



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - April 2020

Hello Jaycee Friends & Family,

Welcome to April 2020, I never would have thought this is where we would be a month ago. I hope everyone is at home, safe and healthy and that your loved ones are also safe and healthy.

There are so many things I want to say to you all, MOST IMPORTANT is we are all in this TOGETHER. If you are feeling alone or lonely, please call someone, the Jaycees are here for you. The Board is happy to hear from any and all of you during this time. Attached to this email you will find the roster with emails and phone numbers for each member of the Foxboro Jaycees.



We are all grieving in our own ways, the loss of our lives the way we lived them before social distancing, the loss of touch, conversation with a stranger, retail therapy, cocktail/beverage therapy, school, social clubs, etc. These are all important because our lifestyles make us who we are and sometimes you need to take a moment and grieve this loss. CRY, let it out! Take a deep breath then LET IT GO. It is important to release the sadness and not dwell on it for your own health. Remember this will not and cannot last, there is always an end to the rollercoaster. Believe it with all your heart.

After you take the time to grieve, do something positive, whatever you can think of that will make you feel good and not feel helpless.

At this time, we as a group cannot get out into the community, but we can put our main focus on ourselves and make sure our chapter comes out on the other side of this crisis. Please think about what you can do for yourself and if there is anything the chapter can help you do to get by each day with your sanity intact. For example, can someone help you set up a Facebook account? Do you need someone to bring you your groceries?

While you are home trying to be positive and lift yourself up, some of us can only do that by finding ways to reach our community and spread kindness and positivity. If this is you, you could

come up with an “outside of the box” project for the Jaycees to do, as we would like to make as much positivity out there as possible! Ex. Sarah LaBrache - Seniors Rock Project.

A Jaycee challenge where Jaycees get on Facebook once a day each and find positive and beautiful things to post, With a hashtag of #FoxboroJaycees #JCSpreadingRainbows / positivity / beauty. Please send us your ideas.

One way to lift yourself up if you are stuck at home with family or friends, is to start the day out by thinking to yourself “Wow, I am blessed to have so much quality time with my family, this will possibly never happen again, how will I show them I am here for them too.” Make the most of it, instead of hating and complaining about it, that alone can change your own feelings and attitude about the situation.

Other ways to lift yourself up or fill your bucket is by sending emails of positivity or writing letters to a friend (daily if need be). Check on your elderly neighbors or friends who live alone, if you live on a main street decorate your windows every week with something new and crazy. Those are just some of my crazy Ideas. I am sure many of the Jaycees can come up with more.

Obviously Covid 19 has cancelled a few projects on us, however the board has decided to wait as long as we possibly can before canceling a project that may have a chance to run even if it is not in its traditional form. We are trying our best to keep our projects alive and our name out there in the communities we service as much as we can by thinking outside the box. Think Positive as much as you can, have discussions with people you know who are not in the Jaycees, they may have some great ideas and may be willing to make things happen where they are not at work.

As my 5 year old says “We will persevere!”

Please join us for our First ever completely remote General Membership meeting on 4/8/20 on Zoom at 7PM!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/8233909076>

Meeting ID: 823 390 9076

Just click this link, follow the prompts and wait for the moderator to let you in.

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 – Spring is Here! I know there is so much going on in the world right now and most of us are cooped up inside. This might be a great time to send warm greetings... 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:

February 2020 Jaycee of the Month – Marc Rivard: Did a wonderful job dealing with the “fallout” from the NYE event and is always there to lend a hand with projects.

February 2020 Projects of the Month – Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur: Ongoing project that always has a large group, brings in new people and Lisa does fantastic write-ups for the Wise Fox and Website after each meeting. Keep up the Great work Lisa.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

March Birthdays:

Bob Webster
Cheryl Cushman
Ed Underwood
Laureen House
Katharine Lee

March Anniversaries:

Jim Evans	1984
Dave Brown	1985
Paul Dean	1985
John Zarella	1987
Sandy Daniels	1988
Kathy Brady	2000
Stephanie O'Neil	2014
Jennifer D'Amato	2019
Katharine Lee	2019



Happy Easter!





