



Wise Fox

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Happy New Year Everyone!!

I hope everyone had a great holiday with their friends and Family.

Here's hoping that 2020 is a much better year for many of us. We have had many wonderful projects run this past month (most which I personally have had to miss due to family and work issues - sorry).

The next few months are traditionally a slow time for us, but we still have several things in the pipeline – including Scat night, Darkness to Light Training and a Providence Bruins outing. I would love to see us re-attempt the Family Feud event if we have enough interest.

I am looking forward to a wonderful 2020 with my Jaycee Family. Please make 2020 YOUR year to dedicate some time to help your Chapter flourish into the new Decade!

Foxboro Jaycee President

Jeanne Suttie

HAPPY 2020!!

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 December 2019 GMM:

November 2019 Jaycee of the Month – Bob Webster: Bob has been a big help in recent months, spending the afternoon in the concession stand at Vendor fair, co-chairing and hosting Progressive dinner, and helping Amy coordinate the Kid's Ball Drop for New Year's Eve. Thanks Bob! (Also Nominated were Lynda Walsh for coordinating Friendsgiving and the Turkey Delivery, And Deena Cummings and Kevin Mack in honor of their Wedding!)

November 2019 Project of the Month – Inventory Re-Organization & Shelving Construction – Ken Wills: Ken did a mammoth task as our Inventory Coordinator when he spent several hours by himself building shelves he had donated from Schneider Electric and fully organizing all of the equipment and materials we keep on hand to run our projects. A much-needed project – well done Ken!! (Also nominated, Friendsgiving Dinner)

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

January Birthdays:

John Zarella
Kevin Mack
Kelly Reid
Peter Filosa
Deena Cummings
John Underwood
Amy Labrache

January Anniversaries:

Deena Cummings	2004
Patty Reid	2015
Mike Stewart	2015
DJ Jolicoeur	2017



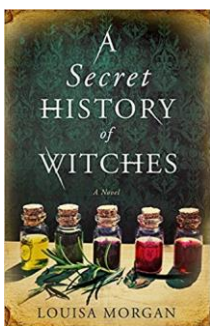
Individual Development

Vice President: **Bob Gillis**

Jaycee friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome to a new decade and the year 2020! These past 12 months have seen so much success in our chapter and I am excited for the upcoming year.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – THANK YOU to Bob and Helene for chairing, Bob & Jane for hosting desserts, and Andrea, Aaron, Fred and Lynn for hosting apps. From all reports a great time was had by everyone. VERY glad this ran.



BOOK CLUB (Lisa Jolicoeur) continues to go strong. Here is her report from December: Warm greetings, On Thursday, December 5, 2019, Book Club members warmed up at Lisa's home with an array of teas, crackers, cheese, guacamole (thank you, Monique!), chips, fruit, apple pie, and delightful holiday cookies (thank you, Bev!) to discuss Louisa Morgan's intriguing "Secret History of Witches," a novel that follows five generations of witches beginning with Grandmere Ursule Orchiere, Romani woman who dies saving her clan around 1800, and the subsequent challenges surrounding her family.

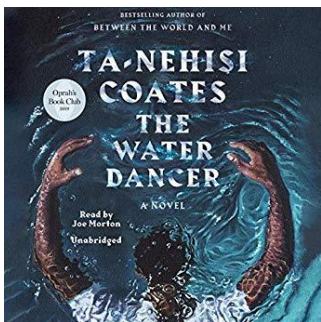


Each generation begins abruptly with a date and character, and then as each character's story unfolds, the reader learns how the character ended up in the situation and faces unique challenges. (A full Summary is available on the Foxboro Jaycees Website, Book Club page. Or contact Lisa to sign up for the Book club Newsletter)

We loved this novel! We talked about so many topics, movies, films. We found this book delightful and read some of her funny one liners. We applied our 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 the brutal "wish I had not spent valuable hours of my life reading it."

So, this very tough crowd gave this book high marks and engaged in some fabulous conversation! The novel earned mostly 1.5's and 2's from this very tough crowd, but we were able to explore so many great subjects, including the ambiguous ending: will the Orchiere line continue?

Looking ahead:



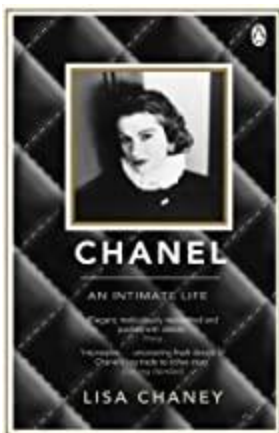
January 9, 2020 - "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah at the home of Sandy Daniels.

February - "Water Dancer" by Ta-Nehisi Coates

March - Choose between 2 books:

1. "Chanel" by Lisa Chaney: The controversial story of Chanel, the twentieth century's foremost fashion icon. From the publisher: Revolutionizing women's dress, Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel was the twentieth





century's most influential designer. Her extraordinary and unconventional journey—from abject poverty to a new kind of glamour—helped forge the idea of modern woman. Unearthing an astonishing life, this remarkable biography shows how, more than any previous designer, Chanel became synonymous with a rebellious and progressive style. Her numerous liaisons, whose poignant and tragic details have eluded all previous biographers, were the very stuff of legend. Witty and mesmerizing, she became muse, patron, or mistress to the century's most celebrated artists, including Picasso, Dalí, and Stravinsky.

