



# Wise Fox

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

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

What a fast first month it has been! Feels like it was just this past weekend that we were enjoying the Installation banquet!

Since then we have had a very successful Spring Fair! The annual budget meeting, we celebrated our Scholarship winner at the last GM, not exactly in that order but hey life's a fantastic whirl wind! Right?

Concerts on the Common will be back in a matter of weeks. Our first Concert will be the Foxborough High School Jazz Ensemble on Thursday, June 6th. We hope to see everyone there! Bring a chair and come celebrate the beginning of summer with us.



Please volunteer for FOUNDERS DAY it's just a few days away on June 8th and we are looking for volunteers for concessions, membership booth, and glow sticks, If you have not signed up on sign up genius be expecting a phone call, because we need you.

Last, please remember that it is budget time for the Foxboro Jaycees. The Board has worked diligently (Thank you, Board!) to prepare the budget for this upcoming GM and all the awesome things we hope to accomplish for our Community in the coming year. We will be discussing the new budget in detail at our General Membership Meeting on June 12th and would love for everyone to join us for this important task.

Sincerely your President,  
Jeanne Suttie Christian

# Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

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

**Sunshine** - Summer has officially begun. 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. Big Congratulations to Kris Long for the birth of her new Grandson Garrett Jaxson - born April 26, 7lbs 6 oz and 19". Best wishes to the whole family!

**Wise Fox-** If anyone would like to have something posted in the Wise Fox email me at [wisefox@foxborojaycees.org](mailto:wisefox@foxborojaycees.org) 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 May 2019 GMM:

**April 2019 Jaycee of the Month - Marc Rivard:** According to tradition, Our outgoing President is Jaycee of the month for May - THANK YOU Marc for everything you have done as our chapter President - we look forward to having you as our Chairman of the Board.

**April 2019 Project of the Month - Easter Egg Hunt - Max Loew:** Thanks Max for running another successful Egg Hunt. Nearly 4000 eggs were stuffed and scattered for the kids to "dash and grab" in no time flat. We had a perfect day and the kids loved their time with the Big Bunny



## Congratulations to our winners!!!!

### June Birthdays:

**Paul Lanza**  
**Bob Siteman**  
**Paul O'Sullivan**  
**Patty Reid**  
**Jennifer Hesford**  
**Andrea Johnstone**  
**Maria Montanez**  
**Devlyn House**

### June Anniversaries:

<b>Paul Howard</b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>Fred Badger</b>	<b>1986</b>
<b>Laura Franc</b>	<b>2015</b>





# Individual Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

FUN FACT: FOUNDERS DAY IS JUNE 8, 2019.

Please make a note of it and BE THERE.

It's not ID but VERY worth mentioning. Kris Long recently provided me with a treasure trove of Jaycee documents which I have scanned and added to the Jaycee web site to the archived docs and CPGs. Among the treasures were 40 images of the year 2000 Foxboro Jaycees creation of the Booth Playground Hyland Skating Rink. It took some time (I do this because I love all of you) but I have all scanned along with Dave Brown and Paul Howard's summary of this incredible project (project of the year, 2000) that makes a difference even today. It's on the front page of the site; check it out.

**Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur** - 1st Thur. of month 7-9pm. Our vibrant book club is on its annual summer hiatus and will meet again in September. Thank you to Lisa and everyone involved. Remember -- all meeting summaries, as well as all books read, and required summer reading list 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, May 2nd, Book Club members enjoyed an amazing spread of culinary delights at the home of Michele Rogers: a Cuban-styled paella dish, buffalo chicken dip, fruit salad, veggies with dip, cheese, and an array of delicious sweets. Michele's treats livened our conversation about Chanel Cleeton's ***Next Year in Havana***: the references to food and family and rich story set in Cuba in 1917 but with narrative sections bringing the reader to 1958 when Elisa Perez, 19 year old daughter of a sugar baron, has an affair with a revolutionary before her family is forced to flee. In 1917, after the death of her beloved grandmother, Cuban-American journalist Marisol travels from Miami to Havana, where she discovers the roots of her identity--and unearths a family secret hidden since the revolution. Marisol has been asked to scatter her grandmother's ashes in Havana, but once in Havana, Marisol uncovers family history and meets Luis, the grandson of her grandmother's best friend Ana, a man with secrets of his own. He helps her. The family in 1958 assumed they would be able to return to Havana, so Elisa had buried a box. Marisol learns of the love affair her grandmother had.

