



# Wise Fox

*A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – January 2021*

My Fellow Jaycees, 2020 has not been easy by any stretch of the imagination. Starting for us on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 our world shut down and things have yet to feel much better. The year has been full of tears, heartbreak, and loneliness for many of our chapter and their loved ones. It has also been a year with laughter, memories, new friendships, and most important, love and dedication.

I want to say thank you to the Jaycees and their families who have kept this chapter alive and meaningful during Covid restrictions. I also want to thank those members who, although they have not been able to join us, have been with us in spirit and cheering us on through emails and on social media. No matter what has been thrown our way, we Jaycees have taken it in stride and run with it as best as we could.

Many members have grown with new experiences in 2020 and using these experiences have aided the chapter in new and different ways to evolve with the forced reality of our situation. In some ways this year has been a good thing for our chapter, such as having to go virtual, that will assist the chapter in multiple ways in the future. Unfortunately, we are not done with the illness that has been wreaking havoc on our lives and livelihoods just by welcoming in 2021. Happy New Year has a lot of new meanings for so many of us this year. The pandemic has caused so much change that it has been difficult for many members and people in general (who do not adjust to change well) to keep rational and calm. I have been privy to so many stories of loss/sadness from the past 9 months that I cannot count them all. I know of and understand the difficult situations so many are in due to health issues, caring for or being elderly, losing jobs, then homes, and so on and this is all from my personal group of friends and loved ones.

During these months since last March, I have taken the brunt of members frustrations, even after I have tried to foster an open-door policy. I have shouldered blame for imagined affronts and been blindsided by misplaced hostilities from a select few. I, like all of you, am a volunteer. I remained president knowing that it is probably the most difficult time to be so in our history. I know I am strong enough to handle it, I still offer an open door (line of communication) policy for all members and interested parties.

These are the reasons why I am choosing the three words of 2021, Flexibility, Kindness and Forgiveness, as Covid continues to rage and screw up our lives. I ask that each of you think of these three words as part of your mantra for the rest of this Board Year.

Flexibility because each day means something different. Flexibility because you do not know what is happening in another person's life. Flexibility because you do not know all sides of the story.

Kindness because our individual and collective stress levels are significant. Kindness begets kindness. Kindness because everyone deserves kindness even if it is not from your heart. Kindness because we are A Jaycee "Family" who "Believe that service to humanity is the best work of life".

Forgiveness because we are not always going to agree and because of stress it may cause anger. Forgiveness because no one is always right. Forgiveness is not because someone deserves it, but because you deserve peace. Bring It On 2021, I am hoping for a Spring Fair, a Founder's Day and many other projects without a lot of restrictions. I also hope that each of you live in the moment, fully immersed with your whole heart, enjoying all each day has to give. Life is way too short at this point not to enjoy what we have been given.

Stay healthy by being smart and not letting life pass you by.

Foxboro Jaycee President, *Jeanne Suttie Christian*



# Secretary's Report

*Pam Warren*



Happy New Year, my fellow Jaycees. It was sad to miss the traditional Yankee Swap for our December GM, but we still got together via Zoom to discuss our Holiday projects and enjoy some social time. 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](mailto: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** - Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to VP Amy LaBrache – So glad to hear the surgery was a success! 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](mailto: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 December 2020 GMM:*

**November 2020 Jaycee of the Month - Lyndsay Hobart:** Lyndsay is a new member who has been very active since she joined. She has been at all the GMM's, is active on the Junior Jaycees Committee and stepped forward to help organize the Santa Video project. (Also Nominated were Kris Long for Trick or Treat and New member Andy Gallo for volunteering to run his first project)

**November 2020 Project of the Month - Trick or Treat Event - Kris Long & Amy LaBrache:** With the Pandemic in full swing, it has been difficult to do many projects, but when the Rec Department proposed a way for the community to come together to allow kids to Trick or Treat, Kris and Amy jumped right in. We packed more than 500 bags of candy, got dressed up and treated the kids!

