



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - September 2020

Hello Jaycee Family,

BER, Yay the BER's are here!!!!!! Happy September! I am happy to say that the children are sort-of going back to school and that is something. It has definitely been a bummer summer. Some of our restrictions have been lifted and hopefully they stay lifted. We are still planning projects and working hard to accomplish what we can. The chapter has gained quite a few new members during the last few months thanks to Amy's Membership Q & A sessions for the chapter. The Chapter has had it's 2nd successful Yard Sale, hosted by Amy LaBrache, the next yard sale is in a few weekends at Marc Rivard's home.



Once again I am asking for your ideas, October is just around the corner and thanks to Covid there may not be trick or treating this year, Or haunted houses, Hayrides. I mean how do you sterilize hay or even just a Hay wagon. Just saying. I would love to hear what you think the chapter could do together while apart for Halloween or a fall event. Some of us were discussing a slow drive by haunting however it seems a bit dangerous but maybe you have just the plan to make it work or a better idea all together.

Haunting is what Foxboro Jaycees made their name with....just think on it, discuss with your family or friends if you come up with even a part of an idea let me or Amy LaBrache know. (you can email Amy directly at membership@foxborojaycees.org) It could be the most fun Foxboro has had since March!

As always, keep an eye on your emails as we are still working on things for the chapter to do and we would love to hear your ideas for projects.

I hope to see you all at our next Virtual General Membership meeting on September 9th, 2020 starting at 7:00pm with business to begin at 7:30pm.

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.

Wishing every Jaycee and their loved ones a healthy and happy September.

"Thinking Jaycee"

Your President,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



The August GM brought us 5 brand new members who all swore in together – it's wonderful to have you all join our group! We also held elections for our 2020-21 Board. Along with President Jeanne and the VP's (whose reports you will see following), we will be continuing with Deena Cummings as Dues Director, Lisa Jolicoeur as Treasurer, and Marc Rivard will remain Chairman of the Board. Our newest board member is Marian McCabe as Director at Large. I have complete minutes available from every meeting. If you are unable to attend but would like to know details of what happened, or even just what was discussed about a particular project, you can request a copy, just send me an e-mail locgazette@yahoo.com 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 – Our deepest sympathy goes to Max Loew and his family on the recent loss of his Grandmother. 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:

July 2020 Jaycee of the Month – Ken Wills: Ken was at every concert early to get the barriers, flags and signs set up and then stayed long after to take it all down again and secure the Bandstand. He also took it upon himself to clean out the Bandstand and has been making constant improvements in our storage unit to keep things clean and organized. (Also Nominated were Marian McCabe and Lynda Walsh)

July 2020 Project of the Month – Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur: Lisa went above and beyond with this project, contacting the schools for applications, organizing all the responses (we had many applicants this year) and making the process anonymous for the board to judge. She did a fantastic speech at the presentation before the Gobshites Concert and overall ensured that we found the most deserving candidate.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

September Birthdays:

Mike Savage
Helene Savage
Sophia Manos
Mellyssa Coutinho
DJ Jolicoeur

September Anniversaries:

Bob Hickey	1993
Carl Bertolino	2017
Kenny Wills	2019

Individual Development

Vice President: Kris Perry Long



Happy Fall fellow Jaycees!

I'd like to introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. My name is Kris Perry Long, and I have lived in Foxboro for 22 years. I'm happily married to Bill, and we have 5 adult kids. I was a former Jaycee and held almost all BOD positions including President. I am the proud recipient of The KeyMan and currently hold the title for Frog awards!!! As your IDVP, I will do my best to report all the goings on in this area as well as attempt to introduce and provide new ideas to you. I am open to suggestions and would love to hear your feedback. Enjoy this awesome weather and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next GM!!

Installation Banquet Chaired by Lynda Walsh & Marian McCabe

They have been working with a restaurant that can provide outdoor seating, and delicious food! Please keep an eye out for invitations.

