

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – July 2019

Happy Fourth of July Jaycee Friends!

June was a fantastic month for the Foxboro Jaycees, we could not have had better weather for Founder's day, a few of us got burnt. The whole day was wonderful, and the fireworks were great. Our Concessions Stand was very successful this year. Unfortunately, 2 of our 3 June concerts were rained out but thankfully they were rescheduled for August.

To everyone who participated in the Founder's Day activities, Thank you for showing your Foxboro Jaycee Pride, by building the float (greatest float ever), walking in the parade, working at the Membership Booth, working at concessions, and selling glow Items. You all came together and made the day go smoothly.

The Float was one of the best floats I have seen in my life. We could hear adults and kids alike saying how realistic and awesome it was as we walked by. It was also awesome to ride the float back to Marc's house. The truck driver took us all the way down to the SFCC over to 106 in to Mansfield and back on to 140. Who knew the Common's Band Stand could go 40+ MPH?! This guy did! >>>



Honestly this year's award-winning float could not have been accomplished without so many people. Congratulations to a hard-working team! Great job and a huge THANK YOU to Kenny who kept the whole project in a forward momentum. Well done and a huge THANK

YOU to Kevin who reworked the design and lent his expertise. Also, huge THANK YOU to Marc who generously donated his driveway and home for the construction. If you don't recognize these names you may need to come to a meeting. ;) Just sayin.



I know summer is our slow season, but it would be great to see some old faces back at the GM (we are already talking Fall projects) or at a Concert on the Common. Bring a chair and come celebrate summer with us. Hope to see you at the next concert on July 11th!

Sincerely your President,
Jeanne Suttie Christian

Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

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

Sunshine - Happy Independence Day!! If anyone wants to send some Sunshine – let me know. It can be a Congratulations, get well, sympathy, thank you.... Get me the details.

Wise Fox- If you would like to have something posted in the Wise Fox email me at 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 June 2019 GMM:

May 2019 Jaycee of the Month - Deena Cummings: Deena did a fantastic job running the Spring Vendor Fair. It takes a tremendous amount of organization and logistics to pull this off so smoothly (and not kill one of the vendors for asking the same question that had already been answered on the registration form)

May 2019 Project of the Month - Installation Banquet - Lynda Walsh: The Installation Banquet was a huge success. We were able to support a local business by being the first group to use the new function room at the Rally Point. The food was fantastic, it was well attended, and all the award winners were honored.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

July Birthdays:

Fred Badger
Paul Howard
Jim Philbin

July Anniversaries:

Paul Lanza	1984
Mark Emery	1991
Sandy Emery	1991
Bob Gillis	1993
Sue Gillis	1993
Derek House	1997
Laureen House	1997
David Reid	2002
Sophia Manos	2014
Mike Mills	2014
Kelly Condon	2015
Grayson Franc	2015
Ed Miller	2015
Mark Rivard	2015
Kevin Mack	2017
Kelly Reid	2017



Happy 4th of July!





Individual Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Happy Summer! ID is always quiet this time of year; I am looking into us having another cookout or potluck at the SFCC in September or October as this was such a success last year (the senators would be invited as well!) and also looking into fun activities we can do as a group. In the meantime, enjoy the good weather and sunshine, and see everyone at concerts!

Meetings & Programs – Bob Gillis – We're endeavoring to get more people to come to GMs and make them more of a social event; to that end I plan to have four speakers, hopefully on a topic specific to the four VP areas: CD, ID, WM and Membership. First one will be something in the ID area in the fall. I encourage the area VPs to send me names of anyone who might be a good speaker for their area.

Also –We still have six slots to fill for folks to bring snacks or goodies to our general membership meeting (2nd Wednesday of the month). I will be bringing ice cream sundaes to the July GM. Can you help? Reimbursement is available; would you take a look and consider signing up to agree to bring some goodies / snacks / small meal to the GM? If interested and you can help please sign up here:

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

Amerada – 9/6 – 8 in Canada – Pam Warren

Amerada (Amer = America, Ada = Canada) is the second longest running International event in all JCI Worldwide. Hosted by JCI Brantford (Ontario, Canada) This is an international event for Jaycees to expand boundaries, make lasting friendships and above all: HAVE FUN. Everything is included in your registration fee – Lodging, Food, Beverages (adult and otherwise), Competitions and prizes!

