



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - November 2021



Dear Fellow Jaycees,

As we enter the season of thankfulness and giving, my heart is full of gratitude and optimism that our community spirit has not been deterred by the challenges of the past 20 months. Preparation for the Fall Vendor Fair included months of planning, organizing, mapping, delegating, and communicating with countless folks for a plethora of reasons. However, memory of all that hard work dissipated when on October 9th, the walkways of the Common were flooded with smiles, laughter, conversation, and connection: and to all the individuals and groups of people who made this

happen, I am so very grateful.

Most importantly, the day would not have been as successful had it not been for the amazing Jaycees who embraced important roles: Pam Warren, the Concession Rockstar, pumped out burgers and dogs with Kenny Wills, Ed Miller, and Bob Webster; Andy Gallo mastered it as the Raffle Chair; Andrea Johnstone organized registration; and Bob Gillis, as always, kept our website up to date for our vendors! Other Jaycees and their families worked hard behind the scenes before or during the event: Kevin Mack, Marc Rivard, Alicia Bryant, Lisa Jolicoeur, Dave Jolicoeur, Ali Lindquist, Jade Cummings, Dave Fidler and Sophia Manos.

We are all so especially grateful to the amazing groups who participated as well! In addition to our vendors who support us year after year, local community and non-profit groups shared in this amazing community building opportunity by promoting their groups while supporting us. Thank you to the Lions, who purchased a table, and thank you to the Historical Society, who joined our event and made the Memorial Hall Building available for tours - what a great way to celebrate Foxborough by visiting a piece of history! Other groups who came out in force to help us were the Boy Scouts of Troop 7. Our young future leaders scoured the Common for things to do: help vendors, pick up trash, load trucks, etc. Thank you to all the local businesses and individual crafters who set up tables and donated to the raffle. Special thank you to Brandon from Waste Innovations for the extra trash and recycling barrels, which made keeping the Common clean much simpler during the event.

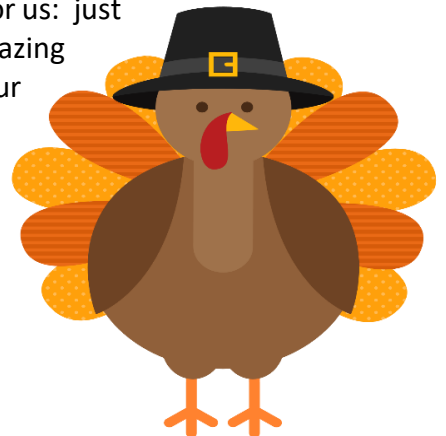
As I reflect on the success of this event and other amazing projects over the past couple of months, I am refreshed and excited about the opportunities the upcoming season holds for us: just around the corner are Turkeys for Veterans, Nativity Set Up, a slew of amazing holiday projects I am grateful for all of you and look forward to our continued great work together!

I hope to see you at one of these amazing events and thank you personally for adding joy and gratitude for our amazing community!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Deena Cummings

Happy Thanksgiving!



Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



How can it be November already? The Holidays are coming quickly and we hope to bring back so many projects that were put on hold last year. We are also discussing returning to in-person meetings with either a “Friendsgiving” Meal this month or the Yankee Swap in December (Which would include a bunch of my fresh-baked COOKIES). 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 locgazette@yahoo.com and I will pass them on. I hope to see you all at our next GM on November 10th.

Sunshine – Sympathies were sent in October to Lisa Jolicoeur, who lost a couple of people who were close to her and to Heather Loew and family for the loss of her Mother. 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 October 2021 GMM:

September 2021 Jaycee of the Month – Sophia Manos: Sophia has been one to “Step Up” and take on projects when nobody else would. She made a valiant effort to run the 9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial and brought back the Mini-Golf outing in September. (Also Nominated was Kris Long)

September 2021 Project of the Month – The Stakes are High – Kris Long: This project was well attended by the public with lots of great information. A positive action for a tragic epidemic. (Also Nominated were The Yard Sale, Concerts on the Common, Amerada and Darkness to Light Training)

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

Something worth Celebrating...

