



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - June 2020

Hello Jaycee Family,

Well it's June! I cannot believe many of us have been home since March and that our children are finishing school from home. It is a very sad end of the school year for many. Thankfully, we have each other and virtual meetings!

I hope to see you all at our next Virtual General Membership meeting on June 10th, 2020 starting at 7:00pm with business to begin at 7:30pm. I am hoping that the July meeting will be in person. We will see.



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. With 2 of our biggest fundraisers cancelled this year we need some fresh ideas.

Do 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 safe and healthy. Please remember, if you need to talk or vent. Reach out - The Jaycees are here for you.

"Thinking Jaycee"

Your President,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

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 without having to leave your home!



Sunshine - June is Busting out all over... 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 May 2020 GMM:

April 2020 Jaycee of the Month - Amy LaBrache. – For the second month in a row, miss Amy has been leading the way. Between figuring out how to help the community in the unusual situation we find ourselves, to mentoring her daughter to be involved, to trying to get the Junior Jaycees up and going, all while managing her own busy work schedule – Amy is keeping the Jaycee Spirit alive.

April 2020 Project of the Month - Senior Rocks - Sarah LaBrache: The youngest “member” to ever chair a project, Sarah is getting the Junior Jaycees spirit by bringing a smile to the folks at the Dolittle Home. We can look for big things from this future leader...

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

June Birthdays:

Paul Lanza
Bob Siteman
Paul O'Sullivan
Patty Reid
Jennifer Hesford
Andrea Johnstone
Maria Montanez
Devlyn House
Jim Evans
Sarah LaBrache

June Anniversaries:

Paul Howard	1979
Fred Badger	1986
Laura Franc	2015
Marian McCabe	2019
Helen Power	2019

Happy

Father's Day!



Individual Development

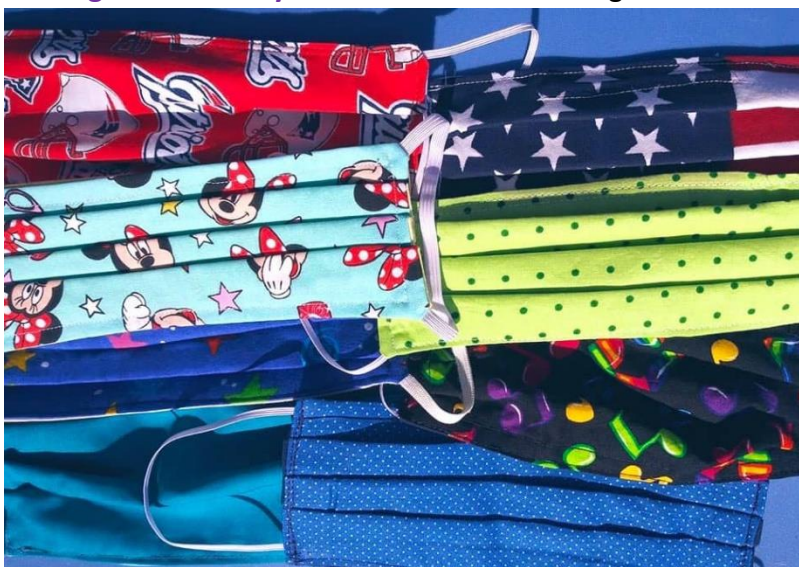
Vice President: *Bob Gillis*

Greetings Jaycee friends! Once again, 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 and is going fantastic! Not only that, due to its success the group is NOT taking its annual summer break but will meet virtually each month over the summer to discuss a book! Great work Lisa! (Lisa's monthly summary appears on the next page)

Jaycee Virtual trivia – Marian McCabe – Marian McCabe will be hosting a Jaycee virtual Trivia Night via Zoom. THURSDAY JUNE 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. It should be fun and a nice way to connect with Jaycee friends. Just like regular Trivia, Jaycee kids are invited (they usually have the right answers anyway). There will be a prize or two. I'll be there, will you? If you are interested in participating, please email Marian directly at marianmccabe6819@gmail.com for details.

Making Masks for Jaycees. – Susan Gillis - 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 contacted senators as well. All Jaycees on our chapter roster and all senators who responded yes have their masks. We received several very kind thank you notes from some of the senators. This project will close as a "final 2" at the June GM. Great work Susan!

