



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – October 2020

Happy Halloween Jaycee Family,

Happy month of Halloween!!!!!! It's the most wonderful time of the year! FALL has started, the leaves are changing, the weather is nice and crisp, makes you think of apple cider, berry crisp with whipped cream, warm stuffed apples fresh from the oven, caramel apples, pie, almost pumpkin everything! Ooooh I could just keep going...I can't wait to get out and pick out pumpkins. I just love Fall and Halloween which leads right into getting ready for being thankful! No rushing through, I have to scare my children at least once a day, teach them how to play laser tag in the dark, decorate correctly, and look for witches in the sky first. They need to find all the joy in the season so they will know what to be thankful for next month! Like being able to have a flashlight by their bed at night or the fact that Dad is only half as crazy as Mom! We have a couple of Project Ideas for this month and they will be discussed at this month's General Membership Meeting. Please try to attend this meeting as we are starting to go over our projects for December and want to hear your input and what you are willing to help with.



I cannot wait to see how this month develops and what next month will bring. I do know we are having an Awards Banquet sometime soon. The awards are ordered and the scene is being set. We just need a few more details and yay we are going to give out some awards for last year. 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 October 14th, 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 that the Vice President of that area cannot help you with, or 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 October.

"Thinking Jaycee"

Your President,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



Our September Zoom GM was well attended as members joined in to hear from our Guest Speaker, Thomas Kenvin, Town of Foxborough Executive EMS Officer and Public Health Nurse, who answered members' questions about Covid-19 and what we can do to be safe in our community. We also discussed our current projects and several new ideas we have had to keep the group active in the current climate. Check the individual VP reports to learn more... 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 lccgazette@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! I hope to see you all at our GM next week.

Sunshine – We extend our sincere sympathy to Ed and Sylvia Miller on the loss of Ed's Sister. The Millers had to return to Florida to be with the family, but hope to come back to Foxboro soon. Also, big hugs to Lynda Walsh for the loss of her beloved Cat Ricochet, I know she will be waiting for you at the Rainbow Bridge. 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:

August 2020 Jaycee of the Month – Ken Wills: Ken spent the entire day on the common with Kris to get the "Stakes are High" flags planted, did lots of lifting and toting to help with the yard sales, and has been doing a phenomenal job keeping inventory neat and organized, including building a new shelf to keep the memorial day crosses safe and off the floor. Thank you, Kenny for all your great work! (Also Nominated were Amy LaBrache and Sophia Manos)

August 2020 Project of the Month – Membership Q&A – Amy LaBrache: Amy has been working hard to increase our membership. Her August Q&A brought us several new Members – we recently swore in 5 new people at the August GMM and the Zoom session helped answer any questions they had before they joined. She was also nominated for running our Second Jaycee Yard Sale that brought in much needed funds to the treasury. (Also nominated was the Summer Concerts on the Common – even though we only managed to run 3 of them this year because of Covid and Weather, they were well run and well attended)

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

October Birthdays:

Paul Kelly
Mark Emery
Sandy Daniels
Lynda Walsh
Laura Franc
David Reid
Ken Wills
Marc Rivard
Marian McCabe
Pam Warren
Vanessa Shirley

October Anniversaries:

Paul Kelly	1972
Ed Groh	1989
Bob & Jane Webster	1989
Lynda Walsh	1993
Tom Whiffen	1996
Mike & Helene Savage	1997
Andrea Johnstone	1998
Monica Fisler	2003
Pam Warren	2010
Jade Cummings	2016
Jordan Cummings-Dee	2016
Devlyn House	2016
Robert Reid	2016
LaNecia Wood	2016
Colin McNelly	2017



Individual Development

Vice President: Kris Perry Long



Happy Fall my fellow Jaycee members . This month was a quiet month in the ID area, I'm always looking for a chairman to run a project . We used to do so many fun crazy things , if you have any ideas or would like to bring back a project from the past please reach out , let's grab a coffee and chat!

Virtual Book Club: Meets the first Thursday of each month, please see the following report from Lisa for all the details.

Installation Banquet: Linda Walsh and Marian have been working hard to get this project going, they have hit a few roadblocks but have both stated we will get it done, keep an eye out for details.

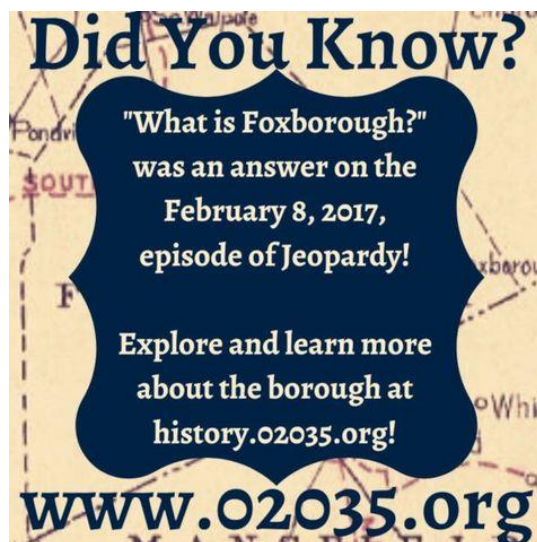
Meeting and Programs

I will be having guest speakers throughout the year, please keep an eye on Facebook and our Website for details. If there is someone or a topic you'd like to hear or learn about, please let me know!

