



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – May 2021

Dear Fellow Jaycees,

I am honored and humbled to once again embrace the role of President of the Foxboro Jaycees! The past year has left many of our projects and ideas a bit frayed, but with Jaycees creativity and undeterred spirit, COVID policies looking hopeful for our community endeavors, and a lineup of exciting projects, I am eager to get to work!



Jeanne's second year as president began just as the pandemic sidelined many of our projects; however, the Board tackled these unforeseen challenges and had a successful year.

Thank you very much to the incoming Board members. **Amy, Andy, Jeanne, Kris, Lisa, Lynda, Marc, Pam, and Sophia**; you have all stepped up to help lead this organization another year with the same enthusiasm and dedication that has helped see us through some very difficult times. Our organization and community are better for your experience and willingness to think outside the box. **Andy**, we look forward to working with you as you step into your first role with the board - welcome!

While many Board members remain, we are grateful to **Marian** for her contributions as Director at Large last year and look forward to her continued involvement in projects.

Our next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for May 12th on Zoom, but we hope to be in person for the June meeting. We are also excited to host our first Concert on the Common on June 10th, the **Foxboro High School Jazz Ensemble**! We hope to see you there, in person!



Yours In Jaycee Spirit,

Deena Cummings

Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



Welcome to another year with the Foxboro Jaycees! We have a new President, a switched up board and a Summer full of projects planned. With Covid restrictions easing up for outdoor activities, we are excited to have a full Concert Schedule and are looking for fresh ideas to keep us going and serving the community. I am truly humbled to have been named the 2021 Key Man and am looking forward to continuing to serve this year. We are doing everything we can to get back to in-person meetings, but Zoom continues for now. 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 of the minutes, 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 Zoom GM on May 12th.

Sunshine - It has been a tough year for Sympathies. We want to wish Carl Bertolino and his Wife Paula a speedy recovery after their recent medical issues. 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 would love to give a “Shout Out” to members who have made a difference – in the chapter or on their own.

Our Award Winners from April 2021 GMM:

March 2021 Jaycee of the Month – Kenny Wills: Ken has been working hard as our Inventory Coordinator to keep storage organized, and spent hours before the Egg Stuffing to sort and match the Thousands of plastic Easter Eggs used to make the kids happy. (Also Nominated were Kris Long, Andy Gallo, Marc Rivard and Max Loew).

March 2021 Project of the Month – Wise Fox – Pam Warren: The Wise Fox has been praised for being colorful and well produced and keeping us all informed every month (Thank You!). (Also Nominated were Trivia / Game Night and the Website)

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

May Birthdays:

Bill Byrnes	Monica Rigamonti
Mike Stewart	Stephanie O’Neil
Lynn Freerksen	Joseph Nawn
Kathy Brady	Jade Cummings
Bob Hickey	
Derek House	
Sharon Hall	
Stephen Strickland	

May Anniversaries:

Heather Loew	2008
Lynn Freerksen	2014
Shante Collins	2019
Alicia Bryant	2021

Individual Development



Vice President: Sophia Manos

Howdy! By the time you read this, I will have been sworn in as ID VP for this upcoming year. As the year progresses and we can see how things may still be opening up a bit more, I would ask we all still be vigilant and safe, so maybe no shoulder-to-shoulder indoor Bruins games in our near future, but lets' see what we can do.

For now, we have the old favorites! Starting with the Installation Banquet for the new board and few folks this past Saturday, May 1st at Conrad's Restaurant. We want to thank Marian and Jeanne for putting this together this year, and for being on the board last year in the most unique of all times to try to get Jaycee projects done. I want to thank Jeanne for her last 2 years as President and Marian as Director at large for 1 year.

We welcome Deena Cummings back for her third stint as President.

I also want to thank the rest of the board for remaining and greet newcomer Andy Gallo as a Director at large this year as well!

Let's start out by having some suggestions from you all for an ID project.

Have you seen some safe event online, TV, or while daydreaming that you want to try? How about a virtual theatre night? Let me know!

We do generally have a virtual trivia night nearly every month. I have played in a few and they are fun and test your noggin too.