## *Congratulations to our winners!!!!*

### **December Birthdays:**

John Zarrella  
Kevin Mack  
Kelly Reid  
Deena Cummings  
John Underwood  
Amy LaBrache

### **December Anniversaries:**

Deena Cummings	2004
Vanessa Shirley	2007
Patty Reid	2015
Michael Stewart	2015
DJ Jolicoeur	2017

# Individual Development

*Vice President: Kris Perry Long*



Individual development ! It's where we take care of US!

In 2021 I'm looking to bring more fun events for you! Have an Idea? Want to run an event ? Lets talk, 508-212-7206 or email me at [Krismas3535z@gmail.com](mailto:Krismas3535z@gmail.com).

As we ring in the New Year instead of saying good riddance to 2020, reflect back on the positive that this year gave you. It is a known fact that focusing on the positive is proven to be healthier & takes less energy .

Happy New year from my family to yours ! Welcome 2021!

Stay warm and safe!!

Kris ~

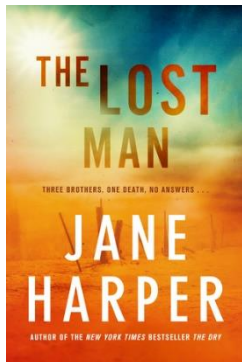
**Trivia night!! Marian McCabe:** Trivia Night will be via zoom TBD keep an eye out for an email with date and time. This is family friendly and always has many laughs!!

## Book Club - Lisa Jolicoeur

Dec 3, 2020 - Book Club members discussed via Zoom Jenny Colgan's delightful novel "Christmas at Little Beach Street Bakery." Eager for something in the holiday spirit, member swere intrigued by a summary someone shared: "Polly Waterford loves running the Little Beach Street Bakery. She's at her happiest when she's creating delicious treats and the festive season always inspires her to bake and knead something extra special for the village residents. In fact, the only thing she loves more than her bakery is curling up with her gorgeous boyfriend, Huckle. She's determined that this Christmas is going to be their best one yet, but life doesn't always work out as planned...When Polly's best friend Kerensa turns up with a secret that threatens the life Polly and Huckle have built together, the future begins to look uncertain. And then a face from Polly's past reappears and things become even more complicated. Polly can usually find solace in baking but she has a feeling that's not going to be enough this time. Can she get things back on track so that everyone has a merry Christmas?"

Book Club members enjoyed discussing the details about Polly and Huckle's home - it's a lighthouse- and their pet puffin named Neil. We noted how cold the weather always appeared to be in this Cornish beachside village; how hard Polly worked in her little bakery; what a sweet little community they had; and the interesting characters and friendship. We noted that the ending was satisfying - not too forced but made us smile and happy to have read a delightful book at the holidays.

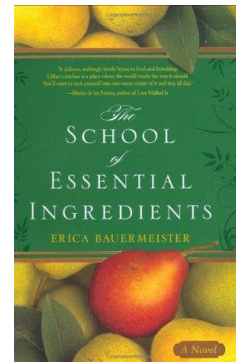
The book earned mostly 2's on the rating scale of 1-5: 1 being "drop everything, turn off the phone, and read; " 2 being "good but leave the phone on"; 3 being "glad I bought it and read it but...."; 4 being "wish I had not bought it and would not recommend it to others"; and 5 being "wish I had not read it."



Everyone is welcome! Email [lisajolicoeu@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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

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







## Development

*Vice President: Lynda Walsh*



As we welcome in 2021, I'd like to take a moment and thank all the project chairmen for their support in the Community Development Area. To say it was difficult the last few months is an understatement, but each of you thought outside the box and put the safety of our members and the public first. I am so proud of the chapter and its members for forging through this pandemic and still supporting our community. Our name has been widely publicized by the many projects that continued throughout the stay at home order.

