



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - May 2020

Hello Jaycee Family,

Can I say Happy May? I honestly do not feel it. Focusing on the positive. So HAPPY SPRING! I am loving the fact that the sun is coming out more and the nights are still cool. I am happy I get to spend so much quality time with my family.

I am excited to see you all at our next Virtual General Membership meeting. We had a record number of attendees at the 1st ever Foxboro Jaycee Virtual Membership meeting with 22 members, the largest meeting in over a year. It would be great to see if we could break that number this time around.



I want to go over what to expect during the Virtual General Membership Meetings as many veteran members have not seen the changes that we have made to accommodate the membership in the last 2 years.

We still use Robert's Rules of Order, we follow the Bylaws, and we are getting projects done and doing great work. I understand it is hard for the veteran members to sit through meetings where they think that things are being done incorrectly, however if you initially hang in there you will find that we are still doing everything correctly.

We welcome everyone, keep negativity and nastiness out of our meetings, celebrate quirks and differences, accept flaws of others, mirror respect and trust, have faith in one another, and project more flexibility at meetings to reflect the understanding that participants have different needs and interests.

You also may not all be aware that our meetings include committee work time on the agenda because people find it challenging to attend meetings, preparations, and projects. We also discuss things briefly during the meeting as needed. This also gives new people an opportunity to get involved immediately in a project and know the specifics of a project, getting the feel of where they can contribute, and plan it into their calendar before leaving the meeting.

It is difficult to do a basic General Membership meeting online due to multiple cancelations. We have changed to a "CHECK IN" session instead of the normal introductions. The chapter needs to know that as Jaycees we are all in this together. Many members are alone, depressed, stressed out, or anxious. The Board and myself feel that because so many projects have been cancelled it is important to focus on the members to make everyone feel welcome and share our current situations, then review what few projects we do have running and celebrate our achievements and awards.

We are trying our best to keep our name out there in the communities we service, as much as we can, by thinking outside the box.

While you are at home trying to be positive, please try thinking Jaycee. We are looking for "outside the box" ideas for projects/activities for the chapter. Maybe you have a great idea. Remember no idea is a bad idea. Just shoot me an email. jeansuttie@gmail.com

On a side note, should you have concerns about a project, member, or about an upcoming meeting agenda please direct your concerns to me/future Presidents and I will make sure that it is addressed properly and in a timely fashion.

I hope you are home safe, healthy, and Covid-19 Free. Also, that your loved ones are also safe and healthy. Please remember if you need to talk or vent. Reach out - The Jaycees are here for you.

Please join us for our 2nd ever Virtual General Membership meeting on 5/13/20 on Zoom at 7PM!

"Thinking Jaycee"

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. With the social distancing, we are holding meetings via Zoom – it's a great opportunity to reacquaint yourself with your fellow Jaycees!



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 April 2020 GMM:

March 2020 Jaycee of the Month – Amy LaBrache.

March 2020 Project of the Month – Providence Bruins Outing – Bob Gillis:

It was a fantastic day with 30 people (members and families) in attendance. We had great seats and the Bruins beat the Hershey Bears in an Overtime Shoot-out – So Exciting!! (All before the quarantine hit) Also nominated were Sand For Seniors and The Wise Fox.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

April Birthdays:

William Byrnes
Michael Stewart
Lynn Freerksen
Kathy Brady
Bob Hickey
Derek House
Sharon Hall
Stephen Strickland
Monica Rigamonti
Stephanie O'Neill
Joseph Nawn
Jade Cummings

April Anniversaries:

Heather Loew	2008
Lynn Freerkson	2014
Peter Filosa	2015
Shante Collins	2019

*Happy
Mother's Day!*



Individual Development

Vice President: *Bob Gillis*

Greetings Jaycee friends,

In the interest of brevity, I won't address any ID projects affected by Coronavirus; with so much on hold (or no activity at this time) I'll just focus on what's going on.

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – Due to COVID-19 the Jaycee book club has gone virtual; Lisa's entertaining and informative summaries I always post on our web site, and the book club just celebrated its 180th meeting. Way to go Lisa!