Lastly, the National Jaycees Amerada will be coming to MA this September. Pam and Jeanne are looking at locations. Will have more info on this in coming months.

Installation Banquet – a Wrap up by Lisa Jolicoeur

On Saturday, May 1, 2021, a small group of Foxboro Jaycees gathered (in a large room, safely distanced) to reflect upon the year that challenged business-as-usual community service, to celebrate innovative approaches to traditional projects, and to jumpstart a new season of events.

The nine members of the Board of Directors reflected on each area, noting success in finding new members through social media and Zoom Question and Answer Sessions, staying connected through virtual trivia nights and book club, raising money through donations, and communicating with local community using the Orpheum sign and the website.

Lynda Walsh, 2020 Vice President of Community Development shared a slew of amazing accomplishments despite the pandemic thanks to creative "thinking outside the box": unable to have the traditional Easter Egg Hunt on the Common in 2020, Jaycees Lauren and Devlyn House made sure the Easter Bunny visited Foxboro children; Sophia Manos kept the public apprised of 2020 (and 2021) election candidates with a virtual Candidates Night and supported our local school department

with donations of computers; Class of 2020 was honored with a banner on the Common; Sue Gillis organized masks for our Jaycees and their families while also organizing a project on her own to help others in the





community; Jaycees volunteers posted inspirational signs around town; Kathy Brady ensured Foxboro heroes were remembered on Memorial Day by placing the crosses on the common; Lisa Jolicoeur presented the Jaycees scholarship during one of the three concerts Max Loew was able to hold on the common; Kris Long held The Stakes are High with flags to remember all those lost to the ongoing Opioid overdose pandemic; Amy LaBrache and daughter Sarah put smiles on Doolittle Residents by painting rocks for them to view while out on their grounds; Pam Warren and Marian McCabe led a fundraiser for Alzheimer's support; Amy LaBrache worked with our Police Department and Dairy Queen to award

tickets to children who were caught "doing good"; Kris Long and Amy LaBrache involved the Jaycees in the town-wide Halloween drive by; and Jaycees continued to support veterans on Thanksgiving by presenting them with turkeys, thanks to continued support by Stop & Shop and the Foxboro Community Center.

And the Jaycees did not skip a beat during the holiday season!! Did you see the refurbished Nativity Scene on the Common (project spearheaded by Sue Gillis)? Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Carl Bertolino, who moved the huge and heavy pieces from storage to the Common and returned them safely in January. Additionally, Andy Gallo oversaw the decorating of the common; Amy LaBrache worked with Santa to video chat with all the children to hear their wishes; for the Foxboro Discretionary Fund, Sophia Manos and crew packaged Fruit Baskets; Lisa arranged gift card donations for the Foxboro Senior Center; the Jaycees held a virtual caroling on the Common with help from the School's Music Department; Bob Gillis and Pam Warren created the Holiday Light contest; Monica Rigamonti made sure that the highway department erected our banners around town to wish all Happy Holidays; and Amy LaBrache worked with local 6-year old Parker Devine to give some hope this holiday by placing their wishes on our Shared Wish Tree on the Common.

Without the support of amazing organizations, such as Foxboro Cable Access, the Knights, Foxboro First Responders, Stop and Shop, and many generous Foxboro businesses and community members, the good work would not be possible!

The Jaycees joyously embrace opportunities to involve others in as many community projects as possible and work behind the scenes to support others. As part of the Jaycees recent gathering, we paused to recognize an outstanding individual whose consistent hard work, positive attitude, problem solving skills, and dedication made a huge impact on the success of the chapter. In the past, Pam Warren organized the Founder's Day concession stand and served as chapter Secretary, but this year, without Founder's Day, Pam went above and beyond to unselfishly give of time and effort to submerge herself in almost every project to ensure its success, knowing how crucial our community service was during the pandemic. The Jaycees are



honored to announce that Pam Warren is the recipient of the Key Man Recognition this year. Other Key Man recipients were present to congratulate Pam: Marc Rivard, Lynda Walsh, Deena Cummings (Mack), Lisa Jolicoeur, and Amy LaBrache (who made the presentation to Pam).

