



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - July 2020

Hello Jaycee Family,

Happy July! We have moved into Phase 3 and that means Concerts are BACK!!!! I cannot wait to be socially distant with all of you at our first concert. We are looking at a very different kind of summer which I know we are going to make the most of. We have a few ideas floating around that may come to fruition. Keep an eye on your emails and if you have any ideas we would love to hear them.

I hope to see you all at our next Virtual General Membership meeting on July 8th, 2020 starting at 7:00pm with business to begin at 7:30pm. I am hoping for meetings to be in person and crossing my fingers for next month.

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. Some of our best ideas are coming from a 9 year old! Where are the Ideas folks? The adults are being put to shame by an ambitious little Jaycee.

Do you have any ideas? Remember no idea is a bad idea. Just shoot me an email. jeansuttie@gmail.com or give one of the board members a call.

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

I hope you are getting out and enjoying the summer weather.

"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 - Happy Independence Day, the year is officially half 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 June 2020 GMM:

May 2020 Jaycee of the Month - Sophia Manos. – Despite the Covid situation and the delayed election, Sophia did a Fantastic job putting together and moderating the annual Candidates Night. It ran on Foxboro Cable, Facebook and You Tube to great reviews. Awesome work Sophia!

May 2020 Project of the Month - Inspirational Signs - Lynda Walsh: Lynda organized and printed a series of signs with inspirational messages to be posted around town. This project garnered a ton of positive feedback and compliments from the community and it made people SMILE! Thanks again for putting us in a positive light.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

July Birthdays:

Fred Badger
Paul Howard
Jim Philbin
Catherine Schwarting

July Anniversaries:

Paul Lanza	1984
Mark & Sandy Emery	1991
Bob & Sue Gillis	1993
Derek & Laureen House	1997
David Reid	2002
Sophia Manos & Mike Mills	2014
Grayson Franc	2015
Ed Miller	2015
Marc Rivard	2015
Kevin Mack	2017
Kelly Reid	2017
Paul Mbimeh	2019
Ed & John Underwood	2019





Individual Development

Vice President: **Bob Gillis**

Hello Jaycee friends,

Finally, some good news regarding COVID-19 as we move into various new phases in Massachusetts. All eyes are on Beacon Hill for what we will be able to do and when. The plan at this writing (June 26) is to have our first concert in July with some modifications for social distancing (and no concessions will be sold this season) – please stay tuned to the Foxboro Jaycees Facebook page and the Jaycee web site for updated details. I miss all of you and hope this will happen.

Virtual Trivia / Game Night – June 11 – Marian McCabe – Thank you Marian for creating a virtual trivia game via Zoom. Sophia Manos was the big winner that night, and Ed Miller dialed in from Florida and he and Sylvia won second prize. We will again offer one \$10 Dunkin Donuts card as a prize for first place at the next trivia game to keep it fun.

NEXT TRIVIA: Friday, July 17 at 7:00 PM; please email Marian at marianmccabe6819@gmail.com for the details and hope to see you there! I will send out an email-blast as we get closer to the date.

Installation Banquet – TBD – Lynda Walsh & Marian McCabe – with the new phases being implemented in Massachusetts, Lynda and Marian are beginning planning for the Installation Banquet! YES!!!! Stay tuned; looks like this will be happening!

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – July 9 @ 7:00 (Zoom Meeting) "Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler. Lisa, thank you SO much for keeping Book Club going through the summer. The Zoom book meetings have been a big it and welcome respite from all the craziness of the current crisis. A short summary of the most recent meeting is on the next page.

To wrap up this month... Everything about 2020 has been unprecedented and so hard for everyone reading this. Home Schooling, work reductions, No Founders Day, no fireworks... a very difficult summer... As this is ID, I would just ask you to remember that we are still in the middle of a global pandemic, so please do not let your guard down – wear your mask where required, wash your groceries when you come home from the market, wash your hands frequently and continue to observe social distancing. Stay informed. Stay healthy and be well and hope to see you in person soon!

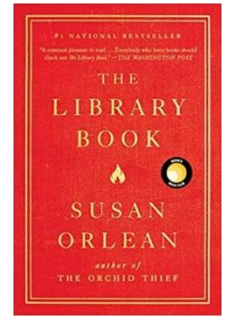
Peace!

