

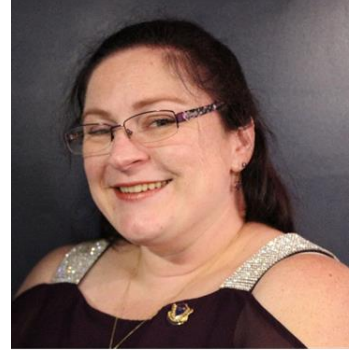


Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – March 2021

Welcome to March, Jaycees!

Hey, good news, according to the media the State of Massachusetts is on the mend. So Yippee, Bring on Spring! Good weather, flowers, projects that bring us all together is exactly what we are all waiting for. Keeping our fingers crossed.



We are looking for chair-people for many projects please step up and take something on, your chapter needs you.

Happy Spring and I hope you all enjoy a safe St. Patrick's Day!

May your troubles be slight, your blessings be a wee bit more, and the genuine kindness you spread keep returning to your door!

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

Sincerely your President,

Jeanne Suttie Christian

**Happy
St Patrick's
Day!**



Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



March came in like a Lion, with temperatures taking us for a rollercoaster ride. The Governor has begun to loosen Covid restrictions – so it looks like we might be able to have in-person projects again! But for now, we are still meeting via Zoom and have begun discussing our Spring and Summer projects in the hope that we really can do more in the community this year. This means we will be looking for Chairpersons and Manpower as we proceed. As always, If you are unable to attend our meetings, 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 loccgazette@yahoo.com and I will pass them on. Zoom meetings are 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 go out to our Concert master Max Loew and President Jeannie Suttie as they both recover from recent surgeries. Welcome Home to Membership VP Amy LaBrache. And our Deepest sympathies to Sue and Bob Gillis as they mourn the sudden loss of Sue's Cousin. 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 February 2021 GMM:

January 2021 Jaycee of the Month - Andy Gallo: Andy Joined us early last summer and has been a very enthusiastic member. He chaired his first project with the Holiday Common decorating and his positivity was contagious. He stayed for the entire take-down of the decorations and the Nativity and helped wrap all the statues for safe keeping.

January 2021 Project of the Month - Sharing Hope Tree - Parker Devine & Amy LaBrache: Six-year-old Parker Devine brought this inspirational new project to us and it was a huge success! We got more than 60 wishes on the tree and we will probably run this again next year.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

March Birthdays:

Patricia Kelley
Cindy McCann
Ed Groh
Tom Whiffen
David Fisler
Max Loew
Jeanne Suttie Christian
LaNecia Wood

March Anniversaries:

William Byrnes	1979
Cheryl Cushman	1992
David Fisler	1998
Patricia Kelley	2014
Kris Long	2019
Amy LaBrache	2019

Individual Development

Vice President: Kris Perry Long



Hello Fellow Jaycees!

Looks like we are going to be coming out of our 13 month cocoons! That being said we need to see one another, gather safely and catch up on what has been happening. It also means we can start to bring back projects! Slowly, within guidelines of course. I'd like to hear from you , what is an old favorite ID project that brought many together and was tons of fun? I loved the Clam bake! Or parties at Bob and Jane Websters', volleyball, great food, fire and of course Fred Badger's Margaritas!

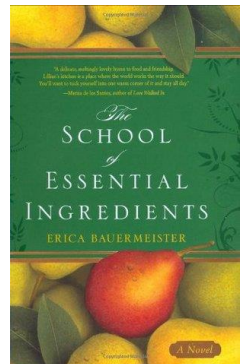
Think about some of your fond memories and please let me know!!! Lets Gather!! Stay warm and safe!!

Kris ~

Trivia night!! Marian McCabe: Trivia Night will be via zoom on Saturday, March 20. This month, Pam will be running it as a special "Name That Tune" edition. 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, 2/4/2021, Book Club members engaged in a meaningful and engaging discussion of Erica Bauermeister's "School of Essential Ingredients," a delightful and engaging story of interesting people who meet at Lilian's Italian restaurant on Monday nights for a cooking class. Each cooking class/chapter focused on a specific dish - crab, Italian Thanksgiving dinner, cake, etc. - and focused on one of the specific characters to provide the back story and how the particular class becomes meaningful to that character and ultimately to the group as a whole. We viewed a brief interview of the author who said the book evolved in her mind for years, taking shape through her journey of motherhood. She said in the interview that she wanted to write a story about "the quiet moments" of people's lives, the moments we don't often notice but add up to shape who we are. The book earned 1.5's and 1'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 while the book was not a heart pounding page-turner, it inspired fabulous conversations about food, cooking, cooking shows, pandemic limitations of restaurants, local restaurants, new restaurants, then binge watching tv shows, and a slew of book titles. We loved the characters, the "quiet moments" of their lives that brought them to the cooking class, and the ending that was gentle but not too over the top - perfect.

