

## A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - November 2019



October has rushed past and I feel like I missed it! Rain for Halloween... Uggh. I just want to frolic in the leaves and moonlight amongst the Jack-o-lanterns, black cats, witches, and goblins etc., with a huge mug of spiked hot chocolate (costume maybe? — I am supposedly an adult), while my children hit up total strangers at their front door for candy! Grrrr. Oh well, not this year I guess. Moving on.

I want to say to everyone at the Fall Fair who helped, Thank you and Great Job! Of course, David Reid and Bob Gillis were awesome with their performance once again. Deena and Lynda put on a fantastic fair! A BIG Thank you to Sue Gillis for the assistance in helping the Jaycees get our own commercial grills. I believe this was a great idea and will make a huge difference in making our future endeavors more profitable.

We are doing great things! We are expanding our horizons to further encompass the surrounding areas because as we all know we are no longer just the Foxboro

Jaycees. As the ONLY Chapter in Massachusetts, we are the State Jaycees as well.

### We are the Foxboro Jaycees serving Massachusetts!

Which has been overlooked for a few years now; what better way to expand our membership than to let people know you don't have to be from Foxboro to join and make a difference in their community.

If you have any ideas on smaller meaningful projects that may have an impact that we can jump on in Massachusetts please reach out to the board and let us know. Obviously, we do not have the manpower at this time to do anything large, but maybe we can set up a membership booth somewhere that could boost our visibility and generate interest. No idea is a bad one so just shoot us a quick message or give one of us a call.

Now on to November! This is the grateful and thankful month... We would be both if you would try to come to the Friends-giving event before the GM this month. We are all looking forward to a good "Pot-Luck style" meal and sharing the evening with our Jaycee Family. The Senate will be present, and it is a "bring your family" event. Just remember to RSVP!

The best part of November is reflecting on for what / why you are Grateful and Thankful.... before you say isn't that the same thing. No, it's not. Grateful is a feeling, while thankful is an act. When someone does something good to you, you feel grateful for him/her, and you offer your thanks to him/her as an action.

I am grateful to all the members who have come before us, who contributed to who and what the Foxboro Jaycees are, and I am very grateful for the wonderful Jaycees who work so hard to keep our Chapter going. I am grateful for each and every one who takes the time to actually read our Wise Fox and keep up to date on what we are trying to accomplish. I am Grateful for your support — you are one of the Main reasons we are still around serving humanity in Foxboro and Massachusetts. I am Thankful to you... Jaycee who still cares enough to support your chapter and I hope to see you during this holiday season so I can thank you in person.

Gratefully and Thankfully yours, Foxboro Jaycee President Jeanne Suttie

## Secretary's Report

#### **Pam Warren**

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

**Sunshine** – Fall is here! Falling leaves, cozy sweaters and Pumpkin Spice EVERYTHING. 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 <u>wisefox@foxborojaycees.org</u> 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 October 2019 GMM:**

<u>September 2019 Jaycee of the Month</u> – Sue Gillis: Sue has re-activated with a bang! She ran the Pre-meeting Barbecue with the Senate with great gusto and was instrumental in the purchase of our new grills that were given a good test run at Fall Vendor Fair. This was a HUGE help and will ultimately help increase the profitability of all our future Concessions projects. Thank you, Sue!!

### September 2019 Project of the Month - The Stakes Are High - Kris Long:

Kris brought us this brand-new project with a theme that was near and dear to her – Opioid Awareness. Seeing those flags (nearly 8,000 of them) posted out on the common and hearing the speakers at the ceremony was very moving for everyone involved.

## Congratulations to our winners::::

#### **November Birthdays:**

Dave Brown
Carl Bertolino
Bob Gillis
Mary Suttie-Sorensen
Grayson Franc
Robert Reid

#### **November Anniversaries:**

Paul O'Sullivan 1989
Jim Philbin 1994
Cindy McCann 2006
Sharon Hall 2014
Stephen Strickland 2014





## Individual Development

## Vice President (& Man of Brevity): Bob Gillis

**Haunted House Trip** – October 25, 7 PM – Mary Suttie & Mike Mills – Sadly there wasn't a lot of interest in this one, likely due to it being a weeknight, but the Jaycees who went really enjoyed it.

Friendsgiving Dinner at the November GM Meeting – (11/13) – Lynda Walsh – I am thrilled

we are doing this again (I missed it last year!) We will be having a full Thanksgiving dinner before the November GM, START TIME IS 6:00PM! Lynda will be in touch with what she will ask you to bring. I plan to make my award-winning holiday smashed potatoes (my family LOVES these and requests them every holiday) which are scrubbed. boiled with the peel, smashed (a lot), then mixed with heavy cream and a stick of butter and a pinch of cinnamon. Leave the diet at home for this one. My best friend's dad was a master chef and this one of his few recipes I can make and seriously they are AWESOME. I hope you will love them.

