



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – March 2021

My Fellow Jaycees –

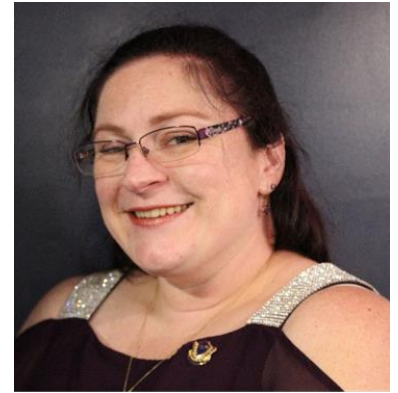
As I begin the last month of my Two-year Presidency, most of which has been overshadowed by Covid, I am so grateful to have been able to serve our Chapter.

I hope everyone has a Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all at the Installation and Awards Banquet.

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

Sincerely your President,

Jeanne Suttie Christian



April is our Elections Meeting – Here is the slate of members who have volunteered to become officers for 2021-22:

President: Deena Cummings

Individual Development VP: Sophia Manos

Community Development VP: Lynda Walsh

Ways & Means VP: Kris Long

Membership VP: Amy LaBrache

Dues Director: Marc Rivard

Director at Large: Andy Gallo

Treasurer: Lisa Jolicoeur

Secretary / Wise Fox Editor: Pam Warren

Chairman of the Board: Jeanne Suttie Christian



Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



Spring has Sprung – We had a successful Easter Egg Hunt and plans are being made for a summer full of Music. Our April meeting will be our Elections meeting and we have a full slate of Officers who will need your approval. I am looking forward to swearing in the New Board at our Installation Banquet on May 1st. 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 locgazette@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 on April 14th.

Sunshine – It has been a tough year for Sympathies. We want to wish Kris Long's Mother a speedy recovery after her recent fall. 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:

February 2021 Jaycee of the Month – Marian McCabe: Director Marian has been working very hard to organize and run our Monthly Zoom Trivia / Game nights. They have been lots of fun and a great way to get together with friends. (Also Nominated were Kris Long and Max Loew).

February 2021 Project of the Month – Salt for Seniors – Sophia Manos & Mike Mills: Sophia and Mike did a great job getting the "Sand" (It was all Salt this year) out to our Seniors within 24 hours of any request. Let's hope that no more will be needed this year. (Also Nominated was Trivia)

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

April Birthdays:

Bob Webster
Cheryl Cushman
Ed Underwood
Laureen House
Katharine Lee
Ali Lindquist

April Anniversaries:

Robert Cole	1975
Jim Evans	1984
Dave Brown	1985
Ellen Dean	1985
John Zarella	1987
Sandy Daniels	1988
Kathy Brady	2000
Mellyssa Coutinho	2013
Stephanie O'Neill	2014
Jennifer D'Amato	2019
Katharine Lee	2019

Individual Development

Vice President: Kris Perry Long



Spring has sprung, then again it has been sunny and 75 here since I arrived on Nov 4th. As the Covid looks to finally be in our rear-view mirrors I'd like to take a moment and reflect on what this past year has looked like for me.

I have always loved staying home, and was so excited to have some of my family stuck at home with me... Yea who are we kidding, 2 adult children and three grandkids home 24/7... Well, it's been nothing less of a challenge. Early on we were held captive to the unknown and fear of getting sick was something that would isolate us from the world even more. Having sisters in law as nurses in Big Boston Hospitals, we chose to follow their lead vs the news.

It became very real to me when a very dear friend and her BF got covid, he was a kidney recipient and was taken to Boston... Never did she think she would never speak to him again let alone NEVER see him... No funeral, No wake, No identifying, No final goodbyes... He was the 67th person to pass in MA.

It was then I respected the magnitude of this pandemic.

The Jaycees BOD stuck together, worked hard with what we had, we tried many different ways to get people together, or let others know we are here. We did signs of Inspiration on telephone poles, Loved that project! We held zoom BOD & GM's, it was hard seeing friends and not being able to give them a hug because you could see the fear, exhaustion and stress in their faces. Zoom allows you to focus on someone more than you really ever have.

My grandkids and their mom (the ones who live with us) really took the brunt of change. How do you tell an 11yr old they can no longer hang out with their friends, oh and BTW your birthday party has been canceled? In a nutshell it's been extremely hard for them, I mean we only know what we know and kids have endless questions that for a very long time we had no answers for.

One of the biggest positives I have received from this pandemic is being able to work remotely which in turn allowed me to come to Florida and assist my folks. Billy, Teddi and I drove down on November 3, arriving November 4th. My mom is 86 and Dad 90. Covid isolated them more than words could ever describe. When I arrived for what I thought would be maybe at most a 3 week visit I knew I was not going to be going home anytime soon.