"Making Masks for Jaycees." – Susan Gillis

Susan's idea and approved as a Jaycee project by the board, the goal is to ensure that the Foxboro Jaycees (all members and their household) and Massachusetts Senators can get masks made by the Foxboro Jaycees. Susan called the entire roster and senators were emailed and called. At this writing all Jaycees on our chapter roster who responded yes have their masks. Susan is working with a few other Jaycees to ascertain how many senators



need masks and get them to them. All of the supplies have been donated by the friends, Jaycees & Senators and masks made by Jaycees and volunteers. Great work Susan!

Making a difference, (part 1)

Susan Gillis has been working with, and coordinating, volunteers across several communities to create masks and get them to those on the front lines, hospitals, and those at high risk. Seeing the doctors and nurses post pictures wearing them is awesome.

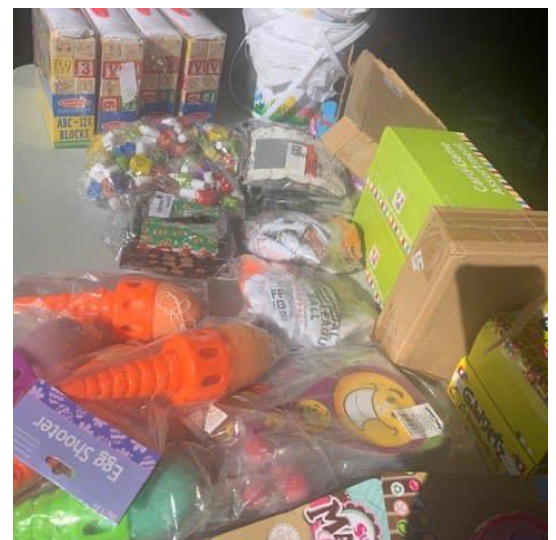
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/230765178065742/>

The Jaycee connection: Because some people wished to donate money (rather than fabric, elastics or sewing) to this endeavor, Susan asked the Foxboro Jaycees to process these donations to ensure a) people knew the money was going to be overseen by an organization known to the community and that b) any monies distributed would only be via a receipt presented to the Jaycee treasurer. The Jaycee board approved this. This is very similar to what the Jaycees do for the skating rink.

Making a difference, (part 2)

Amy LaBrache posted on Foxboro Discussion that she would like to make (at her own expense) Easter baskets for needy children. Amy made nearly 20 baskets and folks in the community donated to that effort as well. Amy exemplifies generosity and kindness and made a difference for those children on Easter Sunday.

The Jaycee connection: The Jaycee board agreed since the Easter Egg Hunt was canceled due to COVID-19 but we had funds reserved for it, the Jaycees would pay for a \$25 grocery store gift card for the Moms and Dads for each of the nearly 20 Easter baskets. What a generous idea and during these uncertain times, the parents appreciated the Jaycee help.



Finally, ...

COVID-19 is affecting all of us, and we're all managing as best we can. Some of us have already lost people we know and love to Coronavirus. For the rest of 2020, what will happen is anyone's guess. We're all having high emotional stressors right now and together we will get through this.

Please, please, take a few minutes each day to turn off the news, go outside and let the sun warm you, look at the sky and just be grateful for what you have and the people in your life. With COVID-19, the only certainty is uncertainty.

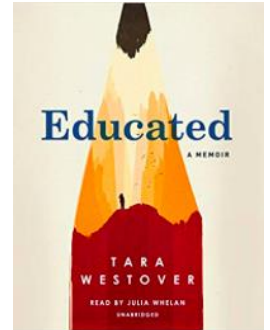
God bless all of you, stay informed, stay safe, and try to keep the hope alive.

Bob

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur - Book Club Summary, April 2, 2020

On Thursday evening, April 2, 2020, Book Club members gathered in front of their devices in comfortable clothing with a favorite snack and beverage to discuss Tara Westover's "Educated" virtually!

