



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – February 2019

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

I don't know about all of you, but I am ready to put Winter in the rearview mirror and get ready for some warmer weather. Why? PROJECTS!! It is never too early to start preparing for them. Some big ones on the horizon are the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Vendor Fair, Concerts on the Common, and of course Founders Day!

So start doing your cardio, keep lifting those weights (12 oz at a time does not count, so I have been told!) and get ready as we will need some chairmen and of course manpower for all of these events. Please reach out to the appropriate area's VP if you would like to chair a project or help in any way.

Thank you,

Marc Rivard
President

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

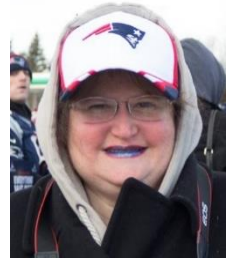


Is it Spring Yet?



Secretary's Report

Returning Secretary: Pam Warren



Minutes report from last month's GM - Accepted, if a member would like a copy contact me or 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- If anyone would like to have something posted in the Wise Fox email me at 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:

January 2019 Jaycee of the Month - Ed Miller: Ed was very helpful throughout the Holiday season. He normally heads to Florida around Thanksgiving, but due to issues with his wife's health, he stayed in town for a few extra weeks and spent a lot of time helping our projects. Thanks Ed! We will see you again this Summer

January 2019 Project of the Month - Wise Fox - Pam Warren: People tell me they like the format and all the photos. Thanks for the vote of confidence.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

March Birthdays:

Patricia Kelley
Cindy McCann
Ed Groh
Tom Whiffen
Dave Fisler
Max Loew
Jeanne Suttie Christian
LaNecia Wood

March Anniversaries:

William Byrnes	1979
Cheryl Cushman	1992
Dave Fisler	1998
Patricia Kelley	2014
Ryan White	2018



Individual Development



VP: Bob Gillis

Greeting Jaycee Friends! As a man of brevity, onto the report.

Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – 3rd Wed of the month 7:30-9pm (Red Stone Grill in North Attleboro)

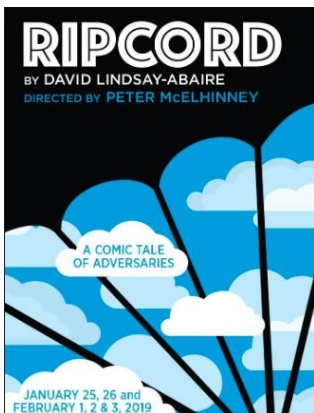
We won again! Psyched to have the Jaycee kids (Nevaeh, Emma, Matthew) join us – we had 15 Jaycees and took first place. Kudos to **Matthew Loew** for knowing the two Landlocked countries (one in Africa, one in Europe) that start with the same two letters and end with the same 4 – you rock! Trivia is a GREAT way to break up the month -- Red Stone Grill – Team Jaycee Trivia every third Wednesday!

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

On February 7, 2019, we gathered at the home of Michele Rogers who provided an array of freshly baked brownies and coffee cake, crackers, dips, cheese, fruit, tea, wine, and the glow of a toasty fire as we discussed M.L. Stedman's "The Light Between Oceans," which opens in 1918 Australia and tells the story of a lighthouse keeper Tom Sherbourne and his wife Isabel who make one devastating choice that forever changes many lives. There are no Hallmark endings in this story (much to our relief), so our conversations revolved around overcoming hardships and reconciling why things happen in life. The isolation on the island as a light keeper offers comfort to Tom after his experiences in the war, and after a while, he brings his bride who also appears to enjoy the power and quiet comfort of nature: "The isolation spins its mysterious cocoon, focusing the mind on one place, one time, one rhythm—the turning of the light. The island knows no other human voices, no other footprints. On the Offshore Lights you can live any story you want to tell yourself, and no one will say you're wrong: not the seagulls, not the prisms, not the wind" (110). There is a great deal of rich imagery and a constant reminder that no matter what, the light always functions.