Virtual Trivia !!

Marian hit a technical snafu last week and it will now be scheduled for some time in November. Keep an eye on the website for future dates. If you'd like to join in on a game just email Pam or Marian for the Zoom link! Bring a friend and your kiddos are welcome too!

Fun Fact!



Courage does not always roar.

Sometimes it's the quiet voice at the end of the day that says:

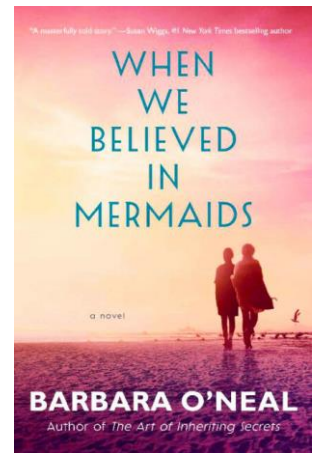
"I will try again tomorrow"

Book Club Chaired by Lisa Jolicoeur

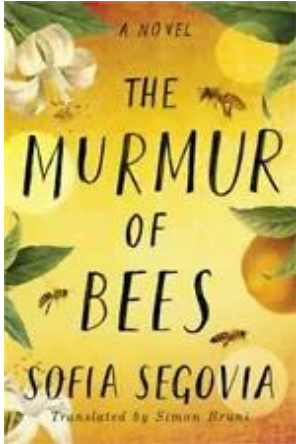
Next Meeting November 5th at 7pm Via zoom

On Thursday, October 1, 2020, book club members met virtually to discuss Barbara O'Neal's novel.

In *When We Believed in Mermaids*, Kit, a California doctor with emotional baggage, is a surfer who hooks up with famous, sexy, Spanish singer Javier while in New Zealand following a lead on her sister, presumed dead in a train wreck 15 years prior but who had been recently spotted on the news. Rosie/Mari is the missing sister now with a new identity, married to perfect Simon with two kids, Leo and Sarah. They have purchased an old home in which a movie star had lived and died mysteriously, which adds some intrigue as the story of the sisters' family unfolds; alcoholism, rape, abortion. Dylan, the teen aged boy rescued from an abusive homelife, had become their brother and caretaker because their parents were alcoholics and unreliable parents, consumed with popularity and their restaurant. Dylan's impact on the girls was profound, and his death was tremendously tragic for all of them. The mother is now a recovered addict; their father had died in an earthquake that also destroyed home and restaurant. By the end, the mom is clean and trying to be a good mom to her daughter and is thus eager to learn if her other daughter is still alive.



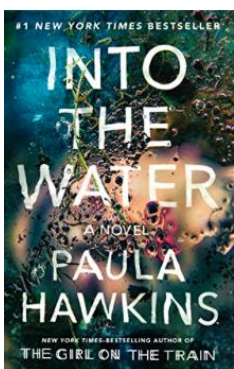
We discussed how the dark pieces of the past unfolded like a mystery, each sordid detail was haunting, but the characters had overcome them, so as the pieces fell into place, we see wounded people who find a way to reconnect their family. The ending was not "Hollywood" but resolved things in a way that left us hopeful.



The book earned 2's and some 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."

"Murmur of Bees," also scheduled for October 1, will be discussed next month.

Next book for November 5th: Paula Hawkins "into the Water" Upcoming book for December 3rd: "Christmas at Little Beach Street Bakery": A Novel



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.





Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



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



Pam and Marian walked 2 Miles around Franklin on October 4th to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease. They were joined by Pam's Mom and several members of her Memory Care support Group from the Franklin Senior Center. They managed to raise over \$1500 for Alzheimer's Research. Thanks for raising funds and awareness for this powerful disease that has impacted many of us.

Darkness to Light – Amy LaBrache – TBD

Amy has taken the course to be able to train on line and is looking forward to training us Jaycees at some point

this month. 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 and Kris have been working on gathering a materials list and planning out the repairs. At this point because of the lack of pressure treated wood they will just be doing a quick sand-and-paint job at some point this fall. Thanks Ken and Kris for getting the bandstand ready for our newly refurbished nativity set.

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

Be on the lookout for our logo to be included as part of the towns banner display.

