



# Wise Fox

*A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – December 2021*

Happy Holidays, Foxboro Jaycees!

The gratitude and optimism of community spirit that overwhelmed me last month carried over into the amazing work that stretches into December holidays, some of which has been embraced already! We are so grateful to everyone who convened over the Thanksgiving weekend to set up the Nativity set and kick off the tree lighting and Santa and Mrs. Claus festivities on the Common. The joy these activities offer our community is priceless, traditions we hold dear to preserve the spirit and faith of our children. And for the adults, the affirmation of community spirit is found in the hard work that unites us in bonds of service and care for others.



It is this same sense of gratitude and optimism that I encourage our Jaycee family to join us to celebrate the good work of our organization. Celebrate with us in person the common bonds of friendship and service that have brought this good work to our community.

Will you join us, in person, for the GM on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:30pm at the South Foxboro Community Center? We will be holding our annual Yankee Swap and enjoying delicious holiday treats. There will not be online access to this meeting. We will resume our Zoom meetings in January but treasure the opportunity to celebrate the season of giving and hope with a toast to the holidays in traditional GM fashion: in person with holiday fun!

We hope to see you there!

*Deena Cummings*



# Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



Another year is almost over, and the Holiday season has begun – we got to spend Thanksgiving with family again, the Common looks great, and we will have the Yankee Swap for our IN-PERSON December Meeting (Which will include a bunch of my fresh-baked COOKIES). 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 [loccgazette@yahoo.com](mailto:loccgazette@yahoo.com) and I will pass them on. I hope to see you all at the South Foxboro Community Center for our next GM on December 8<sup>th</sup>. (We plan to return to Zoom meetings in January)

**Sunshine** - 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](mailto: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 November 2021 GMA:

October 2021 Jaycee of the Month - Andy Gallo: Andy did a fabulous job with the fall vendor fair – he ran the Raffle booth, helped with set-up and tear down and was incredibly helpful throughout the day. He also helped transport the supplies for the concession stand enabling Pam to get it all done in one trip. Thanks so much for everything Andy!!

October 2021 Project of the Month - Fall Vendor Fair - Deena Cummings: It was wonderful to be able to bring back our highest earning Ways & Means project after missing the last 3 Fairs. Deena and her committee did a tremendous job getting vendors, organizing everything and pulling off a wonderful event. We heard comments from many of the vendors as to how great the event was and how much they are looking forward to the next one!

## Congratulations to our winners!!!!



# Something worth Celebrating...

## November Birthdays:

Lisa Jolicoeur  
Sarah Bowlen  
Jordan Cummings-Dee

## November Anniversaries:

Max Loew	2008
Lisa Jolicoeur	2013
Thomas Sullivan	2014



Just a few of the more than 50 Vendors who graced the Foxboro Common during our "Project of the Month" – 2021 Fall Vendor Fair







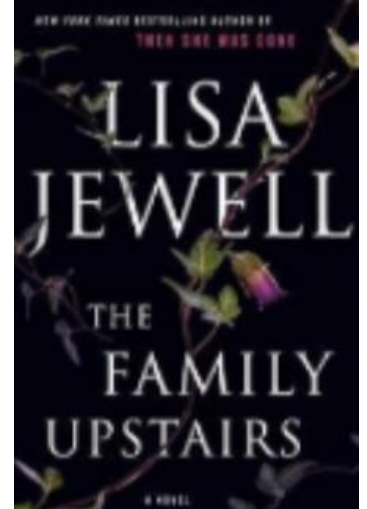
# Individual Development

Vice President: Sophia Manos

## Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – 12/2 (Zoom)

"The Family Upstairs" by Lisa Jewell.

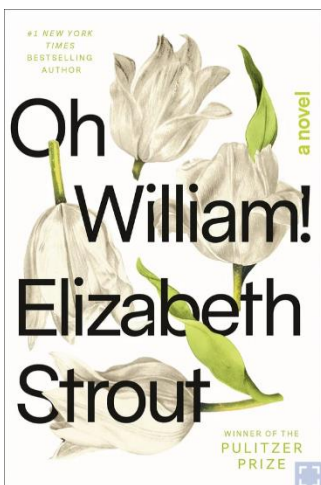
On Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 Book Club members convened on Zoom to discuss Lisa Jewell's psychological thriller, which included three narrative points of view (not always reliable), a sociopath, murder mystery, and compelling plot lines with can't-look-away twists. There was a lot to discuss and unpack; some members said once they started reading it, they picked it up every free moment to see what happened. We enjoyed discussing each of the characters, exploring the dysfunction of the home and why the mom let "them" in to begin with.: *"It all happened so slowly, yet so extraordinarily quickly, the change to our parents, to our home, to our lives after they arrived. But that first night, when Birdie appeared on our front step with two large suitcases and a cat in a wicker box, we could never have guessed the impact she would have, the other people she would bring into our lives, that it would all end the way it did. We thought she had just come to stay for the weekend."*



The book earned mostly 1's, a 1.5, and 2'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 selected books for December and January that no one had yet read, so be sure to keep in mind books on your "wish list" that you would like to add to our future reading list!

