



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – October 2021

Dear Fellow Jaycees,

October has finally arrived bringing some of my favorite things: fall weather, apple picking, football, hoodies and Halloween! I hope you will all get to enjoy some or all of these over the next few weeks.

Now that the unofficial start to the holiday season is upon us, it is time to think about getting out and helping with any of our amazing community projects that will be happening over the next few months.



Jumpstarting fall gatherings and fundraising, the Vendor Fair offers small businesses the opportunity to generate revenue while igniting community spirit. This event offers much needed fundraising for our Chapter, as well. The pandemic forced cancellation of vendor fairs, so we hope the excitement of gathering on the Common for such a great cause paves the way for the rest of our fall lineup of events.

We are grateful to so many volunteers who will participate in the many projects we are eager to plan over the next few months! What projects are your favorite? Be sure to visit us soon to share!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Deena Cummings



Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



Welcome to Fall! October is the month where we transition from the Heat and fun of Summer to the Cool, Crisp Harvest season and begin the planning for the Busy Holidays ahead. So many projects are coming back that will need chairpersons and work to keep them going, Your Board does a lot, but we need others to step forward and run these favorite events. If you have a favorite Holiday Tradition – come to the meeting and add your voice to the discussion! 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. Send me an e-mail lccgazette@yahoo.com and I will pass them on. I hope to see you all at our Zoom GM on October 13th.

Sunshine – We send our deepest sympathy to Lynda Walsh for the loss of her “Sister” Deb Murry. 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 September 2021 GMM:

August 2021 Jaycee of the Month – Kris Long: Kris has been working hard to bring new project ideas to the Chapter. She spearheaded the effort to get votes in the D’Angelo’s Giveaway (Sadly we could not compete with the much larger group who won), has been working on ID projects and did an amazing job bringing awareness to the Opioid epidemic with her “The Stakes Are High” project. (Also Nominated was Amy LaBrache)

August 2021 Project of the Month – National Night Out – Amy LaBrache: Amy did an amazing job bringing this event back, collaborating with the Foxboro Police Department and other local organizations to have a fun, family friendly, informational event that was very well attended.

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

October is a Busy Month!

October Birthdays:

Paul Kelly
Mark Emery
Sandy Daniels
Lynda Walsh
Laura Franc
David Reid
Kenny Wills
Marc Rivard
Marian McCabe
Pam Warren
Vanessa Shirley

October Anniversaries:

Paul Kelly	1972
Bob & Jane Webster	1989
Ed Groh	1989
Lynda Walsh	1993
Tom Whiffen	1996
Mike & Helene Savage	1997
Andrea Johnstone	1998
Monica Fisler	2003
Pam Warren	2010
LaNecia Wood	2016
Devlyn House	2016
Jordan Cummings Dee	2016
Jade Cummings	2016
Robert Reid	2016
Colin McNelley	2017





Individual Development

Vice President: Sophia Manos

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur - 10/7 (Zoom)

This month it is "The Last Thing He Told Me" By Laurie Davis (mystery thriller)

On Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, Book Club members convened to discuss Tracy

Chevalier's "The Single Thread," in which the author "paints a richly detailed picture of history and social change in England in the inter war years, set in the beautiful location of Winchester, with its magnificent cathedral. In a well-researched, character driven story, it is 1932, 38 year old Violet Speedwell is deemed to be one of the 'surplus' women, a consequence of the huge numbers of men lost in WW1, women who are both pitied and feared."

After losing her brother and fiancée in WWI, Violet finds herself caring for her difficult and suffocating mother, who is also suffering from losing her son. Violet saves up, moving to Winchester,

living an impoverished existence in a lodging house and working as a typist. On

a visit to the Cathedral, there is a ceremony for the 'broderers', her interest is captured by the embroidered kneelers. She joins the group of women which includes the real life Louise Pessel. Violet's other brother Tom is married to Evelyn and has three children; he does little for his mother. Violet was expected to care for her mom and is burdened with guilt for her courage to leave.

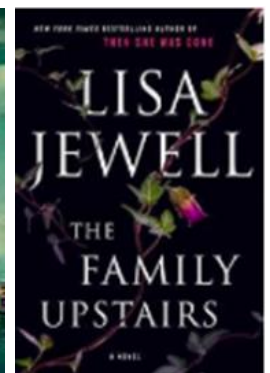
We enjoyed looking at links about the real "Embroiders" of Winchester Cathedral and the struggle of women against societal expectations of sacrifice and stereotypes. Although we had some great conversations about the characters, the struggle of women between WWI and WWII, and crafting, the

book earned mostly 2.5's and 3's on our rating scale: 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." We also enjoyed looking at the real bell tower on a video.



