue and date will be announced soon.

**... and Finally, ...**

...Congratulations to Pam Warren for officially becoming Secretary for the chapter! Well-deserved and long overdue.

...It's not ID but Kudos to Lynda and everyone involved with the Jaycee Patriots Rally on Super Bowl Eve morning. That is always such a "feel good" event and it was nice to see so many folks brave the cold and show Patriots Support! Also thank you to Foxboro Cable Access for editing the video so professionally and quickly to get to the team for viewing that evening. If you want to see the video, it can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iApNylixdlI&feature=share>

...This report was due before the Super Bowl so apologies to Pam that it was late but the feeling of watching that game and the ELATION on Foxboro Common afterward was incredible. Congratulations Patriots from your Hometown Jaycees!

Peace, Happiness and Long Live Patriots Dynasty!

Bob



# Development

VP: Sophia Manos

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

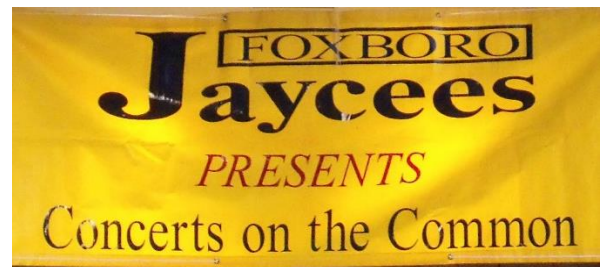
### COMMITTEES NEEDED!!

**Foxboro Diversity Night - Lynda Walsh and LaNecia Woods – April 13<sup>th</sup> (tentative)**

During Diversity Awareness Month in April. Please see Lynda or LaNecia if you would like to join their committee to plan this renewed annual event.

**Concerts on the Common – Max Loew – Start in June!**

Acts have started to be booked already for this annual town pleaser. One of our most notable and important community projects, we thank Max for taking it on yet again. If anyone would like to spend some time on a committee with Max to go over the process and basically be mentored in the ways of summer concerts, please let us know. This is a project the town would be remiss to lose, and we need to keep it going.



**Easter Egg Hunt – Chair Needed - Possibly April 13<sup>th</sup>, Rain Date April 14<sup>th</sup>**

More of a “dash and grab” than a hunt, but fun every year for the local kiddos. They gather some eggs full of treats and then get their picture taken with the cuddly big Bunny himself! Weather permitted this is held on the Common annually.

The Easter Egg prep will likely be during week of April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Candidates Night - TBD in Mid-April**

Every year we offer those in the town a chance to see and hear from the candidates for looking to serve Foxboro as an elected official. This year's Town

Election will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>.



## ON-GOING PROJECTS

### The Jaycees Fred George Memorial Scholarship- Lisa Jolicouer

Online forms available on the Jaycees Website. We are offering this year's scholarship in memoriam of the late Jaycee Fred George. Applications are being accepted through April 30<sup>th</sup> for winner to be revealed at our Installation Banquet.

Know any students in high school, technical school or trade school who are heavily involved in their community? Have them apply.

### NAVITY SCENE REPAIR - COMMITTEE NEEDED!

Mary Suttie is looking for a committee to review the options and opportunities involved with the possible repair or replacement of our weathered nativity scene statues. Committee can brain storm and break out some solutions.



### 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/salt combo 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.**

**Many 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.





## COMPLETED PROJECTS

### PATRIOTS SUPERBOWL RALLY ON THE COMMON- Feb 2.

For an amazing third year in a row the Patriots made the SuperBowl and the always amazing Lynda Walsh was arranging this as soon as Brady threw off his helmet in celebration at Arrowhead Stadium.

It was another cold but great day with a good hundred folks with signs and spirit! Folks got to hang out with the GOAT mascot. Great energy, cheer and tunes from DJ Nate.



So many wonderful signs all around the Common from Paul Farmer as well as some cute posters from kids from Foxboro and Mansfield.

We got some cool proclamations from Selectman Gibson and a great pep speech from Senator Paul Feeney with Jay Barrows to lead a chant of "BEAT LA".

The Patriots obliged and the Common would see another crowd celebrate in the darkness on Sunday night!

Lynda and Pam also went around town last week to help capture the town team spirit and provided Foxboro cable Access with some great footage to accompany the rally video. If you have not seen it yet, check it out on You Tube: <https://youtu.be/iApNylixdlI>

We like to think this video helped give the Pats D some power! Holy cow were they good! We have some great team members too here with the Jaycees and let's thank our Super Bowl Rally MVP Lynda Walsh and special (camera) teams MVP Pam Warren on a job well done!

Here is some other coverage of event as well -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qW0EQPtZIWQ>

**Also...**

### NATIVITY SCENE AND DECORATING ON COMMON REMOVAL happened...

...to make room for the rally!

Thanks for Carl and the Knights of Columbus volunteers for working ahead of and during some cool rainfall to carefully take down and gently put away the nativity for another year (or not...see the repair committee request! ; )

The next day Mike Mills, Kenny Wills, Marc, Pam and little Alexander took down the rest. Thanks to everyone!





# 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.

## **Window Art Fundraiser – Deena Cummings**

We will be holding a Window Art Fundraiser March 7th at 6:30pm at the South Foxboro Community Center. Please come join your fellow Jaycees and our friends with Blue Histi Art to create your own beautiful window design! A Facebook event will be available soon, so please make sure to register so we have enough supplies for everyone.