Ana lives with her daughter and grandson; her son in law had passed. They operate a cafe and depend on convertible pesos to provide food and necessities. We learn what life is like in modern day Cuba: food is rationed; the regime still exists and has control; there are still revolutionaries who hope for a better tomorrow. Marisol learns through experiencing Cuba herself that Elisa and her boyfriend Pablo were attracted by the thrill of the revolutionary spirit.

We discussed many topics, including how in recent years, many families have come forward to tell their stories of their companies that were taken over by the Cuban government when they fled, such as Elisa's family who lost their sugar business in the novel. We also discussed the interesting way the author shows how passionate Ana's family was about staying in Havana while in contrast Elisa's family was so fearful and fled. It was interesting to discuss what people have to give up in either circumstance for the sake of freedom or survival.

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 1.5's, a 2.0, and a 2.5 from our fiesta group! We enjoyed discussing the book very much, had rich conversations about a range of great topics, including sharing family stories and travel experiences.



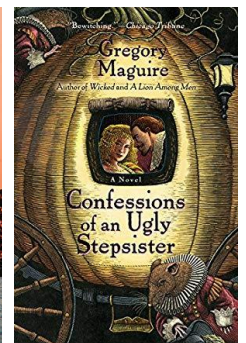
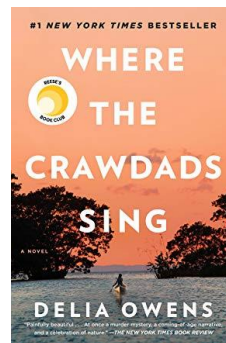
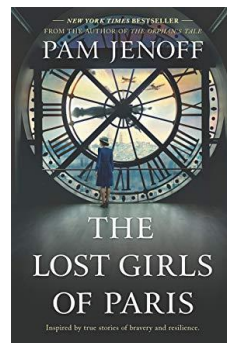
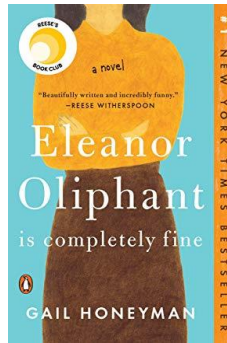
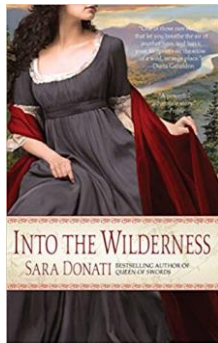
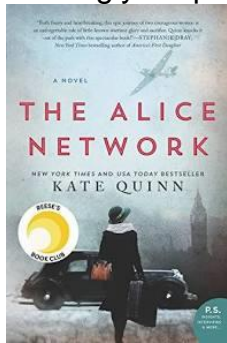
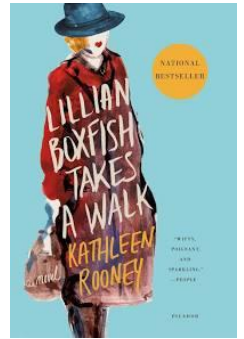


**Next meeting: Thursday, June 6th at Lisa's house. Kathleen Rooney's "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk."**

As she traverses a grittier Manhattan, a city anxious after an attack by a still-at-large subway vigilante, she encounters bartenders, bodega clerks, chauffeurs, security guards, bohemians, criminals, children, parents, and parents-to-be—in surprising moments of generosity and grace. While she strolls, Lillian recalls a long and eventful life that included a brief reign as the highest-paid advertising woman in America—a career cut short by marriage, motherhood, divorce, and a breakdown.