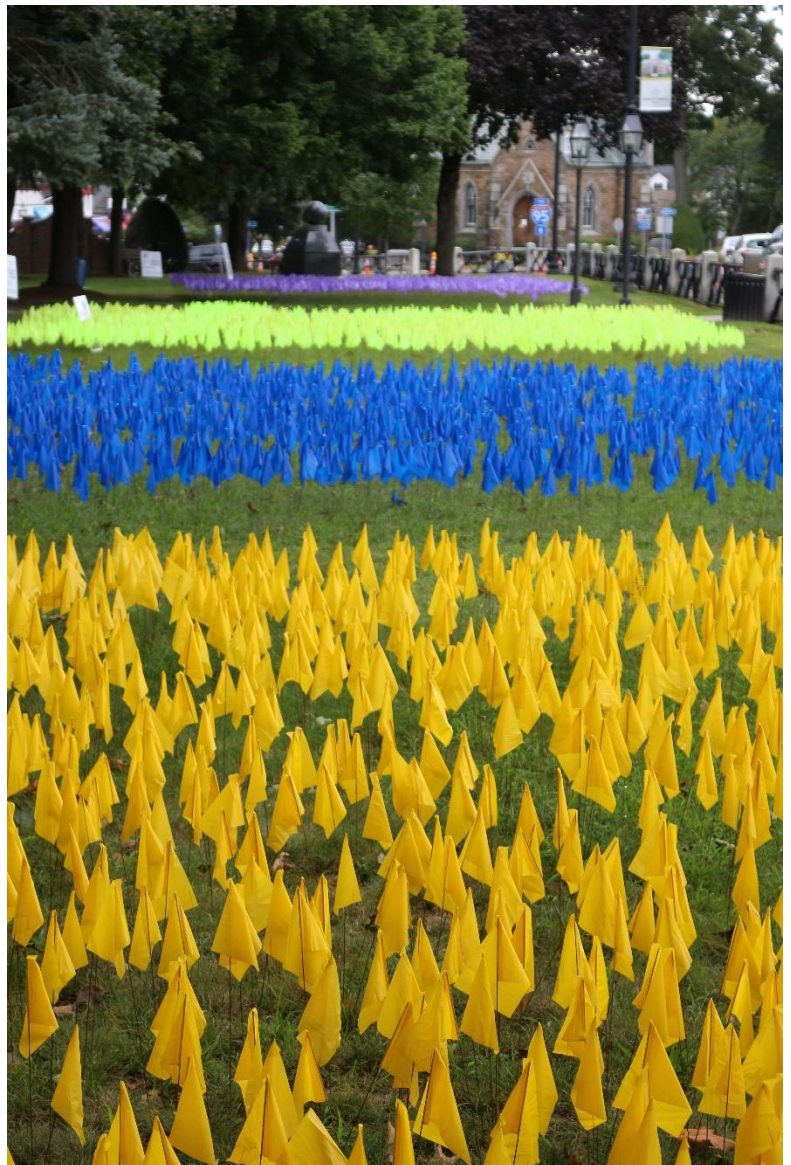
November Birthdays:

Dave Brown
Carl Bertolino
Bob Gillis
Lindsay Hobart
Mary Suttie Sorensen
Grayson Franc
Andy Gallo
Robert Reid

November Anniversaries:

Paul O'Sullivan	1989
Jim Philbin	1994
Cindy McCann	2006
Sharon Hall	2014
Stephen Strickland	2014

A sea of flags on the Foxboro common served as a solemn reminder of all those lost to Opioid Addiction during our September Project of the Month "The Stakes Are High"





Individual Development

Vice President: Sophia Manos

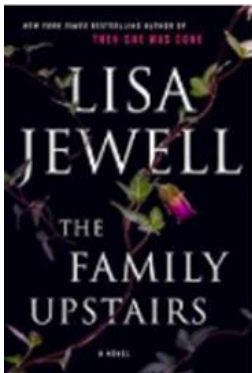
Book Club - Lisa Jolicoeur - 11/4 (Zoom)

On Thursday, October 7, 2021, Book Club members convened to discuss "The Last Thing He Told Me" By Laura

Davey, an interesting mystery that follows Hannah Hall's struggle to solve her husband Owen's disappearance after the company he worked for was embroiled in a Ponzi-type scheme. Hannah, along with Owen's 16-year-old daughter Bailey, follow lead after lead to solve the mysterious note Owen left for Hannah: "Protect her." While journeying to Texas to follow a lead, Hannah reflects on first meeting Owen and little memories that offer insight and clues as to where he may be. The novel infuses many of Hannah's and Bailey's memories of time spent with Owen. Book club members noted that the book was lighter than others we have read. We discussed aspects of the book we liked: Hannah's career as a wood crafter, some aspects of the ending. And we discussed things we did not like: teenage Bailey was annoying!

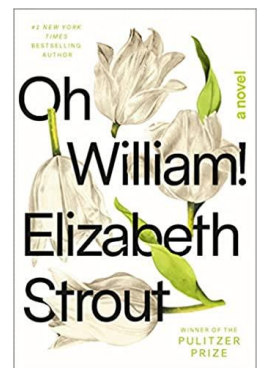


The book earned mostly 2.5's and 3's on our rating scale: 1 being "drop everything, turn off the phone, and read; " 2 being "good but leave the phone on"; 3 being "glad I bought it and read it but...."; 4 being "wish I had not bought it and would not recommend it to others"; and 5 being "wish I had not read it."



