



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - February 2020



Hello Jaycee Friends & Family,

February is pretty much here and the New Year has well begun. So far 2020 is full of new beginnings, promise, and love. Love of life, love of family, Love of Friends, Love of the Jaycees and our mission. Our Projects are gearing up for spring, please mark the dates in your calendar so you can be aware of the projects when making your plans. We are counting on you and your help to keep our projects going this year, keep in mind that if we do not have a chair or enough

help to run a project it simply will not run.

I wanted to mention the Runners up for Project of the month. Progressive Party - Fantastic time was had by all, wonderful organization and enthusiasm for the project. Co-Chaired by Bob Webster and Helene Savage. Caroling on the Common – Always a wonderful event with another great year under its belt. Change of venue was handled nicely. Great time was had by all. Co-Chaired by Bob Gillis and Pam Warren. Jaycee of the month runners up were Jen and Kathy for their hard work on Adopt a Child/Senior for Christmas.

Congratulations to the winner of Jaycee of the Month Monica Fisler and Project of the Month Foxborough Sign Repair.

I look forward to the spring and our upcoming projects. Please make 2020 your year to help with at least one community development or ways and means project so our wonderful organization - The Foxboro Jaycees continue to exist!

Happy Valentine's Day All!

Your 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 Valentine's Day! Sunshine was sent to Laureen House to wish her a speedy recovery from her recent surgery. A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to LaNecia Wood and her family on the birth of new daughter Bellatrix Morticia – Born Thursday, January 23, weighing in at 5 lb. 10 oz. – Welcome to the world little one! 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:

December 2019 Jaycee of the Month – Monica Fisler: Huge Thanks to Monica for picking up the Fruit Basket project and running it so efficiently. The folks from Brigham & Women's also came in force and all the baskets were completed in less than an hour!

December 2019 Project of the Month – Foxborough Sign Repair – Kathy Brady, Dave Fisler, Kevin Mack: It started as a simple repair, but turned out to be much more... This great crew had to completely rebuild the iconic sign and got it installed just in time for the "Light up the City" festivities. Lots of folks noticed – it was all over Facebook the next day.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

February Birthdays:

Ed Miller
Jane Webster
Thomas Sullivan
Jennifer D'Amato
Kris Long

February Anniversaries:

Bill Dempsey	2006
Joseph Nawn	2017

Happy
Valentine's
Day





Individual Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for the ID VP to submit a monthly Wise Fox report with FAR too much time on his hands, a decent respect to the opinions of the Jaycees requires that he should declare the causes which impel him to write the thingy. And we're off...

PROVIDENCE BRUINS GAME – (Bob Gillis) Will be Sunday March 8 at 3:05 P.M. at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence. This event is always a welcome break from the winter blahs and very family/kid friendly. 29 people attended last year and it's FUN. The price is great -- only \$18 per person (half price!) Seats are awesome. And it's an easy drive, close to Foxboro, and very pleasant way to spend a few hours with friends on a Sunday afternoon. Ticket order deadline is February 22. Please call/text/email me for more details; and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549aba72ea4f85-foxboro3>



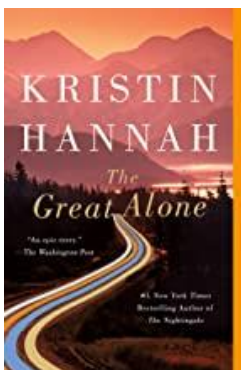
TRIVIA – (Kathy Brady) Our very popular Trivia is in a bit of a temporal flux as the moment; as it was moved to Mondays and to a new time – 8:00 P.M. February Trivia gathering date / time will be sent out but we need to see if Monday works for our group; so we're not sure at this time if this will be our recurring gathering. Next Trivia will *LIKELY* be Monday 2/17 at Red Stone but we will let you know beforehand. More to come.