The evening had many wonderful highlights: Current President Jeanne Suttie Christian swore in Deena Cummings Mack as the new President; ID VP Kris Long (en route from Florida) was unable to attend, so Amy LaBrache presented Marian McCabe with the ID Project of the Year for the 2020 Installation Banquet; CD VP Lynda Walsh presented the Sharing a Wish Tree Project chair Amy LaBrache with CD Project of the Year; Ways and Means VP Sophia Manos presented the Foxboro Masks Project Chair Lynda Walsh with Project of the Year; and Andy Gallo received the Rookie of the Year. Congratulations to all award winners!

Complete List of Award Winners:

Area Awards:

Individual Development Project: 2020 Installation Banquet – Marian McCabe

Community Development Project: "Sharing Hope" Tree – Amy LaBrache & Parker Devine

Ways & Means Project: 02035 Masks – Lynda Walsh

Membership Project: Membership Zoom Q&A – Amy LaBrache

Year End Awards:

Presidential Appreciation Awards: Pam Warren, Sue Gillis, Marc Rivard, Kenny Wills, Marian McCabe, Sarah LaBrache & Andy Gallo

New Project of the Year: Holiday Light Judging – Pam Warren & Bob Gillis

Overall Project of the Year: Easter Bunny Car Tour – Laureen House & Devlyn House

Chairman of the Year: Amy LaBrache

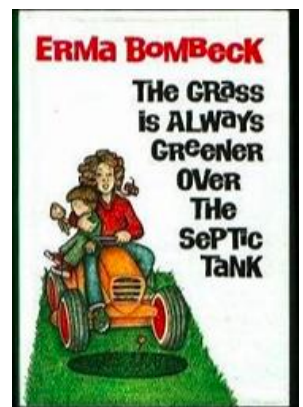
Officer of the Year: Pam Warren, Secretary

Rookie of the Year: Andy Gallo

2021 Key Man: Pam Warren

Book Club - Lisa Jolicoeur

At our Thursday, April 1, 2021 virtual meeting, Book Club members shared favorite vignettes from Erma Bombeck's classic "The Grass is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank," a book we selected for its levity and humor. Bombeck offers an interesting lens into life in the 1950s and 1960s 'burbs with stay at home "super moms," the wood-sided station wagon (who wears seatbelts?), new construction with the MIA builder (the septic tank isn't the right one for this model?), plasticware parties (can't say Tupperware!), carpool adventures, garage sales, Halloween antics, volunteerism, family dinners with meaningful conversation, selling Girl Scout cookies, insurance salesman, and the big picture window (gotta have one but what if someone sees me??). Sharing Bombeck's stories reminded us of our own childhood neighborhoods, drive in memories, playing outside until dinner was called, Ken and Barbie dolls, gathering around the one television set, the washer repairman, and many other chuckles.



Our group welcomed two new members, and we excitedly shared other books we have read and suggestions for upcoming meetings: **May - Things We Cannot Say by Kelly Rimmer; June - Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano; July - The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah.**

While many of us appreciated Bombeck's understatement and dry exaggerations of our childhood, others found some of it a bit unrelatable, so our ratings, mostly 3's, included one 5 on our rating system: 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."

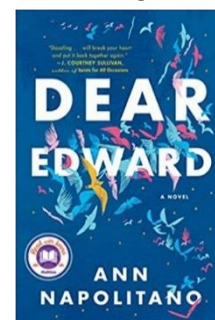
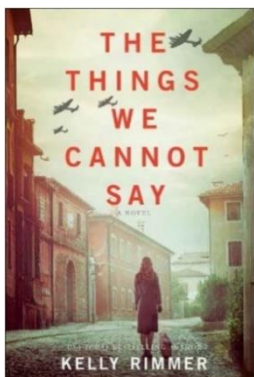
Looking ahead:

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June - Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano >>>

July - The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah >>>

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

The Towns Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Committee is looking into different training programs. While this investigation continues, Amy will use her training to educate us on Child Sexual Abuse using the Darkness to Light training provided by the YMCA. Stay tuned for dates.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew & Marc Rivard

June 10th will be our first concert, by then many of the outside recommendations will be reduced, and we will be able to safely hold our entire season this year. We are hoping to have a special night on June 10th in order to celebrate the Towns birthday, which was established June 10th, 1778. We are hoping to hold a decorated straw hat contest, this coincides with the town being the largest straw hat manufacturer in the 1800's. Stay tuned for more information. We are currently requesting permission from the health department to serve up birthday cake that evening.



