



# Wise Fox

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

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

I am excited to announce that two former Jaycees have decided to come back to the family! Kris Long and Amy LeBrache were re-sworn in at the March GM. We are so happy to have them back and look forward to their enthusiasm and creativity as we move forward into the new chapter year. If you know of anyone who would like to join our chapter, please invite them to one of our GM's. We want to continue our commitment to community service so we will need new members to take on some projects and provide manpower at our events.

The busy season is now upon us, so please reach out to the project chairmen and area vice presidents if you can help out with any of our upcoming projects.

Thank you,

Marc Rivard  
President

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



## April is our Elections Meeting!

The Nominations Committee is happy to announce that we have a full slate of candidates for next year's board:

**President:** Jeanne Suttie-Christian

**Chairman of the Board:** Marc Rivard

**Individual Development VP:** Bob Gillis

**Community Development VP:** Lynda Walsh

**Ways & Means VP:** Sophia Manos

**Membership VP:** Amy LaBrache

**Director at Large:** Deena Cummings

**Director at Large:** Kris Long

**Treasurer:** Lisa Jolicoeur

**Secretary:** Pam Warren

If anyone else is interested in Taking on a board position, all areas are open for a candidate to "Run from the floor" during the meeting. If no-one challenges any of the above candidates, we will elect the board by "Unanimous decision" as presented. Please come to the April meeting next Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30PM (with social at 7:00) at the South Foxboro Community Center to make your voice heard and help us elect the people who will run our group for the next year. We hope to see you there!

# 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 [lccgazette@yahoo.com](mailto:lccgazette@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 members who have made a difference to praise in the Shout-out section.

## Our Award Winners from January 2019 GMM:

**February 2019 Jaycee of the Month - Peter Filosa:** Peter is always very enthusiastic and eager to volunteer to help in any way he can. He goes a long way to continue his participation with our group despite being transferred to a home well away from Foxboro. He is very proud to say that he is a Jaycee and will talk about our group with everyone.

**February 2019 Project of the Month - Patriots Rally - Lynda Walsh:** A well run event, put together on short notice. Despite the frigid temperatures a huge crowd turned out to root for our hometown team and the video was seen by the team.... Oh yes, and the Patriots won their 6<sup>th</sup> Championship!

**Congratulations to our winners!!!!**

### **April Birthdays:**

**Bob Webster**  
**Cheryl Cushman**  
**Laureen House**

### **April Anniversaries:**

<b>Bob Cole</b>	<b>1975</b>
<b>Jim Evans</b>	<b>1984</b>
<b>Dave Brown</b>	<b>1985</b>
<b>Paul Dean</b>	<b>1985</b>
<b>John Zarella</b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>Sandy Daniels</b>	<b>1988</b>
<b>Kathy Brady</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Melissa Coutinho</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Stephanie O'Neil</b>	<b>2014</b>



# Individual Development



**VP: Bob Gillis**

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for a Jaycee VP to submit a report to the monthly Wise Fox News Letter, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the Jaycee projects and events which impel them to write about such things. I hold these truths to be self-evident, that all of you are awesome, I am so proud to be a member of this group, and just thought it would be fun to paraphrase Thomas Jefferson to see if any of you notice. What can I say, I gotta be me.

## **Installation Banquet – Lynda Walsh – 5/4 – Rally Point**

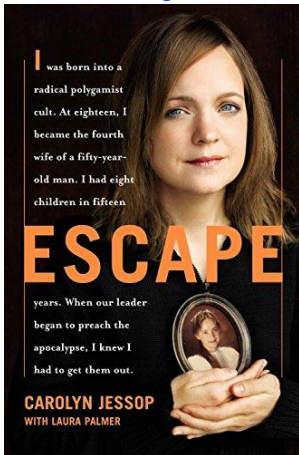
Rally Point on Mechanic Street -- The former Ancient Mariner -- has been redone and remodeled and we are excited to be holding our annual installation banquet there On 5/4. We're happy to help a new local business, the food sounds great, and rumor has it the place has Skee-Ball. At the IB we have a great dinner and socialize, we reflect on our achievements of the past year, and then present the year-end awards – Key Man, project of the year, officer of the year, and so forth. We then swear in the new president and the new 2019-2020 board, welcome Jeannie Suttie-Christian as our new president! We also have some surprise awards as well that night. I really hope to see you there.