SCAT/31 CARD GAME NIGHT - Saturday, February 29, 2020 At Kris Long's House
THANK YOU Kris Long for offering to host 31/Scat Card Game night this year! This is always an enjoyable evening of quarters, cards, adult beverages, and lots of laughs and camaraderie with Jaycee friends! Cards and rules will be provided, just bring some quarters! We have created a sign up and you can sign up here; Kris and Billy are at 4 Pini terrace in Foxboro. BYOB and please sign up to bring a small app or goodie. Games start at 7:30 PM sharp!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549aba72ea4f85-scat31>

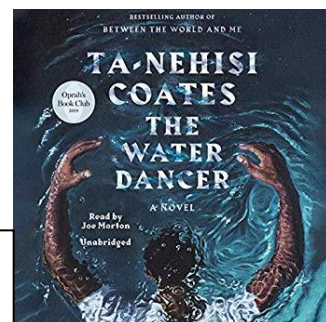
BOOK CLUB – Book Club Summary, January 9, 2020



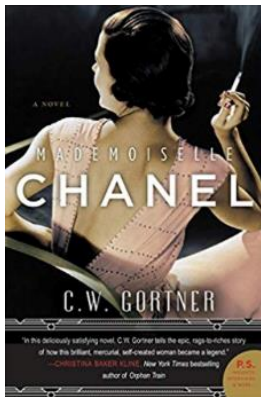
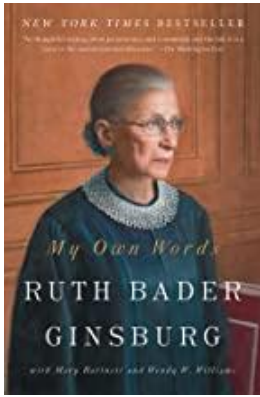
On Thursday evening, January 9, 2020, Book Club members gathered at Sandy's home to enjoy a range of delicious teas, cheese, fruit, cakes, and shrimp cocktail (thank you, Martha!) and discussed Kristen Hannah's "The Great Alone," a compelling drama that takes readers to Alaska where 13 year old Leni struggles to make sense of the dysfunctional relationship between her parents. The characters they meet are interesting and colorful, and the independent spirit of living in the wild is invigorating but unsettling.

Book Club members discussed a range of topics. We had a great deal of sympathy for Leni, who manages, despite her family, to find some happiness and resolution in her life. The novel was a page turner for many of us. Thus, the book earned several 2's, a 1.5, and 2.75 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 spent hours of my life reading this." So, this very tough crowd gave this book high marks and engaged in some fabulous conversation!

February's Book Club Selection: *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates >>



A Full review of the book (and of all the books read in the past) can be found on the book club page of our website: http://www.foxborojaycees.org/Book_Club_what_we've_read



**Next Book Club: February 6th 7:00 at Lisa's House in Mansfield
"Water Dancer" by Ta Nehisi Coates**

Let me know if you would like to bring an appetizer or dessert!

March Book Club Selections (Meeting Thursday, March 5th, Location TBD): Choose from C.W. Cortner's "Mademoiselle Chanel" or Ruth Bader Ginsberg's "RBG: In Her Own Words."

MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS - Upcoming Snacks for GMs: February 2020 - Lynda (Valentine Treats); March 2020 - Kris Long (Luck of the Irish); April 2020 – Marc (Something awesome), May 2020 – Hyacinth Bouquet (Lobster Thermidor a Crevette with a Mornay sauce)

NEW BOARD / NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: We will be installing a new board in May. Please consider the board next year when you get the call. I know you're busy. WE'RE ALL BUSY. But the Jaycees are a great way to add something special to your life -- seriously. We really need new people to step up, it bears repeating, the same people cannot keep playing musical chairs on the board. We need new ideas, different perspectives (dare I say again) YOUTHFUL energy. Being on the board is honestly enjoyable, the time commitment is minimal, and you will learn a lot, and help guide the future of the chapter. How cool is that?

WRAPPING UP, winter is cold, the sun sets around 3:30, the sky is gray, holidays are over, none of us have any enthusiasm or energy and I really have no idea where I was going with this... Wait,, oh, yeah... this time of year CAN be gloomy -- but spending time with your Jaycee friends WILL make a difference during these cold winter days. Please come to the Bruins game, GM, Book Club, my surprise birthday party, Scat night, and Trivia if you can.

Peace in our time!

Bob

Come Meet Grizzly the Golden!