Registration is online at <https://forms.gle/rR72Kkinm46RNRDE7>

This Year' event is at NET Camping Resort, 2325 Victoria Ave, Fenwick, ON L0S 1C0

Fees (in Canadian \$):

Early bird: before July 15th: \$130

After July 15th: \$140

Day of: \$150

AMERADA CREED: WE THINK;

That Tug-of-War transcends the sovereignty of mud puddles;

That economically speaking, Amerada is almost free (but not quite)

That horseshoes should be thrown by people, not worn by horses;

That Earth's great treasures are on the inside of a beer bottle;

And that participation in Amerada is the BEST DECISION OF YOUR LIFE



The event alternates each year between the US and Canada, so next year a chapter in the US will host. President Jeanne and Secretary Pam would like for our chapter to bid for the opportunity. The MA Senate group has said they would assist and we are talking to the CT Jaycees to see if they are interested in helping as well. We are researching a potential venue (please feel free to let us know if you have any ideas) and there is an excellent CPG available on how to run this Project. Pam has helped run Amerada a couple of times with the New York Jaycees and is an Amerada Fellow.

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur - On Thursday, June 6th, Book Club members gathered at Lisa's to discuss Kathleen Rooney's "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk" while enjoying NY inspired treats: meat and cheese plate, black and white cookies, cannoli, cheesecake, fruit. We shared our personal experiences in NY, reminiscing on travel, plays, restaurants, museums, work, and NY settings in other books we have read.

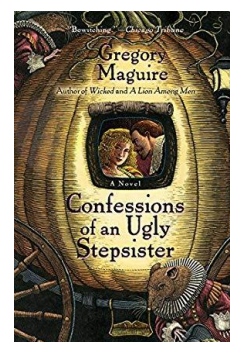
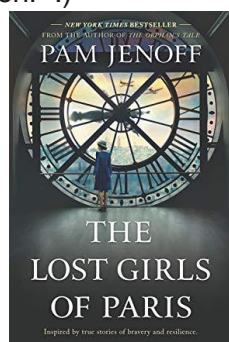
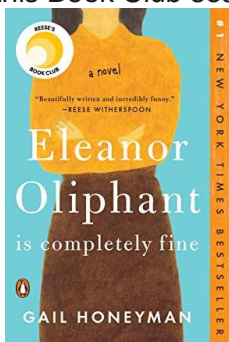
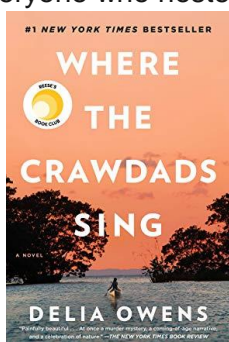
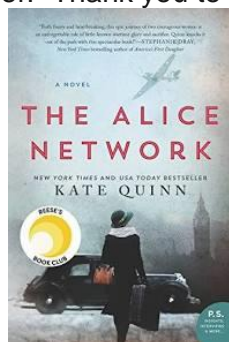
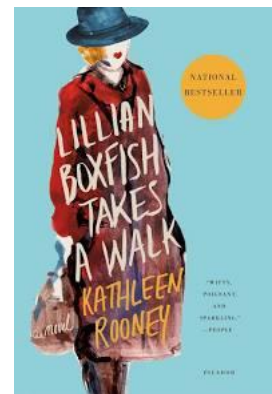
Lillian takes a ten-mile walk around Manhattan on New Year's Eve in 1984; she is in her 80s and reflects on her life while educating the reader about the challenges of being a successful and intelligent marketing editor in a male-dominated world in the 1930s and 40s. We loved the first-person narration of Lillian, who was witty, charming, and very smart. She is bluntly critical of herself and others. She provided vivid depictions of her son, ex-husband, longtime friend Helen, recent friend Wendy, and people she encounters on her ten mile jaunt, such as a friendly bartender, a restaurant owner, chauffeur, and robbers with whom she exchanges her mink for one of their jackets.

