



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - August 2020

Hello Jaycee Family,

August is upon us, I cannot believe that summer is half over already. The Concerts are in full swing and everyone is so grateful to get out and spend some much-needed time on the common. We also held a successful Yard Sale and have another in the works. Summer has been quite different than we are all used to with all the restrictions. Normally this time of year I would say bring on the "Brrrs" but I am not ready for September this year. So maybe just a few 70 degree days thrown in to keep people guessing or no more humidity would be awesome.



Keep an eye on your emails as we are still working on things for the chapter to do and as usual we would love to hear your ideas for projects.

I hope to see you all at our next Virtual General Membership meeting on August 12th, 2020 starting at 7:00pm with business to begin at 7:30pm.

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!

Kudos to Sarah L. who raised almost \$200 with her first Lemonade Stand that she donated all profits to the Foxboro Jaycees. Still waiting to hear the final tally on her second Lemonade stand from this past weekend during the Yard Sale. Sarah you are a great little inspiration for the rest of our chapter! You GO Girl!

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/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 if that's what you are into, otherwise I hope you are staying cool and hydrated.

"Thinking Jaycee"

Your President,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

Our July GM was well attended, with 2 brand new participants and the return of a couple of long time members who we had not seen for a while. We began our meeting with an opportunity to meet Brother Donald Wininski from LaSalette Shrine. Brother Donald has completed the restoration work on our Nativity set and shared some photos of his amazing work. We are extremely excited to unveil it to the town this November. We discussed our Current business, including the much anticipated start of the Summer Concert series, and introduced a couple of new projects such as the group yard sale and "Entering Foxboro" Mask sales that will hopefully generate some revenue for us. Finally, we approved the Budget for 2020-21. I have complete minutes available from every meeting. If you are unable to attend but would like to know details of 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 – We had two big losses in our extended Jaycee Family this month. Julie Grant's mother passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's, and My nephew Brendan died suddenly from respiratory failure just 3 days shy of his 16th Birthday. 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 July 2020 GMM:

June 2020 Jaycee of the Month – Lisa Jolicoeur. – Lisa worked overtime in June to get our budget revised and ready to be presented and approved at the July meeting. She keeps the board on task and is always right on top of things. Thanks, Lisa for all you do!

June 2020 Project of the Month – Virtual Trivia – Marian McCabe: Marian found a great way for us to be social, even in this era of social distancing. This was a fun evening with minimal cost and Marian did a great job of compiling questions and moderating the event. We even had Ed and Sylvia Miller join the game all the way from Florida! Great job, Marian. (Also nominated was the Zoom Q&A by Amy LaBrache – Thinking Outside of the box, she managed to promote the chapter without expense and actually got 3 potential new members to participate)

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

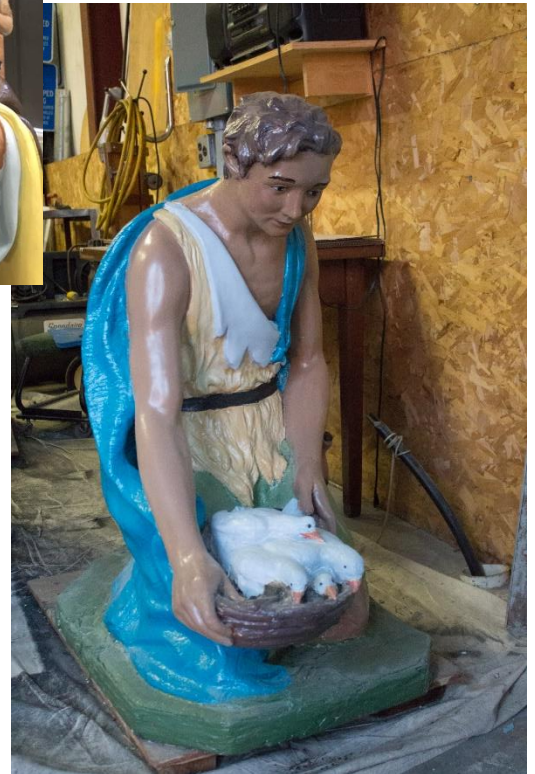
August Birthdays:

