



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – May 2019

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

Well, this is my final President's Report. Thank you for all of your support this year! We made it through another year and the chapter is getting stronger. I am pleased to announce that we have two new members, Jennifer D'Amato and Katherine Lee. Welcome!!!! They have already helped out with the Easter Egg Hunt and have stepped up to chair glow items at Founder's Day! How awesome is that???

We have a busy couple of months coming up with the Spring Fair on May 18th and Founder's Day on June 9th. Please reach out to the project chairmen or area VP's if you can help out with either event. We need all hands on deck!

And last but not least, congratulations to our newly-elected incoming President, Jeanne Suttie Christian and our appointed Board members!! I look forward to working again with all of you this year!

Thank you,

Marc Rivard
President

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



Secretary's Report

Continuing 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 Here - We had the rainiest April on record, let's hope it really does bring some beautiful flowers for May. I'm sure someone out there could use 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 loccgazette@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 March 2019 GMM:

March 2019 Jaycee of the Month - Jeanne Suttie Christian: Jeanne did a ton of work calling all of our members for the Nominations committee, she organized a great Masquerade Mystery night that could potentially become a big membership recruitment project in the future, and she has stepped up to become our next President. Thanks Jeanne!

(Also nominated were Bob Webster for hosting Scat Night and Deena Cummings, just because)

March 2019 Project of the Month - Window Art Fundraiser - Deena Cummings: A well attended event that raised funds for the chapter and will be run again.

(Also nominated was Scat Night - Bob Webster for a great night of food, friends and fun)

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

May Birthdays:

William Byrnes
Mike Stewart
Lynn Freerksen
Kathy Brady
Bob Hickey
Derek House
Sharon Hall
Stephen Strickland
Monica Rigamonti
Stephanie O'Neil
Joseph Nawn
Kelly Condon
Jade Cummings

May Anniversaries:

Heather Loew	2008
Lynn Freerksen	2014
Peter Filosa	2015



Individual Development



Continuing VP: Bob Gillis

Greetings Jaycee friends!

As I am both the outgoing and incoming IDVP, I am very happy to continue on the board next year and it is very good to see some great friends from the past (Kris and Amy) back on the board!

"Now, the REST of the story..." – Paul Harvey

Installation Banquet – Lynda Walsh – 5/4 – Rally Point. Due to the complexities of time travel, for me it's still a week away as I write this, but already happened when you read it, but I am excited about the new venue and I already know some of the surprises. I am expecting this one will be memorable and also, as always, fun. Will have a recap next month.

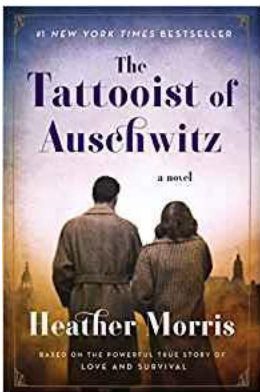


Meetings and programs (yours truly) - if you attend the GM's, and are able to bring snacks to ONE meeting, would you sign up for one GM? It's just attending that month's General Membership meeting and bringing snacks --- cookies, cake, veggies, candy, chips & dip, ice cream, anything you like. If you sign up please indicate what you will bring. You can sign up here if you are so inclined:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549aba72ea4f85-foxboro>

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur - 1st Thur. of month 7-9pm. Going strong. Full report on the Jaycee web site; here is a brief excerpt:

On Thursday, April 4, 2019, Book Club members gathered at the home of Monica to engage in fabulous conversation about **Tattooist of Auschwitz** while enjoying a delicious array of crackers, fruit, baked brie, chocolates, and beverages.



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.

Book Club members shared reactions to learning that the story was based on Lale's true story; the author includes a piece by Lale's son as well as the author's narrative about meeting Lale and preparing to tell his story.

We noted that some of the details demonstrated an incredible memory; the author explains that she researched the details to verify. Conversations about the horrible "Herr Doktor Mengle" and Lale's "boss" reminded us of other titles we have read:

"Stones from the River," "Nightingale," "Boy in the Striped Pajamas," "Lilac Girls." We enjoyed discussing how Lale and Gita find a way to nurture a relationship despite the horror of the concentration camp. Their friend Cilka was abused by a German commander but was later charged as a German collaborator and served 15 years in a work camp; Heather Morris will be releasing her story in the near future, so we enjoyed exploring her character in the story as well.

Monica shared her visit to Auschwitz three years ago with some pictures, helping us visualize some of the places described in the book.

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 all 2's and a 1.5 from our large and rowdy group! We enjoyed the book very much, had rich

conversations about a range of great topics, including sharing family stories and travel experiences. So, this very tough crowd gave this book rave reviews and positive marks and engaged in some fabulous conversation!

NEXT Meeting: Thursday, May 2nd at the home of Michele Rogers 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... *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.

June Book: "Lilian Boxfish Takes a Walk."

Summer Selections will include the following: "The Alice Network," "Into the Wilderness," "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine," "Lost Girls of Paris," "Where the Crawdads Sing," and "Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister."



Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – 3rd Wednesday of the month - 6:30-9pm (Red Stone Grill in North Attleboro) For the **FOURTH** time in a row the Foxboro Jaycees WON Trivia night and are so happy so many Jaycee kids as well as some Jaycee veterans came out during school vacation week. If you need a break or just a few hours of FUN with friends and some great food, this is the event for you!

Walking Club – Lauren House / Lisa Jolicoeur - Saturdays 7:45am @ bike path in Mansfield / meet behind Jimmy's Pub. The weather is much better these days; 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.

Related: *Next year we need a bylaw review; unsure if this falls under my area but Jeanne please make a note of it and a chairman needed. This requires a committee.*

Once again, 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. **WE CANNOT DO THESE PROJECTS WITH A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE.** When you get the call or the email, say YES, even for an hour or two. You're a Jaycee. PLEASE make the time to help us out on Vendor Fair and Founders Day. We need YOU if we are to continue. Finally: I am grateful to all of you, for all of you and to be part of this remarkable group.

My parting words as this year's IDVP:

"Be excellent to each other, and party on." -- Bill & Ted.

Bob

community Development



Outgoing VP: Sophia Manos

Incoming VP: Lynda Walsh

C-YA to CD from me.

This is my final CD report for now. The CDVP privilege is going back to Lynda Walsh. Thank you to her for keeping the board going and going... I will be moving over to Ways and Means. [Cha-ching!](#)

UPCOMING PROJECTS – Committees Needed!

Community Outreach at Ahern Middle School – May 8th mid-day

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!

Founders Day Float! – Max Loew - JUNE 8th

"What does Foxboro need to you?" is the theme for our annual event. the Jaycees have won awards the last two years for our floats. Let's keep the winning going! Let Max know if you can help.

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.

June 6 – Foxborough High Jazz Ensemble

June 13 – Gobshites (Irish)

June 20 – Eddy's Shoe (in memorial for Mike Jackson)

June 27 – Ultimate Soul Band (my favorite)

July 4 – Happy Independence Day (no concert)

July 11 – Smoke and Whiskey (for you country fans)

July 18 – Aerochix (All female Aerosmith cover band)

July 25 – Space Captain (acoustic classic rock)

August 1 – Open Mike Night (Peter Walsh from Gobshites will host this event)

August 8 – TBD (Sponsored by The Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center (Orpheum))

August 15 – Rain Date



“The Stakes Are High” Flag Project - Kris Long / Lynda Walsh - August 25-31

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.



Fundraising efforts will be underway soon to provide the flags.

The purpose of this project is to raise awareness of the number of lives lost from accidental overdose over the course of the past five years. Each year will represent a different colored flag from 2014 through 2018. We will also be offering folks the opportunity to purchase a flag in memory of their loved one. We're hoping to get some large donors to sponsor the cost

of the flags for a specific year. The goal would be to stake these flags on the common for the last week in August and at some point during that week, have an event that will thank our first responders, whether it's Police, Fire, or the ER personnel that worked with the victims. If you'd like to join the committee, it would be helpful to hear your ideas, reach out to Kris or Lynda.

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

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Easter Egg Hunt – Max Loew - April 14th, 1 p.m.

Big success moving the hunt from Saturday to Sunday. Not only was there no possible conflict with baseball parade, but we got the better weather by having it on Sunday. It was a beautiful day and a great event!

Many thanks to Max for negotiating the date change so efficiently. Thanks to Devlyn for again being the best bunny. The kids loved it!

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out, some old friends: Laureen, Helene etc. and some new ones: Jennifer and Katherine.

Thanks to all of you who came out to roll eggs, hand out eggs and the rest.



Candidates Night – April 25th 7 P.M. at FCA

All went well. It will be re-airing until May 6th on FCA

Check your local listings! Or check it out online, especially if you want to hear me mispronounce the names of candidates for a third year in a row!

ON-GOING PROJECTS

The Jaycees Fred George Memorial Scholarship- Lisa Jolicoeur

Online forms available on the Jaycees Website. We are offering this year's scholarship in memoriam of the late Jaycee Fred George. The deadline for submission is April 30th, as of April 24th, we've had five responses from some pretty involved teenagers. The board has read the applications and although we are hoping for more submissions, the board believes we have identified this year's recipient. We will be inviting him/her, along with their parents to our May GM to give the award. Please make sure you attend the GM so you can congratulate them and thank them for their service. The board has decided to make it a pizza party GM, so come on out!

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 to Kevin Mack, KB and others for their patience and continued good work!



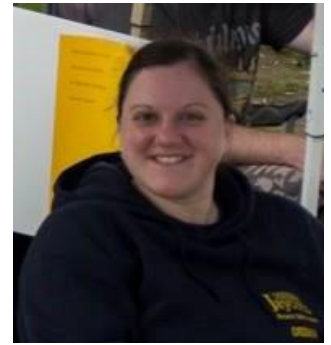
More photos
from the Easter
Egg Hunt!