Book Club members discussed a range of topics. Sandy saw Westover speak at the Women's Conference in November and suggested the book because of its moving topic and Westover's enthusiastic presence at the conference. Although Westover does not criticize her parents or her faith openly in the book, she presents enough details of experiences that made us compare her parents to those in other books we have read, such as "Hillbilly Elegy," "Glass Castles," and "The Great Alone."

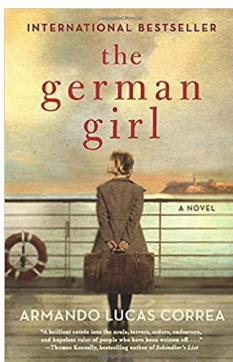
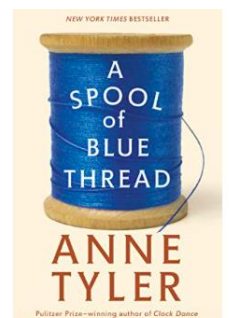


We discussed the survivalist attitude of the parents which bordered on cruelty in some cases, such as not wanting to go to hospitals or schools; how the good intentions of the parents appear as abusive and twisted when the children suffers, such as lack of education, healthy relationships with peers and other family members; and education, such as when Tara earns some money to attend college even though she had little formal education and had to rely on her own motivation and wits to learn. Her older brother was a positive role model for her, and we did talk about other relatives who knew something was amiss for her but were helpless to save her.

The book was a page turner for many of us. Thus, the book earned all 2's, 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 maybe not for everyone....," 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!

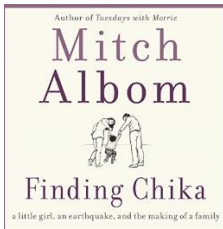
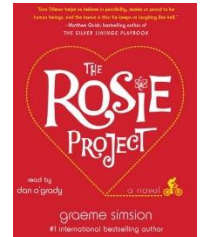
Books for future consideration (I will share a poll, and we can pick our top choices for summer reading titles for future meetings! Do you have titles to add?):

Anne Tyler's "A Spool of Blue Thread": The book, by Pulitzer-Prize-winning author, Anne Tyler, chronicles the loves and lives of three generations of the Whitshank family living in Baltimore, MD. As the story opens the reader sees Abby and Red Whitshank receiving a call from their middle child, Denny, who has disappeared for many months."



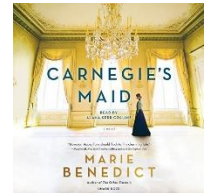
Armando Lucas Correa's "The German Girl": From the publisher: "Before everything changed, Hannah Rosenthal lived a charmed life. But now the streets of Berlin are draped in swastikas and Hannah is no longer welcome in the places she once considered home. A glimmer of hope appears in the shape of the St Louis, a transatlantic liner that promises Jews safe passage to Cuba." This book is a different kind of post WWII story that is set mostly in Cuba.

Graeme Simsion's "The Rosie Project" 2013 Australian novel that centers on genetics professor Don Tillman, who struggles to have a serious relationship with women. With a friend's help, he devises a questionnaire to assess the suitability of female partners.

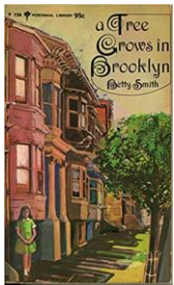


Mitch Albom's "Finding Chika": A review I found: "This was a very thought-provoking book about life and what really matters most. Mitch Albom does a great job telling the story of a Haitian orphan who has been entrusted to the care of he and his wife. Although they had no children of their own, she quickly became a part of their family as they try to fight her illness. Chika in turn teaches them how to live life to its fullest and value the smallest of moments. The author had a unique writing style for telling this story that made it very engaging. Lastly, have your tissues ready because you are going to need them!"

Marie Benedict's *Carnegie's Maid*: "The USA Today Bestseller From the author of *The Only Woman in the Room* comes the mesmerizing tale of what kind of woman could have inspired an American dynasty.

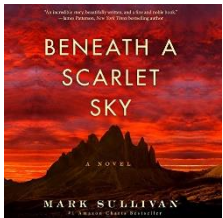


Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She's not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh's grandest households."