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



*I would like to say a few things about my first husband, William.* Lucy Barton is a writer, but her ex-husband, William, remains a hard man to read. *William*, she confesses, *has always been a mystery to me.* Another mystery is why the two have remained connected after all these years. They just are.

So Lucy is both surprised and not surprised when William asks her to join him on a trip to investigate a recently uncovered family secret—one of those secrets that rearrange everything we think we know about the people closest to us. What happens next is nothing less than another example of what Hilary Mantel has called Elizabeth Strout's "perfect attunement to the human condition." There are fears and insecurities, simple joys and acts of tenderness, and revelations about affairs and other spouses, parents and

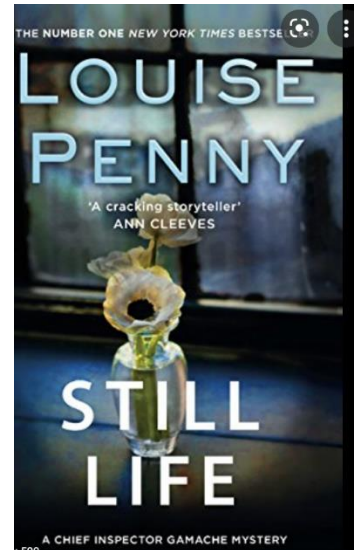
their children. On every page of this exquisite novel we learn more about the quiet forces that hold us together—even after we've grown apart.

At the heart of this story is the indomitable voice of Lucy Barton, who offers a profound, lasting reflection on the very nature of existence. "This is the way of life," Lucy says: "the many things we do not know until it is too late."

**January Book Club Choice: "Still Life" by Louise Penny**  
**Winner of the New Blood Dagger, Arthur Ellis, Barry, Anthony, and Dilys awards.**

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surêté du Québec and his team of investigators are called in to the scene of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montreal. Jane Neal, a local fixture in the tiny hamlet of Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has been found dead in the woods. The locals are certain it's a tragic hunting accident and nothing more, but Gamache smells something foul in these remote woods, and is soon certain that Jane Neal died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a careless bowhunter.

*Still Life* introduces not only an engaging series hero in Inspector Gamache, who commands his forces—and this series—with integrity and quiet courage, but also a winning and talented new writer of traditional mysteries in the person of Louise Penny.



## Upcoming Projects:

**GM Yankee Swap – December 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

**South Foxboro Community Center**

Our first IN-PERSON GM in about 20 months! This is the return of the Yankee Swap. No items over \$20. The more the merrier, but we do ask if you come and bring a gift that you also bring a mask. But you can remove it to eat some yummy holiday cookies.

Please note, there will be no zoom for this GM, but we will return to Zoom for January.



### **Progressive Dinner or Scat Night / App Night (potentially) Early 2022. (Chairperson Needed)**

The holiday tradition with a twist was missed last year. Given the busy holiday season and amidst more concerns with new waves of covid, we understand if there still may be some hesitancy to host at this time.

But this does not mean we can't plan for something similar soon. We like appetizers, we like talking, now throw in some cards and coins! We gather, we chat, we chow, we scat! We can split 2 host scat nights, maybe. Keeping crowd thin and a chance to have more winners!

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 chef hats, well that may work too.

### **Providence Bruins Outing – Pam Warren (potentially) Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at the Dunkin' Center in Providence**

This match-up on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> will pit the Providence Bruins against the Hershey Bears. It will be bears vs bears. A growling good time. This is a Sunday Matinee game and will be very Family-Friendly. We will adhere to all safety protocols and rules of the facility and state of RI. Contact Pam Warren if you are interested. She will be in contact with the Bruins about a group rate.



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!**





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## Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



### Nativity Scene Set Up/Take Down – Carl Bertolino

Carl and our friends from the Knights of Columbus carefully moved our Nativity Scene onto its seasonal spot on the newly painted bandstand. Beautiful sight on a crisp night with all the lights put up by Kenny, Paul O'Sullivan, Marc Rivard and several others.