YOU CAN STILL RSVP HERE: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549aba72ea4f85-friendsgiving

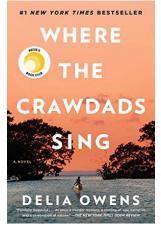
Progressive Party – 12/14/19, 6 pm – Bob Webster / Helene Savage – THANK YOU to Bob and Helene for chairing this year's progressive party! This is the evening where we dress our best and whip up appetizers and desserts and visit a few Jaycee homes before gathering at the dessert house for a ton of desserts, adult beverages, and lots of conversation and laughs! Please try to attend, it's one our best events of the year and a welcome break from holiday craziness! Bob & Helene will be in touch will all of you!

**Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur** – Next meeting 11/7: "The Alice Network." by Kate Quinn Home of Sandy Daniels

On Thursday, October 3, 2019, book club members reconvened after summer hiatus to catch up on summer fun as well as literary delights. Summer reading titles included the following: "The Alice Network," "Where the Crawdads Sing," "Eleanor Oliphante 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.



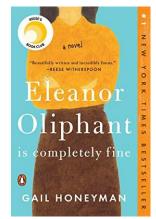
While some read other titles as well, most of us had read "Where the Crawdads Sing" and "Eleanor Oliphante is Completely Fine," so those texts jumpstarted our conversation.



We all read and loved "Where the Crawdads Sing," Delia Owens' novel: The story follows two timelines that slowly intertwine. The first timeline describes the life and adventures of a young girl named Kya as she grows up isolated in the marsh a North Carolina community from 1952–1969. The second timeline follows a murder investigation of Chase Andrews, a local celebrity of Barkley Cove, a fictional coastal town of North Carolina.

The novel was delightful and inspired some great conversation for our book group. We were all captivated by Kya's ability to survive alone at a young age but spent time analyzing her parents' actions as well as the adults in the surrounding community who judged her unfairly and with a lack of compassion. There were redeeming characters, however, who became sources of support for her, and the ending posed an interesting murder trial. The book had an ending that was fair – we would have been disappointed with a Hollywood ending but liked the resolution. The novel was a quick, engaging read, and the book earned almost all 1.5 ratings 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!



Most of us had read and enjoyed "Eleanor Oliphante is Completely Fine," Gaily Honeyman's interesting novel: Eleanor lacks appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking! We had a great time finding some of her one-liners: Nothing appears to be amiss in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions: weekends with frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy.

Then Eleanor meets Raymond, a bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT office guy. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each

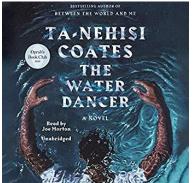
been living. Raymond ultimately helps Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one.

We found this book delightful and read some of her funny one liners.

Again, the book had an ending that was fair – we would have been disappointed with a Hollywood ending but liked the resolution. As you can see, we are very critical of books with falsely sweet and

obviously manipulated endings. The novel was a quick, engaging read, and the book earned many 1.5 and one 2.0 ratings 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 some fabulous conversation!

#### **Upcoming Book Meetings:**



November 7, 2019: "The Alice Network." by Kate Quinn at the Home of Sandy Daniels December 5, 2019: "Secret History of

Witches" by Louisa Morgan at the Home of Lisa Jolicoeur January 9, 2020: "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah at the Home of Sandy Daniels

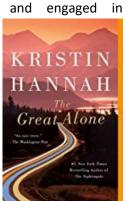
February 6, 2020: "The Water Dancer" by Ta-Nehisi Coates Host: TBA

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

Attleboro) – Trivia will be Wednesday November 20 and is always a great time. As far as I know Trivia WILL also be held in December as it's a full week before Christmas.

Committee to set up 501(c)3 - Deena Cummings / Lisa Jolicoeur / Kathy Brady — Much reading and behind the scenes work on this one; thank you Kathy, Lisa and Deena for doing this

**Meetings & Programs – Bob Gillis** – Speaker! Dave Reid will present a 30-minute talk on Facebook marketing at the January GM. We will have a Yankee Swap at the December GM.

**Snack details**: November: Friendsgiving dinner. December: Pam Warren's phenomenal Christmas cookies.

Web Site (not ID but I know the guy who does it) — I have the Foxboro Jaycee web site update with all upcoming holiday events, dates, chairman, etc., as always, please forward any Jaycee news to myself (website & FB) and Marc Rivard (Twitter and Instagram) so we can get the info out there!