October Book: "The Last Thing He Told Me" By Laura Dave

November Book: "The Family Upstairs" by Lisa Jewell



Upcoming Projects:

Providence Bruins Outing – Date TBD – Pam Warren

We will check in with the Providence Bruins at the Dunkin Center in Providence and see which games they will be running for schools and organizations this season. We will adhere to all safety protocols and rules of the facility and state of RI.

Progressive Dinner / Party – Date TBD – Chairman Needed

In Recent years this has become more of an Appetizers & Desserts party than an actual dinner, but we are hoping to bring it back this year. It can be up to the hosts how you want to run this, but it is a great chance to get us all together, dress up a bit for the holidays and have a lovely evening of food, beverages and great conversation!

Friendsgiving “Dinner” / GMM – November 10th at SFCC – Chairman Needed

Another fun tradition we have had in recent years is the “Friendsgiving” meeting, where we share a Thanksgiving-style dinner before our November General Meeting. Everyone brings a dish to pass and we all get to have a great meal.

Completed Projects:

Amerada 2021 – 9/11 – 9/13 – Pam Warren & Jeanne Suttie at Camp Haiastan in Franklin

We had 30 people attend from CT, NY, MA and RI (Sadly, the Canadians still could not cross the border) for a fabulous weekend of Games, Food and Camaraderie. We held a special ceremony to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 to start the day, and then had a full day of friendly competition and a great Steak Dinner. Next year is scheduled for Canada!



Down the line:

We will be bringing back some **First Aid/ CPR training** opportunities for the chapter. For many of us, it may have been a few, or at least one-long-year, since we have been certified. Let me know if you have any interest. Send me an email so I can get a count and stay tuned for more!

TBD – FALL

Game & Cookout – Kris Long / Pam Warren / Sophia, Location – Ball field TBD / SFCC

Kris Long is inspired to bring back a Jaycee classic event of the Softball game and Cookout! Due to covid rates again spiking a bit, it still may not be likely to have an in person indoor GM. But let's hope for a spring fling!

We are open to suggestions for rejuvenating any former or starting a new ID project. Let me know!



Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Upcoming Projects:

Halloween Drive-Thru with AJT – Chairman Needed

AJT has reached out to us to see if we could help him with his spooky drive through this year on the 15th and 16th of October. He will be donating proceeds this year and I'm looking into how we can help. Let me know if you're interested. May be a way to get dressed up this year and have some fun. Stay tuned for more information.

Thank a Vet – Chairman Needed

Each year the Jaycees provide manpower to help local Vets receive a thank you for their service. Each Vet is given a turkey, a box of whoopie pies; made by the ladies at the community center, cards from school children thanking them for their service. If you'd like to help coordinate this effort, please let me know.

Light Up the Town – Chairman Needed

The Foxboro Recreation Dept. is bringing back the lighting of the large tree for the Light Up the Town event. They've asked us to partner up again... Basically, we ensure that Santa and the Mrs. arrive by Firetruck to greet the folks on the common. Normally held the Saturday evening after Thanksgiving. Let me know if you'd like to chair this for the chapter.

Common Holiday Decorating – Chairman Needed

Looking for someone to gather up our Christmas decorations to place on the common. The project entails, stringing the lights, placing garland and bows on the lampposts. If you're interested in heading this project, let me know. There's always plenty of help that morning. Normally this is held in conjunction with the Nativity Scene Set Up, traditionally held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Nativity Scene Set Up/Take Down – Chairman Needed

Need a chairman to get a group of folks to help get our nativity set from inventory to the common and set it up. For the past couple years our friends from the Knights of Columbus have helped us with trucks and manpower. This is traditionally held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Caroling on the Common – Chairman Needed

Looks like we can get back to tradition and hold the caroling on the common, actually on the common. I've already reached out to the music director, and we may need to change from the Thursday before Christmas to the Wednesday before Christmas, the 22nd. After we carol on the common, we all walk across the street to entertain the residents at the Doolittle Home. We also provide hot cocoa and cookies as well as song books.

Wishing Tree – Chairman Needed

We worked with a young man last year to fulfill his dream of having a wishing tree on the common where folks could place their wishes for the upcoming year inside a clear ornament. We'd like to continue this tradition and we're pretty sure the young man would like to be involved. If you're interested in chairing this, let me know.

Fruit Baskets – Chairman Needed

Once again, we'd like to add our Fruit Baskets to the Discretionary Fund's Christmas delivery. If you'd like to chair this project, it will mean reaching out for help from our friends at Partners Health, as well as coordinating the fruit and setting up the drop off for the baskets with the Discretionary Fund. This is always well attended, and you'll have plenty of help.

Holiday Light Contest – Chairman Needed

The Holiday Light Contest was a great success last year so, we've decided to put it back onto our list of projects. If you'd like to chair this, please let me know.

NY Eve Kids Party – Chairman Needed

Now that we can try to celebrate the New Year, we'd like to bring back the kids New Year's Eve party. Amy is willing to co-chair with someone to ensure we get this back on track to be an annual event. Let me know if you're interested in Chairing or Co-chairing.