Sandy Emery
Bill Dempsey
Susan Gillis
Mike Mills
Julie Grant
Monica Fisler
Heather Loew
Colin McNelley

August Anniversaries:

Lauren Bitar	1989
Julie Grant	1996
Monica Rigamonti	2001
Jennifer Hesford	2003
Jennifer Franco	2010
Maria Montanez	2011
Jeanne Suttie Christian	2016
Mary Suttie Sorensen	2016
Bob Siteman	2017
Catherine Schwarting	2019

Some photos from the Nativity Restoration:





Individual Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Greetings Jaycee friends,

A year ago, I sent out a survey to the chapter about various ideas for ID projects, which I reviewed this evening. Unfortunately, ALL of them require us to be in the same place at the same time. This whole digital virtual 2020 is not conducive to ID, is it?

But – there are some things we CAN do.

- First, I am asking more of you to attend the virtual general membership meeting each month. For the love of cupcakes, not only do you not have to leave the house, you don't have to leave the sofa. Zoom is easy to use and we have had productive meetings, we get business done and even get dial ins from friends from other states – Vanessa Linke- Shirley (Ireland) attended the key man meeting and Ed Miller (Florida) has attended several GMs and Trivia. See, we're all looking for things to do – why not connect with your Jaycee family – GMs are much different than they used to be -- we don't stand up and read the Wise Fox to you anymore; the format is different as you can see by the agenda, and we need fresh ideas and YOUR contributions and comments. Check in at a GM, it's fun and easy and will dramatically improve the quality of your life and make you a better person (results may vary).

- Also, come to a Thursday concert – we'd like to see you. We can social distance and still talk and hear great music.

- Kudos to Marian McCabe and Lisa Jolicoeur for keeping two of our most popular projects going. Virtual book club is going so well that Lisa is running it all summer rather than take the usual summer break. Lisa writes wonderful summaries which I keep on our web site.

- And Marian's virtual trivia is a LOT of fun. Sophia Manos once again won first place and won a \$10 Dunkin card. Virtual Trivia is much like jeopardy and you get to buzz in and have fun. The Friday evening, I participated I found myself really into it. Great work Marian and hope we get more folks in August.

- We are still planning to have an in-person installation banquet – details to come soon.

Not ID but I have been doing a LOT of behind the scenes work on the Jaycee web site to make it more mobile friendly and got rid of the cumbersome drop-down menus upon menus and also streamlined and organized the content a bit. I also installed SSL and am looking into getting an annual Verisign cert to make the site more hack-proof.

- Finally, the last few months have been difficult for all of us. The stress levels are rising, I have felt it myself several times -- we're all lonely, a little lost, very confused, and every day the news is not good. PLEASE take care of YOU. Binge watch something fun (I'm hooked on "Good Witch" on Hallmark, seriously). Get some take out. Have some ice cream. This pandemic is ending no time soon so stay safe but take care of YOU. And for God's sake stay off Foxboro Discussion, everyone just wants to fight there.

Hope to see you online or at a concert. God bless you my Jaycee family.

Peace!

Bob



Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 6th 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Books: “The Huntress” and “The Tuscan Child.” Contact Lisa if you would like the Zoom link to participate.

On Thursday, July 9, 2020, Book Club members met virtually to discuss Anne Tyler’s “Spool of Blue Thread.”

Anne Tyler documents the history and lives of three generations of Whitshanks in Baltimore. Abby and Red Whitshank's estranged son Denny calls them to announce that he's gay; Red is annoyed, and Abby is unhappy with how Red reacted. This opening scene sets the tone for the rest of the strange family dynamics that will unfold with a lack of chronological order that at times demanded some close reading. Abby and Red, both in their 70s, have two daughters, Amanda and Jeannie and two sons, Stem and Denny. The children consider how to support their aging parents: in home assistance or move them away from the beloved home Red's father Junior built.