Individual Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Jaycee friends, with 23 years of writing columns for the Reporter under my belt, not to mention never being at a loss for words, this is a hard report to write. I just don't have the correct way to convey the overwhelming feelings we are all dealing with during the COVID-19 Crisis. Please know I remain profoundly grateful to be a member of this group and board and consider all of you friends.

Your board is doing what Jaycees do, we adapt and innovate during times of change, even unprecedented change. We have had two productive virtual meetings online, and in the course of discussions we also realize how much we MISS each other. This social distancing, while very necessary, is difficult for all, but the work still gets done, albeit in modified form in a daily changing world.

The next general membership meeting on April 8 will be ONLINE ONLY and we encourage you to join in. We're all stuck at home; you don't even have to get off the sofa. Please join us online as we mix up the GM format a bit and celebrate all our accomplishments this year (briefly) and then open up for discussion. We miss you.

The Installation Banquet is on hold due to the COVID-19 Crisis and WILL be held when we are able to gather again in groups and it safe to do so.

Book Club is looking for ways to be virtual until the crisis is over.

The following ID projects and events are on hold due to the COVID-19 Crisis. We hope to have them and or resume them when possible.

- Pawtucket Red Sox Outing – June 28, 1:05 PM – Amy LaBrache - On hold
- Amerada 2020 – 9/11 – 9/13 – Pam Warren & Jeanne Suttie – Status unknown at this time
- Trivia Night – Kathy Brady – On Hold
- Darkness to Light Training - The Jaycees only had one of these sessions which we needed to cancel; The Rec department will resume training when safe to do.

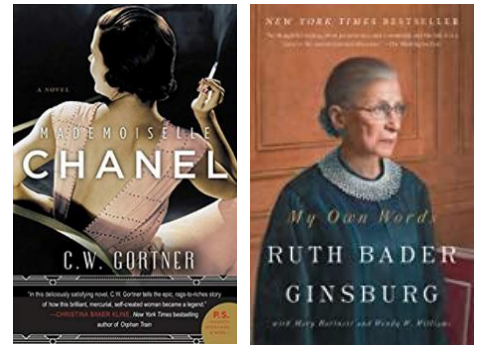
Finally, these are absolutely unprecedented times no one alive in America has lived through before; the last pandemic was in 1918. The Foxboro Jaycees will persevere, we always do, and we will adapt. During this time, we encourage you to reach out to the board with any ideas for the Jaycees to help in this crisis that allow us to help from home or virtually. PLEASE attend the online GM April 8. Stay in touch with each other. Take care of each other. STAY INFORMED. Watch a news channel you TRUST at least a half hour a day to STAY INFORMED – this situation changes every day. Check in on your friends and family who are alone often.

This is a brave new world for all of us, and we can only get through it together.

Stay safe!

Bob

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur - On Thursday, March 5, 2020, Book Club members gathered at Lisa's home to discuss two amazing women: Coco Chanel, the subject of C.W. Cortner's "Mademoiselle Chanel," and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who wrote "RBG: In My Own Words." Thank you to Monique for a delicious cheese board and French-themed cookies and to Michele and Bev who made deliciously sweet treats with a bit of French flair! :) We also had props to enrich our evening: Monique's perfume and Deena's RBG doll and "judge" mints!!



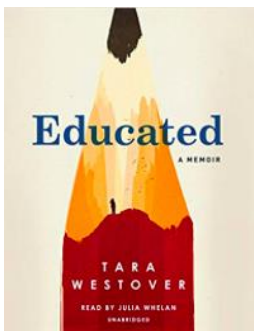
We loved discussing the important contributions these two important women have made. SCJ Ginsburg's book included some brief background of her life, education, and marriage, and each chapter, framed by an editor, explained an important Supreme Court decision and included her discussion about it. Additionally, our favorite sections included the discussion of the landmark case Moritz versus Commissioner, especially the role of Ginsburg's husband, and the humorous discussions about relationships with others, such as SCJ Scales. Some members discussed the movie and made great connections to our conversation. The book earned 2's on 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 "wish I had not spent hours of my life reading this." We loved the topic and enjoyed learning about these very important women!