Virtual Trivia & Game Night Chaired by Marian McCabe

Held Via zoom, we had a blast on August 22nd. If you'd like to join on the next one, please keep an eye out for an Email invite!! Kids can join in as well! Pull up with your favorite snack and beverage in the comforts of your home!

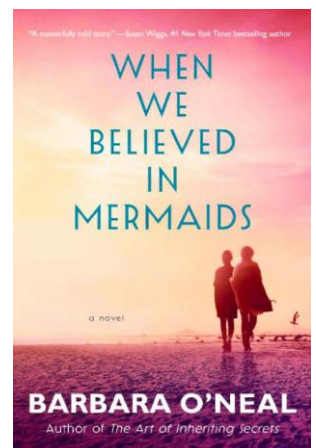
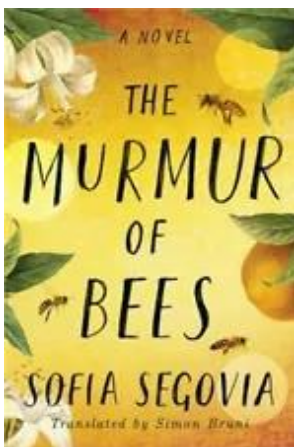
Book Club Chaired by Lisa Jolicoeur

Next Meeting October 1st 7pm Via zoom

Books: "When We Believed in Mermaids" by Barbara O'Neal (Kit arrives in New Zealand, journey of memories to deal with hard events) and "The Murmur of Bees" by Sofia Segovia (Set against the backdrop of the Mexican Revolution and the devastating influenza of 1918)

Zoom link will follow with a reminder as we get closer to the date.

Everyone is welcome to join whether you read the book or not, but we do discuss the book as well as topics the book inspires. Have you read other titles? Please share with us!! We love hearing what everyone is reading and where you find the books! Bring your own drinks and snacks to the Zoom meeting and join us!! Email Lisa with questions or if you would like the Zoom link.



community

Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Nativity Scene Repair – Sue Gillis

The Nativity Set has been returned to its home at our storage facility. All the statues look beautiful and Brother Donald created a wonderful new baby Jesus to add to our set. Susan is busy wrapping all the statues for safe storage. Can't wait to introduce to the town in November.

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

Pam and Marian plan on walking around Franklin on October 4th. If you'd like to join them or would like to contribute to their team donation, reach out to Pam or Marian. Good luck ladies, great job fundraising! Visit the team page:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR?team_id=609635&pg=team&fr_id=13490



Stakes are High event – Kris Long

Kris and others spent most of the day on Saturday the 22nd placing all the flags on the common. Our common looked very colorful and bright. Unfortunately, the reason for the flags is one of our darkest moments for so many. The month of August is dedicated to those lost to addiction, the colors represent each year from 2015 through 2019, individual flags represent a life lost. The flags remained there for the week.

Darkness to Light – Amy LaBrache – TBD

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 – Kris Long – TBD

Kenny Wills has cleaned out the inside of the bandstand and Kris will be looking for helpers to repair the flooring and paint the bandstand before the Nativity Scene is placed there. If you'd like to help, reach out to Kris Long.

Caught Doing Good – Amy LaBrache

Amy has reached out to Foxborough Police and has devised a plan for police to award children caught doing something good. Whether they're helping a friend or sibling with schoolwork, yardwork, wearing a helmet on their bike, sharing toys, or just being helpful, they will be rewarded with a small cone from our friends at Dairy Queen. Dairy Queen has given us a price break for coupons of a small cone. Nice work thinking outside the box Amy.

Gold Star Students – Kris Long

Kris would like to develop a project where students are celebrated for their remote school work. She will work with PTO (Sophia) and others to come up with something that could surprise students who are working hard to overcome the changes in their normal school interactions. If you would like to brainstorm with Kris, please reach out to her.



Town Banner – Marc Rivard

The Jaycees were approached about sponsoring a town banner that will have our logo on it as well as the Memorial Hall picture. The price is \$100.00, the board discussed and because we need to replace two of our Holiday banners, we decided not to participate this year. However, an anonymous donor paid for us to participate. So you will see our logo on one of the banners that will be hung around the town.