On a walk with the dog, Abby and the dog are hit and killed by a car. Her death begins some unhooking of what held things together. As the Whitshanks prepare the house for the market after Red's heart attack, ghosts of the past resurface in a variety of ways. Secrets surface, tensions rise, feelings are hurt, etc.

Some book club members found the novel a bit confusing in its chronological style and therefore enjoyed unpacking the story with fellow book club members. The plot did not have a great deal of action; rather, the story explored the relationships and behavior of the family members. So while we enjoyed probing especially the behavior of Denny, Linnie Mae, and Abby and unpacking some of the secrets Abby held, the story was not as compelling as we had hoped.

The novel inspired some interesting personal topics, however: how do we treasure or preserve our own family stories and secrets, and do we have “orphans” in our lives as Abby did with people she embraced who were not family members.

The book earned mostly 3's and 4'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." We did find the story less compelling than we had anticipated but discovered it gave us a great deal to discuss in our group.

We have enjoyed the virtual meetings and will continue to meet over the summer to discuss our books.

What titles are our book club members exploring?

The German Girl (WWII set in Cuba)

The Rosie Project (funny, delightful first person narration)

Finding Chica (Gladwell's compelling story of a Haitian orphan)

Carnegie's Maid (Irish immigrant lands a job with the Carnegie family)

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (classic throwback)

Beneath a Scarlet Sky (WWII set in Italy)

The Dutch House (Ann Patchet story set in Philadelphia; purchase of an estate sets a chain of events in motion)

Glass Hotel (Ponzi scheme is center of action for main characters)

When We Believed in Mermaids (Kit arrives in New Zealand, journey of memories to deal with hard events)

Force of Nature (Jane Harper, mystery in Australia)

Into the Wilderness (Late 1700s story follows Englishwoman and an American frontiersman)

Wine Maker's Wife (Set in 1940 Champagne, characters involved with the resistance)

The Couple Next Door (psychological thriller)

Thirteen Reasons Why (reflective, eulogy, inspired a Netflix series)

This is How it Always Is (family with transgender child)

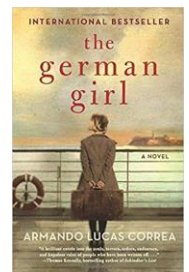
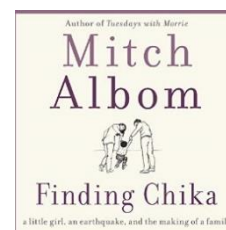
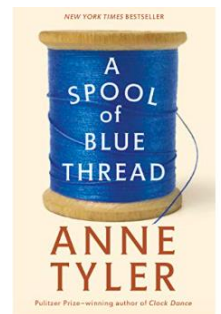
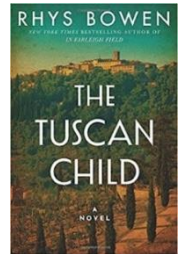
Dressmaker's Gift (Fiona Valpy, WWII)

Behind Closed Doors (B.A. Paris, psychological thriller)

Bookshop on a Corner (Scottish bookshop series)

Midnight at the Black Bird Cafe (Anna Kate Callow returns to Wicklow, Alabama and revisits past)

Murmur of Bees (Set against the backdrop of the Mexican Revolution and the devastating influenza of 1918)



community Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Concerts on the Common – Max Loew

The Concerts have begun and it was no surprise that folks are adhering to our guidelines posted at each entrance to the common. Folks find their 12x12' family spot and when leaving their spot put on their masks. So glad to be able to gather around the bandstand and listen to some great music while physically distancing but still able to socialize.

Coming Up....

8/6	Smoke and Whiskey
8/13	Take Two
8/20	Eddy's Shoe
8/27	Rain Date



Nativity Scene Repair – Sue Gillis

The set has been repaired and repainted and should be returned to storage at some point this month. Thank you to all who helped get this done.

