



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – December 2020

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

I am sitting in for Jeanne this month (get well soon Jeanne!) so please be patient as I haven't written one of these in a long time. But it's like riding a bike, right??? We have a lot of great projects going on even with Covid-19 because that is what the Jaycees do! The Town Common decorations look incredible (great job Andy Gallo on your first project!) especially with the newly restored nativity set. Thanks to all who took part in this great annual tradition! I don't want to go into details of what is coming up this month as I will let the Board do that in their reports. What I will say is that I am extremely proud of all the projects that this Chapter has accomplished this year during these "unprecedented times" (we haven't heard that too often in 2020!). It takes more than a pandemic to stop the Foxboro Jaycees! I am looking forward to 2021 with hope that life will return to normalcy again. But no matter what happens, I know that the Foxboro Jaycees will always be there for our community.

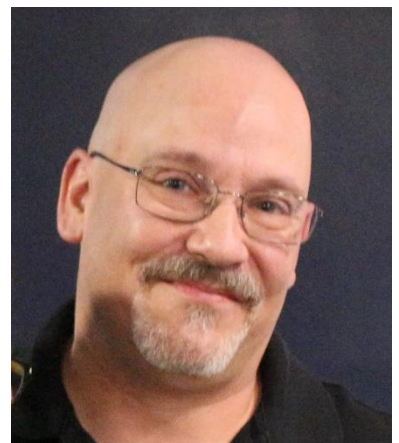
Happy Holidays to you and your families!

Stay safe!

Marc Rivard

Chairman of the Board

"Service to humanity is the best work of life!"



Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



Happy Holidays, my fellow Jaycees. Normally this is the time of year when I am busy baking dozens of cookies for meetings and parties. Not so this year. But I am happy to say that this wonderful group keeps going and fulfilling the promises in our Creed. Finding new ways to serve our community and raise the funds to run our projects. We have lots of events still going on as we navigate our way through the season. 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 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! I hope to see you all at our GM next week.

Sunshine – We send well wishes to several of our members this month – all of whom have had various health issues. Get well soon Bob Siteman, Monica Fisler, Laureen House, Carmella Brown and President Jeanne Suttie! 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 November 2020 GMM:

October 2020 Jaycee of the Month – Pam Warren: Pam has been doing a lot of duties this year that go beyond the regular job description of Chapter Secretary and has been very active with all the projects that we have been able to accomplish this year. (Also nominated were Marian McCabe for helping to organize the Installation Banquet and Kris Long for running the last couple of meetings in record time)

October 2020 Project of the Month – Installation Banquet – Marian McCabe and Lynda Walsh: Even though it was a much smaller event than in the past, our 60th Annual Installation Banquet was a fantastic event for all those who attended. We managed to broadcast the Awards portion of the ceremony via Facebook Live and allow those who could not attend to see it. Thanks, ladies for bringing us a bit of something “Normal” in this abnormal time.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

December Birthdays:

Lisa Jolicoeur
Sarah Bowlen
Jordan Cummings Dee

December Anniversaries:

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| Max Loew | 2008 |
| Lisa Jolicoeur | 2013 |
| Thomas Sullivan | 2014 |



Individual Development

Vice President: *Kris Perry Long*



Happy Holiday season my fellow Jaycees. Not much going on in ID, so I'll keep it short. As we come close to what will go down in history as one of the craziest years of our lives, I challenge you to look back and focus on the good that has happened. I look forward to a new year, for many reasons and in hopes we will return to our new normal that will allow us to gather again. Until then stay safe, enjoy what you have and know that We, the Jaycees, are here for each other. Happy Holidays and see you at the GM!!!

Stay warm and safe!!

Kris ~

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Trivia night!! Marian McCabe: This fun night is once a month via zoom, always filled with laughs and some great trivia! (Trivia will take a break for the month of December and will return in January – date TBD)

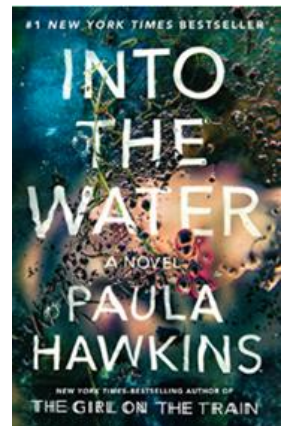
Book Club - Lisa Jolicoeur

Year round this club has run, Covid did not interfere. Via Zoom you will discuss the monthly book (s) from the comforts of your home! More Information is included below about the upcoming Books. Next Book Club meeting is November 12 @7pm

Join Book Club Members for Book Talks and Conversation - the First Thursday of each month via Zoom!

