



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - March 2020

Happy Spring Jaycee Friends & Family!

March is so far a great weather month, cold at night and beautiful during the day, I just wish that wind would go away. I am very excited to see all the well-rested faces out from hibernation at our upcoming events and projects.

Our Projects for spring are going to be fun and rewarding please sign up for one. Socialization is one of the best parts of being a Jaycee. Bring a friend and come play cards at Scat night or sign up for the Paw Sox game. At the very least friends, 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. Also it

is important to note that if we do not have a chair or enough help to run a project it simply will not run.

The Project of the month for February 2020 was a TIE between New Year's Eve Kids Party Chaired by Amy LaBrache and The New Year's Eve Concert Co-Chaired by Marc Rivard & Max Loew.

Jaycee of the month nominees for February 2020 were Max Loew for all his great work and his many contributions to both the Nativity/Common take down and the New Year's Eve Concert; Amy LaBrache for all of her amazing hard work and follow through for the New Year's Eve Kids Party. Great work folks you are highly appreciated and we cannot do it without you.

Congratulations to the winner of Jaycee of the Month - Katherine Schwarting who has been very involved in the Chapter since she joined in August just helping out at projects where she can. She is co-chairing the Easter Egg Hunt, she is a very positive and energetic woman and is providing a lot of Facebook support for the chapter. Wow Lady! Keep it up this Chapter is very lucky to have you!

As we start our busy season, I look forward to seeing each member's smiling face at our General Membership Meeting and at our upcoming events and projects. I cannot say it enough, please make 2020 your year to help with at least one community development or ways and means project and keep our organization going.



May you have the Luck of the Irish this March and All Year long!

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 St Patrick's Day! Sunshine was sent to Peter Filosa after the loss of his Grandmother – our deepest sympathies to the whole Filosa Family. 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 February 2019 GMM:

January 2020 Jaycee of the Month - Catherine Schwarting: It's wonderful to see a new member jumping in with both feet and being a huge factor in so many projects. Thank You!!

January 2020 Projects of the Month - New Year's Eve Kid's Party - Amy LaBrache & New Year's Eve Concert - Max Loew & Mark Rivard (Tie): Two Fantastic events held on one epic day...

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

March Birthdays:

Patricia Kelley
Cindy McCann
Ed Groh
Tom Whiffen
David Fisler
Max Loew
Jeanne Suttie Christian
LaNecia Wood

March Anniversaries:

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| William Byrnes | 1979 |
| Cheryl Cushman | 1992 |
| David Fisler | 1998 |
| Patricia Kelley | 2014 |
| Kris Long | 2019 |
| Amy LaBrache | 2019 |





Individual Development

Vice President: **Bob Gillis**

Greetings Jaycee friends! A few housekeeping items before this month's report.

First, we elect a new board in April, and it would be terrific to see some new faces on the board. Young minds, fresh ideas and all that! As I've said before, when you get the call, please consider saying YES. Being on the Jaycee board is pretty special and allows you to guide the chapter and implement new ideas and fresh approaches to our agenda and charter. The time commitment is not a large one and the rewards and personal development are many.

Second, we're looking for someone to chair our installation banquet in late April – this is the event where we swear in the new president and board, recognize our achievements of the past Jaycee year with the annual awards (Key Man, Community development project of the year, Rookie of the year, and so on). We also enjoy a delicious meal and some pretty awesome company. If you would be interested in chairing this important event, please let me know.

Third, the Spring Vendor as well as Founders Day will be here before you know it and we need a LOT of help for both, especially Founders Day. For both events, we need HELPERS. Please volunteer to put in even a few hours into these important Ways & Means (& CD) projects that keep us going.

Now onto ID....

Providence Bruins Outing – March 8, 3 PM – Bob Gillis – As of this writing I've mailed out THIRTY tickets to the attendees and am delighted that there is so much interest in this annual outing. We always have a good time, the Bruins put on a great game win or lose, and the Bruins Sales office really treats us well with great, ½ price seats and a nice family day out and we even get a shout out on the big board!



Scat / 31 Card night – March 21 – Kris Long -- At this writing (3/1/2020) we have 12 people signed up for this event and I'd REALLY like to see more. This is another Jaycee project that we do for US, just to have some fun, play cards, drink a few adult beverages and laugh and win some quarters. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0549aba72ea4f85-scat311>



Pawtucket Red Sox Outing – June 28, 1:05 PM – Amy LaBrache – This promises to be a very enjoyable (and inexpensive) Jaycee outing. I've always wanted to see a Pawtucket Red Sox game, so I'll be there... Will you? Amy will have more details at the GM.

Installation Banquet – CHAIRMAN NEEDED; see above.

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur - Thurs, 3/5/20, 7PM, (Lisa's Home in Mansfield. Snacks are welcome! Let me know!): Choose from C.W. Cortner's "Mademoiselle Chanel" or Ruth Bader Ginsberg's "RBG: In Her Own Words."