Alzheimer's Walk – Pam Warren & Marian McCabe ~ October 4th

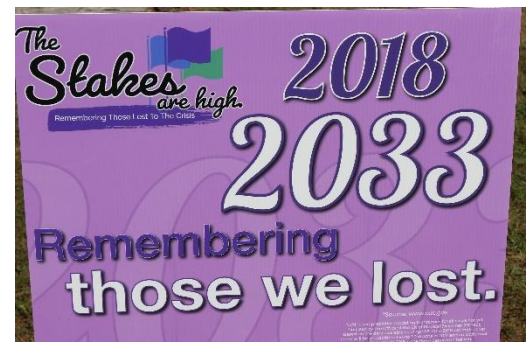
Pam and Marian have continued to raise funding for their walk. They will be walking with several others on October 4th to help to end ALZ. As an added fundraising method, Pam's challenge was to shave her head if she reached a certain goal. SOOOO, via Facebook live, Marian took the clippers and began to shave off Pam's locks. 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.

Stakes are High event – Kris Long - TBD

Kris may be displaying the flags on the common again this month at some point, but we probably won't be able to have an actual event with speakers, etc. She will advise if she needs help planting the flags on the common.

Community Night Out – Lynda Walsh - TBD

I will be reaching out to the town and others to see if it may be viable to hold this event. Normally we hold this on the common and invite public safety folks and many other community groups for them to be available to share their knowledge with the public. It's a knock off from National Night Out and normally held the second Tuesday of August. This may happen at some point but need to find out if it's allowable by the town, so it may or may not happen later in the summer.



Darkness to Light – Amy LaBrache – TBD

Amy will be attending an on-line course to enable her to instruct on the Darkness to Light virtually. Once she has been trained she will advise when she'll offer the instruction. For those who do not know Darkness to Light is a Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for folks to become aware of signs of abuse and what to do if you spot something. It will be important for members who will be interacting with our new Junior Jaycees to be certified that you have taken this training. More to come.

Bandstand Cleaning and Repairs – Amy LaBrache – TBD

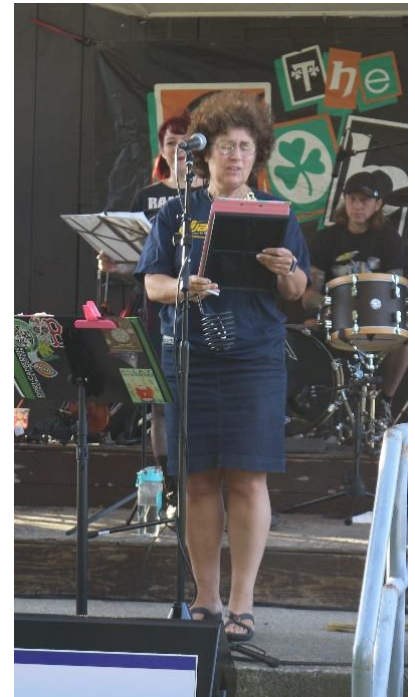
Kenny Wills took the time to straighten up and clean out the bandstand before one of our concerts. Now we'll need to get the outside of the bandstand spruced up for the unveiling of our newly restored nativity set. Amy will let us know when she sets a date, most likely in September.

COMPLETED:

Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur



This year's recipient, Jamie DeVellis was awarded her scholarship at the beginning of the Concert on July 16th. Thank you, Lisa for a great presentation and for inviting her and her family to the celebration.



Around Foxborough Interview – Marc Rivard

Not an actual Jaycee project, but Marc interviewed President Jeanne, Amy LaBrache, and myself for an episode of Around Foxborough, (a cable program for FCA). Be on the lookout for the show on FCA.org, or on local Cable station in town.

Projects on Hold/Postponed

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's a project that interests you, let me know or call the Project Chairman.



Ways and Means

Vice President: Sophia Manos



I want to take this space to remind everyone to stay vigilant and safe out there. That is really the only way to come out of this and truly reopen the economy and in turn, the only way our traditional Jaycee Ways and Means projects can return.