Senators! I would also like to add that the making masks project was a wonderful way for the Foxboro Jaycees to really connect with the senators; I have seen a trend these past few

years where the Foxboro chapter has really taken to embracing our senators (inviting them to GMs, get-togethers, and so forth.) Our senators are great people and I think it's awesome that we stay connected to these mentors and friends who helped lay the Jaycee path that we walk today!

Finally, as this is individual development, I encourage each of you to take care of YOU. Take care of your own mental health, get outside every day even if it's being in the yard, shut off the news and social media for just a little while and unplug once in a while. Take care of YOU! We need YOU!

God bless you all, and hope to see you at Trivia, and in-person when it is safe for us to do so!

Bob

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur

May 7, 2020 Book Club Summary for Christina Baker Kline's "A Piece of the World"

Our little piece of the world opened to include our friends virtually to discuss this month's book. Snacks and drinks were delightful, and no one had to worry about driving home!

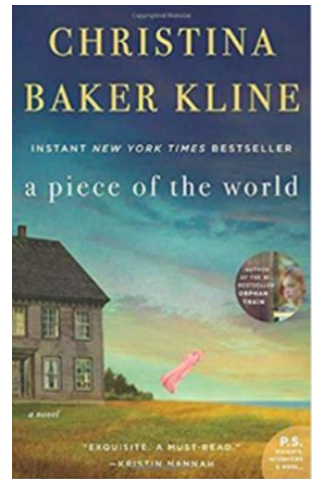
Kline uses her imagination and excellent writing skills to craft a story about Christina Olsen, the woman who is the real life subject of the painting by Andrew Wyeth set on her family's farm in Cushing, Maine, with the house looming in the background.

Christina's family descended from Nathaniel Hawthorne's grandfather, John Hathorne, who presided in 1692 over the Salem Witch Trials. Known for not recanting, he left a painful legacy for his family, many of whom left Salem and settled in Cushing, Maine and earned a living as sailors. Many sailors died, so the Hawthorne family "daughtered out." Christina's mother married a Swedish sailor, so the Hawthorne House became the Hawthorne/Olsen House where Christina eventually lived alone in isolation.

Andrew Wyeth famously spent 20 summers staying at the home. Many of his paintings feature the home, and in the famous "Christina's World," the house is actually the central feature of the painting, but interest in Christina, sitting on the ground, inspired the novel.

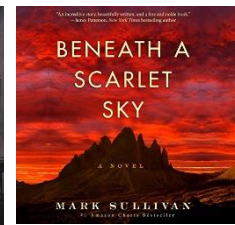
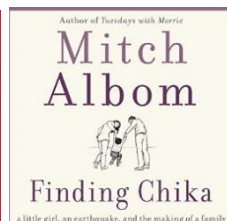
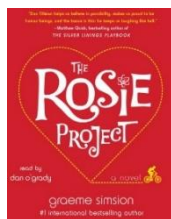
Christina had an illness as a child that left her with twisted legs, most likely Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, a degenerative nerve disease that usually appears in adolescence or early adulthood. She remains on the farm and never marries.

Book club members enjoyed discussing the painting, Christina's often bitter narrative, the pressure she put on her brother to care for her, her romantic interest Walton Hall, and harshness of life on the farm with such a physical illness. The book earned 2's and 2.5's on the rating scale of 1-5: 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 read it." So, this very tough crowd gave this book high marks and engaged in some fabulous conversation!

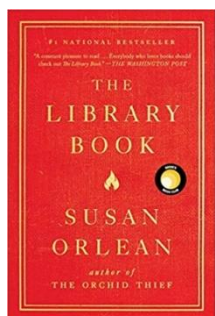
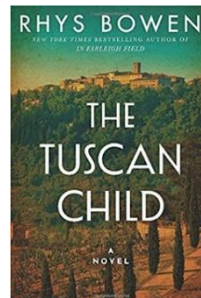
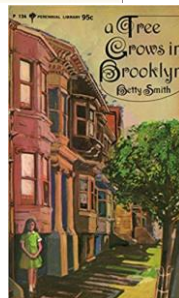


Although we normally do not meet during summer months, we have enjoyed the virtual meetings, and with no vacation plans in the forecast, we decided we want to meet over the summer to discuss our books. We picked a book for July and will choose from the following list for upcoming meetings:

The Rosie Project
Finding Chicka
Carnegie's Maid
The Huntress
Beneath a Scarlet Sky



A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (classic throwback)
The Tuscan Child
The German Girl
The Dutch House
Glass Hotel
When We Believed in Mermaids