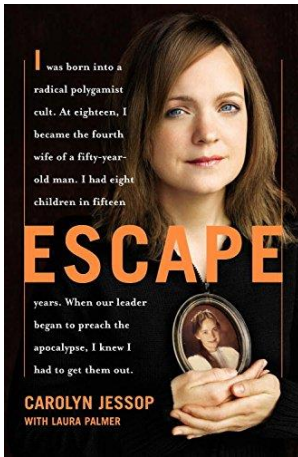


On the rating scale with 1 being "drop everything, turn off the phone, and read," 2 being "good but leave the phone on," 3 being "glad I bought it and read it but not for everyone," 4 being "wish I had not purchased it and would not recommend it to others," and 5 being "wish I had not read it," the book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



Book Club Field Trip: On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, many Book Club members took a field trip to see a production by Milton Players called "Ripcord" in Canton. We spent a few minutes recapping the comedy in which two women forced to room together in a retirement home become frenemies of sorts. We enjoyed analyzing the characters who each harbor painful secrets.

New members are always welcome to join our meetings and/or field trips!

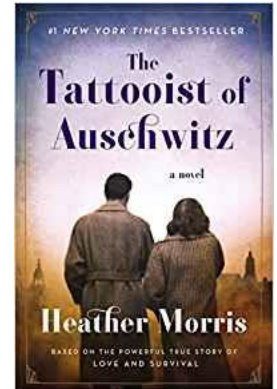


Next meeting: Thursday, March 14th at Lisa's House to discuss Carolyn Jessop's *Escape*. (Note: Meeting date has been changed to avoid conflict with the Window Art Paint night)

Carolyn Jessop 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.

Thursday, April 4th at the home of Monica Rigamonti to discuss *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.



Thursday, May 2nd (location TBA) to discuss *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..."

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 411.

Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis chairing – I am SO happy we have THIRTY people going to the game which will be Sunday March 10, 2019 at 3:05PM at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence. Tickets have been delivered and we will get lots of pictures!

Scat Night – In progress – I've spoken the person who wants to chair it and it's a matter of timing and juggling other commitments. I do plan to hold this before the end of the current Jaycee year and will have an update shortly when we might be able to do this. If I do have a date will make calls in addition to the usual emails / web / subspace channels. Stay tuned.



2018-2019 General Membership Snack Sign-Up

I need someone to bring snacks in April please

March – Mary Sorensen. April – Snack-Bringer Needed Please. May – Bob Gillis

Installation Banquet – Mary Suttie Sorenson – Thank you Mary for chairing this! Venue will likely be Lafayette House and date will be announced soon. Please say YES when you get the invite, it's always a very enjoyable evening of recognition, friendship, and you show the chapter's future strength by being there.

... and Finally ... Don't wait for a call, don't wait for an invitation. You are a Jaycee. Haven't been around in a while? No worries at all. Please come to a GM or event; we miss you! Peace, love and happiness to you all



PS: The answer to the Trivia question... Switzerland and Swaziland

community Development



VP: Sophia Manos

UPCOMING PROJECTS

No major updates this month. We still are seeking some new chairs for important annual events. Please let me know if you are interested in chair or committee work for these upcoming projects.

I can be reached at smanos235@gmail.com Or 508-543-3189



Easter Egg Hunt – Chair Needed - April 13th, Rain Date April 14th

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 permitting this is held on the Common annually.

The Easter Egg prep will likely be during week of April 8th.

and of course we must add...

Founders Day Float! - Chair Needed - JUNE 8th

We do not know this years' theme yet, but please keep this annual event in mind, the Jaycees have won awards the last two years for our floats. Let's keep the winning going! We are like the Patriots of the parade! Only far, far less controversial.

COMMITTEES NEEDED!!

Foxboro Diversity Night - Lynda Walsh and LaNecia Woods – Summer (tentative)

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 on JUNE 6TH!

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.

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 6th. So far there are 14 people running, mostly unopposed, but we will still go forward with this event as long as we get some responses.

Check your local listings! Hint... it's on Foxboro Cable Access.

Community Outreach at Ahern Middle School - Late April/ Early May

Last year Marc and I had the privilege to speak to 7th graders in the Ahern's pilot *Experiential Learning Program* with a focus was on Community Service.

We will be visiting again this year. But we would love to hear any thoughts some of our veteran Jaycees and/or teachers in our chapter may have about engaging ways to present and catch the attention of tweens! Please let me know!

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 30th 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/salt 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 been served. Contact Sophia for more info if you are interested in helping distribute sand this winter as it was down, or the next!