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

Kudos to Lisa for not only keeping book club going strong but crafting terrific summaries that are superbly written. Note – all meeting summaries, as well as all books read, are listed on the Jaycee web site under Book Club.

Please see [http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?page\\_id=748](http://www.foxborojaycees.org/?page_id=748)



On Thursday, March 14, 2019, Book Club members congregated at the home of Lisa to enjoy Cauliflower crust pizza, cheesecake, tiramisu, fruit, cheese, crackers, and beverages to discuss *Escape* by Carolyn Jessop, who at eighteen years old, was coerced into an arranged marriage with a total stranger, Merrill Jessop, a man 32 years older with three wives. Plural marriages were an integral part of 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 15 years, Carolyn had eight children and withstood Jessop's psychological abuse and the watchful eyes of his other wives who were locked in a constant battle for supremacy. But in 2003, Carolyn chose freedom over fear and fled her home with her eight children.

Book Club members discussed Carolyn's desire to attend school and learn. She became a teacher, found a group of friends with whom to confide, managed a business for the family, and finally fled with her eight children in the middle of the night with the help of her brother

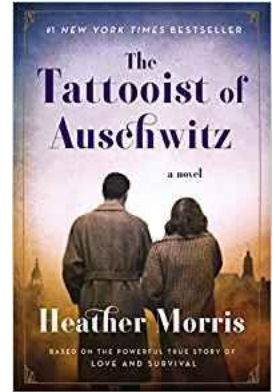
who had also fled the group. We also admired her courage and ability to protect her children. She refused to leave without them.

Carolyn's story is a very detailed story to illustrate how long and painful those 15 years were. Her escape paved the way for other women to find their way to the Utah Attorney General who eventually brought down FDLS Leader Warren Jeffs, who is still in jail, and eventually, one of Merrill's wives was able to have Merrill prosecuted for sexual abuse. We found updated information that Carolyn has since married a nice man she met at a college, and her children are doing well. One daughter returned to FLDS and claimed her mother's allegations were not accurate, but her oldest son, now happily married, runs events to raise awareness for victims of polygamy.

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 2, 2.5's and a 3. We enjoyed the book, had rich



conversations about a range of great topic, and had a lovely evening filled with friendship and conversation. This very tough crowd gave this book respectable and positive marks and engaged in some fabulous conversation!



Looking ahead: **Thursday, April 4th at the home of Monica Rigamoti:** 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.

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

For the third time in a row the Foxboro Jaycees WON Trivia night and once again have **MATTHEW LOEW** to thank for answering questions NONE of us knew. We are so happy that the Jaycee kids are attending Trivia night, you make it so much more fun and Matthew, please keep coming, you're helping us win! On a related note – the food at Red Stone is really good!

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

As Lisa recaps this project, it's "Going strong" and all participants really enjoy the chance to get outside, enjoy some actual reality instead of our virtual world, and talk and enjoy nature. Please join them 😊

#### **Committee to set up 501(c)3 - Deena Cummings / Lisa Jolicoeur / Kathy Brady**

Ongoing, thank you all for working on this important next step in our chapter.

#### **Final reports**

##### **Scat Night – Bob Webster – 3/16**

Thank you, thank you to Bob Webster and Jane Webster for opening your home to house the Foxboro Jaycees annual 31/Scat Card game night! SO much laughter, incredibly creative profanity (I'm not kidding, I have NEVER heard some of those words and I grew up in Dorchester), amazing apps, and a great night of friendship, fun and some serious card playing. There was SO much good energy that night. It was a blast, thank you my friends! I was up \$7.00 at night's end which I consider pretty good! I am VERY happy this project ran and was so well attended.