On Thursday, 11/12/20, Book Club members met via Zoom to discuss Paula Hawkins' "Into the Water," a psychological thriller set in modern day fictional Beckford, England. The novel had us wondering until the very last line!!

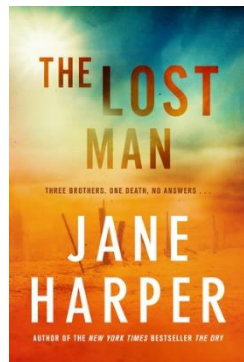
We had so much fun discussing the many rich, well developed characters, alternating narratives with flashbacks, and the intricate key moments that led us to consider more closely clues. We explored the interesting relationships, some inappropriate, others strange; the struggles between Jules and Nel, two sisters estranged due to a major misunderstanding that impacted them both so much; and the historical allusions. We also discussed other books, audio books, favorite tv shows, cooking, and a range of other interesting topics. We love to rate the books: this novel earned 1.5's, some 2's, and a 3 (based on audio reading) 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."



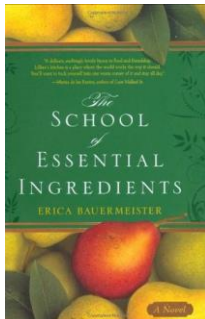
Everyone is welcome! Email lisajolicoeu@gmail.com to get on the mailing list for the Zoom link, bring your favorite snack and drink, and join us for some great conversation! We would love to see you!



December 3rd: Jenny Colgan's "Christmas at Little Beach Street Bakery."



January 7, 2021 Jane Harper's "The Lost Man"



February 2021: Erica Bauermeister's "The School of Essential Ingredients."

FOXBORO JAYCEES

MYSTERY HOLIDAY RAFFLE

All Prizes are valued at \$25 or More!

**ONLY 250 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
GIVING YOU A 1 IN 10 CHANCE!
TICKETS ARE \$25**

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Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Darkness to Light – Amy LaBrache – TBD

Amy had to cancel the November 15th training as the software was giving us difficulties. She has been in contact with folks at Darkness to Light to have the situation resolved. She will advise us of the training date shortly. In the meantime, please consider taking this child sexual abuse awareness training. We are getting very close to having our own Junior Jaycee Chapter and because of the town's policy we must all be trained and receive our certificates if we want to work with the children who will be joining us.

Gold Star Students – Kris Long

Kris is still working out how this will run. The goal would be to recognize students who have had to overcome so many obstacles during the school year. Many have worked very hard and gone above in helping siblings or friends with the transitions.

School Computer/Laptop Drive – Sophia Manos

Sophia continues to accept electronics donations to get them into folks who are in need. If you have a device that is in working condition, and are willing to donate to someone in need, please reach out to Sophia. Thank you, Sophia for taking this on for our school department.

Holiday Light Competition – Pam Warren/Bob Gills

Pam and Bob have rolled out the Holiday Light Competition and we've had several families sign up. The addresses will be posted for folks to take a ride around town to view some of the beautifully decorated homes in town. At the end, the winners from several categories will be given a small token of appreciation from the Chapter. This is a great new way to keep the spirit alive here in town and gives families something to do together without jeopardizing their health during the season.



Prizes will be awarded in 8 Categories:

1. **"Bing Crosby" Award:** Most traditional / Classic – Old Fashioned Nostalgia
2. **"Martha Stewart" Award:** Elegant – Low-key – Not overdone, not simple, just enough, very tasteful
3. **"Over the Rainbow" Award** – Must use ALL colors of the rainbow to be considered: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple
4. **"Toy Land" award:** Use of animatronics, air-inflated decorations, things that move, etc.
5. **"The WOW Factor" Award:** Most Creative / Original – this can be anything, something different, something special, something unique, something we haven't seen before, or just a great idea.
6. **"Miracle on 34th Street" Award** – Best Decorated Business
7. **"Clark Griswold" Award:** Over-The-Top (Most likely to be seen from space) aka "Friend of the Electric Company"
8. **The People's Choice** – This winner is Chosen by Public vote: send an email to deco@foxborojaycees.org

Note: There is no overall “best” award because we feel it defeats the purpose of having categories. A house that looks like a Trans-Siberian orchestra light show with lasers would obviously win “best,” so we have categories where people with different styles / taste / ideas all get to participate.