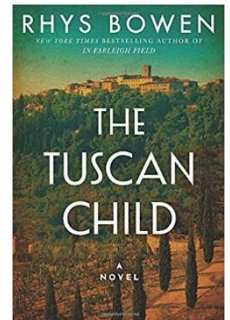
Betty Smith's "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn": The story focuses on an impoverished but aspirational adolescent girl and her family living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York City, during the first two decades of the 20th century.

Kate Quinn's "The Huntress": Set mainly in 1950s Boston, Nazi war criminal hunters follow a lead to an unexpected place in search of a female killer. The story weaves flashbacks to reveal the intriguing story of Russian female fighter pilots, Austrian soldiers, and a journalist as they travel across the world to bring justice to a murderer. A page turner. Author of "The Alice Network."



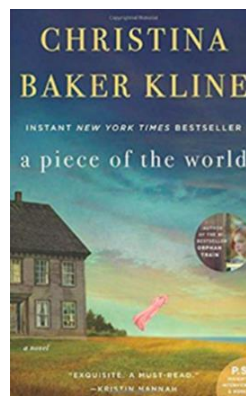
Mark Sullivan's "Beneath A Scarlet Sky": The fictionalized true story of a young Italian boy's experiences during WW2. Pino Lella never spoke about his wartime exploits until he was an old man. There was a reason for this. Despite his heroics he has carried with him a harrowing haunting secret, a secret he believes to be shameful.

Rhys Bowen's "The Tuscan Child": "Rhys Bowen's latest novel, *The Tuscan Child*, seamlessly shifts back and forth between 1944 in war-torn Italy and 1973 in Surrey, England. After the death of her father, Hugo, Joanna Langley returns to Langley Hall, now a prestigious private school but formerly the heraldic seat of his family, which her father had been forced to sell after the war. While going through his belongings, she comes across a letter addressed to Sophia in San Salvatore, marked "return to sender." Leaving what remains of her family possessions—a few paintings and bits of furniture—with her family barrister, she heads to Italy to try to learn about her father's time there. Both storylines intertwine and inform each other, and the reader has the enjoyable job of untangling the plot and watching as Joanna finally finds a place where she truly feels at home."



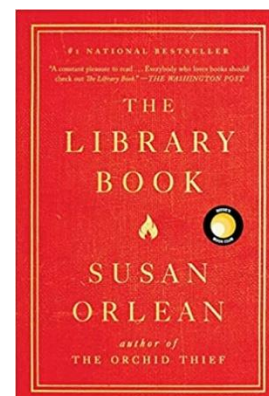
Next Book Club: May 7th 7:00 at Zoom!!

"A Piece of the World" by Christina Baker Kline
Enjoy a snack and beverage at your device!



June Book Club: June 4th 7:00 at Zoom!!

"The Library Book" by Susan Orlean
Enjoy a snack and beverage at your device!



community

Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Although many of our community projects have been put on hold, or cancelled all together, know that we continue to look into ways we can be of service to our community. If you have any ideas or know of programs that need support, please feel free to reach out to me or any of your board members.

Making Masks to Save Lives – Sue Gillis

Sue continues to work diligently creating face masks for folks in our medical community and others in desperate need. This is not a Jaycee project, but the board is supporting Sue's venture and because of that support, Sue is running an Individual Development project to make masks for our membership as well as the Jaycee Senators in Massachusetts. She continues to take donations of fabric (100% cotton, ¼" flat elastic and folks who have some sewing skills or could help with cutting of fabric, etc. Please contact Sue or like her Facebook page "Making Masks to Save Lives".



Crosses for Memorial Day – Kathy Brady

Each year on Memorial Day Eve, the Jaycees take the crosses of all those lost in wars and place them at the foot of the common to be displayed for the Memorial Day Observance. They are taken down that Monday evening. We're not sure what the observance will be this year, whether the parade will take place or the service on the common itself, but we feel it important to continue our participation of displaying the crosses.