We loved Lillian as a strong character whose breakdown made her very human in our eyes; we were disappointed that her marriage dampened her spirit, but it was an interesting conversation for us to discuss how women had children and then simply did not work; she had been so defined by her intelligence, passion, and success and basically was forced to reinvent herself in a world that simply did not always meet her expectations, often shown through her critique of the marketing world after she left it.

The novel was delightful and inspired some great conversation for our book group. It was a quick, pleasant read, and the book earned all 2's on a rating scale of 1-5 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....," 4 being "wish I had not bought it and would not recommend it to others," and 5 being "wish I had not read it." So, this very tough crowd gave this book high marks and engaged in some fabulous conversation!

Summer reading titles: "The Alice Network," "Where the Crawdads Sing," "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine," "Lost Girls of Paris," and "Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister." We also talked about Kristen Hannah's "The Great Alone" as a title of interest.

We will meet in October to discuss our summer reading and select books for future meetings. Have a wonderful summer! Thank you to everyone who hosted this Book Club season! :)



Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – TBD (usually 3rd Wed) 6:30-9pm (Red Stone Grill in North Attleboro) – SIX Wins in a row; Dan our Trivia man says that ties the all-time record; and because the concert was rained out the following evening 4 Jaycees headed to Foxboro VFW, where Foxboro Rec was hosting trivia for charity, and took home first prize!

Walking Club – Laureen House / Lisa Jolicoeur - Saturdays 7:45am @ bike path in Mansfield / meet behind Jimmy's Pub. As Lisa says, "Going strong."

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

Ongoing; this is a lengthy process and the committee will update us as needed. This is a great step toward ensuring the future of the Foxboro Jaycees for years to come!

community Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Concerts on the Common: Max Loew

Despite the rain delays, we believe we can get in each of our concerts; however, we have taken off the Open Mic Night. Try to stop in on a Thursday night and enjoy the show and visit with other Jaycees.

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 – Gobshites (Irish) ~ rescheduled

August 15 – Eddy's Shoe (in memorial for Mike Jackson) ~ rescheduled

NEW PROJECT – The Stakes are High Flag Project – Kris Long / Lynda Walsh, August 25-September 1st

The purpose of this project is to raise awareness of the number of lives lost from accidental overdose over the course of the past four years. Each year will be represented by a different colored flag from 2015 through 2018. We will also be offering folks the opportunity to purchase a flag in memory of their loved one. We've received permission from the town officials to hold this event, so now it's time to ramp it up. If you're interested in helping on the committee, contact Kris or Lynda. We'll definitely be looking for help to set up flags on the 24th and are planning to hold a get together on the 1st.



Remembering Our Loved Ones.
Taking Aim at the Epidemic

Community Night Out – Amy LaBrache ~ August 13th

Thank you, **Amy** for taking on this project... 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. Amy will be looking for help on the committee level as well as on Tuesday, August 13th from 6-8.

Diversity Day – LeNecia Wood & Lynda Walsh

LeNecia and Lynda have been discussing exactly what this will entail. Most recent discussion is that we'd like to invite many of the different cultures in town to come and present their cultures. We're thinking we'd like to have food trucks with different foods and maybe some of the groups have performers, etc. More to come, stay tuned.

McGinty Fun Day – Lisa Jolicoeur ~ September 14

The Jaycees will be offering manpower help as well as sponsoring a volunteer lunch. This is an event that we've helped with for many years. Cindy McGinty, who lost her husband Michael on 9/11 wanted to give back to the community that surrounded her and her sons after this tragedy in her husband's memory. All proceeds go to fund scholarships given in Mike's name.

Darkness To Light Training – Amy LaBrache TBD

Darkness to Light is a program that is meant to bring awareness to Child Sexual Abuse. It is sponsored by the YMCA nationally. Locally in town we have a committee that is charged with bringing awareness and educating people who work with children either as a volunteer or in a day care setting. Because the Jaycees are looking to involve more young children, we need to get our members trained in the program. Amy is a certified trainer and will be holding a training soon.