## **Spring Fair - Deena Cummings and Committee**

Our 9th Annual Spring Craft and Vendor Fair is tentatively scheduled for May 18th, 9am-3pm on Foxboro Common. This is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year, and we always need lots of help!

If you are interested in helping to run the Spring Fair, please come to the GM, because we will have a block of time for committee work. I would love to talk to anyone who may be interested, as this is a fantastic event that helps us continue doing good works in our community. Further committee meetings will be scheduled soon.

## **Spring Fair Concessions - Pam Warren**

Pam has agreed to run concessions for the Spring Fair this year. If you would like to help, please come to the GM or reach out to either me or Pam.

## **Spring Fair Raffle - Project Leader Needed**

This event is run the day of the Fair, with minimal prep time required. Our amazing vendors provide wares for us to raffle off at the end of the Fair. You would keep track of the donated items, sell tickets and then handle pulling winners. If you would be interested in chairing this, please let me know!

## **Founder's Day Concessions - Project Leader Needed**

Founder's Day is just around the corner! It is already time to start planning for concessions that day, so if you are interested in either leading the project or being on the committee, please let me know. Pam Warren has run this for several years now and is willing to mentor anyone else who would like to take it on.

## **Fall Fair - Project Leader Needed**

It might seem early, but the more time to plan for the Fall Fair, the better. So we are looking for a Project Leader. With military obligations and an upcoming wedding in October, I will not be available to lead this myself. If anyone is interested, or considering helping with Spring Fair, please come to the GM next week so we can discuss possibilities!

**Members:** The slow months for Ways and Means are over, but that doesn't mean we aren't still 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**

Dear Jaycee/Friend,

It is that time of the year where the big projects are being planned and people are needed to help everything go smoothly, please come to the GM and be a part of it.

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



## **Who's Who – Lisa Jolicoeur**

This is a project that helps us learn a little more about our fellow members. Lisa will have a quick conversation with a member of the Chapter and write about what she has learned about this person. Her interview with Monica Fisler follows on the next page

**Membership Committee** - The next Membership Meeting will be Sunday, February 24th at 7 PM. We have a great event coming soon “The Murder Mystery Masquerade”, where we will all have a blast. 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 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 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](http://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:



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



# Who's Who?

Monica Fisler, last seen chairing Fruit Basket Project and decorating the Common in December, “grew up a little bit everywhere”: born in Hoboken, NJ., she has lived in 8 different states (NJ, MI, TX, NY, AL, GA, RI, MA) and two countries: South Korea and the US. She found her way to Massachusetts when the company she worked for outsourced their transfer agency; she moved up here with the new company but went back to the original company that she had left in 2004 and has been here ever since. She works in retirement plan services as an on-site Custodian, reviewing IRS regulations to ensure that the processing center is in compliance with regulations. (in other words, an important job!)

Monica worked her first Jaycee project in August of 2003. She scooped ice cream at National Night Out and officially joined the chapter in October 2003 (smack dab during the Haunted House!) A friend insisted Monica needed to read the FROG stories on the Jaycee website because either one of them could have received that award multiple times! She read the stories and thought, “Wow, what a fun group of people!” Needless to say, she joined!!

Did you know Monica met her husband Dave at a Jaycees project? They were pushing a paddy wagon across the Common that had a bouncy house on it for National Night Out. He introduced himself as Dave. Later that night someone told Monica to ask “Fiz” where to find so-and-so. Monica asked, “Who’s Fiz?” and when Dave said, “Oh, that’s me,” Monica said, “I thought your name was Dave?” That was in August, and they started dating in January! The Jaycees bring people together!! Their daughter and future Jaycees project leader is Emma, now age 10, and the Fisler Family has two exciting cats named Buttercup and Patches.

Monica explained that the holiday fruit basket project is her favorite project because there are lots of moving parts that bring many people together to do something so rewarding. She ran the project this year with Emma’s help and loved that the Jaycees orchestrated a service opportunity for families, Jaycees, and partners from the community – Brigham & Women’s/Mass General Health Care Center. Together, everyone packaged 243 baskets!

In addition to rocking the Jaycees’ projects, Monica has for the past several years organized the Founders Day Parade for the town, coordinating the event and collaborating with many groups of people. She also was the IGO PTO Treasurer for two years and co-leads Emma’s Girl Scout Troop

Monica thinks role models are important in children’s lives: “It’s important for children to have someone to guide them, someone they can look up to and strive to emulate. When children see the good that is happening around them, they will want that to continue and want to be a part of that feeling.” Monica stresses that community service is rewarding and helps build friendships with people who share similar values, another great lesson for our children to learn from adults in their lives!

Monica is very proud of Foxborough’s town spirit: “when we celebrate, we do it as a community, no matter what organization a person may be affiliated with – we come together whether we are grieving, supporting, or celebrating. I love this about our town!!”

**<The Fisler Family in a hot air balloon at last year’s Founder’s Day festivities**



## Shout Out!!

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



This month we send a shout out to Kenny Wills. Even though he is not an official member of the chapter, he has been there throughout the past year to help whenever we needed him. Back at Founder's Day, he did most of the construction on our award-winning Float. He wielded a spatula during the Fall Vendor Fair for the concession stand. He was a huge help with Friendsgiving, cooking the turkeys all day with Lynda, then doing most of the clean-up while we held our meeting. When it came time to Decorate the Common – he was the one who got up on the ladder with the hook to put the lights at the top of the bushes, and then again to take them all down on a cold day in January.

Thanks for all you do!!



**Congratulations to our New  
England Patriots for winning  
Superbowl LIII – 6 Rings!!**