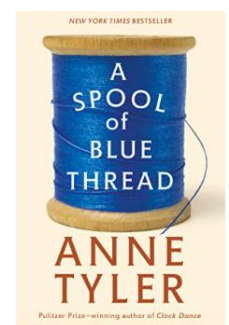
Force of Nature
Into the Wilderness
Wine Maker's Wife

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

"The Library Book" by Susan Orlean

July Book Club: Date TBA: "Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler

Enjoy a snack and beverage at your device!



community

Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

Deadline for applications was May 31st. Lisa has received several applications and will put together a team to review and award this years' Scholarship. Thank you, Lisa for carrying on this project through a tough time for seniors in our community.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew

This is still a wait and see.... The bands have been booked, but we need to wait on advice from our town officials as to whether or not this years' Concert Season will be able to take place. We are hoping that we will get guidance soon and be able to meet up on Thursday nights to take in some great shows.

Nativity Scene Repair – Sue Gillis

Sue was able to recruit two brothers who are weightlifting champions to help us move our statues to LaSalette for refurbishing. With all the social distancing rules, we wouldn't have been able to get a group together to lift the heavy statues and get them safely to LaSalette. But these two neighbors of the Gillis's were able to lift them into and back out of the truck. Look forward to seeing our set all spruced up for the holidays.



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 has made 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 ~ COMPLETED

The 29 crosses were placed on the common fencing for Memorial Day and once again Kathy and I were grateful that once again this year we didn't have to add any crosses. These crosses represent a life taken during their service, making their ultimate sacrifice.



Inspirational Signs – Lynda Walsh ~ COMPLETED



As some may have noticed, there were posters put up on telephone poles throughout town as a way for the Jaycees to let folks know that we're still here and offer up some smiles. Because of the laws we only had them up for two weeks and we have taken them down. We got a lot of thanks from folks who enjoyed seeing them as they made their way around town.



Candidates Night – Sophia Manos ~ COMPLETED

Another smashing success.... Although this year was a little different than most years, all candidates got a chance to be in front of the voters in town to tell their story and share their ideas. Sophia had to work a little harder this year to get everyone on the same page in order to ensure that this year's production would be a success. We are so lucky to have the talented team from Foxboro Cable to guide us every year.



Congratulations Banner – Lynda Walsh ~ COMPLETED

This year's graduating class has had a rough few months. The board decided we should put a banner up under the town sign to congratulate all graduates, including College, High School, Middle School, Grammar School. Again, we've gotten many good comments about the banner.

PROJECTS IN HOLDING PATTERN

Stakes are High event – Kris Long
Relay for Life Team (June 20-21)
Alzheimer's Walk (Sept TBD)

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



We are all grateful that the cases and death rates of Covid-19 continue to drop in Massachusetts. We will be slowly coming out of this and hope to stave-off a second wave, as such we are all subject to the state's guidelines for gatherings and events. As such, while we hope to get in a few concerts toward the end of the summer, everything is still unknown.

That makes the ways and means report even more slim this month. Where we would normally be talking about all hands-on deck for Founder's Day, we instead are thinking of some other virtual ways to raise some funding this year.

One past event that can potentially be brought back in these virtual times is a paint-night via Zoom. We are looking into options and please stay tuned for a survey to evaluate your level of interest in such an event.

Please reach out if you have any fundraising ideas so the board can discuss and bring up at the GM.

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

Cancelled PROJECTS

Concert on the Common - Concessions – May28 - June 25th

We will have to see if concerts are allowed. And if so, concessions could fall under different rules. We shall see. We may have to forego the entire food sales endeavors this year. If only there was such a thing as "Jaycee Cookies" like Girl Scouts. ☺

Possible Upcoming PROJECTS

Fall Vendor Fair – October / TBD

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 Fellow Jaycees!

I hope that you are all enjoying the nicer weather! Membership has been very quiet these last few months, so I have been trying to think outside of the box. One idea that I have come up with is having a virtual Q and A about our chapter. I put it out on Facebook to different groups and I have received some interest in holding one. This will be held in the next week or so and I will be reporting back with the results. If this is successful, it might be something that we will want to consider doing on a more regular basis. Also if you have any ideas to boost membership, please reach out!

I hope that you are all well and that this nicer weather is helping! I know it has for me. If you or your family need anything during these trying times, please let myself or someone on the board know.

I hope to see you all at our next virtual GM!

All the Best,

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! (We have not been able to have one of these in a while – contact Lisa if you want to be featured!)

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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