The C.W. Cortier novel imagines the life of iconic fashion designer Gabriella "Coco" Chanel, the daughter of a poor, hard working laundrywoman who died when Chanel was young. Chanel and her sisters were sent to a convent, an orphanage in which the sisters nurtured Gabrielle's exceptional sewing skills would propel the ambitious young woman into a life far removed from the tragic drudgery and poverty of her childhood.

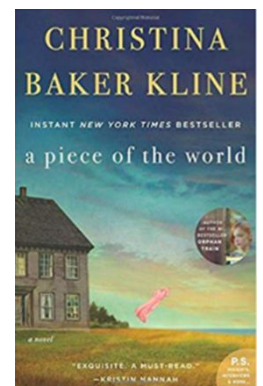
Transforming herself into Coco, shortened from the nickname coquette, Chanel attracts wealth and famous people. She develops her famous 1920s modern woman style and opens a shop, completely revolutionary for a woman of her time. Years later, Coco's store are impacted by the Nazi invasion of Paris; she makes difficult decisions to survive amidst rumors of being a collaborator; she works with a Russian prince; she creates the little black dress and trousers for women in 1926; after closing her shop during WWII, she reopened in 1954 to excellent reception from American women, including Jackie O; and she created a line of costume jewelry.

The book earned one 1 and several 2's on 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 "wish I had not spent hours of my life reading this." We found her life fascinating.



Thursday, April 2nd: Tara Westover's "Educated"

Thursday, May 7th: Christina Baker Kline's "A Piece of the World"



community

Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Community Development is where we shine. Being involved with our communities to help out in any way we can. Although many of the upcoming projects have been cancelled or postponed due to our crisis, know that the board and other members are investigating ways the Jaycees can be of assistance to our community at large. If you have any ideas of what you'd like to see us get involved with, please share with us.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:



Making Masks to Save Lives – Sue Gillis (New)

Sue spoke with the board about her project to create face masks to help the medical community that are in desperate need. The board is putting our support behind her. She is looking for 100% cotton fabric and/or 1/4" elastic, maybe you have a sewing machine and can sew them, maybe you could help cutting the fabric into correct size. Please contact Sue or like her Facebook page *Making Masks to Save Lives*. Please support Sue in this venture.

Painting Rocks for Seniors – Amy & Sarah LaBrache (New)

Amy would like to start a project where local children paint rocks that would be placed at the Doolittle Home and other places around town where seniors who are locked in could view them out of their windows. Another great project created by our Jaycee family to stay connected with our community. If you want to help, please reach out to Amy.



Darkness To Light Training – Amy LaBrache ~ TBD

We will be rescheduling the Darkness to Light training, date to be determined

Easter Egg Hunt – Catherine Schwarting & Amy LaBrache ~ CANCELLED

This year's Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled for obvious reasons. Thank you, Catherine and Amy for stepping up to chair.

Candidates Night – Sophia Manos ~ TBD

Sophia is in the process of working with FCA to figure out logistics and will be in touch with town administration to keep up to date with any decisions about our upcoming elections. 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.



Nativity Shepherd
Before / After

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 felt 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. **UPDATE:** Let's hope that this current situation will pass and that we can all get together for the shows, stay tuned.

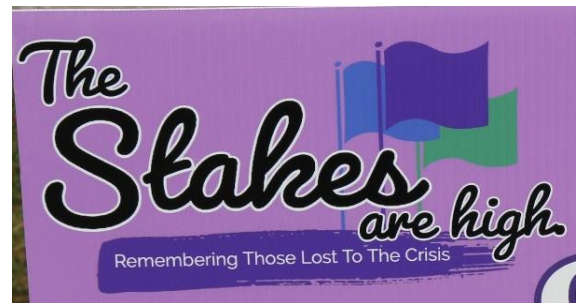
Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

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.

UPDATE: Lisa has extended the deadline for scholarship applications.

Stakes are High Event – Kris Long ~ CURRENTLY IN HOLDING PATTERN.

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.