A love letter to city life—however shiny or sleazy—*Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney paints a portrait of a remarkable woman across the canvas of a changing America: from the Jazz Age to the onset of the AIDS epidemic; the Great Depression to the birth of hip-hop. Hope you have started and are enjoying it!! :) New York style treats for our book club chat!! :)

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



**Trivia Night – Kathy Brady** – The 3rd Wednesday of the month - 6:30-9pm at the Red Stone Grill in North Attleboro – the board couldn't make trivia this month as we were working on the budget that evening, but Sandy Daniels reports that the Jaycees won for the FOURTH TIME in a row. Sandy says that once again it was a member of the Loew family who made the difference -- the game was a three-way tie, and Dan gave a great question – average number of points the Patriots got each game? Max Loew correctly said – 27 (the exact number) and the Jaycees took the win. New rule: The Loew family MUST always come to trivia.

**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. This will be an ongoing process this year.

**Meetings and Programs - Bob Gillis** – The board agrees we REALLY want to have more programs at the GMs. Our goal is to have at least FOUR speakers (one for each area). We want to give folks more reasons to come out to the GM. As this is my area this year, I would love any suggestions you have or speakers you know who could give us a little 20-minute talk. These speakers are always informative. For ID, I was thinking a motivational speaker of some sort. Your homework: Send some ideas! id@foxborojaycees.org

Also – I really need folks to step up and bring some snacks to the GM. You don't have to pay for it yourself if you're making us snacks or a goodie -- If you do incur a cost you can be reimbursed, so if, say, you want to make a Chile, or pasta dinner or something, you can expense it to the chapter. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549aba72ea4f85-foxboro>

## Other things:

I would like VERY much to do a chapter ID event this summer, likely a potluck cookout later in summer. Just an informal get together at someone's house here in Foxboro (easier for everyone to get to) and everyone brings something. BYOB. Word is it Marc Rivard has the BEST steak tips on Earth – I am anxious to try them. Stay tuned.

Summer is quieter time for ID so PLEASE have some FUN this summer and as part of ID, come out to Founders Day to help if you can (or just enjoy the day) and say hi. Please support the chapter by ATTENDING some of the summer concerts and telling your friends about them. Get outside and get some fresh air and enjoy some fun

“Do What You Can With All You Have, Wherever You Are.” – Theodore Roosevelt

Enjoy your summer, and please make the Jaycees part of it ☺

Bob



**Vice President: Lynda Walsh**



## UPCOMING PROJECTS:

### **Founders Day Float: Kris Long, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

By the time you read this, Founders Day may have already come and gone, but in the chance that we catch you before then. This year's theme for Founders Day is "what Foxborough means to me". So, in respect, the Jaycees have held concerts on the common for over 25 years, and we feel it's important enough to flaunt it. Current plan is to have The Gobshites play on the trailer and recreate the bandstand along with the common fencing. The building will take place at **Marc Rivard's** yard right up until the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to swing by and lend a hand!

### **Concerts on the Common: Max Loew, begins Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Max has the bad list all set to go, the permit has been signed off and we're ready for another summer concert series. The Orpheum has added another group that will be playing on August 8<sup>th</sup>, using one of our rain dates.... Although, we're hoping not to have to use August 15<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to nine weeks of listening pleasure.

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 – Ashley Jordan

August 8 – Open Mike Night (Peter Walsh from Gobshites will host this event)

August 15 – Rain Date



## **NEW PROJECT – The Stakes are High Flag Project – Kris Long/Lynda Walsh, August 25-31**

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 be represented by 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 in 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 who worked with the victim. If you'd like to join the committee, it would be helpful to hear your ideas, reach out to Kris or Lynda.

## **Community Night Out – Chairman Needed**

This is an out-take of National Night Out, for many years we partnered with The Foxboro Police Department to hold the National Night Out event on the night that it's nationally recognized, however, we felt that there was too much competition that evening and were unable to bring other groups to the common that night. So, we switched it up last year and had it the week following and were able to invite other groups to the common and made it more of a community night out. We're looking for a chairperson for this event, if you're interested reach out to Lynda.

## **ON GOING PROJECTS:**

### **Repair of Foxborough Sign on the Common – Kathy Brady**

Our beloved town sign has been in the safe keeping of Kathy and although she and **Kevin Mack** have been trying to complete the huge effort to restore the sign, the winter hasn't been very kind to the process. Now with the flowers in bloom and fresh spring air they are hopeful to get back to work. If you'd like to help in this effort, feel free to give Kathy a buzz.