My dad passed January 21st in his home with his wife and I by his side. I really loved that man, and I'm so grateful I was here to assist in wishes, and here for Mom. Covid slowed the services but we finally had an amazing memorial service March 6th. On March 7th, my mother fell and broke her hip, requiring surgery. She's doing much better, and we will be moving forward to bringing her north when she's able where will be staying with my brother and I will return home

Covid has affected us all differently. It has brought back family dinners, game nights, movie nights, long walks and so much more. We can dwell on all the bad it has brought us or we can focus on the good it has given you.

With Gratitude,
Kris

Trivia night!! Marian McCabe:

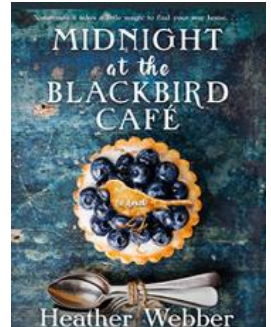
Trivia Night will be via zoom on Saturday, March 20. This month, Pam will be running it as a special "Name That Tune" edition. We gather for socializing starting at 7 with the Game to start at 7:30. Email Marian marianmccabe6819@gmail.com if you would like the Link. This is family friendly and always has many laughs!!

Installation Banquet - Marian McCabe:

Yikes it's that time of year again , and by the grace of god we're having our Banquet! We are doing our best to have it outdoors but more to come , Please SAVE THE DATE May 1 2021!

Book Club - Lisa Jolicoeur

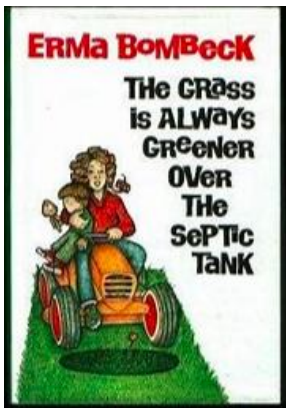
On Thursday, 3/4/2021, Book Club members connected (even from Florida!) with a delightful and engaging discussion of Heather Webber's "Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe," a warm and pleasant novel with magical realism, humor, well rounded characters, and sweet setting. Set in Wicklow, Alabama, the novel follows Anna Cate, a "guardian" of magical mulberry trees outside the cafe she recently inherited from her grandmother who had taught her all the secrets of this role. The mulberry trees provide a passageway for blackbirds who represent spirits from the afterlife to provide peace and comfort to those they loved in mysterious ways: you have to eat a pie baked with love. The characters have endured a great deal of tragedy and loss in their lives but find peace against the backdrop of the slow paced town that finds excitement from an expose about the "magic" of the cafe. Additionally, there are some heart warming relationships that add some closure for the characters and their families.



The book earned mostly 1's and 1.5's and one person rated the audible version a 3: 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 lively group enjoyed discussing other books we had read and enjoyed this month, binge-worthy tv shows, weather, travel ideas, and ideas for our summer reading list.

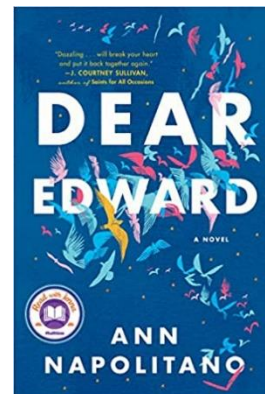
Looking ahead:



<<< Thursday, April 1st - Erma Bombeck's
"The Grass is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank"

May - Things We Cannot Say by Kelly Rimmer >>>

June - Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano >>>



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

There has been an upgrade of the training module for Darkness to Light. Amy will be investigating how much the training has changed and will also a look into what virtual training will look like. Once she's become familiar with the new version, we'll schedule a training, hopefully in person!

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.

Candidates Night – Sophia Manos

Once again Sophia will be working with our Friends at FCA to hold our annual Candidates Night. All candidates vying for positions on boards in town will be invited to an online discussion about what their goals are as they take on the roles. Stay tuned for date, once recorded the event will be broadcast on cable up till Election Day.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew & Marc Rivard

GREAT NEWS, the Board of Selectmen approved our application for Concerts to resume this year. Obviously, we'll need to follow the state guidelines in respect to COVID Safety, but it gives us all something to look forward to this summer. Thank you, Max and Marc for putting together such a great line up of bands. Full list and info on the bands can be found on our Website/Facebook pages.

6/10/2021	Foxboro High School Jazz Band
6/17/2021	Vapors of Morphine
6/24/2021	Casual Mondays
7/8/2021	Eddy's Shoe
7/15/2021	Smoke N Whiskey
7/22/2021	Space Captain
7/29/2021	American Who
8/5/2021	Jennifer Tefft
8/12/2021	Gobshites
8/19/2021	Rain Date
8/26/2021	Rain Date



Fred George Jaycee Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

Lisa has sent out notice to all area schools, etc. 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.

Bandstand Cleaning/Repairs – Ken Wills/Kris Long

Now that better weather is coming, Ken and Kris will set a day to do some sprucing up to our bandstand. We want it to look great to welcome back Concerts on the Common this summer!