Book for April Meeting: "Educated" by Tara Westover

Summary: On Thursday, February 6, 2020, our Book Club welcomed a new member to discuss "Water Dancer" by Ta Nehisi Coates, while enjoying tea and delicious treats: thank you to Michele for festive chocolate cookies, to Allison for delicious fruit medley, Monique for a fancy cheese board, Kathy for the famous pear tart, and Jane for festive wine.

Let me know if you would like to bring an appetizer or dessert next month - so greatly appreciated!

Book Club members were eager to read this novel after hearing an interview with Coates on NPR; he has written some interesting non-fiction pieces that also piqued our interest, so we enjoyed discussing his first novel.

We enjoyed discussing the beautiful use of language to craft what is a powerful and heavy story about young Hiram Walker, born into bondage on a plantation. Plantation owner Howell Walker is his father but sells his independent-minded mother. Young Hiram, known as a "Hi," has a special gift with memory but struggles to remember her. Years later, when Hiram almost drowns in a river, that same power saves his life. This brush with death births an urgency in Hiram and a daring scheme: to escape from the only home he's ever known. The story has some magical and spiritual elements that connect the Underground Railroad and Harriet Tubman. Hi's gifts are related to a magical form of conduction that emerges through the powerful memories and water. Coates uses "tasked" to refer to slaves and "quality" instead of slave owners/masters, terms that inspired interesting conversation for book club members. We also talked a great deal about relationships between Hi and other characters, such as Thena who cares for him after his mom is sold; Corrinne who is Maynard's wife and widow after he drowns; his father; and Sophia, the love interest. We also discussed Coates' portrayal of the black and white characters and their roles in supporting or not supporting the underground railroad.

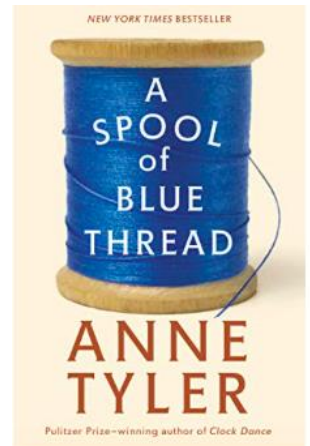
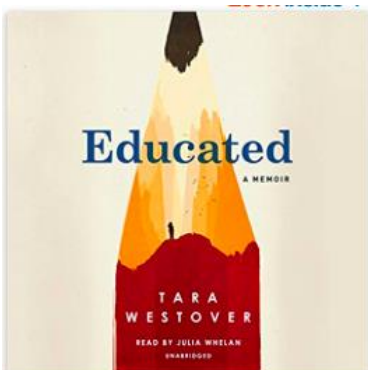
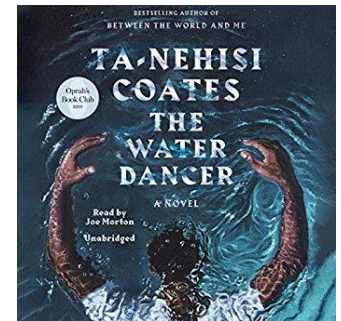
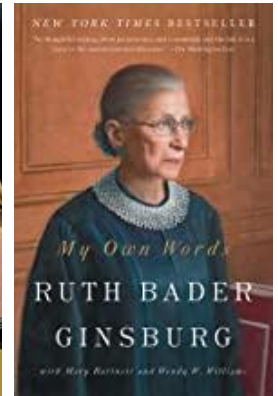
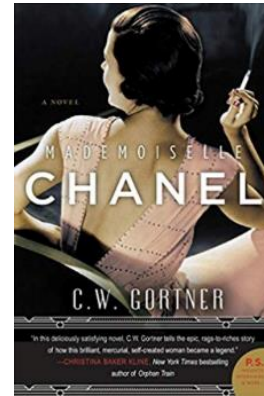
The novel was a page turner for many of us and inspired some great conversation. Thus, the book earned several 2's, a 1.5, and a 3.0 on a rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being "drop everything, turn off the phone, and read," 2 being "good but leave the phone on," 3 being "glad I bought it and read it but....," 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!

Book Titles Discussed for future meetings and summer reading:

"When I Was You" by Minka Kent

"A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler

What other books would you like to see added?



Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – TBD (possibly 3rd Monday) 7-10pm (Red Stone Grill in North Attleboro). We're still in a little bit of a flux here as Trivia has moved from Wednesday to Monday and again to an earlier time. Please check your email; I'll send out an email to the chapter announcing when our next Trivia event will be held.

Meetings & Programs – Bob Gillis – Kris Long will be bringing Irish treats for our March GM, and Marc Rivard will be providing goodies for the April GM. Thank you to all who brought treats to the GM this year. It is always very appreciated.

