



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – December 2019



Happy Holidays! I hope you all had a terrific Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Another Decade is coming to a close and your Foxboro Jaycees are as busy as ever! The crazy Holiday season has already begun with the Common Decorating and Nativity set-up and a successful Light-up the Town event with the Rec Department. It's great that we can work with other local groups to get things done – an especially big thanks to Carl Bertolino and the Knights of Columbus for helping get the Nativity set moved from storage and set-up on the bandstand in record time. It really is true that

many hands make light work – the extra trucks and muscle to move those heavy statues is appreciated. They are also planning to help with the cost for refurbishing the set which should happen this spring.

We have so much going on this month, I hope to see many of you at some of our most popular projects of the year – including our Yankee Swap at the GMM, Progressive Dinner, Fruit Basket Assembly and Caroling on the Common. If you are making your New Year's Eve plans, we have just the place for you to be! Come close out the Year (and the Decade) with us at the Marilyn Rodman Theatre (Orpheum) for a great concert, with a Champagne Toast at midnight... Ring in 2020 with your Jaycee friends. Full details and ticket information is in the Ways & Means report. For those with Kids, Amy has been working hard on a Kids party for the Afternoon – complete with a Ball Drop.

Whatever you may celebrate this time of year, make it a happy one and have a Joyous New Year.

Foxboro Jaycee President

Jeanne Suttie

Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

Minutes from last month's GM – I have minutes available from every meeting. If you are unable to attend but would still like to know what happened, you can request a copy, just send me an e-mail and I will pass them on.

Sunshine – Happy Holidays! 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 November 2019 GMM:

October 2019 Jaycee of the Month – Ken Wills: Ken has been back with our group as an Unofficial member for a while, but now that he has officially re-joined, he has been super busy. As our new Inventory coordinator, he spent considerable time working – by himself – to set up some strong shelves (donated by Schneider Electric) and organize everything. This was a HUGE help for Vendor Fair. He was also at the Fair the entire day helping with the Concessions – Thank you so much Ken!

October 2019 Project of the Month – Vendor Fair Raffle – Marian McCabe: This was Marian's first project and she did a Fantastic job – the majority of the vendors donated items, and she managed to get thank-you notes written out the next day. She even brought decorations for the table – all of this a mere week after having surgery to fix an issue with her nose.

Special: Rookie of the Quarter – Catherine Schwarting: Catherine has been to every meeting since she joined, she started out right away helping with Concert concessions and has been at most projects since. Most notable was her help with Fall Vendor Fair – She was there the entire day and was a HUGE help in the concessions booth. She then offered to follow Pam back to Franklin to help bring home all the leftovers and helped unpack the car which made a Big difference at the end of the day. Thanks Catherine!

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

December Birthdays:

Lisa Jolicoeur
Jen Franco
Jordan Cummings-Dee

December Anniversaries:

Max Loew	2008
Thomas Sullivan	2014





Individual Development

Vice President: **Bob Gillis**

In this season where children are so full of wonder and excitement, I'll start on a very important note. While not an ID project, all Jaycees are invited to take part in the two-hour presentation of "Darkness to Light," at Boyden Library 12/7/2019 at 10:00 A.M., presented by the Foxboro Jaycees. It's a non-graphic (but often emotional) video, followed by discussion. We Jaycees interact with kids a lot – this training is important to teach you how to better protect them. As a volunteer and lector at Saint Mary's, I have taken a similar program called "Protecting God's children." It's a life-changing experience to watch this. The program's goal is to help you identify signs of abuse, especially in kids. After the horrific events of the 1960s-1980s involving Bill Sheehan, the town created "Darkness to Light" to help people recognize and be aware, to help protect our children and commit to, "NEVER AGAIN." If at all possible, please take advantage of this opportunity to experience this presentation.

Full details can be found here on the Foxboro Jaycees web site here:

https://www.foxborojaycees.org/?page_id=19654

And I also created a Sign-up genius so you can RSVP:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0549ABA72EA4F85-darkness>

OK, deep breath and let's talk lighter things now...