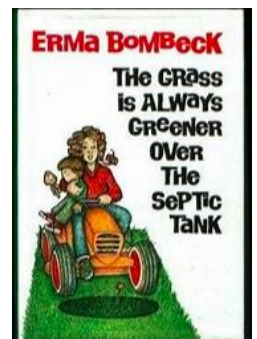
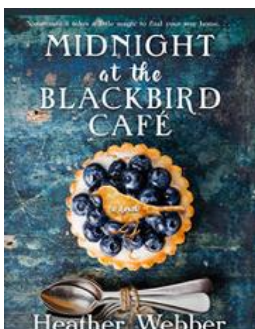
Looking ahead:

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

Thursday, April 1st - Erma Bombeck's

"The Grass is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank" >>>

Everyone is welcome! Email lisajolicoeur@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!



community

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. With the state regulations seeming to open up more, we're hoping that we can hold a in person training. But we are still investigating a virtual training module. Stay tuned!

Gold Star Students – Kris Long

Kris is still thinking on a reward program for students who have gone above and beyond during the pandemic to help others with learning or have overcome tough situations.

Sand for Seniors – Sophia Manos

Sophia and crew will still deliver buckets of "salt" to seniors in need. The weather is improving, but there's always a chance of ice build-up on walkways. Thanks Sophia for keeping them safe.

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.

Fred George Jaycee Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual enrolled in a two or four year college, a technical institute, school of nursing, post graduate school or other accredited secondary program who demonstrates a commitment to community service.

The scholarship is named for longtime member of the Jaycees, Fred George Jr., who died of cancer in December 2018. He spent countless hours assisting with Jaycees community projects and embracing leadership roles when needed to do so. We remember Fred fondly as a loving father with a big heart, a wonderful role model who embodied Jaycees values.

Easter Egg Hunt – Lynda Walsh

The board has been tossing around many great ideas on how to get EB out to the children in town. Many of the ideas are already being done by other town groups. We are currently looking at a small drive by scavenger hunt and having the Easter Bunny located at the last stop to offer up photo ops and handing over a few eggs to children. Details are still in the works, more info will be available at the GM



IN THE WORKS



Founders Day Float – Chairperson needed

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.

Our Award winning 2019 Founder's Day float recreated our Common – complete with a Concert from the Gobshites!

The Easter Bunny is hopping to it – will we be able to have an “Egg Hunt” this year? Come to the March meeting to discover what is planned....





Ways and Means

Vice President: Sophia Manos



Happy last month of winter. What does that groundhog know? I say an early Spring...I see my shadow all the time.

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. May have an in person sell-off soon. Show off safety and Foxboro pride!

Please reach out to Lynda or Sophia for an order. **\$8 Each. 2 for \$15**

Upcoming (possible) 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. Chairman would need to find a local venue for the electronic drop-off and pick a reasonable recycling vendor that won't take too much off the top.

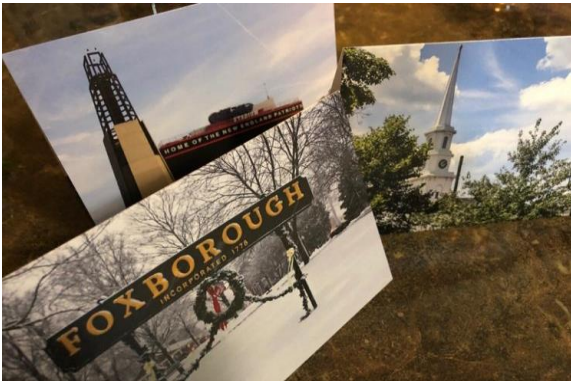
"Appraisal Night" Fundraiser – aka 'Antiques Payson Road Show' -Chair Needed

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. Know any appraisers? Want to play one (but not on TV?) This is very preliminary, so let us know if you have thoughts about getting this running.

Spring Vendor Fair – Tentative May 22

We will see how it goes, but we can be cautiously optimistic about having some form of smaller scale vendor fair. Deena is looking into it. Fingers crossed!

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



Hello! I hope this finds everyone well. Membership has been quiet. This winter has been an unusual one for many reasons. I am hoping this will pick up once we are back out there doing what we do best. I do not know about everyone else, but I am really looking forward to some spring projects! We are going to need help from everyone who can lend an hour or two if these projects run as there will be new guidelines that we will have to follow.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who reached out, sent cards, made dinners and posed for a picture after my surgery. I cannot even begin to say how much it meant to me.

As always if you have any new and creative ideas on membership please let me know as I am always looking for new ideas in order to retain and find your new members.

In Jaycees Spirit,
Amy :)

Virtual Zoom Q and A: We will be holding a Zoom Q and A on March 27th 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 March 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.

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



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?”