Painting Rocks for Seniors – Sarah and Amy LaBrache (COMPLETE)

Sarah and Amy collected many rocks painted by community children and with help from other Jaycees they created a rock walkway for the residents at the Doolittle home to view. This sent a message to the residents that folks care and are thinking of them. The Home is very grateful to all involved.



Easter Bunny Drive By – Laureen House (COMPLETE)

Because of the restrictions, we were unable to hold our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. However, the Easter Bunny wanted to be sure that the children of Foxborough knew that he would still be delivering to their home Easter eve. Laureen put out a call on Facebook for folks to sign up for the drive by. Over 100 families responded. We had help from AJT and friends of the Easter Bunny and took a four-hour tour around Foxborough waving to children standing in their driveways. Thank you Laureen, Devlyn, KB, and Marc.

Easter Basket Help – Amy LaBrache (COMPLETE)

Not a Jaycee Project. Many people couldn't get out to do the shopping for Easter this year. Amy put out a message on Facebook to let her know if folks needed help with shopping, etc. She immediately got responses of need as well as support. The Jaycee Board decided to support her efforts and donated \$25 Gift Cards to Stop and Shop to help the families too. Thank you Amy for letting us be a small part of your venture.

Darkness To Light Training – Amy LaBrache ~ TBD

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

Candidates Night – Sophia Manos ~ TBD

Sophia is working with Foxboro Cable Access and town hall to decide how best to give the candidates the opportunity to get their message out about their road to election.

Nativity Scene Repair - Sue Gills

Our friends at LaSalette have been working on pieces of our Nativity Scene. Sue is working with them to discuss a way to get the statues over to them to continue work on this so that they will be completed for Christmas.

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

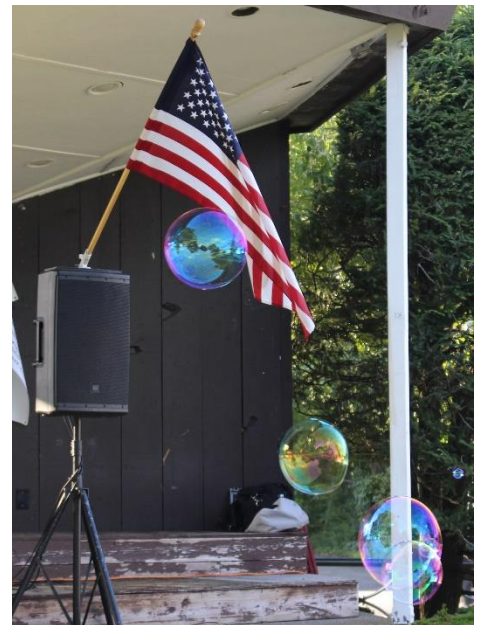
When things get a little more stable we will be cleaning out the Bandstand and our Inventory Building. We will let you know when a date has been chosen.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew

It's looking more and more like a few of our early concerts will have to be cancelled, or rescheduled. Max will be working with the bands and the town to set dates, etc. Stay tuned!

Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

Lisa has extended the deadline to submit applications, she will be looking for folks to read and rate the scholarships. (see below)

**PROJECTS IN HOLDING PATTERN****Stakes are High event – Kris Long
Relay for Life Team (June 20-21)**

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.

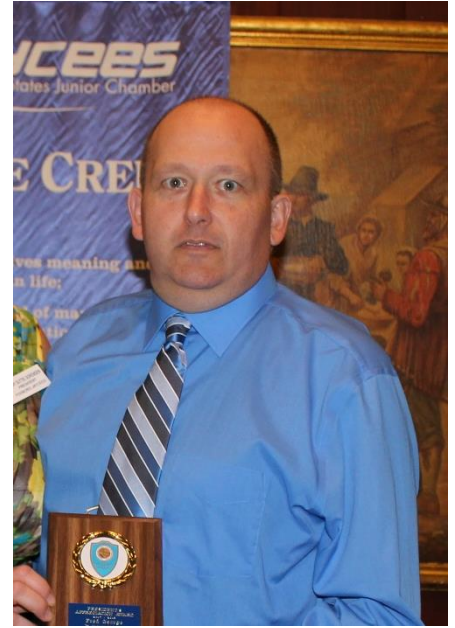
Who is eligible for this scholarship?