As always, if you have any new fundraising ideas and the board can discuss and bring up at the GM, please reach out to me at

Stay safe and healthy everyone. Be smart out there. This -is -not -over.

As such, see our latest current project below:

Current PROJECTS

Foxboro Facemask Fundraiser -

We have an initial batch of 100 “Entering Foxboro” masks for sale as a new fundraiser showing off safety and Foxboro pride!

Modeled here by Baby Yoda who took it a little too far...

Available for \$8 each or 2 for \$15

at Concerts or available by emailing Sophia or Lynda.



Completed PROJECTS

Sarah's Lemonade Stand – Sarah LaBrache, chair

Sarah LaBrache has done it again! She had an idea, took the initiative (with permission from her mom) and went out and had her own very successful fundraiser for the Jaycees. She sold sweet, cool lemonade and some yummy cookies in her front yard.

She was energetic, wore her mask, had available hand sanitizer, offered her snacks with a smile in her eyes and I shall assume a silly song in her heart. But I am sure she will

set me straight if that was not the case. Our thanks to Sarah!

Jaycees Yard Sale Fundraiser- Marc Rivard, chair



The Jaycees board put out and sold our wares (aka junk) in Marc's front yard. We sold CD's, books, old china, new shirts, toys, knick-knacks and even a lawnmower!

We had a decent turn out and it was a lovely summer day. We also took first crack at selling our cool new masks. We had a second appearance by Sarah's pink lemonade and yummy cookies and all in all we did pretty well.



Thanks for anyone who came out and thanks to those who donated items! If you did not have anything to donate this time, well you should have another chance as we are planning on holding another one in August courtesy in Amy's yard

We are going to be see if we can make the sequel better than the original. Can we pull off a *Godfather Part II*?? We shall see.

Possible Upcoming PROJECTS

Paint Night Hybrid - TBD

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 note cards 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



Hi Everyone! I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer. Membership has been buzzing and we had two new faces join our last GM to learn more about our chapter! We have been trying to think outside of the box for membership and it has been paying off! If you have any suggestions, please reach out to me as I am always looking for fresh ideas. The more we can collaborate the better our chapter will be and will grow!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

All the Best,

Amy

Virtual Zoom Q and A - We will be having another Q and A session this month. If you are interested in joining let me know. Also, if you see a Facebook post, please help me out and share it. The more we can get it out there the better it will be. Thank you in advance.

Concert Membership Booth – We have our membership booth set up and are ready to answer questions and meet some perspective members! I am looking for some help with the concert membership booth. If you have some free time, I would welcome the help!

Junior Jaycees – We had a committee meeting on July 15th. It went very well and everyone was given a task to work on! Our next committee meeting will be August 19th at 7:30 pm. All members who are interested in joining our meeting please let me know! We are making great progress!

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.foxborjaycees.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 ([foxborjaycees](https://www.instagram.com/foxborjaycees)) and you can always find the latest updates at www.foxborjaycees.org. Please email Amy with any questions, or new ideas Afoxb1@icloud.com



And Finally....

Due to the recent issues, our April Elections were delayed. We will be officially electing our 2020-21 board during our August Zoom Call.

Nominations are as Follows:

Chairman of the Board: Marc Rivard

President: Jeanne Suttie Christian

Individual Development VP: Bob Gillis (A)

Community Development VP: Lynda Walsh (A)

Membership VP: Amy LaBrache (A)

Ways & Means VP: Sophia Manos (A)

Dues Director: Deena Cummings Mack

Director at Large: Kris Long (A)

Secretary / Wise Fox Editor: Pam Warren (A)

Treasurer: Lisa Jolicoeur (A)

Membership Activation Chairperson: Marian McCabe (A)

Please note – any position with an (A) is currently an Appointed position filled by an associate (Aged out) member. If any member in good standing between the ages of 18 and 40 would like to step forward to be elected to one of these positions, nominations will be taken “from the floor” during the meeting. Our Associate members and current board members would be more than happy to mentor any newer member who would like to participate on the board.