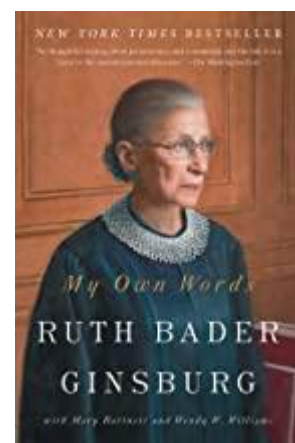
Drawing on newly discovered love letters and other records, Chaney's controversial book reveals the truth about Chanel's drug habits, her lesbian affairs, and her German lover during World War II.

While uniquely highlighting the designer's far-reaching influence on the modern arts, Chaney's fascinating biography paints a more nuanced picture of Coco Chanel than any so far. Movingly, it explores the origins, the creative power, and the secret suffering of this exceptional and often misunderstood woman..

2. RBG: My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

(From the publisher: The *New York Times* bestselling book from Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg—“a comprehensive look inside her brilliantly analytical, entertainingly wry mind, revealing the fascinating life of one of our generation's most influential voices in both law and public opinion” (*Harper's Bazaar*).

My Own Words “showcases Ruth Ginsburg’s astonishing intellectual range” (*The New Republic*). In this collection Justice Ginsburg discusses gender equality, the workings of the Supreme Court, being Jewish, law and lawyers in opera, and the value of looking beyond US shores when interpreting the US Constitution. Throughout her life Justice Ginsburg has been (and continues to be) a prolific writer and public speaker. This book’s sampling is selected by Justice Ginsburg and her authorized biographers Mary Hartnett and Wendy W. Williams, who introduce each chapter and provide biographical context and quotes gleaned from hundreds of interviews they have conducted.



Witty, engaging, serious, and playful, *My Own Words* is a fascinating glimpse into the life of one of America’s most influential women and “a tonic to the current national discourse” (*The Washington Post*).

TRIVIA (Kathy Brady) – Our fruit basket assembly was December 18th (same night as December Trivia) and three dozen Jaycees assisted, many trivia buffs were present so Trivia got bumped out of December. Next trivia night will be January 15, 2020; Trivia starts at 7:00 PM (note the earlier time) and get there by 6:30 to order some food. It’s a very family friendly event and fun.

PROVIDENCE BRUINS OUTING (Bob Gillis)

—We got 29 people last year and it’s a blast. Always a Sunday afternoon around 3 and the kids are home by 6. Will be in February; I will send out a sign up after the New year holiday to ask folks to sign up and how many are coming.



SCAT/31 CARD GAME: Chairman needed. I would love to see this run in February or March. Do I have any takers to be chairman?

MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS - 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)

I AM WORKING ON A GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE JANUARY GM TO TALK ABOUT FACEBOOK MARKETING; details to follow.



Not ID but thank you to the 130+ people (not including the band) who attended Caroling on the Common – we are VERY grateful to Boyden Library for inviting us into their warm halls (it was 13 degrees outside!) The band was wonderful as always with current and Alumni members, and (THANK YOU) Steve Massey once again stepping out of retirement to conduct. Pam and I handed out candy canes and cookies and it seemed to be VERY well received. The band then headed over to Doolittle afterward to serenade the seniors and I learned from Mr. Massey that Caroling on the Common had been happening for over 50 years! The Jaycees have been an integral part of that for decades and it's nice to see how some traditions continue.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE isn't in the ID area but serving on the board and taking on more of a role in the chapter IS the epitome of Individual Development. I have served the Jaycee board for, I believe, about half of my Jaycee membership (13-15 years I believe?) -- It is so very rewarding. PLEASE consider serving on the 2020 – we need (dare I say it) **Young minds and fresh ideas**. We WILL mentor you. We WILL encourage and help. But your board is getting a little repetitive these past few years as we keep alternating board roles like musical chairs. PLEASE take the next two months to consider if you can spare one additional Wednesday meeting a month to make such a difference.

Peace in our time,

Bob

Dessert Host and Project Co-Chair Bob Webster led us in a Sing-along with his guitar >>



Appetizer host Fred Badger enjoys a beer and conversation with Dave Reid >>



community

Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Darkness To Light Training – Amy LaBrache ~ TBD

Amy had to cancel the training booked for December 7th due to lack of participation. My thoughts are that folks were just too busy during the holidays to take the time. However, I suggest that you make plans to take this training when it is announced in upcoming months. Amy is planning on having a larger event and inviting townspeople to participate. We'd like to have as many Jaycees take this important child safety training to show our community that the Jaycees take the safety of our youngest population seriously and that we are adhering to the town's policy.

New Years 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.

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

At some point, may not be until spring we will have a clean out of the bandstand and coordinating of our inventory area. Stay tuned... in the meantime, if you have any items that need to go back to storage, please give Ken Wills a call.