Ways and Means

Outgoing Vice President: *Deena Cummings*
Incoming Vice President: *Sophia Manos*



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.

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 50 vendors committed, and just over two weeks 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 is well into planning 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 Sophia or Pam know.

Founder's Day Light Up Items - Jennifer D'Amato and Katherine Lee

Our two newest members have stepped up to sell glow items to the Foxboro Community prior to the annual fireworks display the night of Founder's Day. Please let us know if you will be available to help sell that night. The more hands we have, the better!

Concert Concessions - Pam Warren

Our Concessions Queen is preparing to sell drinks, snacks and candy to our Community during Concerts this summer. If you are interested in running Concessions for an evening, or just being there to hang out to listen to music, let 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. If anyone is interested, or considering helping with Spring Fair, please come to the GM next week so we can discuss possibilities!

Members: Thank you to everyone who helped at any of our Ways and Means projects over the last year! Your help ensures we would have the funds to continue providing fantastic events such as Concerts on the Common and Holiday Decorating, among others, for our town. If you would be interested in running a project for Ways and Means, such as a Restaurant Night, paint night or one of our Fall projects, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sophia or to me or any other board member!

Thank you so much, Deena



Membership

Outgoing Vice President: Jeanne Suttie Christian

Incoming Vice President: Amy LaBrache



Hi Friends,

This year we swore in two returning Jaycees and two newbies. We had one successful and fun membership event, which brought in some rarely seen members, who we look forward to seeing again soon. Hopefully this coming year we will have some more new members and returning members under the guidance of Amy LaBrache, incoming Membership Vice – President. She has wonderful new ideas and leads for the membership committee to investigate. It would be great to see some more older members become more involved in our chapter this year as well. One of the great changes we have seen this year affecting membership this year is that there are no more dues.

Join us at the GM in May, we have condensed the meetings to give the Committees time to work together afterward. 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. May is the change of regime and a good meeting to be at for the discussion of spring fair which will be the weekend after the meeting and to come talk about Founders Day, we would love to see your shining face at this meeting.

You are invited to be a Jaycee or Jaycee friend at every meeting and activity in 2019-2020. Please find some time to join us for at-least one event in the coming two months.

Sincerely Your Membership Vice President,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

Who's Who – Lisa Jolicoeur

This month's profile is of our Incoming Chapter President – Jeanne Suttie Christian.

Membership Committee – Directly after the GM. If you have any new IDEAS for membership please come share with us. We will also be discussing ideas for increasing membership, Jaycees Swag, Who's Who, and all things membership. Please contact Amy LaBrache 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.

Social Media: 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. 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

Who's Who?

Who is Jeanne Suttie Christian, our upcoming Jaycees President? Currently a property manager working in the Low-Income Housing field, including Project Based Subsidy, HOME, and LIHTC, with DDS/DMH set asides, Jeanne has also been a preschool teacher, video store clerk, and restaurant hostess. Her versatile skill set, and diverse experience list make her at home with the ever-busy Foxboro Jaycees who showcase their talents in exciting projects and community activities that demand unique abilities. In her spare time, she enjoys her family and hobbies: reading, movies, photography, stained glass, calligraphy, crochet, and video games.

Jeanne grew up in Lowell, Massachusetts, a daughter of Jaycees. Her dad became a US Jaycee Senator, and she attended many exciting events, "voluntold" throughout her teens to participate, but she thoroughly enjoyed much of it. Many Massachusetts Senators are like family to her, and her mother became a Senator a few years after her dad passed. Her parents have passed their Jaycees love and commitment to Jeanne. Jeanne and husband Peter married in October, live in Norton, and have two children, Ryan, 6, and Lena, 4.

Jeanne found the Foxboro Jaycees in August 2016 because it was the closest chapter to her house. She made some amazing friends, formed new bonds that lured her to leadership roles, and has been a huge part of our chapter ever since! Her sister Mary became president, and Jeanne is thrilled to step into that role this upcoming year. She is eager to embrace a more energizing General Meeting format, work with energized long time Jaycees recently returned who are eager to develop new projects and beef up membership.

Jeanne loves the spring fair: "I just love the side of the Jaycees you see when at the fair. Raffle ticket sales, concessions and team work - all of these activities could not be done without so many volunteers and personalities. I hope to see this energized participation in smaller events and ID projects in the near future, as well, and am eager to get people excited!"

Jeanne reflects on role models: "there have been some strong people who have taught me many things throughout the years. My mom, for example, is a very strong and talented woman who motivates me to be the best me I can each day, and if the day gets away from me and my inner crankiness gets out, I remember that tomorrow is a new day. I have two little children watching everything I do, so I hope to inspire them in the same way."

Jeanne reminds peers and readers that being a Jaycee provides the opportunity to make something great of every experience; the Jaycees offer a place to be yourself and enjoy the company of others while doing good work!

Jeanne looks forward to a great year of activities, energy, and great work for our community!

New President Jeanne (Right) and her sister Past President Mary on the anniversary of their swearing-in