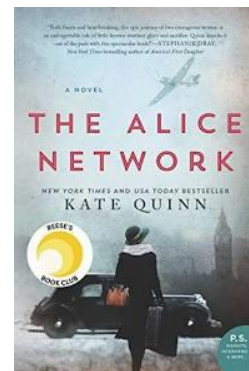
December GM – Meetings and Programs – Bob Gillis -- The December GM is always a blast -- we hold our annual Yankee Swap — a small wrapped gift (no more than \$10-\$15). It's silly and a lot of fun! In Yankee Swap each participant brings a wrapped, unmarked gift and places it in a designated area. Numbers are randomly drawn, and people select and unwrap gifts from the pile in that order — with a twist. The person who receives the number 1 will pick a gift (that is not their own) from the pile and open it for all to see (or models it, reads it, or demos it). The person who receives number 2 then chooses a gift and opens it, and then must decide whether to keep it or swap it for the first player's gift. Each person in order then gets to select a present, open it and decide whether to keep it or swap it for any other gift someone has already opened. Opening of gifts and swapping takes place until all the presents have been chosen. Finally, the person who has #1 (picked first) gets to choose from all the gifts or keep what he/she has already received. In the end, the gift you are holding is the gift you take home. **You don't have to play, but to play you must bring a wrapped gift to swap.**

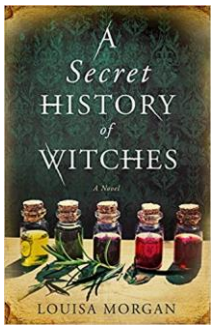
Also, the GM will feature Pam Warren's Incredible Christmas Cookies™ and we also get our annual group photo so please wear your Jaycee shirt!

Upcoming Snacks for GMs: January 2020 - Amy (Something Yummy); February 2020 - Lynda (Valentine Treats); March 2020 - Kris Long (Luck of the Irish); April 2020 – Marc. May 2020 – Hyacinth Bouquet (tea and biscuits)

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur

On Thursday, November 7, 2019, Book Club members gathered to a cozy fire, a delightful array of crackers, cheese, and sweets, piping hot tea, and great company to discuss "The Alice Network," Kate Quinn's enthralling spy novel. Two women, a brash, pregnant American socialite Charlie St. Clair searching for her missing cousin Rose in 1947 in France, and Eve Gardner, who in 1915 joined a spy network to infiltrate Nazis in occupied France. In the novel, Eve works for a woman who is based on the real female spy Louise de Bettignies or Alice Dubois. Charlie and Eve meet in 1947 when Charlie insists her cousin survived a WWII Nazi invasion, but she learns later that Rose did not survive. Eve has a driver named Phin who turns out to be a decent man with some baggage and who becomes a love interest for Charlie.

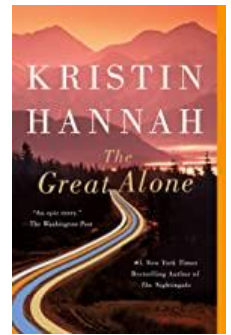




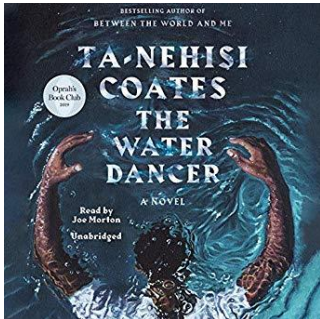
The novel was delightful and inspired some great conversation for our book group. We enjoyed discussing other WWII era books; the destruction of Oradour-sur-Glane in the southwest of France at the hands of Nazis in 1944 is the backdrop for the massacre during which Rose loses her life.

The novel earned quick, pleasant read, and the book earned many 2's and several 1.5's on a 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....," 4 being "wish I had not bought it and would not recommend it to others," and 5 being "wish I had not spent a couple of hours of my life reading it." So, this

very tough crowd gave this book high marks and engaged in some fabulous conversation!



Upcoming Book Club Meetings:



December 5, 2019: "A 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

Book Club Outing

On Saturday, 11/3/19, Book Club members attended "Little Shop of Horrors" put on by the Milton Players in Canton. While enjoying a cafe style environment at the theatre at the Mass. Hospital School with complimentary wine and snacks, Book Club members viewed the delightful musical.



Friendsgiving Meeting – (11/13) – Lynda Walsh – Thank you to Lynda and Kenny for putting it all together and to everyone who brought something. I was unable to attend but from all accounts everyone really enjoyed themselves. I'm also very happy the senators were able to join everyone for the dinner.

Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – Will be **December 18, at the Red Stone Grill in North Attleboro, new start time is 7:00 P.M.** C'mon down and have some apps and laughs!

Progressive Party – 12/14, 6pm – Bob Webster & Helene Savage. I can't thank Bob and Helene enough for chairing this one and at this writing 39 people have RSVP'd YES. Our annual "dressed in our best fest" is ALWAYS a great time with great food, adult beverages. Personally, I'm hoping for some guitar playing by Bob Webster (really, we were an hour late for dessert house last year singing songs at the Webster's). Hope to see you there!