## **COMPLETED PROJECTS:**

### **The Jaycees Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur**

Congratulations to Lindsey Young, this year's recipient... The chapter hosted her along with her mom, dad and brother at our May GM. After reviewing all the applications, Lisa did a fantastic job at presenting the scholarship. The chapter joined together in congratulating Lindsey with a pizza party with cake and all. Lindsey definitely has the Jaycee Spirit, and it was an honor to host this. Great job Lisa!



### **Candidates Night – Sophia Manos, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Sophia was able to entice five of the unopposed candidates to attend our yearly event to get to know the candidates a little better. Thank you to our friends at FCA for hosting the event and making the Jaycees look so professional. This was broadcasted up till elections, once again, great job **Sophia!**

I look forward to a great year of community involvement as your CD VP. If you're interested in any of these projects, give the Chairman a buzz. If you have an idea for a new community project, feel free to give me a call or shoot me an email, [lynda1061@aol.com](mailto:lynda1061@aol.com) or 774-266-3140.





# Ways and Means

Vice President: *Sophia Manos*



## UPCOMING PROJECTS

### FOUNDERS DAY IS June 8<sup>th</sup> -

**FOUNDERS DAY CONCESSIONS** - Pam Warren, Chair

Pam is heading up team "burger and dogs" again this year. This is our second biggest fundraiser of the year and the most fast paced. Please sign up on this year Founder's day manpower to help us SELL! SELL! SELL! to the hungry Founder's Day patrons on the field.

Please bring a hat or a have a way to pull back your hair so we can appease the local BoH as we do annually! : )

**FOUNDERS DAY GLOW ITEMS** – Jennifer D'Amato and Katherine Lee, chairs

A huge thank you to two of our newer members for taking on this important and fun fundraiser for us. We look forward to helping the Founder's day kids light up the field before the annual fireworks! Let's work on making Jennifer and Katherine's venture a successful one!

**CONCERTS CONCESSIONS** – Pam Warren, Chair

**Concerts begin JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>** with the Jazz band and Pam will need help around 6:30 pm to set up to sell our summer snack menu on the common. Come down and listen to some music and help sell some penny candy.

## COMPLETED PROJECTS

**SPRING VENDOR FAIR** – Deena Cummings, Chair

May 18<sup>th</sup> brought beautiful weather and a wonderfully successful spring fair on the common. Our thanks to Deena for running this major fundraising project again!



**SPRING VENDOR CONCESSIONS** – Pam Warren, Chair

Pam and company kept the vendors and shoppers well fed once again! Thanks Pam!



**SPRING VENDOR RAFFLE** – Jeanne Christian, Chair

There were some good items this year and the raffle was a success! Thanks Jeanne and team!

As always - we appreciate everything you *all* do to make sure we raise the funds we need to continue our community work.



# Membership

**Vice President: Amy LaBrache**



Hello! I am so very excited to be your new Membership VP! We are in some very challenging times in membership and I am going to work hard to try and turn it around. I am forming a membership committee that will be meeting monthly. Please bring new fresh ideas.... Or maybe an old one that worked well that we haven't don't in a while. June is such a busy month for us as Jaycees, as it is Founder's Day and the beginning of our summer concert series! This is a great time to come on out and help! It is also a time we are very visible to the community and where we can potentially gain new members! Please come out and help these various projects! Or invite a friend to one of our events!



I would like to welcome our newest member Shanti Collins! She was sworn in at our May GM. We are very excited to have her join our organization, and we look forward to her ideas! Welcome Shanti!

See you all at the GM!!!!

**Who's Who – Lisa Jolicoeur** This is a project that helps us learn a little more about our fellow members. If Lisa sends you a questionnaire, fill it out and send it back – you could be featured in a future Wise Fox!

**Membership Committee** – I am looking to put together a committee that will meet to discuss and share new ideas on how to increase our membership. If you are interested, please let me know!