Completed Projects:

Darkness to Light – Amy LaBrache

Thank you, Amy, for training 25 people about Darkness to Light and to be aware of signs that a child may be in danger. Amy will be teaming up with the Orpheum again to hold another training in case you couldn't make this one. This training will be important as we begin to plan the Junior Jaycees.

September 11th Anniversary Memorial – Sophia Manos & Amy LaBrache

Thank you, Sophia, for offering a place where folks could gather and reflect on the events of that horrific day. Twenty years later and people appreciate the fact that Foxboro will never forget.

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: Kris Long



Fall means Football, Food and Fairs!!

This is one of my most favorite seasons. We have some really great events in all areas over the next few months. If you are looking to do some community type stuff please contact the area VP, we would love to connect!

If you have an idea of how we can make some money for our chapter, please give me a call, I love new Ideas!!!

Looking forward to the Gm and hope to see you!!

Masks/ 02035 Postcards

We have a few Masks Left and it's a great time to get some postcards. They make great little thank you notes or drop them into the mail to a long-lost friend!!

Fall Vendor Fair - Deena Cummings

WOOT, WOOT we're having a big-time event! This is 10/9 on Foxboro Common. Come on down and do a little early Holiday Shopping!! If you can volunteer any time to help out, wear your Jaycees shirt and come on down...

Fall Vendor Fair Concessions - Pam Warren

Chef Pam will be cooking up some yummy food during this great event!!

Fall Vendor Fair Raffle - Andy Gallo

Looking forward to seeing what great donations the vendors will be giving us for this event!!

Car Show - Amy LaBrache

This is in the works!! (From Amy): Next year, we are hoping to hold a car show. It has the potential of bringing in much needed funds for our chapter to continue our great work in the community. I want to start planning it now as it does involve many moving parts and want to have as many people be a part of the committee as we can get! If you are interested in being a part of this new project, please email me at afoxb1@icloud.com. My plan is to have a brainstorming meeting mid/late October. If you have any ideas, bring them! The more ideas and creativity the better!

Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Happy fall everyone!!!! I hope this Wise Fox finds you all well! We have many projects in the horizon and we are looking for your help! There are many to choose from, whether it be manpower the day of, running a project, or even co-chairing something, there is so much to be involved in over the next few months! It is also a great way for us to do what we do best and shine in our community and hope that people will see that and join us!!!! Don't forget to invite a friend to an upcoming meeting or event and be entered to win a visa gift card! The more we grow, the stronger of a chapter we become and the more projects we can do.



As always, if you have any new ideas, comments, or suggestions, please let me know. I am always looking for out of the box ideas!

Best, Amy

Virtual Zoom Q and A - Chairman needed: If you are interested in holding one, please let me know!

Referral Raffle: Something different is I will be holding a raffle for those who refer a friend! If you bring a friend to the next GM or an event you will be entered into a raffle. If you cannot attend with them, just let me know ahead of time so that you will get credit!

Junior Jaycees: I will be holding a virtual meeting on October 19th at 7PM. If you would like an invite sent, please send me an email to afoxb1@icloud.com.

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! Check out our profile for this month on the next page...

Membership Committee: If you are interested in sharing ideas and thoughts, please e-mail me.

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?"

Who's Who - October 2021

Jaycees Rookie of the Year Andy Gallo, a lifelong resident of Franklin where he lives with his parents, older sister Bridget, and two younger brothers Frankie and Jimmy, works at the Home Depot in Bellingham. As a former groundskeeper at the RV park in Bellingham, Circle CG farm, Andy monitored grounds and also took care of farm animals and filled propane tanks for RVs.

Andy learned about the Jaycees from Pam, who met Andy at Home Depot while she was picking up her friend and fellow Home Depot employee Deb. Andy noticed the slogan on the back of Pam's Jaycees shirt: "Service to humanity is the best work of life." After he inquired about it, Pam explained who the Jaycees are and invited him to come to a meeting. A year and a half later, Andy is an amazing Jaycees project leader and Jaycees enthusiast who earned Rookie of the Year last year!! His favorite project so far has been the Nativity set up and break down because he admires how beautiful the statues are, and an avid Catholic, Andy appreciates the symbolism and celebration of this important event.

Andy's faith is an important part of his life. He will be assisting with CCD classes at his church St. Brendan's in Bellingham. He cites his role models as his parents, who demonstrate good character and raised their children to love God and others and to be selfless and honest; Jesus is another role model for whom Andy is grateful for his goodness. These important role models remind Andy the value of giving back to the community. Thus, the Jaycees have been a great fit for him!



Where will you see Andy this fall? Look for him at our meetings, at the Vendor Fair managing the raffle project, and helping with the Nativity set up and break down. Be sure to stop by and say hello!