##### **Providence Bruins – Bob Gillis – 3/10**

I was \*SO\* happy there was such enthusiasm for this event – we had twenty-nine in our group including many Jaycee kids at this family friendly event. While the Providence Bruins did lose the game 3-1 to the Thunderbirds, it was still well



played, no Zambonis were injured, and was a VERY enjoyable experience and I personally thank everyone who came out and made it a success.

### **An amazing individual development story:**

Bill Byrnes, president of the Jaycees 1982-1983, who now lives in Sandwich on Cape Cod has just completed his 13,000 (thirteen thousandth!) day of running -- Every. Single. Day -- never missed a day in 35 years! I asked him about the conditions and he explained,

"Yes hurricanes, wintercanes, nor'easters, freezing temps and freezing winds, smog, smoke, torrential rains, slush, and incredibly beautiful Cape Cod days. Yes, I've been blessed with good health. I can count on one hand the number of days I've run that I should not have and ended up feeling worse after running than before.

Ronald Reagan was in his first term of office when I started."



Bill was featured on the Cape Cast (Cape Cod Times) video on day 10,000 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anBLx7AV09E>

### **Bill, you are an inspiration and role model!**

#### **Finally,**

The ID area gets a little quieter as we get into this time of year so I encourage YOU to please participate in any way you can in the Vendor Fair (5/18) or any of our Founders Day events. There's nothing like being outside with Jaycee friends and making a difference. And if you haven't been around in a while, don't be shy – we would LOVE to see you.

Be well, my friends!

Bob



^ Scat Night

< Providence Bruins Game



# community Development



VP: Sophia Manos

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

Please let me know if you are interested in chair or committee work for any CD projects. I can be reached at [smanos235@gmail.com](mailto:smanos235@gmail.com) OR 508-543-3189

**Easter Egg Hunt – Max Loew - April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 A.M. start. Prep may start at 8:30.  
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/stuffing is on April 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 3:30PM at the South Foxboro Community  
Center!**

*and of course, we must add...*

**Candidates Night – April 25<sup>th</sup> 7 P.M.  
at FCA**

Every year we offer those in the town a chance to see and hear from the candidates who are looking to serve Foxboro as an elected official. This year's Town Election will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>. There are 13 people running unopposed, but we will still go forward with this event if we get some responses.

We may need a timer or some crew assistance. Stay tuned.

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

**Founders Day Float! - Chair Needed - JUNE 8th**

“What does Foxboro mean to you?” is the theme for this annual event. the Jaycees have won awards from the Founders Day Committee the last two years for our floats. Let's keep the winning going!



## Concerts on the Common – Max Loew – Start on JUNE 6th!

Performer list is all set. Thanks to Max yet again for continuing with one of our most notable and important community projects. 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.

The Full schedule is as follows:

- June 6 – Foxborough High School Jazz Ensemble
- June 13 – Gobshites (Irish)
- June 20 – Eddy's Shoe – will again be a memorial for Mike Jackson
- June 27 – Ultimate Soul Band (Lynda's Favorite)
- July 4 – Independence Day – No Concert
- July 11 – Smoke and Whiskey (Country)
- July 18 – Aerochix (All female Aerosmith cover band)
- July 25 – Space Captain (Acoustic classic rock)
- August 1 – Open Mike Night (Hosted by Peter from Gobshites)
- August 8 & 15 – Rain Dates



## 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!

## NEW PROJECT!!! - Committee Needed!

### “The Stakes Are High” Flag Project - Kris Long - August

Thanks to one of our newest, or shall I say, re-newest members, Kris Long who brings to the Jaycees this symbolic and important project that Kris believes has the potential to grow very fast. But in hopes that the flags will start to go down in numbers eventually.