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

Thank you all for stepping in to get sand out to seniors in need this year. The season started earlier than usual, but you folks were on it. Thank you and let's hope it isn't a tough winter.

Nativity Set up/Take down – Max Loew –January 4th 9am

Max and crew from the Knights of Columbus were able to put the nativity scene up onto the bandstand and as usual they look beautiful. Max and crew will be taking them down on January 4th and will need trucks and strong folks to help.

Common Decorating – Marc Rivard/Katherine Schwarting, January 4th 9am

Marc and Katherine did a fantastic job at decorating the common. Thank you to all who came out to assist us. I've been told by several town officials that the common looks the best it has in years. I attribute that to our chairs and a huge assist by Ken Wills. We will need your help in taking down the decorations on January 4th at 9am.



COMPLETED PROJECTS

Light Up The Night Liaison – Sophia Manos ~ November 30

Thank you to Sophia, Kris Long, Ed Groh and others who made another successful Light Up event this year!

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

Despite changes in venue due to weather, Bob and Pam along with our friends in the Foxborough High Holiday Jazz Band, our followers were able to sing along at the Boyden Library and then shared their music with our friends at the Doolittle Home. Mr Massey came back to direct the band.



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



Katherine and Jenn’s gifts have already been delivered along with our fruit baskets and other gifts to the folks in need during this year’s discretionary drive. Thank you, ladies for making some child’s dreams come true.

Jaycees supported the Assist a Child program this month through the Foxboro discretionary fund by purchasing clothes and toys for a baby. Project chairs Katherine Lee and Jen D’Amato were happy to take on their first Jaycees holiday project!! What an honor to support such a great local program and to help make someone’s holiday a little bit brighter!



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

Thank you to all who came out to deliver thank you turkeys to our town veterans, they truly deserve them and so much more.

Holiday Banners ~ Monica Rigamonti

The banners got up a little late this year, but not because of us. The weather had our highway department running a bit late, but they’re up and look great. Thanks Monica!

Gift Cards for Veterans – Kris Long

We had a few gift cards donated for veterans in need from Brockton. Hopefully, we’ve made someone’s holiday season a little less stressful. Thanks Kris and President Jeanne!

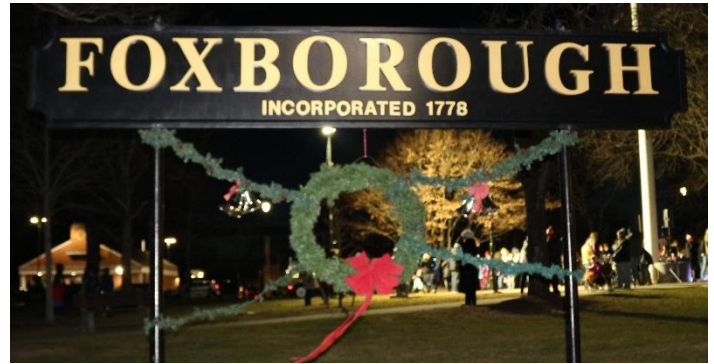
Fruit Baskets – Monica Fisler ~ December 18th

Thank you Monica for coordinating with Stop and Shop and our friends at Partners Healthcare to ensure that our fruit baskets got to folks through the discretionary fund.



Repair of Foxborough Sign on the Common – Kathy Brady/Dave Fisler

Our beloved Foxborough sign was re-erected on November 30th. Thank you, Kathy, Dave, Kevin Mack, and Ken Wills for doing such a great job at building the new sign. Special thanks to the folks that joined in to re-erect it that cold Saturday afternoon.... Mike and Meagan Savage, Marc Rivard, Sharon Hall, and Ken Wills.



ON GOING PROJECTS:

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.

It sure has been a busy month in CD.... Thank you to all who participated in any of these projects. Hope to see you all out for the Kids New Year's Eve Celebration. I'm looking forward to the Ways and Means New Year's Eve Concert and hope that a lot of Jaycees plan on attending so that we can ring in the new year together!

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and look forward to another successful year for the Jaycees, filled with friendship and good doings!

~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.





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!

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.

This year why not surprise some friends who live elsewhere with some fun Foxboro Jaycee note cards in 2020!

Let us know when you want some!

UPCOMING PROJECTS

CHAIRS NEEDED. These projects take planning and working with the experienced Jaycees to coordinate, please let me know if anyone wants to co-chair. No need to go it alone :)

- Spring Vendor Fair
- Spring Vendor Fair Raffle
- Spring Vendor Fair Concessions



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!

What a very busy month for the Jaycees! All the holiday events were great! I was happy that we were able to work collectively with the Knights of Columbus to get our Nativity scene set up, and the other residents to come and help for common decorating. These community projects are what make Foxboro and our chapter truly unique.

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. Come to a meeting yourself and see some of the new projects that we are working on! 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.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year! As always, If you have any new ideas for membership, please do not hesitate to reach out!

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 – Now that holiday projects are for the most part 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! A tentative date is January 16th, if there is interest we can meet at my home or out for a bite to eat.

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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