COMPLETED PROJECTS

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

Thank you Sand Team for keeping our Seniors safe this season, although there wasn't much lately, in November/December you were busy delivering buckets to our seniors.

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.

Foxboro Jaycees Scholarship in Memory of Fred George, Jr.

The Foxboro Jaycees are pleased to announce a 2019-20 Scholarship Program: a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual enrolled in a two or four year college, a technical institute, school of nursing, post graduate school or other accredited secondary program who demonstrates a commitment to community service.

Longtime member of the Jaycees, Fred George, Jr. lost his battle to cancer in December 2018. He spent countless hours assisting with Jaycees community projects and embracing leadership roles when needed to do so. We remember him fondly as a loving father with a big heart, a wonderful role model who embodied Jaycees values. We are honored to present this scholarship in his memory.

Who is eligible for this scholarship?

Foxboro area applicants must be enrolled in a 2 or 4-year college, technical institute, school of nursing, post graduate school or other education program beyond high school.

How does one apply for this scholarship? Applicants must submit a typed application via email or mail: Foxboro Jaycees Scholarship Program, PO Box 169, Foxboro, MA 02035. Email scholarship@foxborojaycees.org. Visit the Foxboro Jaycees FB page or website to learn more about this local organization, to download an application, or to request an application be mailed.

The deadline has been extended to May 15, 2020

If any member knows of someone who may be eligible for this scholarship (Child, Grandchild, Niece / Nephew, Friend... even yourself) you can download the application from our website, or contact project chair Lisa Jolicoeur for more details.



Ways and Means

Vice President: Sophia Manos



The overall theme of this Wise Fox is everything is in a holding pattern with all of us hoping for the best. The list below is the current slate still in queue. Please note that we are all cognizant that these fundraising events may not run, but we are confident that we can maintain normal operation within budget for the remainder of the year once the national emergency passes.

The registrations for the Spring vendor fair went out on March 23. This included a comprehensive and sensible disclaimer regarding the current Covid-19 situation where we will offer full refunds to all registered vendors should the event be unable to take place due to State edicts. Please contact me or Deena if you wish to see the full registration email and policy.

POTENTIAL UPCOMING PROJECTS

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

Many wonderful vendors on a (hopefully) beautiful Spring day on the Common. Help needed for set-up and strike for the day. Fair generally is open for public 9am-3pm. We need some runners to help on this day: filling in for vendors on bathroom breaks, helping direct vendors to parking lot, lunch runs etc.

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

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

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.

Founders Day Concessions – JUNE 13th Chair– Amy LaBrache & Pam Warren

It is Vendor fair concessions times 10!

Concert on the Common - Concessions – May - August Chair– Pam Warren

ON-GOING PROJECTS

NOTECARDS FOR SALE! Year-round.

Send notes to pen-pals to stay in touch with a “touch” of Foxboro! These blank on the inside 5x7 size notecards have room for quick notes of care or a short story. :)

Let us know when you want some, and we can arrange delivery.

**Stay safe and healthy everyone.
This too shall pass.**



Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache



Hello fellow Jaycees!

Happy Spring!

This is probably the hardest report I have had to write. With all of what is happening at this present moment, I am struggling with finding the right words to say. Having been in for the last 2 weeks, I have spent so much time working from home, balancing kid's school work, household responsibilities and while at the same time processing what is going on. I am sure this is very relatable to you all, and that you are doing the same or similar things. What I am most thankful for is the family that I have gained in this organization. One thing I know is that I just have to make one phone call and I know someone "has" me and my family. So I guess my point in all of this is that we are not just a membership, we are family. A nutty, fun and sometimes dysfunctional one, but like most families, we come together and support one another in good times and in crisis. If you need anything, please reach out to one of us. If you need an ear to listen, food, or dare I say toilet paper. Please consider joining our zoom GM meeting. It will be a nice chance to see one another, see how we are all coping, and to hear about all of the accomplishments our organization has accomplished this year. I look forward to seeing you all there!

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 – If you are interested in sharing ideas and thoughts, please join me at the next "in person" GM at 7 PM.

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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