Last month I told you how thankful I am for the Jaycees. This month I remind you that December, and the holidays, can be a very tough time for people – they are missing loved ones, they might be battling something, or someone close to them is ill, or they are bearing a burden. As we get older, we're all tired, we're all busy, we're all carrying SOMETHING. So, in this crazy, frenzied month, please keep in mind that kindness and patience go a long way to making someone's day better. End of speech.

Wrapping up ID for the month, the Jaycees are doing a LOT and you can help! There are opportunities to help decorate, to carol and sing, to party, to help others, and to have fun while making a difference. Please come out to some (or all) of our events.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza and Happy Holidays to all!

Peace in our time,
Bob

community

Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Please note that this report was submitted early because of the Thanksgiving holiday and that it needs to be distributed before the 4th. Several of these projects may have already run, and I thank you for your participation. (Note from Pam: I was able to edit some of this to show what has been done)

Lynda Walsh, VP

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Darkness To Light Training – Amy LaBrache ~ December 7th 10am Boyden Library

Amy will be educating us using the YMCA Darkness to Light Program. It's important that each of us take the time to become aware of possible dangers to our children. This is especially important to us as a chapter expecting to welcome in some of the younger population to our family. If you haven't signed up, please reach out to Amy and get yourself enrolled.

Caroling on the Common: - Bob Gillis/Pam Warren ~ December 19, 6PM

Looking forward to this event, whether you think you can sing or not, our Foxboro High Holiday Band will lead us in verse as we gather into community to welcome the Christmas Season. After we "warm up" our voices on the common we will travel over to the Doolittle Home and "warm up" with the residents there and continue our caroling.

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

Katherine and Jenn will be doing a little shopping for a Foxboro Child and will give the gifts to the Discretionary Project to be delivered with their packages this season.

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

Jenn and Katherine will be putting together a gift for a local Senior to brighten up their Holiday.

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

Depending on the weather, we'd like to get our inventory building and the bandstand cleaned and organized. It may be the perfect opportunity for folks to look through old items and throw away things that we no longer need to keep. Stay tuned, we'll send out an email blast.

New Year's Eve Childs Party ~ Amy LaBrache/December 31st ~ 1pm to 6pm

Amy has been working hard to get activities for our younger residents to attend during New Years 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. We've request professional help from Bob Webster to bring the ball drop back to life. As many of you may remember, Bob and Jane held a NYE ball drop on the common aka First Night Out for many years.

Sand for Seniors ~ Kris Long/Amy LaBrache/Mike Mills/Sophia Manos

Looks like we've got the town covered in all sections. We will be receiving calls soon from Seniors requesting a bucket of sand to be dropped at their home for them to keep their walkways free from ice. Thank you all for stepping up to help this year.



Gift Cards for Veterans – Kris Long

President Jeanne found a few veterans that are in need of assistance. Kris took to facebook and requested folks donate gift cards that we can deliver to these heroes. If you would like to offer a card, please see the list that Kris has put together of cards needed. Thank you Kris for jumping in on this.

Fruit Baskets – Monica Fisler - TBD

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. For the past several years we've been joined by our friends at Partners Health, at Patriot Place. Once again this year they will support us in manpower and financially. We will need help getting the fruit items into the Community Center and assembling the baskets. Monica should have a date set after Thanksgiving, normally it would be the week before Christmas. Keep an eye out for an email blast with Date and Time. Thank you Monica for taking on this great, long running, good feel project!

Completed Projects

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. A great group came out to hand deliver the turkeys to the homes of our vets, including a big group of High School Football Players. It's a great family event, just a good way to thank them for their service.

We Delivered Turkeys to 106 Veterans this year!

Nativity Set up/Take down – Max Loew –November 30th

Max and crew moved our Nativity Set from inventory to be displayed on our bandstand on the common. The statues are heavy – We thank the members of the Knights of Columbus who came to help move them all safely.

Common Decorating – Marc Rivard/Katherine Schwarting, November 30th

Marc and Katherine have already taken the time to go through the decorations and lights for the common, and we had a great group come out to help with the Garlands and Bows. We put it out to all town Residents to join us – several did. Everything looked great for the Light Up ceremony that evening.

Light Up the Night Liaison – Sophia Manos ~ November 30

Sophia and the Recreation department set up night of family fun on the 30th. The couple from the North Pole visited with the children, and the common was lit up for the first time this season.