**Founder's Day Membership Booth- Chairman needed-** Please let me or Lynda know if you are able to volunteer an hour or 2 to share with our community your passion about our chapter. I will be there most of the day, but I am looking for a couple more people to help out!

**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 Amy LaBrache if you need a shirt.

**Website – Bob Gillis** –Thank you Bob for 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). Please email Amy with any questions, or new ideas [Afoxb1@icloud.com](mailto:Afoxb1@icloud.com)



# Installation Banquet

We had a Fantastic Installation banquet at a new Venue this year. The Rally Point opened their brand-new banquet room to us for a fantastic dinner of Steak Tips, Chicken Parm and an array of great sides. After dinner, the new Board was sworn in for 2019–2020 and awards for the 2018-2019 board year were presented:



Community Development Project of the Year: Monica Fisler – Fruit Baskets  
Individual Development Project of the Year: Robert Gillis – Providence Bruins Game Outing  
Membership Project of the Year: Fred George (RIP) - Founders Day Membership Booth  
Ways & Means Project of the Year: Pam Warren – Founders Day Concessions  
Project of the Year: Carl Bertolino – Nativity Set Set Up  
New Project of the Year: Lynda Walsh – Friendsgiving GM Dinner

Chairman of the Year: Deena Cummings  
Officer of the Year: Pam Warren  
Special Award: Legacy - Fred George (RIP)  
Special Award: Spirit - Max Loew  
GEM Award (Jaycees restarting this tradition in 2019) - Kenny Wills  
Special Presentation: JCI Senator - Pam Warren  
Key Man: Marc Rivard



All of the past Keymen in attendance got together to congratulate Marc as the newest member of the group



# SHOUT OUTS!

## Spring Fair - Deena Cummings and Committee

I would like to thank everyone who participated as a vendor, volunteer or a patron during our 9th Annual Spring Craft and Vendor Fair on May 18th. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year and it was once again a success!

**Lynda** and **Andrea**, your expertise and support helped ensure the days (and months) leading up to the event went smoothly and that we were able to get the event up and running quickly and efficiently that morning. **Kevin**, **Kenny** and **Marc**, thank you all for putting up every tent known to man that day! **Lisa**, once again, thank you for running around dealing with funding throughout the day. **Monica** and **Emma**, we appreciate your help with vendor check in, the more people we have to direct our vendors the better. **Jordan**, **Jade**, **Izzy**, **Sarah**, and **Emma**, thank you for taking charge of the bounce house throughout the day! **Dave R**, thanks for once again taking some time to sell raffle tickets and all the other things you did. I truly appreciate your help!

**Pam**, **Jeannie** and **Amy**, thank you for running Concessions, The Raffle and Membership (respectively) during the Fair. The additional Ways and Means projects ensure we can do even more for our community. And having a dedicated person to promote our chapter, explain what we do and why we do it encourages both vendors and patrons to be more involved with supporting us.

If there is anyone I missed, please know that every member's contributions to making the vendor fair a success is greatly appreciated!



## Spring Fair Concessions – Pam Warren

Once again, I would like to send a HUGE Shout out to Dan St Laurent at Foxboro Stop and Shop. His continued generosity in donating all of the food for Concessions is amazing. Thank you so much for helping us make this major fundraiser a success. And a special thanks to Ken Wills for doing all the cooking, and to Bob Gillis, Lynda Walsh and Lisa Jolicoeur for helping me keep everyone fed.

## The Last Word



This time of year, you hear “Because FOUNDERS DAY” as an excuse for why other things are not getting done... It’s almost here – Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> is the biggest day on our Calendar. We have (Count them) FOUR Major projects that run all on the same day in three of our areas of opportunity. This is an ALL HANDS ON DECK kind of day. I know many of you have plans to do things with family and friends, and others are heavily involved with the running of the overall event (like the Fislser Family and KB), but if you can give even one hour of your time to help with ANY of the projects that day, it would be a huge benefit to your Jaycees. I plan to be there from the early morning until after the fireworks... Come on down and say Hello!

Finally, I just wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU to everyone who was involved with making me JCI Senator #77877. This was one of the proudest moments of my life and I am so thrilled that I got to share it with my Foxboro Jaycee Family.