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 several applications to review before awarding our scholarship. 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.

2020 Scholarship winner Jamie DeVellis >>>



Bandstand Cleaning / Repairs – Ken Wills / Kris Long

Ken has been working with Kevin Mack and others to refurbish the bandstand. Current plan is to only have a riser for the drummer. Work should be completed before our first concert on June 10th.

September 11th Anniversary Memorial – Chairman Needed

The Jaycees have held a memorial on the common every five years since the tragic events on September 11, 2001. It has been 20 years this coming September and we would like to hold a candlelit vigil on the common. I will be reaching out to the Foxboro Never Forgets Committee to see if we could work together or if they have something planned

COMPLETED:

Candidates Night – Sophia Manos

Sophia and FCA put together an evening to meet the candidates running for office in our local election. The recording has been running and will continue until May 3rd, voting day here in Foxboro. Nice Job Sophia!

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.



The Foxboro Jaycees Concerts on the Common Opening Night Special Event



Celebrating the towns birthday, June 10, 1778, and in honor of The Union Straw Works, the world's largest straw manufacturing operation; The Jaycees will hold a **Decorated Straw Hat Contest** during our first concert on **Thursday, June 10th 7 to 9pm.**

FHS Jazz Ensemble will entertain us from 7 to 9pm on the common for our first concert of the season! Enjoy a piece of birthday cake too!

Find your old straw garden hat and get creative!

Contest is open to all, even your pets!

Wear your hat and check in at the Jaycees Information Table. Get a name tag with your entry number when you check in.

Ballots will be available at the Jaycees Table for others to cast their votes for you and your hat. The Jaycees will tally up the ballots and announce the two top winners during intermission.

In 1843 the Carpenter family built the Great Bonnet Shop at 18-22 Wall Street and in 1845 the Hamlet House at 12-16 Wall St. In 1853 the Union Straw Works was erected on this site. It became the world's largest straw manufacturing operation offering employment to more than 6,000 men and women, including factory workers and those employed in a vast cottage industry, sewing and braiding straw at home. Ownership later passed to Wm. T. Cook & Co. and the Bemis Hat Co. The complex was destroyed by fire May 28, 1900 and never rebuilt.



Ways and Means

Vice President: Kris Long



I can't believe it's another year!! Fingers crossed we are going to be busy this year, with that we need to raise some funds. No project that generates money is too small. Have an idea? Call me. Projects will begin to be added, and will need a chairman. IF you're interested in running a project but need to know more about it, call me!!

I feel like a car salesman, call me!

I'm very much looking forward to being your Ways and Means VP this year!! And hope to see many if not all over the next year.

Kris

508-212-7206

02035 Masks - Lynda Walsh

We still have Masks, if you're looking for a reusable mask and want to represent Foxboro Please contact Lynda!

Note Cards - Lynda Walsh

Have a friend that might enjoy these special cards? These are blank inside for any type of message. Lynda has plenty of them!

Concerts Sponsorship Sales - Kris Long

Kris will be contacting past sponsors as well as reaching out to new ones. If you know of a Company or Business that might be interested please contact Kris.

Concert Concessions - Pam Warren

We secured our Health Permit, so concessions are going to happen this season!!! If you'd like to cover or assist with a concert please reach out to Pam, for available dates! John and Ed Underwood will also be on hand selling John's Dream Ice Cream.



Welcome
Spring!

Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache



Hello Everyone! I hope this Wise Fox finds you well and that you are all enjoying this spring weather. We had a lovely night this past weekend at the Instillation banquet. It was so nice to see everyone in person. If you were unable to make it, you were missed and I cannot wait to see you all soon at the Concerts! With concerts 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 lifting 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 May 16th 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 May 26th at 6:30 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 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 she can invite you to the Group. Find out the daily Holiday, share fun memes or just ask your fellow Jaycees, “what’s up?”