Bob

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur

June 4, 2020 Book Club Summary for "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean

Our Book Club members met via Zoom to discuss Susan Orlean's "The Library Book," which focuses on the burning of the L.A. Library in 1986, including the long, drawn out trial of Harry Peaks, who was accused of maliciously starting the fire. Orlean provides in depth analysis of the history of libraries and key librarians involved with the L.A. Library. An interesting point Orlean shares early in the story that the fire did not make big news at the time because it was the same time as the Challenger explosion. We also reflected upon how we viewed the news in 1986 without computers and devices that bring news to us now as it happens.



Using guided questions, we reflected on our own experiences with local libraries, our love of reading, and perceptions of libraries now in 2020, including the population served, electronic resources available, and funding. Orlean provides vivid descriptions of people waiting to enter the library each morning, homeless people seeking a place to stay warm or find company, and this prompted conversation about the various populations served now in libraries for so many needs: literacy tutoring, computer use, group meetings for things such as public speaking ("toastmasters"), historical society presentations, etc.

Orlean also alludes to Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451" early in the novel when the fire snakes through the racks; Bradbury wrote the original story that became that novel in that very library!

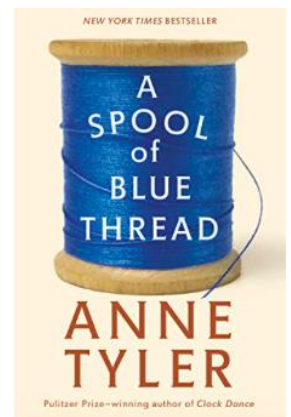
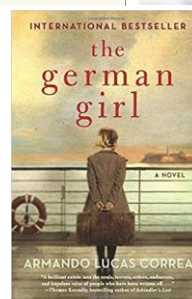
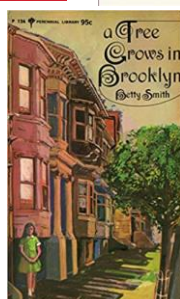
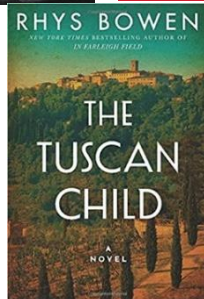
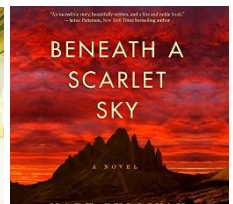
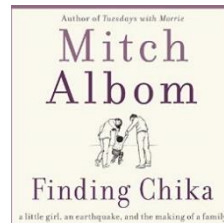
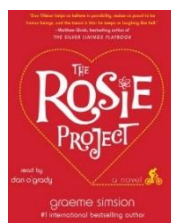
We were also introduced to important librarians: Mary Foy was named LA Library leader in 1880 at the age of 18, long before women were allowed to hold municipal roles; Dr. C.J.K. Jones, pastor, farm, aka "the Human Encyclopedia"; Charles Lummis, the eccentric journalist and adventurer. We enjoyed also learning how libraries store valuable, original documents and how many were lost in the fire.

We enjoyed discussing books and how our own interest in reading developed as well as the how the library played a role in shaping our experiences with books. Many of the anecdotes in the book inspired interesting conversation.

The book earned many 2, 3's and a 4 on a scale of 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 with a new book club member! The book proved informative but a bit uninspiring to be reading during months while we were isolated due to the virus.

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 selected two titles from the list, "The Tuscan Child" and "The Huntress," so that we will have some common titles to discuss, but the following titles are on our lists as well:

The Rosie Project
Finding Chicka
Carnegie's Maid
Beneath a Scarlet Sky
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
The German Girl
The Dutch House
Glass Hotel
When We Believed in Mermaids
Force of Nature
Into the Wilderness
Wine Maker's Wife



July Book Club: July 9, 7 pm via Zoom: "Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler

Contact Lisa for the Link... Enjoy a snack and beverage at your device!

What's on your summer reading list? Join one of our Zooms and share!!

community

Development



Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

Lisa and committee have chosen a winner for this years' scholarship. Lisa is working out details on how and when to present to the recipient.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew

After several discussions with Town Manager and Selectmen, we will be able to hold our seasonal concerts beginning when the Governor puts the state into Phase 3 of opening. We are hoping to hold our first concert on July 9th. A few changes this year... we will be asking all to wear their face coverings when they can't physically distance by 6 feet. We will be flagging the common area by 10x10 spots for concert goers. We will have hand sanitizer available at our membership table. We will block off 20' around bandstand area for cable to set up. There will be no concessions this year.