If you would like to participate, anyone who lives in Foxboro (Including Jaycee Members) can enter simply by sending an email to deco@foxborojaycees.org and giving your address.

We ask for a Name, email address and phone so we can contact you if you win. **Entry Deadline is Saturday, December 12 at 11:59 PM**

We will publish a list of entered homes on Facebook and our Website for people to see your displays.

By entering, you consent to folks driving by your house and taking a picture if they wish. You can absolutely attach a picture to your entry if want, making it easier for us. We ask the public to respect other's property at all times - DO NOT trespass on private property or disturb any of the displays.

Judging will take place between 12/13-12/20: Jaycee Committee members will look at the homes and businesses entered – if any other members would like to participate in the judging, contact Pam or Bob.

We encourage everyone in town to also see the houses and send their “people’s choice” to deco@foxborojaycees.org. They can use the list of houses we publish as their “Map.”

We remind spectators to stay in their car and not walk around people’s yards. Pictures can be taken. We ask the public to submit votes for the people’s choice award to deco@foxborojaycees.org with a subject of PEOPLE’S CHOICE and a simple, “I nominate [address] as the people’s choice.”

E-mail Voting deadline is Sunday, December 20th at 11:59 PM.

Winners will be contacted on December 21 and the formal announcement will be published on the 22nd on Facebook and our Website.

PRIZES (Valued at \$25) will be awarded in each of the 8 Categories.

One prize per house! (With the sole exception if the "People's Choice" winner happens to be also a winner in another category) Send any questions and your entries to: deco@foxborojaycees.org

Let's spread some light and Cheer this Holiday Season...

Santa Video Chat – Amy LaBrache

Amy has been working with Foxboro Cable Access and Santa to safely ensure that Santa hears the children’s wishes this year. Santa will have video replies to families who sign up. As of writing this, we already have 35 families. Thank you, Amy for thinking outside the box and of course, thank you “Santa” for coming through for this children of Foxborough.



Fruit Baskets – Sophia Manos

Sophia has once again volunteered to chair this project. The project consists of reaching



out to the towns Discretionary Fund to get the number of fruit baskets needed for the holiday deliveries. Working with our friends at Partners Health (Patriot Place) we assemble baskets to go along with the food, toys, etc. that the Discretionary Fund delivers to folks in need in town. This year families will be picking up their packages from the Food Pantry. Their packages/toys will be a little different this year, but our fruit baskets will be one traditional item they will be happy to receive. Sophia will advise a date for assembly, etc.... stay tuned.

Nativity Scene Setup/Take Down – Carl Bertolino



The Knights of Columbus once again met Carl and Kenny at storage and were able to safely get our newly refurbished set to the bandstand and displayed for all to see. Susan Gillis arranged for cable to come and document the event. A plaque of appreciation was presented to the Knights for their continued support with manpower and financial donations. A plaque was presented to Brother Donald who restored the set as well as Brother David from LaSalette Shrine. The Hadge brothers were also presented plaques for their help in transporting the set to and from LaSalette.

Keep watch for video on. Carl will be looking for folks to help with taking down the nativity scene and getting it safely back to storage, probably January 9th.

Common Decorations – Andy Gallo

New member Andy Gallo took on the Common Decorations and had plenty of help. The common looks very festive with all the lamp posts having bows and garland, lights have been placed on the trees/bushes around the bandstand as well as on the Memorials and the Big wreath is back under the Foxborough Sign. Andy will be looking for help to take down the decorations, probably January 9th.

Shared Wishes – Amy LaBrache

A young man reached out to the Jaycees and would like to try out a new project. Amy has been in contact with him and they've come up with a plan. We will ask the town's children to place a wish for upcoming 2021 into an ornament and hang it from a tree on the common. These wishes will be picked up by the "Baby New Year" and hopefully will be fulfilled within the next calendar of 2021. The wishes will be returned to the children during our New Years' Eve celebration December 31st, 2021 so that they may remember placing the wish on the tree and to see if it came true for them.

Adopt a Child/Senior – Lisa Jolicoeur

The Jaycees donated \$75 in Target gift cards for a family to purchase warm winter clothing through the Foxboro Discretionary Fund. They are not collecting gifts due to COVID but are grateful for the card donations. The Jaycees also donated \$75 in Stop and Shop cards to the Foxboro Senior Center for seniors who need a little help over the holidays with groceries and gas. In the past, we have purchased gifts for a specific senior, an amazing program which instead has found an alternative way to help seniors.

