

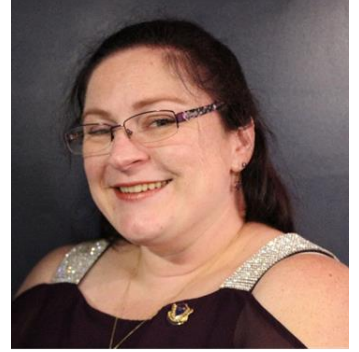


Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – February 2021

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

What a great month to think about spring while you are stuck indoors, and it is freezing outside. We can try to spread the light and airy love, not COVID. We keep moving forward with this year and keeping our projects in mind hoping that we will get to do some of them. In the meantime, please remember the three words for this year.



Flexibility: because each day means something different. Flexibility because you do not know what is happening in another person's life.

Kindness: because our individual and collective stress levels are significant. 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 stress may cause anger. Forgiveness is not because someone deserves it, but because you deserve peace.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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

President,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



February is here and the Groundhog saw his shadow. But he assures us this will be a Beautiful Spring. We had a good turnout for our January Zoom GMM – and hope to see lots more next week for our February meeting as we begin discussing our Spring and Summer projects with the optimistic view that we can do more in the community this year. 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 have had a couple of losses in our Jaycee Family – Sympathies go out to President Jeannie Suttie on the loss of her Uncle and Godfather, and to IDVP Kris Long whose Father passed away after a long illness. We also send love and best wishes to Membership VP Amy LaBrache who is still recovering from her recent surgery. If anyone wants to send some Sunshine – let me know. It can be a Congratulations, get well, sympathy, thank you - Get me the details. **“Shared Joy is Multiplied; Shared Grief is Diminished”** Please Share!

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 January 2021 GMM:

December 2020 Jaycee of the Month – Ed Groh: Ed is a long-time member who was very active around the Holidays – He came out to help distribute Turkeys for Vets and was Eager to assist with our Santa Messages – spending 3 days in the Studio at FCA to record the Messages.

December 2020 Project of the Month – Santa Video Messages – Amy LaBrache and Lyndsay Hobart: This “new” project allowed us to reach over 260 kids with 105 personalized messages from Santa Claus himself. They also Recorded special messages to go to Town Hall, Public Safety and the residents of Foxboro. What a great way to make the best of our difficult situation and still reach the public with a positive message for the Holiday Season!

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

February Birthdays:

Ed Miller
Jane Webster
Thomas Sullivan
Jennifer D'Amato
Kris Long



February Anniversaries:

Bill Dempsey	2006
Joseph Nawn	2017

Individual Development

Vice President: Kris Perry Long



Hello fellow Jaycee family ,

I cant believe it's February already! I'm happy to say the board is working hard to be able to spring into action when restrictions are lifted and get some projects safely going. If there is anything you would like to see ID bring to you please let me know .

I'll leave you with this fun fact!

"15 Minutes of laughter equals the benefit of 2 hours of sleep "

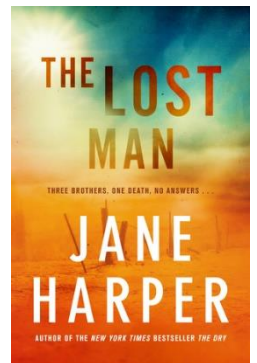
Stay warm and safe!!

Kris ~

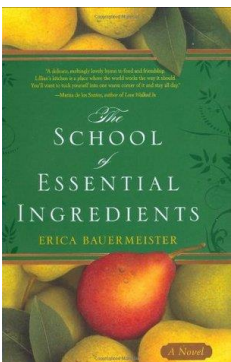
Trivia night!! Marian McCabe: Trivia Night will be via zoom on February 20. We gather for socializing starting at 7 with the Game to start at 7:30. Email Marian marianmccabe6819@gmail.com if you would like the Link. This is family friendly and always has many laughs!!

Book Club - Lisa Jolicoeur

On Thursday, 1/7/2021, Book Club members engaged in a meaningful and engaging discussion of Jane Harper's "The Lost Man," a murder mystery set in an isolated outback community of merely 65 in rural Australia. Several members had read other Harper novels and found this one just as wonderful. The cattle farmers endure harsh conditions that Harper paints vividly for the reader, opening the novel with the image of the stockman's grave, "a headstone, blasted smooth by a hundred-year assault from sand, wind, and sun...a meter tall...perfectly straight"(prologue). The spot becomes the site for a mysterious death of Cameron Bright, one of the ranch owning family members; his brothers, brooding over their own struggles, must solve their brother's death while helping their mother Liz, whose husband Carl had died tragically in a car accident while she herself was trapped in the car for hours, Cameron's wife Ilse, long time ranch hand Harry, and Cameron's young girls deal with the loss. As the story unfolds, however, there is so much suspicion about suicide and the paranoia that the murderer could be among them. A slew of topics that kept us engaged for hours: the isolation of the setting, responsibility, truth, abuse, relationships.



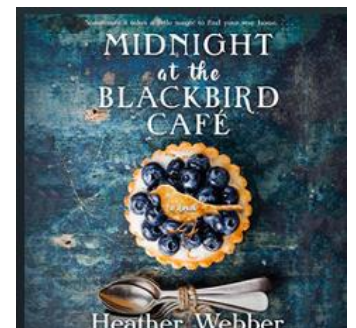
The book earned 1.5's and 2's on the rating scale of 1-5: 1 being "drop everything, turn off the phone, and read; " 2 being "good but leave the phone on"; 3 being "glad I bought it and read it but...."; 4 being "wish I had not bought it and would not recommend it to others"; and 5 being "wish I had not read it." The group agreed that this was a page turner, and several who had not read Harper's other novels were considering reading another!



