



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – June 2021

Dear Fellow Jaycees,

When our Board recently gathered (on Zoom) to plan upcoming activities, I realized just how grateful we all were to have the normality to celebrate our community spirit. The joy of simple acts such as planning Summer Concerts, parsing scholarship applications, and looking ahead to fall vendor fair planning caught us off guard. The Memorial Day crosses on the Common are another reminder of the bonds of respect and solidarity for which our community is known and for which we are so proud to recognize.

The past year has given us pause to evaluate what we hold dear: our health, loved ones, safety. Collectively holding our breath, we put some habits and annual traditions on the shelf, waiting for the more hopeful days that appear before us. We are excited to unpack these activities and march with caution into summer.

Without Founder's Day to draw our Jaycees volunteers to bond over burgers, we hope to see you at a concert this summer or at one of the fall events: Vendor Fair, 9/11 Memorial, Community Night Out, etc. We would love to see you or hear from you! Be sure to follow the Facebook updates.

Deena Cummings



Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



June is busting out all over!! The warmer weather has arrived and the mask mandates have been lifted – Time to start our Concerts!! I hope to see everyone come out to listen to some great music and enjoy seeing each other in person again. Hopefully we will be back in person soon, 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 lccgazette@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 June 9th.

Sunshine - It has been a tough year for Sympathies. Our heartfelt sympathy to Mike Mills and his family for the loss of his Dad. 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 May 2021 GMM:

April 2021 Jaycee of the Month - Jeanne Suttie-Christian: As is our tradition, our outgoing President and new Chairman of the Board is our Jaycee of the Month for the final month of her tenure. Thanks Jeanne for helping us navigate through an extremely difficult year!

April 2021 Project of the Month - Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt - Lynda Walsh: This event was our second “Out of the Box” idea for how to bring the Easter Bunny to the public during the Covid Crisis and Lynda ran a fantastic event. Families followed the clues around town and were happy to show off their pictures with the numbered signs before taking photos with the Bunny. (Also Nominated was Candidate’s night)

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

June Birthdays:

Paul Lanza
Bob Siteman
Paul O’Sullivan
Patty Reid
Jennifer Hesford
Andrea Johnstone
Maria Montanez
Devlyn House
Jim Evans

June Anniversaries:

Paul Howard	1979
Fred Badger	1986
Laura Franc	2015
Marian McCabe	2019
Helen Power	2019

Individual Development

Vice President: Sophia Manos



Any 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? Park charades? Corn-hole tournament? Let me know!

Zoom trivia is on summer hiatus but will be back in September. We will also keep our eyes open for live, in person trivia as things begin to open up.

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.

For now, here is our little list o' ID events:

- Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur - 6/3 (Zoom) - This month it is "Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano
- Amerada 2021 – 9/11 – 9/13 – Pam Warren & Jeanne Suttie

Book Club - Lisa Jolicoeur

On Thursday, May 6, 2021, Book Club members met virtually to discuss Kelly Rimmer's "Things We Cannot Say." The novel opens in 1942 Europe beyond the tents of the Russian refugee camp as a young woman speaks her wedding vows, a lie that will remain buried until the next century when her granddaughter unpacks the mystery of her grandmother's grief; her grandmother Alina is unable to tell her granddaughter Alice the truth because a stroke has rendered her speechless. Alice must leave her husband alone in the US with their autistic son and brilliant daughter as she scours small villages in Poland to uncover what her grandmother is trying to tell her.

The story flashes to Alina's small village as the Nazi occupation takes hold; residents are divided by fear and hate when Alina's fiancée Tomasz disappears and soldiers patrol her parents' farm, forcing secrecy and danger at every turn. Slipping between Nazi-occupied Poland and the frenetic pace of Alice's modern life, Kelly Rimmer weaves the two women's stories into an exciting tale that unravels some truths, including some painful acts, sacrifices, and secrets (for the right reasons). There is some closure at the end that we discussed, some thinking a bit too wrapped up while others appreciated the epilogue.