Holiday Banners ~ Monica Rigamonti

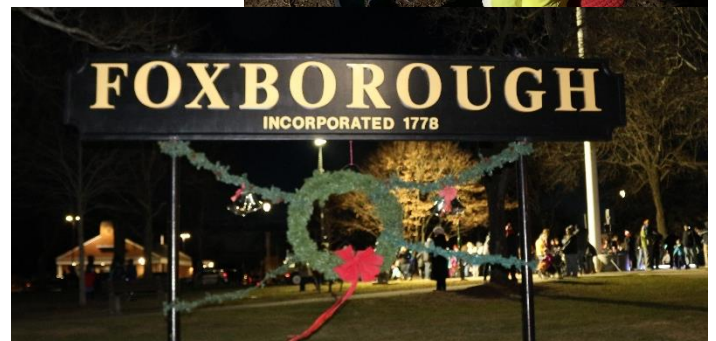
The banners should be up by the time this newsletter is published... Please note, these are the red and white banners with our logo and a reindeer on them that you'll see around the center of town. Thanks, Monica for working with the DPW to get these displayed each year.



ON GOING PROJECTS:

Repair of Foxborough Sign on the Common – Kathy Brady & Company

Thank you to Kevin Mack, Dave Fisler, and Ken Wills who have been able to help Kathy with readying the sign. It was installed on Saturday afternoon – just in time for the Lighting Ceremony!



Nativity Scene Repair – Jeanne Suttie Christian/Susan Gillis

Susan had some friends come out to take pictures of our statues and work on giving us an estimate to repair the figures. Once we get the estimate the board will weigh out getting them repaired versus replacing them. We may set up a special committee once the decision is made in order to work on fundraising efforts, etc.

Community Dinner – Lynda Walsh, December 7 ~ 12pm

The folks at Normandy Farms and St. Mark's Church will be holding a Community Dinner in hopes of bringing the townspeople together. They're hoping that some of the families attending may need assistance, etc. that we could help with. They sent us an email requesting help, but with this being their first-time hosting, they're not sure what they'll be needing. If you have time on that Saturday and would like to help please reach out to Lisa Conroy... larssonconroy@yahoo.com

Busy Jaycees are Happy Jaycees and this month will prove it. I don't ask that you come to all the events, but many of them are in need of manpower and just support. So, if you have time, jump in, we'd love to see you! Who knows, it may help get you in the mood for the season!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, however you choose to celebrate this month, I wish you all nothing but love and good cheer!

~Lynda

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



<< The Nativity
set all lit up

Bows and Garland
on the Lamp post
>>



<< Two of our
young members
happily helping
with the Turkeys

Jim DeVellis and
Lynda Walsh get
the crowd ready
to deliver to the
Veterans >>





Ways and Means

Vice President: Sophia Manos



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 food. Regale in music by the Who and Led Zeppelin...by reasonable facsimile! Tell your Family and Friends – share on social media... Let's sell this out!

Tickets are \$30. Come on out and ring in the new year with Jaycee friends!

Celebrate
2020

with American Who (The Who tribute band) & Dazed (Led Zeppelin Tribute band)

December 31, 2019 7:00pm
Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center
Tickets: \$30 available at MRPAC
sponsored by: Foxboro Jaycees

Dec. 31st
Celebrate
2020
With the Who & Zeppelin!

AMERICAN WHO
DAZED

American Who, a Who Tribute Band
Dazed, a Led Zeppelin Tribute Band

Entrance to buffet/appetizers can be purchased
for an additional \$10.
Doors open at 7pm ~ Show starts at 8pm

Raffles,
Beer & Wine
to purchase
Champagne toast
at midnight

Tickets are \$30 ea.
www.orpheum.org
General Admission

Sponsored by
The Foxboro Jaycees!

All proceeds go directly
back to our community.

ON-GOING PROJECTS

NOTECARDS FOR SALE! Year-round.

Holiday season is here and if you are tired of sending out the same ol' Christmas or Holiday cards, why not use some lovely Foxboro Jaycees notecards!

If classic holiday cards are still your preference, why not surprise some friends who live elsewhere with some fun Foxboro Jaycee note cards in 2020.

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!

We have an exciting month ahead! When you read this we will have started the holiday season of our projects decorating the common and the tree lighting. What was very exciting was the completion of the common sign. It really completed that project, and it looks amazing! Great job everyone who was involved.

Membership has been quiet for a couple months, but going into the new year, I would like to challenge you to come on out and support our chapter if you can, bring a friend to a meeting, or even share on your social media some of the wonderful things we do as a chapter. The other thing is if you are aware of a need close by in another community, let us know! We are the LAST chapter in Massachusetts so this is an opportunity to gain new members by being visible in other places.

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 – In January, after the holiday projects have been completed, I am looking to put together a committee that will meet to discuss and share new ideas on how to increase our membership. One part of this is re-establishing our mentoring program for our newest members. We have quite a few new members that I would like to pair up with a more seasoned member. If you are interested, please let me know!

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. A few members have express interest in ordering hoodies and possibly fleece. If you are interested, send me an email at afoxb1@icloud.com.

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.

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