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!

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

March 4th - Heather Webber's "Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe" >>>





Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Darkness to Light – Amy LaBrache – TBD

Darkness to Light is a program created and supported by the YMCA to educate and bring awareness to child sexual abuse. We are lucky enough to have Amy, who has been trained in how to conduct their program and share with others. It has been updated to include a virtual training module and Amy has been trained, but the software is having a couple glitches. Once Amy is up to speed, we will hold a virtual training for our members.

Gold Star Students – Kris Long

Kris will be asking for a committee to look into ways we can reward some of the school age children for their commitment to education throughout the pandemic. We know that there are many stories of children going above and beyond and show much strength to adapt to the new ways of learning.

Sand for Seniors – Sophia Manos

Sophia and team will be available to drop off buckets of town “salt” to seniors in town. This is a way for our seniors to keep their walkways safe during any icing or snow that may hinder them from going outside.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew & Marc Rivard

Max and Marc are giving us all positive vibes that our concerts on the common season will go on as planned! They have already lined up a great list of bands that are crossing their collective fingers that we will be able to resume our summer series. Once the town has approved and all the bands have returned their signed contracts we’ll list them.



COMPLETED

Shared Wishes – Amy LaBrache

Six-year-old Parker Devine saw his vision come to life, a tree on the common where folks could encapsulate their wishes for the upcoming year. Amy worked alongside Parker and there were over 60 visitors to the tree over the two weeks it was erected. Great Job Amy and Parker!

Nativity Scene Setup/Take Down – Carl Bertolino

Carl once again gained added hands from our friends in the Knights of Columbus to help return our newly restored nativity scene to our inventory building. Once they arrived to storage, **Sue Gillis, Pam Warren, Andy Gallo and President Jeanne** took the time to wipe the statues down and wrap them up securely for storage. Good Team Work All!

Common Decorations – Andy Gallo

Andy had quite a few folks come out to take down our holiday decorations. Normally, kind of a sad day, but Andy was very positive throughout the day and was full of thank you's to all who came to help. And while we were there, we noticed that our holiday banners had been replaced with the new town banners and we found ours displayed for all to see, be sure to check it out! Thanks, Andy for your contagious enthusiasm, well done!

IN THE WORKS

Easter Egg Hunt – Lynda and Amy will work together with the Easter Bunny to see how we can help get his eggs out for the children of town.

Founders Day Float – The Founders Day committee are still in a hold pattern. Once we have final word from them, we will begin to plan if and what The Jaycees will do.

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.



We got together to send Love and Well-wishes to Membership VP Amy who is stuck away from her family for a few weeks... Get Well Soon!!



Ways and Means

Vice President: Sophia Manos



Many thanks to the past fundraisers prior to holiday again!
Looking at you raffle!

As we look toward the rest of the year, we are still unsure of the number of large ways and means projects we can do, so, as always 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.

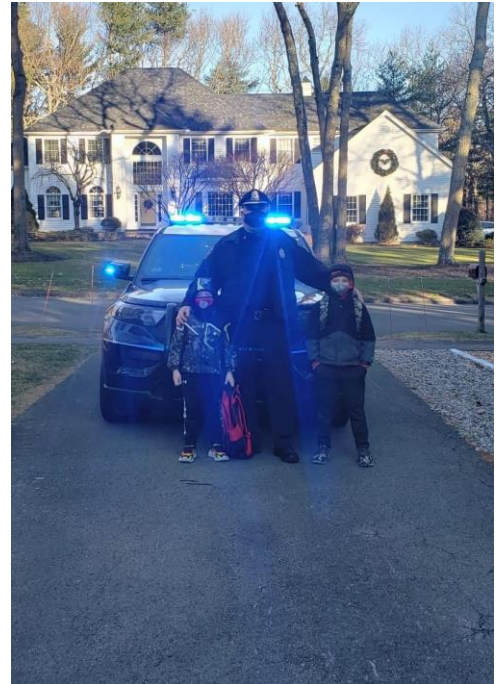
Current PROJECTS

Foxboro Face-mask Fundraiser -

We still have more “Entering Foxboro” masks for sale throughout 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



Complete PROJECTS



Virtual Holiday Raffle – – Marian McCabe, Kris Long

Just a coda to the virtual raffle is that the wonderful little Wishing Tree project creator, Parker Devine got his ride to school in the Foxboro Police Cruiser last month! Thanks again to Paul O’Sullivan for donating that experience to Parker.

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.

Spring Vendor Fair / Vendor Fair Concessions

While unlikely, please keep the good vibes heading our way for some form of a vendor fair this year!



Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache



Hello everyone and I hope this finds you well. Over the next few months, we will be really focusing on membership and making sure that those who are members are activated appropriately and we have reached out to any of the older members to see if they would like to help in future projects. At this time, we are really going to need the help of all of our members, to support some of our upcoming future projects in order for them to be successful and to support our newest members on how things are done.

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 February 20th at 7 pm. 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 at a 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 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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You can also join in the discussion anytime with our Facebook “Foxboro Jaycees Chat” – Just ask Secretary Pam or Director Marian and we can invite you to the Group. Find out the daily Holiday, share fun memes or just ask your fellow Jaycees, “what’s up?”