**Amy LaBrache** helped us usher in 2020 by having children make crafts with the residents at the Doolittle, watch a movie and watch a ball drop at night. **Kathy Brady**, you and your crew were able to return our Foxborough Sign to its proper state. **Sarah and Amy LaBrache** were able to bring smiles to our friends at Doolittle by painting rocks for them to enjoy. **Kathy Brady** placed the crosses on the town common to recognize all who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Memorial Day observance. **Laureen House** escorted the Easter Bunny around town to drive by all the kids in town to wish them Happy Easter. **Lisa Jolicoeur** was able to give out our scholarship to Jamie DeVellis during one of the three concerts **Max Loew** was able to hold on the common. **Kris Long** and her crew were able to social distance while placing the flags on the common for the lives lost to the drug epidemic for our Stakes are High project. In November several of our members ensured that our Vets were honored and placed turkeys and other items in their vehicles. And all our holiday projects ran in their special ways as you can see from the reports below!

### Darkness to Light – Amy LaBrache – TBD

Once Amy is able, we will set a date and hold this training virtually. It will be important for each of us to take part in this training so that we will be all set when we add our Junior Jaycees Chapter.

### Gold Star Students – Kris Long

Now that the holidays are past us, Kris will put together some sort of recognition plan for students who have overcome the struggles of remote and in person learning.

### Sand for Seniors – Sophia Manos

This year the town only has salt available to the public, so I guess you could call it "salt for seniors", but I'd bet the physicians may have a problem with us delivering salt shakers to some of their patients... Sophia has already begun to deliver buckets of



salt to our seniors in the area. This will keep them safe on their walkways.



### Shared Wishes – Amy LaBrache

6-year-old Parker Devine worked with Amy to place a tree on the common for kids to place their wishes for 2021 on. He and Amy went before the Selectmen to get permission, he created a flyer and word has spread to get to the common between December 26 and 31 to place their wishes inside ornaments that we purchased. Thank you, Amy for working side by side with this little man and fulfilling his dream.



### **Nativity Scene Setup/Take Down – Carl Bertolino**

Foxboro Cable was able to tape a short video about the refurbishing of the set during set up, see the video on our Facebook page. Carl will be looking for folks to help with taking down the nativity scene and getting it safely back to storage, probably January 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Common Decorations – Andy Gallo**

The common looks great. Andy and his crew did a fantastic job decorating the common this year, and he will be looking for help on January 9<sup>th</sup> to take everything down and put it away for next year. As usual, weather permitting.

## **COMPLETED**

### **School Computer / Laptop Drive – Sophia Manos**

Sophia was able to collect and ready several computers / laptops for folks in need.

### **Holiday Light Competition – Pam Warren / Bob Gills**

Pam and Bob did a great job with the Lighting competition, see our Facebook page for photos and list of winners for all 8 categories.

### **Santa Video Chat – Amy LaBrache**

Amy and Santa were able to reach out to over 250 children via video to ensure that Santa heard their wishes. We received many thank you notes from parents. Thank you, Amy and Ed for all your hard work. Again, look at our Facebook page for videos, etc.

### **Fruit Baskets – Sophia Manos**

The Discretionary Fund was excited that we were able to produce 200 fruit baskets for their annual delivery. Although this year the families had to come and pick up their packages, it's good to know that folks are being cared for. Sophia was able to encourage several members to help build the baskets and they were able to complete all while social distancing. Thank you, Sophia for ensuring this tradition continued this year.



### **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.

### **Caroling on the Common – Lynda Walsh**

I worked with Foxboro Cable Access and our friends at the Foxborough School's Music Staff and was able to use the Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center to tape a few carols performed by the members of the school's music department. You can watch the video from our Facebook page and cable showed it on their station throughout Christmas week. Although we could not be together, I hope that in some way it brought togetherness to homes throughout town.

Looking forward to 2021 and another year of bringing our community together with more projects!

If you have any community development ideas, feel free to reach out to me, [lynda1061@aol.com](mailto: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 New Year Everybody!

Here! Here! To saying goodbye to the dumpster fire that was 2020!

Let's all look to a better 2021.