Tech Donations – Sophia Manos

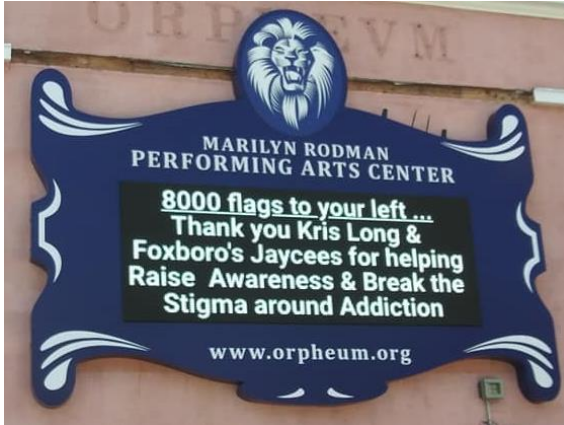
We were approached by Superintendent Berdos to help run a program where folks can donate their devices to folks in need. The School department was receiving messages from people that had laptops, tablets, etc. they'd be willing to donate after seeing that the Schools order for the notebooks had been delayed. Supt. Berdos thought it would be a great project for the Jaycees to help facilitate. Contact Sophia if you have something to donate.



COMPLETED:

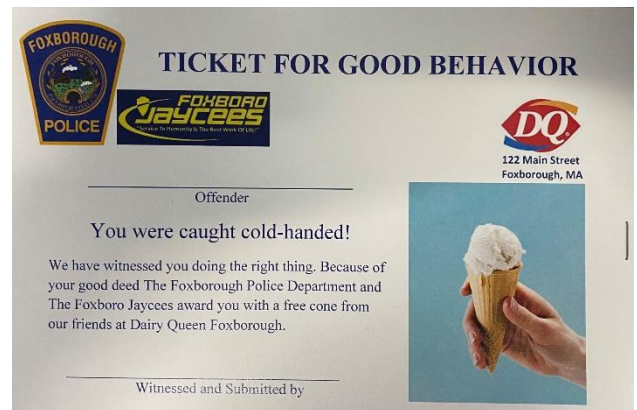
Stakes are High event – Kris Long

The flags brightly covered the common for the week and several of us took them down and placed them away for next year. Thank you, Kris and crew for reminding us that the Opioid Pandemic still exists and we lose people each and every day.



Caught Doing Good – Amy LaBrache

Amy has delivered the certificates and coupons to the Foxborough Police Department and I've been told that children are already receiving their tickets for being caught cold handed. In case you missed it, the Jaycees teamed up with Foxborough Police and our friends at Dairy Queen to recognize children who are performing good deeds. They each receive a ticket as well as a coupon for an ice cream cone. Great job Amy!



We'll be looking for folks to take on our upcoming holiday projects that can be done safely. Nativity Scene Set up and Take down, Decorating the Common, Sponsor a Child for Christmas, Sponsor a Senior for Christmas.

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.

As we are all still learning how to navigate this Fall landscape, we still have not been able to have any of our traditional Jaycee Ways and Means projects this year so here are some more ideas hopefully coming soon in these stressful times.

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 will have one more batch of 100 “Entering Foxboro” masks for sale for the Fall. Still showing off safety and Foxboro pride! We will be considering some design modifications as long as they are in budget. But right now the adjustable grey still seems quite popular in Foxboro.

Please reach out to Lynda or Sophia for an order.

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



\$8 each

2 for \$15

Completed PROJECTS

Donations Project - Jaycees Yard Sale Fundraiser Part 3, Marc Rivard, chair

The Jaycees board and members put out and sold our wares (aka junk) in Marc's front yard. It worked pretty well all Summer. 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. Thanks!

Possible Upcoming PROJECTS

Virtual or Hybrid Paint Night – Kris Long, chair - November

Paint night Zoom party. Stay tuned for more info about the Paint Night Party presented by Kris!

Electronic Waste Recycling Fundraiser – TBD - 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. Hold up is just trying to find a more reasonable upfront fee.

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 Marian or myself know

“Appraisal Night” Fundraiser – Chair Needed

This is another possible fundraiser. We are thinking of allowing ticket holders to gather some “antiques” or items from their homes and see if they are treasure or bunk. This is very preliminary, so let us know if you have thoughts about getting this running.

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



Happy Fall everyone! I hope this finds you all well. We have a few things happening in October. The Q and A has been quite successful for us as we have gained many members through this platform. If you are interested in helping please let me know! The Junior Jaycees committee are also meeting later this month. This is a very exciting addition to our chapter and we meet monthly if you are interested.

As always if you have any new and exciting ideas for me, please reach out at afoxb1@icloud.com. I am always looking for anything you have to share!

See you all at the meeting!

Amy

Virtual Zoom Q and A - we will be holding another virtual question and answer session for prospective members in early October. If you know anybody who is 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.

Junior Jaycees – Our next committee meeting will be on October 21st 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.

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