We have a LOT coming up. You're a Jaycee. Please be part of it.

**Finally: It's Thanksgiving month**. Among the many things for which I give thanks, I am thankful for the Foxboro Jaycees and the difference we make in the world.

Jaycee friends,

Bob Gillis your IDVP and man of brevity. Speaking only as IDVP and not the board -- I have a special favor to ask everyone reading this.

# When you receive a request to RSVP yes/no to a Jaycee event, PLEASE RSVP even if it's no. Here's why...

- It allows us to gauge interest in projects and whether we'll run them.
- It allows us to plan ahead if lots of people show up
- It means we don't need to make phone calls for manpower (and that we have enough manpower)
- It lets us know you read the email
- It means you're still interested in Jaycee events and Jaycee emails

I understand we're all busy, but it's just a click of a link, and an RSVP - No. No reason needed, you don't need to say you're busy or what you're doing. You DON'T need to apologize or explain, just say no.

AND -- it lets us plan events better and to also know (in the cases of manpower) who not to bug with phone calls.

It allows us to plan better and execute projects and events in a much better way.

So please, take the 60 seconds, and when you get the RSVP request email, click the link. Into what we're doing, RSVP Yes / Not interested / No time / Something else going on / Working / Bowling / Have the kids / Not interested in hot air ballooning with dolphins / Whatever - for any reason not interested just put in your name and RSVP no.

You ALL know the general membership meeting is and where and when it is; I won't send out RSVPs for that (except for next month's friends-giving dinner).

I won't send them out for every project, but we know to engage you as much as possible in the Jaycees. So do expect a few in November for holiday events!

Thanks for your attention -- It'll make a huge difference to us in planning events ... and we'd love to see you.

Many thanks! Bob





Vice President: Lynda Walsh

#### **UPCOMING PROJECTS:**

#### Darkness To Light Training - Amy LaBrache TBD

You will be receiving an email to advise whether you're interested in taking this important training. The training is part of a town wide initiative to bring awareness of child sexual abuse. The goal is to hold a small training for Jaycees only and then work with our friends at the Orpheum to conduct a town wide event at the Orpheum.

#### Light Up The Night Liaison – Sophia Manos ~ November 30

Sophia will be working with our friends at the Recreation to see where we fit in this year. Mr. and Mrs. Claus love to visit Foxboro Common on this night and we all can't wait to see them. We will be requesting help for the evening. If you're interested give Sophia a buzz or send an email.

#### Caroling on the Common: - Bob Gillis / Pam Warren ~ December 19

The Jaycees invite the Foxboro High Holiday band to perform and welcome town folks to sing along with them. After the caroling is completed we all head over to The Doolittle home and entertain the seniors there.

#### Assist a Child for Christmas – Katherine Lee / Jennifer D'Amato

Huge thank you to Katherine and Jennifer for taking on this project...This is in conjunction with the Foxborough Discretionary fund, we are given a name and information about a child in Foxboro that is in need and shop for that child. The chairman for this project would reach out to discretionary fund to be given the name/age/list of a local youth, shop for that child and give it to the discretionary fund.

#### Assist a Senior for Christmas –Jennifer D'Amato/ Katherine Lee

Jennifer and Katherine will be reaching out to either a senior center or senior facility to request a senior who may be delighted to receive a gift this holiday season.



#### Nativity Set up / Take down - Max Loew - November 30th

Max will be reaching out for help getting our Nativity Scene from inventory to the bandstand, and safely back to inventory at the end of Little Christmas. As you may or may not know, the Jaycees are responsible for the statues care.

#### Bandstand / Inventory Cleaning – Amy LaBrache / Ken Wills -TBD

Amy and Ken will be setting a date, probably a Saturday that we can clean out the bandstand and reorganize our inventory area. Please think about helping out... the more hands the faster it will go.

#### Thank a Vet - Lynda Walsh, Saturday, Nov. 23rd 9am SFCC

Each year we deliver a thank you turkey to local veterans... They are accompanied by a few whoopee pies and cards from local students. Folks who would like to volunteer would hand deliver the turkey to the home of our vets. It's a great family event, just a good way to thank them for their service.

#### New Year's Eve Childs Party ~ Amy LaBrache / December 31st

Amy has been working hard to get activities for our younger residents to attend during New Year's Eve day. It will start at the Orpheum where they'll enjoy a movie, off to the Doolittle to spend some time with our seniors, then gather at the Recreation Dept. where they'll enjoy some pizza, a small craft, and watch the ball drop.