Per Kris' intro:

*The purpose of this project is to raise awareness and show Massachusetts the number of lives that have been lost from accidental overdose. Each flag will represent a life lost.*

*The goal is to be on display on the Common for 5-7 days (if possible), but event is open to other locations as well.*

***This is a great opportunity for the Jaycees to get to know many other coalitions who may want to join us in this.***



## ON-GOING PROJECTS

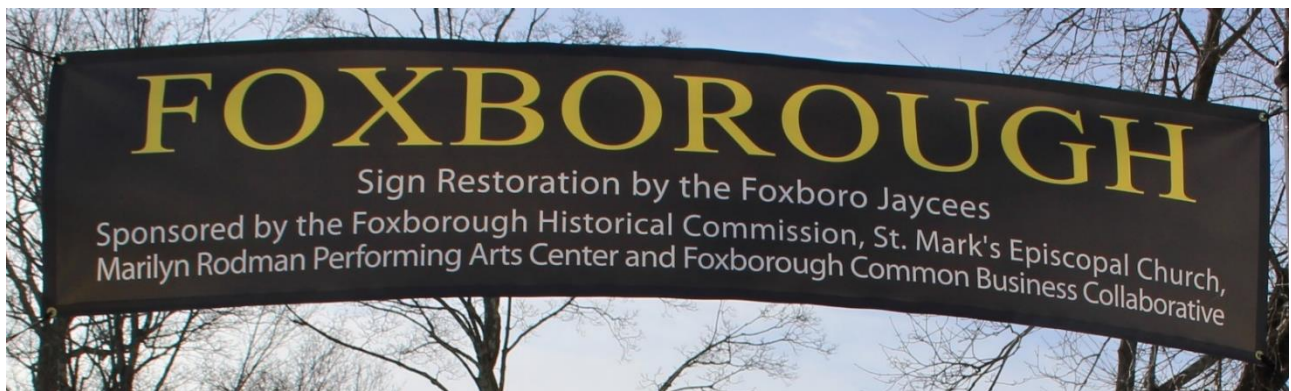
### The Jaycees Fred George Memorial Scholarship- Lisa Jolicouer

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.

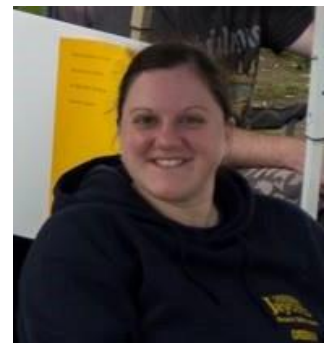
### Full Repair of Foxborough Sign on the Common - Kathy Brady - Chair & Repair!

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. The Winter weather put a damper on the progress, but as Spring continues, so will the work! Thanks for Kevin Mack, KB and others for their patience and continued good 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.



### Window Art Fundraiser – Deena Cummings

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Window Art Fundraiser, both Jaycees and members of our community! We had a small group, but we had a lot of fun making our pretty designs. We had flowers, and bees, dragonflies (my favorite!), a dream catcher and a lighthouse, to name a few designs. Blue Hasti once again held a wonderful event for the Jaycees. We hope to hold another event in the future, so don't worry if you weren't able to join us!



### Spring Fair - Deena Cummings and Committee

Our 9th Annual Spring Craft and Vendor Fair is scheduled for May 18th, 9am-3pm on Foxboro Common. We already have over 25 vendors committed, and more than a month before registration closes. If you or someone you know is a crafter or owns their own small MLM business, please let them know about our event.

This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and we always need lots of help that day. 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 looking to get involved, 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 - Jeanne Christian

Our amazing vendors provide wares for us to raffle off at the end of the Fair. Jeanne has volunteered to keep track of the donated items, sell tickets and then handle pulling winners. If you have any questions or would like to help at the raffle, please let me or Jeanne 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 now behind us, 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

Manning the Grills at last year's Founder's Day Concession Stand >>>





# Membership

**Vice President: Jeanne Suttie Christian**

Dear Jaycee/Friend,

Saturday night members of the Foxboro Jaycees and their friends had a good time at the Murder Mystery Masquerade. Lynda Walsh was murdered, Max Loew was the murderer. The game went off almost without a hitch. There are many activities coming up, spring fair, Founder's Day, I hope to see you there. Membership Committee will have a brief meeting after the GM this month to touch base and see what is needed for Vendor fair and Founder's Day. 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 has learned about this person. This month's profile is of Secretary and Wise Fox Editor, Pam Warren.

**Membership Committee** – Directly after the GM. Spring Fair Membership booth chairman needed. Founder's Day Membership booth chairman needed. 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 (@FoxboroJaycees) or find us on Instagram (foxborojaycees) 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!