Book club members had read an article Sandy shared about Poland's reluctance to admit its involvement in executing Jewish people during the Nazi invasion. We discussed a range of topics: the importance of finding

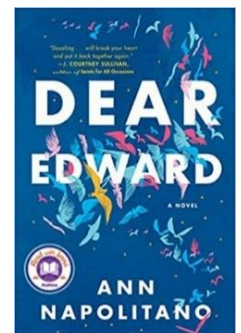
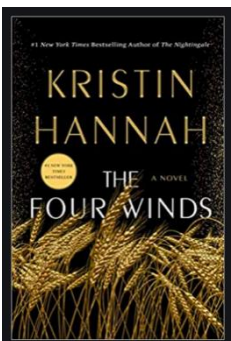


our own stories before those who hold the stories are no longer with us, the Holocaust Museum, technology to help those who can't speak communicate (stroke victim and autistic boy in the story), and the frustration of not being able to communicate. We enjoyed the story telling style using the two stories during different time periods.

We loved this book and rated it with mostly 1's, 1.5's with 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."

Next month, we look forward to "Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano and in July, Kristin Hanna's "The Four Winds."

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!



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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, the FHS Band will entertain us. It will be great to see everyone's whole faces and comment on their smiles instead of their masks. See the calendar for up coming shows, every Thursday night from 7 to 9 on the Foxboro Common.

Decorated Straw Hat Contest – Lynda Walsh

In order to celebrate the Towns birthday, which was established June 10th, 1778, we are having a decorated straw hat contest during our first concert on the common, June 10th. We will need help from folks to pass out birthday cake and registration/ballots for the contest. First prize is \$25., Second is \$15., and Third is \$5. Please spread the word

Fred George Jaycee Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

Lisa has narrowed the applications down to three and has sent to the board to review and choose this year's winner. The scholarship will be presented before the concert on June 10th at 6:45

Bandstand Cleaning / Repairs – Ken Wills / Kris Long

Ken Wills, Kevin Mack, Marc Rivard, Max Loew, and newest member Alycia Bryant spent most of a Saturday, building the new stage for the bandstand. Kenny will be putting the finishing touches on so it will be all set for 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. It's a basic gathering, with FCA who displays the names of all those lost that tragic day, we pass out candles and red, white and blue pinwheels for the kids. If you're interested in chairing this, please let me know. You can make it whatever you'd like but we like it to be a place for folks to come reflect and share their feelings / stories with one another.

Crosses for Memorial Day – Kathy Brady

Each year on Memorial Day Eve, the Jaycees take the crosses of all those lost in wars and place them at the foot of the common to be displayed for the Memorial Day Observance. They are taken down that Monday evening. This project will be completed by the time the Wise Fox is distributed, but wanted the chapter to know that we still take pride in displaying these crosses in memory of those 29 town residents who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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 town's 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



We are free!! The state is opening back up and that means so are we!!

As this year's W&M VP, my goal is to have a stellar year getting new and old members involved in making this chapter some money!!

Right now, we have a few ongoing projects, but we also have some others that are looking for a Chairman! If you're newer and want to chair a project but are worried, don't be! This board and other members will guide you.

If you have an idea, don't be shy, give me a call and let's discuss!

Do you work for a company that likes to sponsor organizations like the Jaycees? We are looking for Sponsors for Concerts on the commons, give me a call for details.

Looking forward to hearing from you!!

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.

Coming up:

Fall Vendor Fair- Andy Gallo/ Denna Cummings

Fall Vendor Fair Concessions - Pam Warren

Fall Vendor Fair raffle - Chairman Needed

Summer Yard Sale- Chairman Needed

New Ideas:

Food Truck with live concert night

Corn hole toss

Disk golf competition

Whiffle Ball tournament

Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Hi Everyone! I am so very excited to start this new "normal" with all of you! It has been a long year plus, but I am looking forward to the new year and some community projects that are able to run! I am going to be looking for a few people to form a membership brainstorming session. I am looking for support at projects as well as Ideas on new ways to attract new members. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please reach out.



Have a wonderful month, and I cannot wait to see you all at our upcoming events. Oh and do not forget your straw hats at the First concert on June 10th!!!!

In Jaycee Spirit,
Amy

Virtual Zoom Q and A: I am going to pause this project for a few months. I am hoping with us being more out in the community, that we only need to do this quarterly.

Junior Jaycees: A meeting will be held hopefully in person before our first in person GM. More details to come!

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?"