Amerada 2020 – 9/11 – 9/13 – Pam Warren & Jeanne Suttie – Pam and Jeannie will have an update at the next GM.

See everyone at the March GM and (hopefully) at our upcoming events!

Peace in our time,

Bob

The Summer Concert line-up has been finalized!

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)

May 28th – Foxboro High School Jazz Ensemble Band: We kick off the season a little early this year with our award winning High School Band

June 4th – Casual Mondays: Casual Mondays is a small band from Massachusetts that was formed on July 22, 2019. This group of teenage girls was introduced to each other through the music school where they take music lessons from. Because of their love for music and their passion to make music the group Casual Mondays was born. A fun night of Pop, Punk, Rock and Alternative music.

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 2nd – 215 Army Band: Celebrate our Nation's Independence Day with this Military Band.

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...

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Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Darkness To Light Training – Amy LaBrache ~ March 14th

Amy will be conducting a training on March 14th at 9am at the Recreation Building at Mill Street. I encourage all Jaycees who haven't taken the training to do so. It's two hours of child sexual abuse awareness training. Amy is a course instructor and having a trainer in our chapter is a very proud moment. There are other trainings this month, if you can make ours, others are available. To sign up please visit, https://www.foxborough.k12.ma.us/our_community/darkness_to_light

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

The Easter Bunny is coming and he's going to be stopping by our Common on April 4th. We'll need folks to help scatter the eggs on that morning and help stuff the eggs a few days before. Marc and Catherine will let you know times and date/location of the stuffing party!



Candidates Night – Sophia Manos ~ TBD

There are a couple contested races coming up in our local election. Sophia will invite all candidates to come to cable and answer questions from local reporters. This will be live and will run throughout the weeks up to Election Day here in town. If you'd like to help Sophia, please reach out to her.

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

Our team has been ready for months, and luckily they haven't been super busy. This is a program where seniors from town call for a bucket of sand to be delivered to their home for them to use to keep their walkways clear from ice.



Nativity Scene Repair ~ Sue Gills

The first few pieces have been turned over for repair and restoration. Thank you, Sue for finding a person that will help bring our pieces back to life. As you may or may not know, the Jaycees have been responsible for the town's Nativity Set for the past 20 years. The set has gone through many coats of paint and repair as best we can, but recently we feel we needed to get them into the hands of a professional.

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

We'd like to get the bandstand spruced up before the summer concerts start. We'd also like to get a better idea of what we have in our inventory building and purge some of the things that we really don't need to hold on to any longer. Stay tuned for dates

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew

Max has completed the listing of acts to entertain us on the common on Thursday nights this summer. See list of groups and dates on our website. Please try to swing by on a Thursday night to show support of our chapter and the group that performs. There's a variety of groups to choose from.

Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

Lisa has updated the application and will be sending out to area schools and getting word out that we will be giving another scholarship out this year. Thanks, Lisa for taking care of this for us.

Stakes are High Event – Kris Long

As many of you may remember, last year was our first year trying this out. We placed hundreds of flags on the common for the lives lost to addiction from 2015 to 2019. This was a feel-good project and was supported. This year, Kris has another idea to bring awareness to loved ones lost to the opioid epidemic. She'd like to do a road race and have the flags along with signs with photos of those lost along the route. This will be a 5K walk/run and we'd like proceeds to go to the first responders. More to come, stay tuned... Event will be in August.



PROJECT CHAIRS NEEDED

Founders Day Float/Participation ~ June 13th

Each year the Jaycees like to participate in some way in the Founders Day parade. Many years we constructed large floats and won many awards. For several years, we just got a group together and walked and passed out candy. If you're interested in heading up this year's entry, let me know.

Relay for Life Team ~ June 20-21

We've always donated to the Relay for Life here in town. This year it will be held June 20th through the 21st. There have been years that we made sure there was a Jaycee walking the track from beginning to end. We've even camped out there and had some fun costumes, etc. If you'd like to head up a team and make a real project out of this let me know.

WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED... maybe now is the time for you to step up your membership and join the board. There are many positions that need your fresh ideas and help. If you don't feel the time is right, please try to get involved with any of the projects above, the Chairmen would be grateful for your help. Let me know if you want to chat about any of these possibilities.

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



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 Vendor 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– Marion 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 wares 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 and 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

Founders Day Concessions – JUNE 13th CHAIRS NEEDED

Its Vendor fair concessions times 10! We all expect Pam to always cover all concessions, but we need some new folks, maybe 2 new co-chairs she can help guide??

June will be here before we know it! Let me know.

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!

Hello Spring! Or at least I hope that this mild weather is the start of it!! I hope this finds you all well. With the nicer weather brings more activities that we can be out spreading the Jaycee pride. I will be looking for some help with membership booths in some upcoming events. Please let me know if you are interested in helping, even if it is for only an hour!

I hope to see you all at the March GM. 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! 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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