But Covid is still with us and is getting worse until it gets better, so please, please, please: **Stay safe and healthy everyone. Be smart out there.**

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

## 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**

## Completed PROJECTS

### Virtual Holiday Raffle – – Marian McCabe, Kris Long

Prizes were generously donated by local businesses and individuals to help raise some funds for the Jaycees. It was a first-time project during a busy, tricky time of year, and it went pretty well. We made some money, and we learned a lot!

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



**\$8 Each  
2 for \$15**

100% Cotton      Adjustable

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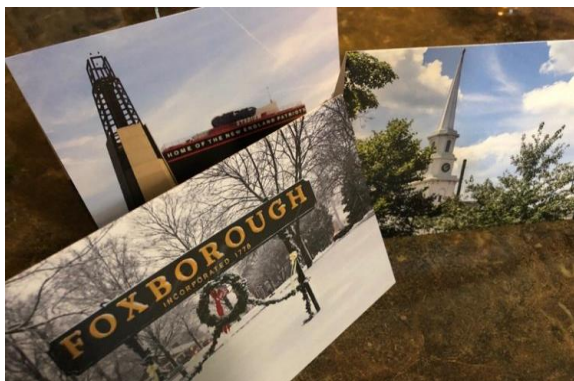
A great big virtual hug and our thanks to the Jaycees, friends, family and community members who contributed donations, purchased raffle tickets and supported us in general. Our thanks to Marian and Kris for getting all these prizes and coordinating the payments. Thanks to Marc for warehousing the prizes until delivery and thanks to Lisa for delivering them!

A good group effort indeed!

Special thanks to Paul O'Sullivan, who won the "Ride to school in a police cruiser" prize and graciously donated it back as a gift to Parker Devine, the 6-year-old, who thought of and brought us the Wishing Tree Project. Hooray for Paul and Parker!

MYSTERY RAFFLE WINNERS!	Delivered =
Omega Pizza- Mary M	
Buzz light year Blanket -Val G	
GC Initials Inc - Christine Q	
A Bag for everything!- Zachary S	
Sunday Fun day! - Sandy E	
I am Limitless Necklace & Scarf- Rachael C	
Visa GC -Kerri Fitzgerald	
Believe Necklace & Scarf -Debbie W	
Avon Gift Bag - Joan G	
Union Straw GC- Elaine M	
Avengers: Endgame & Spider-Man Blue Ray DVD-Beverly K	
Ride to school in a FPD Cruiser - Paul O	
Print Of Foxboro Sign -Paul J	
Union Straw GC- Kerri S	
Print of Foxboro Sign - Karen C	
Barnes & Noble GC & Skinny Coffee and Tea sample - Honor S	
GC American Painting Co & Home Depot GC -Judy W	
Tupperware Vent n Serve -Diane F	
Wine & Ornament Basket - Walter C	
Tumbler and GC Gunther Tooties- Kerri S	
Treasured Chaos Family Portrait - Sarah	
Lindt Truffles & Scarf - Rita	
Patriots & Bruins Shirts -Dave B	
Visa GC-Sophia M	

## 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 - Spring Cleaning - Chair Needed

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.

### "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*



Happy New Year everyone! I hope that you all had a good holiday and that you made the best of it. The next few months are going to be fairly quiet, which is a great opportunity to work on recruitment for our chapter. We will be holding a virtual Q&A on January 23, and hope to have some new faces join our chapter. I encourage everyone to please join us at the general membership meeting as we do have had some new members that have sworn in over the last few months. This is also a great time to reconnect and to see what we are doing creatively in this crazy time we are in. I would also like to personally thank everyone who has supported our latest holiday projects and have made donations to our chapter.

I wish you all the best in 2021, and hope to see you all soon. As always if you have any questions or suggestions please reach out to me as I am always looking for new ways to do things and recruit new members.

In Jaycees Spirit,

Amy :)

**Virtual Zoom Q and A:** We will be holding a Zoom Q and A on Saturday January 23rd at 7. If you see a post for this please share it on your Social media as this format has been very effective in recruiting new members.

**Junior Jaycees:** We will be meeting In February date and time to be announced. 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](mailto: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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