COMPLETED:

Sand/Salt for Seniors – Sophia Manos

Thank you Sophia for being on top of requests from seniors for buckets of salt during the winter. You kept them safe and it's much appreciated. Thank goodness we didn't have that bad of a winter.

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt – Lynda Walsh

The Easter Egg Hunt had to be done Covid-style again this year. The children were given clues to find Egg Signs around town. The last stop was the Bandstand where they got to see the Easter Bunny in person and EB was happy to hand over a bag of filled Easter Eggs to about 100 of his little friends. Thank you, Pam Warren, your Mom and John; Ken Wills, Amy LaBrache and Sarah; Sophia Manos and Alexander; LaNecia Wood and Kyle for your help stuffing the eggs. Thank you also to Pam Warren, Ken Wills, Andy Gallo, Sophia Manos, and Bob Gillis for help during the hunt. Special thanks to our Easter Bunny, Devlyn House, you Rock!



Founders Day ... I received the following email from Founders Day committee...

Hope all is well with you, your organization and families. As you may be aware current protocols and state/town restrictions are hampering us from planning a full-fledged Founders Day. We have held a few meetings {Zoom} and our team still wants to recognize Founders Day and what it means to town and community. We are looking for ideas to still do "something" on that day that will help the town come together and assist your organization to get "back in the game". Drive-by activities throughout the town or a virtual auction are a few ideas but will take a lot of organization and commitment. Do you or your fellow members have any thoughts or ideas? Hope to hear from you soon.

So, if you have any ideas, please let me know so we can help Founders Day Committee have some type of celebration this year.

Thank you for permitting me to be this past years Community Development Vice President. We as a chapter should be proud of the fact that we were able to run 25 Community Development Projects throughout this year. Many of them were projects that needed to be reconfigured because of Covid. This was a challenge that your board and chairmen met head on and all projects were great success. The Jaycee name was around town in different ways, we got a lot of publicity throughout the year. Many thank you shout-outs on social media, a few new members because of our activities. Thank you to all the chairmen and folks who made Community Development shine this year! Looking forward another successful year 21-22!

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 Spring to Everyone!

As always if anyone has any new fundraising ideas buzzing around their heads 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. Please continue to be smart out there.

Current PROJECTS

Foxboro 02035 Face-mask Fundraiser – Lynda Walsh Show off safety and Foxboro pride!

We still have more “Entering Foxboro” masks for sale. We will sell them in- person again soon. Perhaps at concerts.

Please reach out to Lynda or Sophia for an order.

Still \$8 Each. 2 for \$15



Upcoming (possible) PROJECTS

Spring Vendor Fair – Will, again, not take place this year

But we will hope to have a really strong Fall Vendor Fair toward end of September. Stay tuned!

Concert on the Common Concessions – Pam Warren

We are awaiting Board of Health standards and decisions on the viability of us selling our usual concert concessions such as chips, penny candy, water and drinks. Covid certainly derailed our plans last year to possibly expand concessions. Right now, we just need to get back to the basics.

If this project runs, Pam will need help so she can take dance breaks! ☺

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

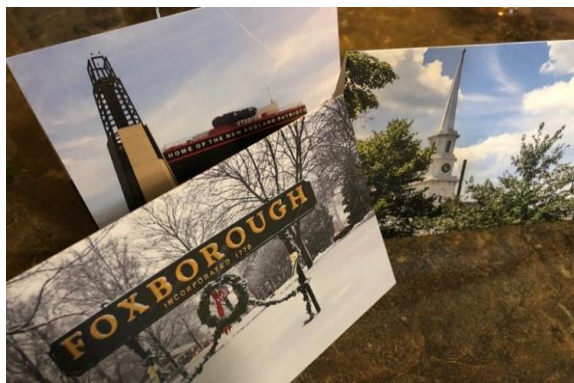
This is another possible fundraiser. We are thinking of allowing ticket holders to gather some "antiques" or items from their homes and see if they are treasure or bunk. Know any appraisers? Want to play one (but not on TV?)

Virtual or In-person Paint Night – Summer, Kris Long

Paint night Zoom party – 2021 attempt.

Stay tuned for more info about the Paint Night Party.

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.



Next time you are on the common...

<<<<<<< Check out our new Banner!

Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache



Happy Spring Everyone! I hope this finds you and your loved ones well. With the nicer weather we are really hoping that things will turn around and we will be able to hold some events. Congratulations to Lynda and crew for a very successful Easter Egg scavenger hunt. I have seen many positive messages, from some very happy families!!! With some events being able to run, it will be a wonderful opportunity to be out promoting our membership. I will be setting up a membership booth at each Concert on the common, and I will be looking for help, as I still have restrictions and cannot carry everything. If you are interested in helping, please let me know.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas, Please reach out to me! I am always looking to do things better. Have a wonderful month, and I cannot wait to see you all at our upcoming events.

In Jaycee Spirit,
Amy

Virtual Zoom Q and A: We will be holding a Zoom Q and A on April 11 at 3 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 on Wednesday April 14th. 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?”