We will have a Special guest at our February GMM! Sara Scardocci will bring Grizz, a 7-month-old Golden Retriever from Golden Opportunities for Independence (GOFI) for his first public introduction to the Community of Foxboro.

Sara is the person behind bringing Grizz to Foxboro. As a Foxboro High School Junior, her English Teacher assigned the students a project; identify a problem and provide a solution. Sara saw a need for mental health assistance with High School students, and through extensive research learned the benefits of a school resource dog. Sara didn't let what she learned lie when her teacher gave the final grade, she pursued the idea of a resource dog for Foxboro Schools. She first discussed it with her English Teacher, brought it to the High School Principal, then, obtained the approval from the Foxboro School Administration.





Sara, now a Senior, would like to see Grizz at her side as she graduates. In order to make that happen, Grizz asks for the assistance of the community; helping to raise the necessary funds to bring him to the Foxboro Schools. Come to the meeting and learn more about Grizz, the training he is receiving at GOFI, the benefits of a School Resource Dog, and of course some puppy love. Donations can be made via <https://gofidog.kindful.com/?campaign=1050735>. Follow Grizz on social media, Grizzly the Golden (@GrizzlytheGolden)

This just in...

The Summer Concert line-up has just been announced!

Concerts on the Common Chairperson Max Loew has been working hard already to book a fantastic slate of bands: (Concerts are held Thursdays in June and July starting at 7 PM on the Foxboro common Bandstand)

June 4th – (Due to a last-minute scheduling conflict with the High School, this concert is TBA – but big announcements for the kick-off of the season are coming soon)

June 11th – **Take Two:** A fun duo bringing you Acoustic covers of your favorite rock n roll!

June 18th – **Eddy's Shoe:** Returning favorites playing Original Music (Contemporary Blues Rock, extended Jams with a Grateful Dead Meets Frank Zappa Feel) & Jam Band Favorites which include a Heavy Dose of Some Good Old Grateful Dead Music... Psychedelic Folksy Blues Rock

June 25th – **Southbound Train:** a seven-piece group, including fiddle and steel guitar, that covers all the top country hits: old, new, and everything in between.

July 9th – **Space Captain:** Acoustic Rock duo from the Rhode Island area. Rob and Ed perform covers of some of your favorite Classic Rock tunes, including The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, The Black Crowes, Pink Floyd, The Cult and more!

July 16th – **Gobshites:** Get your Irish on! A Fabulous evening of Irish punk and fun drinking songs

July 23rd – **Ultimate Soul Band:** A self-proclaimed "Party Band" featuring a full Horn section (Lynda's Favorite) they put on a great evening of R&B, Soul and lots of Fun music to get everyone dancing

July 30th – **American Who:** The band that helped us ring in the New Decade will wrap up our summer concert season!

Watch our Website and Facebook Pages for all the details...



Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Darkness To Light Training – Amy LaBrache ~ TBD

Amy will be setting a date for March and inviting folks from town to attend along with the Jaycees. 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 towns policy. Keep watch out for sign up for March.

Easter Egg Hunt – Catherine Schwarting & Amy LaBrache ~ April 4th

Thank you, Catherine and Amy for stepping up and chairing this event for the community. Each year we stuff over 3000 plastic eggs with candy for the children to grab off the common. Stay tuned for date of the stuffing of the eggs, always a fun time. We'll also need help the morning of the 4th to scatter the eggs on the common. Thank you, Devlin for ensuring that EB will make an appearance.



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

We've dropped off several buckets, luckily the winter has been pretty kind to us so far. But, we still have a ways to go and our team is ready to receive calls and deliver buckets of sand to seniors in need.

Nativity Scene Repair ~ Sue Gills

Sue has been in contact with a gentleman who is willing to take pieces of our set one at a time and begin repair work on them. The chapter voted to fund the repair costs, but Sue and committee will write up a donation letter and send to the area churches asking for donations. Thank you for jumping on this Sue.



(Update from Bob) The restoration work will be performed by Brother Donald at La Salette Shrine, who is very familiar with the exact set, as La Salette also has this original full set on display in its Nativity Museum (and used it as their main display for many years). Susan Gillis met with Kenny at Inventory, and she has delivered the Angel, lamb, and Baby Jesus to Brother Donald who is eager to get started on these smaller pieces. His restoration work at La Salette is impressive and we believe we will be very happy with the results!