Foxborough Flag Display – Max Loew ~ July 3

The Jaycees have offered to assist the scouts with putting up and taking down flags around the center of town. The flags go out for nine different holidays, the first will be July 3rd at 4pm. Please meet at the steamer shed behind Memorial Hall if you can help. Take down will be July 7th at 4pm. Please meet at the steamer shed if you will be available. This doesn't take much time, and the more folks that can take a few minutes to help, the faster it will be done. Other days are listed below, let Max loewfrequency@yahoo.com know if you can help on any of these occasions. A listing will be on our website also.

Armed Forces Day (the 3rd Saturday of May)

Memorial Day (4th Monday of May)

Flag Day (June 14th)

Independence Day (July 4th)

Purple Heart Day (August 7th)

Patriot Day (September 11th)

POW*MIA Day (3rd Friday of September)

Veterans Day (November 11th)

ON GOING PROJECTS:

Repair of Foxborough Sign on the Common – Kathy Brady

Kathy has been working on our Foxborough sign. After finding that the old sign was not in good enough shape to be restored, Kathy and **Kevin Mack** have had to recreate from scratch. Kathy may be looking for some help soon with painting, etc. We will definitely be needing manpower to get the new updated sign back up on the pole on the common. Look forward to the new/improved beloved Foxborough sign.

Nativity Scene Repair – Jeanne Suttie Christian

The Town's Nativity statues are showing their age. Year after year **Kathy Brady** touches them up with paint and makes small repairs to them, but at some point they're going to need a complete overhaul or replacement. Jeanne has been looking into places that will repair and investigating pricing to replace the statues. Once we have an idea of cost, we will be reaching out to churches in town, and looking at other ways to raise funds. If you have any recommendations, be sure to share them with Jeanne.

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

Founders Day Float – Kris Long

Congratulations to Kris Long and her crew for creating another award-winning float. There were many obstacles to overcome this year.... Chris

McNamara who normally lets us borrow his trailer and tows the float wasn't going to be in town for Founders Day so we had to search out another lender. Thank you to Rich Pacella for supplying the LARGE trailer and Frank for towing it. This project brings folks together that have to work as a team to bring someone's vision to life. It was truly just that, the concept of recreating our common with a band playing to the crowds was realized. But we need to thank many for their help.



Marc Rivard, thank you for letting us take over your yard for two weeks.

Ken Wills, thank you for spending every spare moment there building the foundation and having the foresight to see our vision.

Mike Mills, thank you for redirecting us when the roof of the bandstand gave us trouble, as well as the use of your generator at the last minute.

Kevin Mack, thank you for coming to our rescue when the main team had been discouraged by the breakdown of the roofing element.

Max Loew, Sophia Manos, Jeanne Suttie, Pam Warren, Andrea Johnstone, Deena Cummings, thank you all for your continued support of painting, building, etc.

Special thanks to **Kenny Wills, Max Loew, James Saunders**, and **Marc Rivard** for the take down of the float.

Foxboro Recreation Trivia Night – Lynda Walsh

Marc Rivard, Max Loew, and Pam Warren joined me at the Foxboro Recreation Trivia Night on Thursday, June 20th. Due to rain cancelling yet another concert, we were able to represent the Jaycees at the event held for Foxboro Recreation. Not only did we participate, we brought home the 1st Place trophy. Competition was tough, as most teams had six or more members, but that didn't sway us, we took them all on and won big!



So much accomplished by us, very proud to be a member of the Jaycees and looking forward to the rest of our summer concerts, and then it's on to Holiday projects! If you have any community development ideas, feel free to reach out to me, lynda1061@aol.com, or 774-266-3140.

The Ultimate Soul Band did a fantastic performance for our Concert on the Common on June 25th. There was a great crowd and they got the kids involved as the "Tiny Dancers"





Ways and Means

Vice President: *Sophia Manos*



ONGOING PROJECTS

CONCERT ON THE COMMON, CONCESSIONS - Pam Warren

Come out to listen to some good local 'tunage' and help Pam sell the kids some penny candy. And thirsty adults some water and soda.