COMPLETED:

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew

Well, we were happy to have three concerts this year and the town was grateful to have a few Thursdays where they could gather while social distancing to enjoy some great music. We're hoping that next year we'll be through this COVID crap and can get back to enjoying summer concerts. Thanks to Max and all who helped make the concerts safe and enjoyable.



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 – still.

Schools are attempting to return as best they can. It is going to be hard. It is going to be odd. Please try to be patient, kind and understanding as it is unprecedented, and everyone is still learning. It is not just the kids this year.

We are all still learning how to navigate this time as well. As you know, we have not been able to have any of our traditional Jaycee Ways and Means projects this year and sad to say that the Fall Vendor Fair, as we suspected, will also be a casualty of this time.

As such if anyone has **any new fundraising ideas** and the board can discuss and bring up at the GM, **please reach out to me at** wm@foxborojaycees.org

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

Current PROJECTS

Foxboro Facemask Fundraiser -

We have a NEW batch of 100 “Entering Foxboro” masks for sale to continue our mid-summer fundraiser showing off safety and Foxboro pride!

Please reach out to Lynda or Sophia for an order.

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



Completed PROJECTS

Donations Project - Jaycees Yard Sale Fundraiser Part 2, Amy LaBrache, chair

The Jaycees board and members put out and sold our wares (aka junk) in Amy's front yard. It worked pretty well last month, so we returned to this alternative fundraiser to cover some costs. This fundraiser fell under donations as it was not possible to do without all members donations of items. All leftover items were offered to various good -will type charities.

Possible Upcoming PROJECTS

Electronic Waste Recycling Fundraiser – Fall

You may have seen some of these in adjoining towns nearby and hopefully there is still some tech junk to be had! This is a good opportunity to raise money, while properly recycling used electronics.

Virtual or Hybrid Paint Night – TBD

If anyone has a recommendation for a patient, yet fun artist who would like to help us run a step by step paint night event, please let me know! We are looking to conduct a Zoom-based paint night this Fall.

There were many of these occurring in Spring and early Summer in town by another non-profit so we thought we could try the crisper Autumn months

Virtual Raffle / Silent Auction – TBD – Marian McCabe, chair

This option is being explored. If anyone has access to any cool items or experience prizes to auction off, please let me know

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,

Membership has been quite busy this past month with welcoming five new members at our last general membership meeting. A big welcome to Sarah, Sean, Lindsay, Andrew and Ali! We are very excited for you to join us and look forward to seeing you at future events and meetings! We will be hosting a new member orientation in the near future for all who are interested to join us. The purpose of the orientation is to go over Jaycee meeting procedures, projects, etc. It is a time to ask questions and help you become acquainted with our organization. More information to come soon! As always if you have any membership questions, ideas or suggestions please reach out to me or any board member.

I hope you have a wonderful month and for any of our parents of students, or to anyone who are educators, I wish you all the best of luck in your new school year!

In Jaycee Spirit,

Amy

Virtual Zoom Q and A - We will be holding another virtual question and answer session for prospective members in the beginning of October. If you know anybody that was interested in getting information about our organization in a very informal manner and in the comfort of their own home, please let me know and I will make sure to include them.

Concert Membership Booth - Unfortunately this was cancelled along with the concerts. But will be looking for creative ways to set up membership booths in the upcoming months!

Junior Jaycees – Our next committee meeting will be on June 16th at 7:30 PM on Zoom. Our committee has been working very hard and are very excited for this to roll out.

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 expressed 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) and you can always find the latest updates at www.foxborojaycees.org. Please email Amy with any questions, or new ideas Afoxb1@icloud.com



And Finally....

Congratulations to our Dues Director Deena Cummings for her recent promotion to Sargent First Class – 20 years in the Military is a fantastic achievement. Thank you so much for your Service!