### Common Holiday Decorating – Joint Effort (More Help Needed)

We were able to decorate the common as much as we could. Only half of the lamp posts were installed, but they look wonderful. Once the job is complete, we will be able to decorate the added lamp posts and light up the memorials as usual. Stay tuned for new date. Also, we'll be looking for folks to help take down the decorations the Saturday after Little Christmas, January 8<sup>th</sup>.



*Sounds  
of The  
Season*

### Caroling on the Common – Lynda Walsh – December 22nd

The FHS Holiday Band will be performing on the common on December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 8 with a carol sing along. We will not be visiting the Doolittle this year. In case of inclement weather, the event will need to be canceled due to covid restrictions with the players.

### Wishing Tree – Amy LaBrache

Amy has been reaching out to the young man whose vision it was last year for the wishing tree. More to come.

### Fruit Baskets – Sophia Manos – December 20th

Sophia has booked the South Foxboro Community Center for December 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 to create the fruit baskets that will be delivered along with the Discretionary Funds packages this year. Please join us.

### **Holiday Light Contest – Pam Warren & Bob Gillis**

For the second year Pam and Bob will put together a Holiday Light Contest. Enter your home into the contest and folks will vote for the best in town. Be sure to keep an eye out for those displays

### **NY Eve Kids Party – Amy LaBrache & Lyndsey Hobart**

Amy and Lyndsey are going to put together a NYE Kids Party so that the littles can help ring in the new year. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Support a Child/Senior for Holiday – Lisa Jolicoeur**

Lisa will be shopping for a child listed on the Discretionary Funds list to ensure they get that special gift. She will also be looking out for a Senior in need of some holiday cheer. Thanks for taking this project on once again Lisa.

### **COMPLETED**

### **Thank a Vet – Lynda Walsh – November 20th**

We were able to thank 106 Foxborough Vets this year. Although the turkey delivery never showed, thanks to donations from friends we were able to include a \$25 GC to each. Thanks again to all who came out to help.



### **Light Up the Town – Kris Long & Ed Groh**

The Jolly Ole Couple arrived by Firetruck to greet the children during the Recreation Departments Light Up the Town Event. Thanks for all you do Kris and Ed to ensure that Mr. and Mrs. come to Foxboro!

### **Holiday Banners – Monica Rigamonti**

Monica dropped the banners off to the Highway Department and they will get them placed around town for the holidays.

If you have any community development ideas, feel free to reach out to me, [lynda1061@aol.com](mailto: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



Happy Holidays,

Looking forward to a new year and making some new memories. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Holiday season.

### Note Cards - Lynda Walsh

We have some wonderful note cards for sale, they make great gifts, or a way of sending friends notes.

### 2022 Car Show - Amy LaBrache

We have a fun event in the works. The committee met last Monday to discuss our vision and are looking to set a date for late spring / early summer. We have been in contact with the downtown Business Association, and they are on board and excited to help! Everyone left with a job and will be meeting again in a week or so. This has such potential and will be a huge undertaking. If you are at all interested in helping us plan, please reach out to Amy and she will get you the details!!! They will be meeting typically on Monday evenings every couple of weeks and more frequently as the event gets closer.



# Merry Christmas

# Membership

**Vice President: Amy LaBrache**



Happy December Fellow Jaycees! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. This time of year is such a wonderful time to be in our community! So many projects are coming up the pipeline and we are going to need some extra hands! Many thanks to all who were able to help with common decorating, and the tree lighting. So great to be out in the community doing what we do!

I am also looking forward to our in-person GM and Yankee swap! It will be so great to see everyone! Please join us if you can at the

SFCC! Wishing you all the Best Holiday season, and Happy New Year!!!

Best,

Amy

**Virtual Zoom Q and A - Chairman needed:** Looking for someone to help with this. I am thinking of branching this out to the surrounding area pages and seeing how it goes. If you are interested in helping, 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:** We will be holding a Darkness to Light training in early January. It is super important that you try to make this if you are looking to help with this. We have an awesome opportunity to branch out and gain some new members while mentoring some young kiddos.

**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! A few members have expressed interest in ordering hoodies and possibly fleece.

If you are interested, send me an email at [afoxb1@icloud.com](mailto: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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on Twitter (@FoxboroJaycees) or find us on Instagram (foxborojaycees) and you can always find the latest updates at [www.foxborojaycees.org](http://www.foxborojaycees.org).

Please email Amy with any questions, or new ideas [Afoxb1@icloud.com](mailto: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?”



Views of the common decoration:

Left: Mike Mills, Sophia Manos & their son Alexander pose with the Wreath

Above: Mike Savage puts a bow on it

Above left: a view of the sign and the lit-up Orpheum as folks gather to “Light up the town”