<<< November Book Club Choice: "The Family Upstairs"
by Lisa Jewell.

December Book Club Choice: "Oh, William"
by Elizabeth Strout >>>



Upcoming Projects:

Progressive Dinner (aka "apps about the town") - Chairperson(s) Needed

The holiday tradition with a twist was missed last year. This is where we have a few volunteers offer to host members at their homes where each visitor is asked to bring an appetizer to share or drinks. Then gather at a second home for Desserts. We gather, we chat, we chow.

If anyone is interested in hosting, please let us know. The host runs the show in their own home. If you want masks on, okay, if you want everyone to wear elf ears...maybe.

"Friendsgiving" GM - NOV 10th



Would you attend Friendsgiving this year?

The Jaycees were thinking of holding our "Friendsgiving" gathering on the evening of the General Membership meeting on November 10th.

Please respond by November 3 if you would be likely to attend. If we get enough "Yes responses" by the 3rd, the sign-up genius for food contribution will go out from 3rd-7th.

Thank you in advance for your vote.

Are you likely to attend?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Add option or [add "Other"](#)

Multiple choice

Required

The below survey went out today. I would be late to my own funeral. Sorry.

Please look for it in your email. We are trying to bring back the "FriendsGiving" dinner at the November GM. For those who need a reminder, it is our Jaycees take on Thanksgiving dinner, served before we briefly meet for monthly GM. We enjoy turkey, potatoes, multiple iterations of cranberry sauce and, of course, some seasonal conversation!

We know not everyone may be comfortable with that yet, but if you can make it and are interested, let us know ASAP.

Providence Bruins Outing - Date TBD

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. We usually look for a Sunday afternoon game in January or February to make it family friendly.

That is all for now. Stay safe and Happy Fall!

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

Watching the Zamboni Driver at the Providence Bruins in 2019 –
Let's do it again! >>>



Foxboro Jaycees at Providence Bruins 3/2019

community

Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Thank a Vet - Lynda Walsh - November 20th

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. We will be meeting at the South Foxboro Community Center at 9am on Saturday the 20th for all who would like to volunteer to deliver packages or help set up.

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 - Carl Bertolino

Carl has submitted application for use of the common and reached out to the Knights to help, but he will be needing us to help as well. This will take place on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, (Nov. 27th.)



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 - Sophia Manos + Co-Chairman Needed

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

Holiday Light Contest - Pam Warren & Bob Gillis

Pam has volunteered to chair this project. She and Bob did a great job with this new project last year and they would like to keep this project on our holiday listing. Be sure to support this project!



NY Eve Kids Party - Amy LaBrache & Lyndsay Hobart

Amy and Lyndsay will be bringing back the NYE kids party this year. So many missed it last year that we felt it important to bring it back. Please support them and the project.

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



November is the time to give thanks and remind ourselves of what we are grateful for. It's a time for families to gather, eat and make memories. If you or someone you know is alone during the holidays, let us know, sending a card, making a call or even just stopping by to say hello is what the Jaycees are about.

02035 Masks - We have some left if you're looking for them!

2022 Car Show - Amy LaBrache: This will be a new project and has the potential to make the chapter some great money and give us some excellent exposure. More details to come.

Completed Projects:

Fall Vendor fair- Deena Cummings

Fantastic event, raised great money and had a spectacular turn out. Great job Fair committee and all those who showed up to help!

Fall vendor Fair Raffle - Andy Gallo

Nice work Andy for another successful raffle!

Fall vendor fair Concessions - Pam Warren

Well, the food was a sell out! Thank you to Ken Wills & Bob Webster who helped with grilling, Ed Miller and Andy Gallo who helped set up and break down and of course everyone who helped with eating! Nice job Pam!!

The Bounce House and Face Painting booth were both busy all day, keeping kids occupied so parents could SHOP! >>>



Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Happy November everyone! I hope that you all had a great month and that you come into this one ready for many fun projects coming! If you can please help! Even if you can for an hour, we are very happy that you are able to come out!

I am looking for some help over the next couple months for some support in Membership. I am looking for new ideas, new membership project ideas and most of all, for you all to come and join our GM next month to come and say hello! One Project I am investigating is a welcome to town drive. If you are interested in helping, I will be forming a committee to start meeting after the holidays. Please contact me if you want to help. The more minds, the better!

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, and hope to see you at our next GM,

All the 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: Junior Jaycees- We are at a point where this needs to take off. I need people to take the Darkness to Light training, and volunteers to help support this. If you are interested in helping and having a meeting, please let me know. This is a huge opportunity for us. 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!

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.

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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?”