#### Holiday Banners ~ Monica Rigamonti

Monica has already secured our banners with the Town Highway Department, they'll be installing our banners around the common and some of the poles on Central Street.

#### **Common Decorating – Marc Rivard, November 30th**

Marc will be looking for help decorating the common. We place lights around the shrubs at the bandstand and the WWII memorial. We also string garland around each lamp post and finish it off with a large red bow.

#### Sand for Seniors ~ Kris Long

Each year we supply local seniors with a bucket of sand to keep their walkways safe for their travel. Seniors will call us when they need sand.

#### **PROJECT LEADERS NEEDED:**

**Fruit Baskets:** The Jaycees put together fruit baskets to be delivered by the town's Discretionary Fund along with presents for children and other items to Foxborough's less fortunate during Christmas. We've been doing this project for many years and it's one of our Pride Projects for the Community Development Area of the chapter. The chairman would be responsible to gather a committee who will order/pickup fruit, baskets, and wrapping will be done at the South Foxboro Community Center. The Chairman will coordinate with the Discretionary Fund to



see when deliveries will be and when the baskets will be needed. A real feel-good project! If interested in running, feel free to reach out to me, (lynda1061@aol.com).

#### **ON GOING PROJECTS:**

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

Kathy and Kevin have brought the sign over to The Fisler's home and have been working on it when they are able. Looking forward to having our beloved sign back up before the snow flies.

#### Nativity Scene Repair – Jeanne Suttie Christian / Susan Gillis

Jeanne is still investigating having the nativity statues repaired, costing out replacement costs and how to get the community involved with raising funds etc. Susan has been reaching out to folks who may be able to assess what can / should be done.

If you have any community development ideas, feel free to reach out to me, <a href="mailto:lynda1061@aol.com">lynda1061@aol.com</a>, or 774-266-3140. If there's a project that interests you, let me know or call the Project Chairman.

#### **Last Minute add:**

The Foxboro Jaycees are collecting Gift Cards for 14 Veterans who are less fortunate. They live in low-income housing and are on fixed incomes. Help the Jaycees show our appreciation by picking up some gift cards. These Veterans are located in a surrounding community. The places near them, most within walking distance, are Stop n Shop, Shaw's , Walmart , Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Bertucci's, Boston Market and Ocean State Job Lot .

Please mail gift cards to The Foxboro Jaycees, P.O. Box 169, Foxboro MA 02035, please include your name and email so we can let you know we received it. Or just bring the cards to a GM in November or December. we will be collecting up till 12/20/19.

Thank you

Kris Long

Chairman Vets Gift Card Drive



## Ways and Means

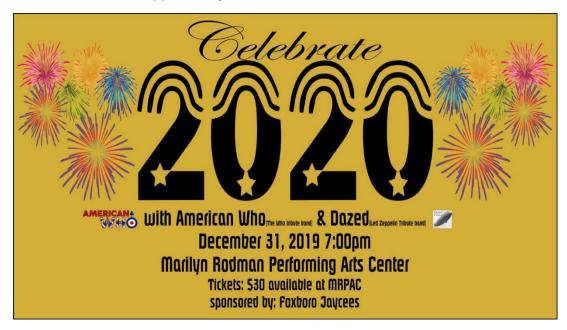
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## **CURRENT / UPCOMING PROJECTS**

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT AT THE ORPHEUM – Marc and Max**



We partnered with our friends at the Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Theatre for a local way to bring in the new year by listening to some cool rock cover bands, enjoying some Chinese food. Regale in music by the Who and Led Zeppelin...by a reasonable facsimile of sound!



Tickets are only \$30 per person. SPREAD THE WORD!!! Please make up for my lack of social media skills with yours! Show me up to get butts in the seats for this show.:)

"KIDS New Years Eve" as a CD project will also take place on December 31st

## **COMPLETED PROJECTS**

### FALL VENDOR FAIR – Deena & Lynda, Co-Chairs – Saturday, October 16th

Thanks to the hard work of Lynda, Deena and Lisa the vendor fair was another great success!

Thanks for day of staff: Andrea, Kenny, Ed, Max, Catherine, Dave J., Marian, Jeanne, Amy, Kevin, Bob W. and Dave R., Bob G and Marc (who were also vendors!) and more! My apologies if I missed your name. Just know – You ROCK!

I intended to be there longer, but alas...



#### FALL VENDOR FAIR CONCESSIONS - Pam Warren.

Another round of concessions to please the vendors and shoppers. Pam ran a tight and winning ship. Please don't kiss the chefs, but you can thank them! Dave and Kenny manned the brand-new Jaycees grills. We got them dirty for the first time and hope to have many a future use for them.