Sand for Seniors – Sophia Manos

Once again, we will be delivering buckets of sand mixture to seniors to keep their walkways safe during the winter months. Sophia has been in touch with Marc Craig to get the word out and calls are already being handled. Thank you, Sophia and Mike for taking on this important project.



COMPLETED:

Honoring our Vets – Lynda Walsh

Thank you to everyone who came out to help on the 21st to ensure that our Vets received their yearly gifts from the towns people. This year we had 120 Vets who pulled through the Community Center Parking Lot to pick up their Turkey, Whoopie Pies made from our friends at the Community Center, along with Butternut Squash grown by Earl Ferguson. Normally, we get a chance to deliver to their homes, but because of COVID we asked them to drive thru and we placed into their vehicles.



Common Holiday Banners – Monica Rigamonti



Once again Monica worked with our friends at the Highway Department and our banners are flying high over the towns' center. Thank you, Monica for your continued safe keeping of our banners.

MEMBERS:

We have a busy month coming up and hope to see you out and about and any of the projects. Please, if you see flyers, etc. posted on our Facebook page for upcoming events, be sure to share with your friends. Social media has become our main communication platform and if we all share these events we'll get more support.

Not sure if this is noted somewhere else in the Wise Fox, but it should be noted that the Partners in Patriotism awarded us a \$250 grant. We did not submit an application, the committee took it upon themselves to help some of the non-profits who depend on Founders Day of a way to raise most of their funding. We thank them for their support!

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope that you all get to enjoy time with family and friends in a safe way. Stay healthy my friends, and here's to 2021!

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



Happy Holidays Everybody!

We hope you stay safe and warm and have a happy holiday season. Let's all look to a better 2021.

If anyone has **any new fundraising ideas for 2021 and beyond**, please email wm@foxborojaycees.org or anyone on the board or bring it up at the GM.

Stay safe and healthy everyone. Be smart out there.

Current PROJECTS

Foxboro Face-mask Fundraiser -

We have more "Entering Foxboro" masks for sale for the Winter. Great to help keep your face warm! Show off safety and Foxboro pride!

Please reach out to Lynda or Sophia for an order.

\$8 Each. 2 for \$15

Need a quick gift this holiday season?
How about a mask that represents
your home town?!



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100% Cotton Adjustable

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Virtual Holiday Raffle – This month – Marian McCabe, Kris Long - chairs

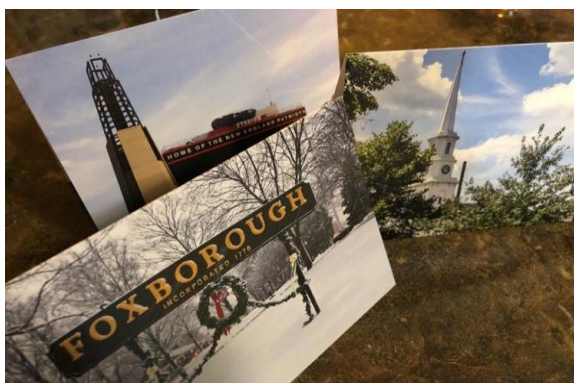
\$25 for a mystery raffle. Prizes have been generously donated by local businesses and individuals to promote our small businesses but also to give the Jaycees much needed support for our amazing projects that have continued despite the pandemic.

You can purchase a raffle ticket as a gift for someone else, as a treat for yourself, or simply as a joyful opportunity to support the Jaycees and local businesses! Prizes include local gift certificates or wrapped basket items, all of which will make amazing gifts. *

this paragraph was from email sent direct to chapter. There is no way I could have said it better.

Email today to reserve your ticket:

HolidayraffleFoxjaycees@gmail.com



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.

In the queue PROJECTS

Electronic Waste Recycling Fundraiser – TDB - Spring Cleaning

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 reasonably upfront fee.

“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.

Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache



Hello Fellow Jaycees!

This month has been a very quiet one in the area of recruitment. But that is not surprising due to the holidays and the times we are in. However, I am very excited to see some of our newest members jumping right in chairing projects and really pitching in to help! December is one of our biggest times for our chapter to shine and give back to the community we love. I am very grateful for the creativity, and patience everyone has had with having to cancel or rework projects to suit the time we are in.

Please, 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!

Virtual Zoom Q and A: We will be looking to schedule another in the near future and will announce the date at the GM.

Junior Jaycees: We will be meeting after the New Year on January 6thth at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in joining, please send me an email. I will be creating a new invite list.

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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