Pam will need coverage of the concession stand for upcoming concert on August 15th. Please let me know if you can help cover and sling the candy. Do not worry you will not be alone.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

FOUNDERS DAY CONCESSIONS - Pam Warren, Chair

Pam and team "burger and dogs" did another great job this year. We fed a lot of people despite a faulty grill. It again succeeded as one of our bigger fundraisers of the year.

Thanks to **all** those who helped cook, wrap, sling and count like: Pam, Bob G, Sue, Bob W, Jane, Sandy, Mike M, Mike S, Ed, Deena, Kevin, Andrea, Aaron, Dave J, Steve S, Brooke S, and newest member Marian!

Thanks all!



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. They did a great job, picked some cool and different items to sell this year. Fans! Unicorns! As it happened year and every year, we can never have enough swords! Kids are still into swashbuckling, I guess.

Jen and Katherine were also great sales people luring even more folks in with their winning personalities.

They also had great helpers in the Junior Jaycee squad of Brooke, Zack and Emma, who went around showing off the merchandise. And special thanks to Brooke who is also quite the sales master, and Zack for checking on the flow of stock. :)

UPCOMING PROJECTS

FALL VENDOR FAIR – Deena & Lynda, Co-Chairs – LOOKING TO TRAIN MORE OF US!!

If you are interested in joining the Vendors Fair Committee with me, please let me know or reach out to Deena. These projects are our major annual fundraisers and it is important we have folks who can run them even when Deena is not off getting married.

FALL VENDOR FAIR CONCESSIONS – PAM.

Looking for a co-chair to learn from the concession queen.

FALL VENDOR FAIR RAFFLE – Chair Needed

This is a very easy first project to take especially if you plan on being at the fair anyway. Usually you will get tons of help selling tickets from Bob Gillis or Dave Reid, and Emma Fisler shows up to be a runner for you. It's a good way for new members to get a feel for the fair and a quick win project.

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

Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

June was a great month for membership! We welcomed 2 new members to our chapter! Please join me in welcoming Marian McCabe (a friend of Pam's) and Helen Power (from our membership booth on Founders Day, and also a friend of Deena's). We are so excited that you have joined us and we are excited to see you at some of our upcoming events!



One major focus we have this year is recruitment and we all need to work together to spread the Jaycee Pride and invite a friend, or even in some instances a complete stranger to an event or GM. It is amazing what happens when you share your passion about our chapter! It is contagious!

I wish you all a happy and safe 4th!

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. With some new members joining, I am sure we are going to have some exciting reading ahead of us! If Lisa sends you a questionnaire, fill it out and send it back – you could be featured in a future Wise Fox! Instead of a "Who's Who" this month, We thought we would honor our Award winning Founder's Day Float... Guest Author Mark Rivard's piece appears below

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! Tentative date to meet up is going to be on Saturday July 20th. If you are interested in joining me, please let me know ☺

Founder's Day Membership Booth - Thank you to all who came and covered the booth when they could. Especially Julie Grant and Lynda Walsh who were there all day!

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. We will be placing a new order for shirts in the next couple weeks so we will have plenty to give out. 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. Please email Amy with any questions, or new ideas Afoxb1@icloud.com



Evolution of a Float

By Marc Rivard

Chairman of the Board and the guy whose house was home base for 2 weeks!

Ingredients: Ice Cream, Root Beer, etc.

Oh, well that was easy and made me thirsty. Now, let's talk about how a Founders' Day award-winning float came into being. I will not go into all the step by step details as it took 2 weeks to plan and put it all together but will give a quick summary (if you really want to know it all, just wait for the movie). Let's just say it took 11 Jaycees, 3 honorary Jaycees, 2 junior Jaycees, and about 75 trips back and forth to Home Depot (I am exaggerating a bit but it felt like it!).