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

Still a little too chilly to be cleaning out the inventory area and the bandstand, but this will happen and we'll need some help. Also, if you have any Jaycee items that you keep, please make note so that we can be sure they're included in our spreadsheet of inventory items.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew

Well, I just got my email from Max, and he's already working on bookings for this summer concert series on the common. Each Thursday night will have a different show for your enjoyment. We'd like to see more of the Jaycees come up to the common and show some support!

COMPLETED PROJECTS

New Year's Eve Childs Party ~ Amy LaBrache

Amy did a fantastic job at ensure that the younger population of Foxborough were able to be included in the New Year's festivities. About a dozen showed up for the movie at the Orpheum, then they traveled over to the Doolittle to make some crafts with the Seniors there. Five O'clock found us at the Recreation area where we served up pizza and had some music playing for children who watched our own Webster Ball drop at 6pm. Great job Amy!



Nativity Set up/Take down – Max Loew

Max and the Knights of Columbus met early Saturday morning and were able to get our nativity scene back to the inventory building before the rains got to heavy. Thank you Max and all!

Common Decorating – Marc Rivard/Catherine Schwarting

Marc and Katherine had their crew working to take down the decorations and lights around the common and packed them away for another year. Thank you Marc and Catherine.



Some things to think about....

The Nominations committee will be looking for new board members to take office in May. If you'd like more information about what a board member's responsibilities are, feel free to reach out to any of us.

Founders Day is just around the corner.... If you'd be interested in chairing the parade entry or would like to know more about it, I'd be more than happy to tell you stories of floats of the past.

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

COMPLETED PROJECTS

NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT AT THE ORPHEUM

First attempt at a new project, we had some hiccups, but overall, everyone who came had a wonderful time and the bands were great! Special thanks for Marc and Max for running the project and special shout out to Max who had to step in and run audioboard for the first band.

Thanks also to Pam and Jeanne for running the raffles. Both the items and 50/50 worked out really well. It was such an eclectic mix of prizes, who knew! Thanks to all who came out to rock in the new year.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Spring Vendor Fair – MAY 16th Chairs – Deena Cummings & Sophia Manos

Every year we get 50 plus vendors to show up on what we hope will be a beautiful Spring day on the Common. We need help set-up and strike for the day. Fair generally is open for public 9-3.

We generally need some runners to help on this day: filling in for vendors on bathroom breaks, helping direct vendors to parking lot, lunch runs etc.

Please consider joining the Vendors Fair Committee please let me, Deena or any board member know. These projects are our major annual fundraisers and it is important we have folks who can run them.

Spring Vendor Fair Raffle – MAY 16th Chair– Marian McCabe

Our thanks to Marian for stepping up to run the raffle again after tacking the Fall raffle project. She has raffle fever! Or it's because as I said last time, "the raffle is a fun way to meet all the vendors and get samples of their wears to the raffle table." I quoted myself from a previous Wise fox. Is that lame? Maybe. Will I do it again? Yes.

Spring Vendor Fair Concessions – MAY 16th Chair– Pam Warren

We need volunteers to cook and be cashier for this Spring concessions.

Please reach out to me or Pam if you can help sling some burgers, dogs or sausages again or more comfortable around money than meat? Please work the cash box.

Our thanks to the 'Concession Club' of Pam, Kenny, Lynda, Lisa and Dave. It would be great to have more people show up and learn the ropes and give them some breaks as well. Am I groveling too much? Probably

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!

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!

Happy February! I hope this finds you all well! This month we will be brainstorming ideas on how to recruit new members to finish out our Jaycee year strong. If you are interested in helping, please shoot me an email at afoxb1@icloud.com I will be having a meeting in the next couple weeks. Please we need your help!!!!

I hope to see you all at the February meeting it should be an interesting one with our special guest! Don't forget to bring a friend! Or encourage an old one that you haven't seen in a while!

Have a wonderful month!

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 – 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 February 23rd at 10 am, if there is interest we can meet for breakfast!

Jaycees Apparel – I have plenty of T-Shirts!! 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 and looking good! 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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