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?

Pam Warren's family moved to Franklin in 1975 when she was six years old. After graduating from Suffolk University on Beacon Hill, she then moved to Western New York to marry her high school sweetheart who had moved there with his family while she was in college. In the Fall of 2009 after a divorce, Pam returned to Franklin, where she now lives with and takes care of her mom who has Alzheimer's, her mom's husband John, and the family dog Blanca.

Pam assumes many hats with the Jaycees: how did she acquire such diverse talents? Pam has had MANY different jobs throughout her career – most in some form of customer service or sales. Pam worked for a small market, AM radio station in Batavia, New York, assuming various roles: advertising sales, news, ad production, office manager, scheduling and billing and even the afternoon DJ for several years. She has been an armored car guard / ATM Technician, a Driver's Ed instructor (not too stressful!!!), a mall greeter, a survey proctor, and most recently, a department manager in retail sales. She currently is an Uber driver and plans to do flea markets and craft shows this summer with her craft business – PJW Originals.

How did Pam find the Jaycees? Pam joined the Jaycees in 2001 in Batavia when the President of the local chapter and the project chairperson for their annual Home, Garden and Trade Show approached her radio station sales manager seeking help locating new vendors for the show. Pam encouraged SOME clients to purchase a booth for the show and assisted with the promotion, set-up and running of the show, and she hosted the live remote during the event for the station. When the Home Show was over, Pam and her colleagues were invited to a wrap-up meeting and all three were sworn in as Jaycees. Pam eventually joined the board in Batavia, serving as Secretary and Management Development VP and later serving at the State Level as Corporate Secretary / Presidential assistant for 7 different State Presidents, continuing even after she returned to MA. The New York Jaycees also took her to several National Conventions to compete in ID Competitions, including Speak-up, Write-up and Debate, and she was also a Judge at the Convention in Memphis, TN.

Pam returned to Massachusetts and sought the local chapter to continue her affiliation with this great organization, connecting with Vanessa Linke! Pam is happy to have found Jaycees family with the Foxboro Jaycees and enjoys her role on the board.



Pam cites that Summer Concerts on the Common as her favorite project: "I have run the concessions during the concerts for the last several years, and I truly enjoy coming out each week during the summer to hear some great music, hang out with friends and enjoy what is usually a pleasant evening out. Helping earn funds for the chapter is just an added bonus. I love that one of our projects can bring the whole community together week after week for something fun."

Pam is very proud of the Wise Fox: "I have edited it for the past two years (and will continue to do so next year) and have been working hard to make it something everyone looks forward to seeing each month. I do hope you all enjoy the pictures and find the information helpful!"

Pam shares her talents and passion for service in other areas of the community. She is president of the Franklin Art Association, a group for artists and art lovers, holding monthly meetings during which artists give demonstrations and workshops in various media (Oil Paint, Pastels, Watercolors... Pam even did a jewelry-making workshop recently). The association also presents two annual art exhibits, offers a scholarship for a student who is going to art school, and has formed the "Metro-West Art Collective" with other art associations in the region, including the Foxboro Art Association, Stony Brook Camera Club, Rhode Island Watercolor Society and

others to share ideas and resources. Pam draws from her Jaycee experience to help with recruitment issues and event planning for the art association.

Pam lists her mom as her greatest source of inspiration. She instilled the value of Volunteerism in her at a young age, and Pam describes her as “one of the strongest women I know.” Pam’s mom got her involved in the Scouts as a kid, volunteered as a troop leader when one was needed, and was active in the community even while raising two kids mostly on her own.

Where will you see Pam Warren this year? Concessions, concessions, concessions! The Jaycees are fortunate to have her diverse skill set chairing concessions at Founder’s Day, Vendor Fairs, and Concerts on the Common. Additionally, visit her craft table at the Vendor Fair to view her artistic products! Thank you, Pam, for all your hard work!!



More photos from Scat Night ...



And the Providence Bruins Game...

We look forward to seeing everyone at the many events coming up this Spring!