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 Super Bowl 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 ahead of the event 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/iApNylxdII>

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>



Lynda being interviewed for Channel 4 News





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

Please join us this Thursday for our Window Art Fundraiser, March 7th at 6:30pm at the South Foxboro Community Center. Spend the evening with your fellow Jaycees and our friends with Blue Histi Art to create your own beautiful window design! If you plan to come, please mark yourself as going on our Facebook event, or send me an email at deenacummings21@gmail.com.

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. 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 - Pam Warren

Founder's Day is just around the corner! Our concessions guru has once again volunteered to run this project, so if you are interested in being on the committee, please let me or Pam know.

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,

Join us at the GM in March, we have condensed the meetings to give the Committees time to work together afterward. Membership is currently working on the Masquerade for March 30th! This is your time to hear what is going on in the committee you are interested in and not have to worry about trying to make it to a different meeting.

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 learned about this person. This month's profile is of current President Marc Rivard

Membership Committee – Directly after the GM. 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 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](https://www.instagram.com/foxborojaycees)

Twitter - @FoxboroJaycees



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

Who's Who?

Who is Marc Rivard? Facebook friends of Marc will see cool pictures of Marc with 1980s items and famous people: most recently, he posted a picture of himself with Peter Tork (RIP) from the *Monkees*; Weird Al Yankovic; Greg Hawkes and Jesse Gress from *The Cars*; Billie Piper from *Doctor Who*; Anthony Daniels (C3PO); Peter Mayhew "aka Chewbacca;" Ozzy Osborne; KITT from *Knight Rider*; Stan Lee; John Schneider, Catherine Bach, Tom Wopat and the General Lee from *Dukes of Hazzard*; Jim Rice, Fred Lynn and Dwight Evans from the Red Sox; and so many more!!

A Bellingham, MA native, Marc moved to Foxboro to be closer to work but also to be close to his family. Currently a Retirement Plan Analyst in the Human Resources department for Gensler, the largest international architectural and design firm in the world with offices on six continents, Marc has worked in the financial industry, specifically in retirement plans, for the last 23 years, including for companies such as Putnam Investments and New York Life Retirement Plan Services.

Marc clearly did not meet all sorts of cool people from the 1980s through his work in an office: he worked in radio for 5 years back in the late 80's/early 90's as a talk-show producer and disc jockey for such stations as WPRO-AM (Providence, RI), WOON-AM (Woonsocket, RI), Fun 107 FM (New Bedford, MA) and also Power 88 FM (WGAO, the Dean College radio station). He was also a wedding disc jockey for 21 years for the former Vic Michaels Sound Company (Lincoln, RI). Marc's background experience explains why he is the life of the party!



Marc's son Jordan, now 22, attends Bristol Community College. He cites his parents as his role models, teaching him to treat others with dignity respect. Marc explains that these are important values he hopes to pass to his son as well. Marc notes that roles models are important, just as his parents were positive role models for him: "Unfortunately, many children choose athletes or celebrities as their role models when there could be someone right in their own community doing good work they could emulate. If they find local heroes to emulate, that could be a first step toward the path of a lifetime of community service."

Lynda Walsh brought Marc to the Jaycees about 3 ½ years ago. Since then, Marc has submerged himself in great projects, assumed various leadership roles with the Board, and last year stepped up to be President. Marc loves being involved and explains that Creating Fruit Baskets for the Discretionary Fund is one of his favorite project: "it feels really good to do something that has a major impact on our community. There are those who do not have much and really need food, clothing, etc. There is also so much teamwork that goes into the process, and some of our youth take part in the activity. I hope that they will continue to help their community and keep this tradition alive."

Marc also loves decorating the Common for the holidays: "This was the first project I chaired as a Jaycee. I chaired it for two straight years but have been taking an active role in the project during the last four holiday seasons as a Jaycee. I love to see the Common all decorated for the holidays and am proud that the Jaycees continue this tradition."

Marc also shows his pride in the Foxboro Common: "The Common is the focal point of our town. It is where the community gathers for many important events and probably the only place in town where people from all age groups, religions, races and cultures gather together at one time. We are very fortunate to have a central location like this."

Marc also notes that people in the Foxboro community step up to help others during storms and power outages. This expands to celebrating diversity and inclusiveness, such as through community rallies, community events that show a unified stance against hatred and racism. This attitude illustrates the spirit of the Foxboro Jaycees, and Marc hopes to see new members with new ideas to expand the Jaycee family.