Thanks again Sue Gillis for the mega deal and getting us all to agree on their purchase! :)



#### FALL VENDOR FAIR RAFFLE – Marian McCabe

Our thanks to Marian for stepping up to run her first project. Thanks to her also for writing all the thank you notes for the raffle offerings. The vendors offered up some really great items this year. Congrats to all the winners!



Who is up for co-chairing the SPRING FAIR? We need new folks to take the reins.

I will be learning along with you, you will not be alone, we need to relieve Lynda and Deena so they do not get so tired of doing it that our major fundraiser stops running.

Please reach out to me and let's chat!

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

Hello fellow Jaycees!

The next couple months are going to be busy ones out in our community! This is going to be a prime time to gain new members and encourage those we have not

seen in some time to come out and help! After the first of the year I am going to be looking for some seasoned members to volunteer to mentor some our newer members. If you are interested, please reach out!

In closing I want to say Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. I am so incredibly thankful to be a part of this organization, and to be working alongside of all of you!

All the Best,

Amy

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!

**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!

**Fall Vendor Fair Membership Booth** – Membership booth was there and we enjoyed speaking to those who had questions and were curious about who we are!

**Jaycees Apparel** – The T-shirts are in. If you need a T-shirt, please let me know. We have also purchased Junior sized t-shirts, so if your child is participating in upcoming events, they will earn a t-shirt as well! I will have them at the GM.

**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



## Fall Vendor Fair (Write-up by our Chair, Lynda Walsh)

Crisp, sunny Saturday, October 19, 2019 was perfect for our 70+ vendors who set up an amazing array of delights for visitors! Vendor Fairs are held in the spring and fall on the Foxboro Common and serve to raise significant funds for the Jaycees while building community spirit through supporting local businesses and attracting local residents to a festive and family friendly event on our beautiful Foxboro Common.



#### Fall Vendor Chair - Lynda Walsh

Despite the ankle injury, Lynda guided the successful event and supervised with her crutch and strategically placed chair on the bandstand. Volunteers contributed to the many logistics to make this event successful: set up, take down, inventory trips, setting up vendor spots, registration, supporting the vendors, and so very much more. Hugh thank you to all the volunteers who made this aspect of this event so successful: **Ken Wills, Andrea Cummings Johnstone, Deena Cummings Mack and Kevin Mack, Jeannie Suttie Christian, Monica Rigamonti, Marc Rivard, Max Loew, Amy LaBrache, Carl Bertolino,** and **Brendan George.** 

**Fall Vendor Fair Concessions – Chair Pam Warren** and an amazing team of volunteers guided the concessions to a successful conclusion: burgers, dogs, sausages, drinks, and snacks were in demand from our vendors as well as our visitors. Thank you to Stop and Shop for the food donation and to the awesome team of volunteers: **Ken Wills, Max Loew, Ed Miller, Catherine Schwarting, Dave and Lisa Jolicoeur,** and **Bob Webster.** 

Fall Vendor Fair Raffles - to rookie Marian McCabe who managed the raffle project! Raffles are an important fundraiser for the event; vendors are asked to donate a product to help raise awareness for their business as

well as contribute to the Jaycees fundraising efforts for this fabulous event. Kudos to **Dave Reid** and **Bob Gillis** for raising awareness at the event with their amazing skit and loud voices and to **Peter Filosa** who spread the word about the raffles with the portable promotional raffle sign! Great success!!

Fall Vendor Fair Membership Table – Amy LaBrache and daughter Sarah and son Brendan made their presence felt by helping everywhere, raising awareness about our awesome organization, helping with set up and clean up, and selling the beautiful Foxboro notecards at the membership table!



Amazing volunteers made the event possible! Huge thank you to everyone who contributed to make the day an amazing success!

#### **Stop and Shop**

The Jaycees would love to give a huge shout out to **Dan St. Laurent** at the **Foxboro Stop and Shop** – without their support at this event and at so many others, the Jaycees could not have the success we have had, so Dan and the awesome Stop and Shop at Foxboro – a huge Jaycee thank you!!!

## **Kevin and Deena's Wedding**

Congratulations to Jaycees Deena Cummings and Kevin Mack on their Sunday, October 6th wedding celebration. The couple exchanged vows in a lovely afternoon ceremony at a quaint little church in Onset, followed by a lively reception at the Brookside Grille in Bourne. The bride and groom, along with their wedding party, took stunning pictures along the Cape Cod

Canal. The happy couple traveled to Washington to participate in a Military Ten Miler, returned to volunteer at the Jaycee Vendor Fair on October 19th, and will enjoy a relaxing honeymoon adventure in November.