Providing that we can begin on the 9th of July.... Tentative schedule:

- 7/9 Space Captain
- 7/16 The Gobshites
- 7/23 Ultimate Soul Band
- 7/30 American Who
- 8/6 Casual Mondays
- 8/13 Take Two
- 8/20 Eddy's Shoe
- 8/27 Rain Date

Space Captain on the Bandstand during our 2019 Concert season. Let's hope they can open our season this year!



Nativity Scene Repair – Sue Gillis

Our Nativity set has been repaired and painted. We will be in need of some help getting the statues back to our inventory building and ensure that they are stored safely. I want to thank our friends from the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation to help pay for the work done. Also, huge thank you to Brother Donald from LaSalette Shrine for all his hard work and attention to detail to bring our set back to life.

Stakes are High event – Kris Long - TBD

Kris has been asked by a group from Taunton if they could use our flags for an event on the Taunton Green. Kris will be working with them and keep us updated if we see the need for members of our chapter to get involved. She's also thinking ahead to see what the chapter can do to help bring awareness to the ongoing Opioid Crisis.

Alzheimer's Walk – Pam Warren & Marian McCabe

Pam and Marian have started their fundraising for the walk. They are keeping track of what ALZ have planned for the actual walk, whether it will be a virtual walk or broken down to smaller groups to complete the task. Either way The Jaycees have donated \$100 toward the sponsorship and if you would like to donate, reach out to Pam or Marian so that they will be credited for your gift.



2019 Alzheimer's Walk team – (L to R) Senator Walter Cahoon, Marian McCabe, Senator Cathy Cahoon, Pam Warren, Joan Callahan (Pam's Mom)

Community Night Out – Lynda Walsh - TBD

This is an event that we invite public and civil groups to share in a night of togetherness on the common. This is a break off from National Night Out, as we felt it was important for our town to get to know our public safety and other community service groups one on one. I feel it's more important now than ever to help encourage discussion between Public Safety Professionals and our town residents.

Community Center Air Conditioners – Lynda Walsh, Ken Wills, Lisa Jolicoeur, Dave Jolicoeur, DJ Jolicoeur, Sophia Manos, Mike Mills, Brendon George & Friend

On a very warm Sunday, this group gathered and placed the air conditioning units into the windows at the South Foxboro Community Center in hopes that some day soon, folks will be able to gather there as they had before March.

Remember folks, we are a community service group here in town. If you see someone in need and you feel that our membership could help, feel free to reach out to me or any board member. I recently noticed on Facebook there was a woman who was looking for someone to help repair/replace her steps. This woman recently lost her sister and not several days later lost her husband. There were many people who stepped up, but the gentlemen who showed up weren't able to help. Lisa is going to take photos of the stairs and will share with us. If you or someone you know are able to help this woman, please let us know. Over the years we have done projects similar to this for individuals in town who have reached out to us. Normally, we just take care of it and don't show too much light on it, so that the person doesn't need to be publicized, this is one of those projects. We've mowed lawns, cleaned up yards, built ramps, moved individuals, shoveled driveways, and many other little things—"it's what we do".

Projects on Hold/Postponed

Bandstand Cleaning and Repairs – Amy LaBrache

Community Building Potluck Dinner – Amy LaBrache & Kris Long

Foxboro Diversity Day – LaNecia Wood & Lynda Walsh

If you have any community development ideas, feel free to reach out to me, lynda1061@aol.com, or 774-266-3140. If there is 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. Into phase 2, we have been getting some better news.

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

One potential 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. This is still TBD. up at the GM.

Stay safe and healthy everyone. Be smart out there.

This is not over, but when it is... prepare for a full slate for 2021!!

Cancelled PROJECTS

Concerts on the Common - Concessions

While we wait for Phase 3 to see if our current remaining concert calendar will indeed be "on", we did have to make the hard decision to not sell any concessions at the concerts to maintain safety guidelines.

Possible Upcoming PROJECTS

Fall Vendor Fair - 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



Happy 4th everyone! I hope this finds you well and that you hopefully enjoyed some down time with your families. Last month, we held our virtual Q and A session with success and will be looking to schedule another in the near future. We are really trying to think outside the box when it comes to projects and membership and are looking for any of your creative ideas! Please reach out to any board members with your thoughts. We welcome them all!

In Jaycee Spirit,

Amy

Concert Membership Booth – Fingers crossed for phase three so that we can have our concerts! I am looking for some help with the concert membership booth. If you have some free time, I would welcome the help!

Junior Jaycees – An email went out to the entire membership about forming a committee to move forward with this exciting new area of membership. If you are interested we will be meeting in the coming weeks and I am looking for help!

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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