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 30, 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.



Congratulations

Class of

2020!





Ways and Means

Vice President: Sophia Manos



This month, some of those projects that were in a holding pattern, have been cancelled or will likely be cancelled. We are all still hoping for the best for the late summer and Fall. The list below is what would have been seasonally coming our way. We must also consider that when things open up again and we can have concerts and the like, we may have to think about handling things differently. We always wore hats and gloves at concessions, but likely we will incorporate masks as the standard too. There will be more we will learn from state boards of health and the like and we will be ready for it and be able to move forward, whatever that may look like.

As I mentioned last month, we are all cognizant that not having these fundraising events this Spring/early Summer, will pinch a bit, but we are also not actively spending on other events that we would have had (Egg Hunt, Founders Day Float etc). Thus we are confident that we can maintain normal operation within budget for the remainder of the year once the national emergency passes.

Stay safe and healthy everyone. This too shall pass and we can come out of it better, though not the same.

Cancelled UPCOMING PROJECTS

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

No vendor monies were cashed and they all understand the situation. Great forethought by Deena and Lisa on the management of the communication and funds. My thanks to them.

But let's be ready for the Fall Fair!

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

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

Concert on the Common - Concessions – May28 - June 11th

Founders Day Concessions – JUNE 13th Chair– Amy LaBrache & 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.



Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache



Hello from Membership!

Membership has been very quiet the last couple months due to our current conditions. But I wanted to point out that even though we are not able to do our usual projects at this time, our efforts that have been “outside of the box” have been making an impact on our community. I have had a family reach out from the Easter bunny project and they are very excited to join us at our upcoming GM! Also we had two new faces at our last virtual GM! Please spread the word about all of the wonderful things that we are doing in the community! Maybe they will be inspired by your enthusiasm to check us out!

I also want to say that membership is not only about new members, but also about our current membership as a whole. Please reach out if you are in need of anything at this difficult time. We are all in this together... as a family.... As a membership.

As reported at the last GM, I am happy to say that our Junior Jaycee chapter is looking to roll out as soon as possible. I am going to be looking for some help from all of you to get this started on the right foot. I have been in contact with nationals, and a few very successful junior chapters to learn how to do it correctly and feel like now is the time to plunge and get this rolling out. If you are at all interested in helping with this new endeavor, please reach out to me at afoxb1@icloud.com or give me a call at 508-369-0039.

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.

Be sure to “Like” us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FoxboroJaycees>) and Follow us on Twitter (@FoxboroJaycees) or find us on Instagram ([foxboroJaycees](https://www.instagram.com/foxboroJaycees)) and you can always find the latest updates at www.foxboroJaycees.org. Please email Amy with any questions, or new ideas Afoxb1@icloud.com



There is a new Facebook group called “**Partners in Patriotism.**” They have started nominating a “Noteworthy Neighbor” each week – so far two of our members have been featured:

May 1st:

Our #NoteworthyNeighbor this week is Susan Gillis! Susan started Making Masks to Save Lives, coordinating volunteers from Foxboro and the surrounding communities to sew and donate over 2,000 masks to essential workers.

“I am very blessed to be part of an amazing community that comes together to help when there is a need,” Susan said. “This would not be possible without all those who are also contributing to the effort. I have seen incredible generosity and am profoundly grateful to everyone out there who made time to help produce over 2,000 masks. We are all in this together and together, we will get through it to whatever our new normal will be.”



April 17th:



Our #NoteworthyNeighbor this week is lifelong resident Amy LaBrache! With the help of local donors and the Foxboro Jaycees, Amy put together personalized Easter baskets for 20 children in town.

“Being a member of this community and the Foxboro Jaycees, it is what we are all about,” Amy said. “Community is everything to us and it has been ingrained in myself to do whatever is needed. It was so satisfying to be able to help so many families provide a normal holiday for their children.”

Know who we should highlight next? Email us: FoxboroResidents@GilletteStadium.com