The planning began at one of our monthly Board meetings. Thank you to Lynda Walsh for the great idea to construct a replica of the bandstand and Town Common and have a band play on it. Max Loew asked our good friends The Gobshites and they accepted. Our normal trailer was not available so Jim DeVellis asked RM Pacella if we could use one of their trailers. Of course, when it was dropped off by an 18-wheeler in my driveway (home base for the last 3 award winning floats, coincidence????), I was



shocked at the size of it. This led to Ken Wills coming up with a design for the construction and an impromptu Memorial Day meeting/cookout was held at my house to iron out all the details (Lynda, Kris, Ken, Pam and yours truly in attendance). The food was incredible as everyone chipped in (oh, and those steak tips...yum, if I do say so myself!).

The crew began the construction with Max, Sophia Manos and Mike Mills joining in on the fun. A special thanks to Max for lending us his radio for the duration. Everything was going smoothly until the time came to put the roof supports up. It was too heavy and came toppling down wiping out 5 of us in the process (Kris,

Lynda, Ken, Mike and myself). Minor injuries ensued and our morale was a little low. But the cavalry arrived, Kevin Mack and Deena Cummings. Kevin designed a new half-shell bandstand and with his trusty nail-gun proceeded to put it together. Kevin made two mistakes though 1) asking me to use his nail-gun 2) forgetting to order his and Deena's sandwiches! (the second one was the worst though, in my opinion!)

With a fluctuating crew each day/night, we proceeded to put it together. Once the columns were built, Jeanne Suttie (with help from her two wonderful yutes, Ryan and Lena) did a superb job painting them. Lynda put together an awesome copy of the Foxborough sign (wish we could just enlarge it and get it on the Common now!). Ken had already cut the fence pieces from a template Pam made, and Mike painted them. Those shrubs were built by Lynda and Virginia Littlefield (hard to believe hula hoops, chicken wire fencing and garland could look that good!). The float was starting to come together and it was time for painting (Lynda, Ken, Max, Mike, Sophia and myself). If anyone wants verification of the float being built in my yard, just come and see the infamous "spot" where a bunch of brown paint was spilled on the lawn...LOL! (it's all good Sophia!) A stranger on their walk by the house offered to help as well (ok, it wasn't a stranger but actually Andrea Johnstone who also lives down the street from me). Andrea helped me staple the frills around the float.



The final touches were completed the night before Founders' Day (or so we thought!). The morning of Founders' Day, we were getting everything ready to roll. The Gobshites arrived and began setting up. They had brought a power converter to use to run their equipment. But the driver stated that they could

not attach it to the battery of the truck! What do we do now? It was decided that we would rent a generator from Home Depot and off Max and I went (you thought I was kidding about the Home Depot trips, huh?) Halfway to Home Depot, we were informed that Mike and Sophia had a generator we could borrow!!! They saved the day and redeemed the paint spot that shall not be named! And so once again, the Foxboro Jaycees



dazzled the crowds and took home another award for Best Illustrates the Theme!

So thank you all! (in no particular order)

Kris Long

Lynda Walsh

Ken Wills

Kevin Mack

Deena Cummings

Jeanne Suttie Christian

Ryan Christian

Lena Christian

Sophia Manos

Mike Mills

Max Loew

Andrea Johnstone

Virginia Littlefield

Pam Warren

Jim DeVellis

RM Pacella

Home Depot (LOL)



A Brief History of our floats through the years:



2019 - The Foxboro Town Common with Bandstand and Gobshites playing (over 100 pictures on the web site)

2018 - Fireworks and Fun float

2017 - Celebration of Jaycee projects including Santa, Easter Bunny, Concerts, Haunted House and More

2016, 2015 Jaycees Marched in parade (no float – but we did have Julie on her Horse)



2014

2014 - Gobshites playing in Truck with Mural of bandstand

2008-2013 Jaycees Marched in parade (no float)

2007: General Store float



2007

2004: EPIC Ship float "Pride of Foxborough"



2004

2002 - Giant Eagle with Foxboro Buildings



2002

2005: Birthday cake float



2005

2003 Patriotic Float



2003

2001 – Bandstand



2001