



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – February 2022

My Dear Jaycees,

The quiet lull of February offers a reprieve after the bustle and joy of the holiday season kept us engaged with amazing projects and activities. Individual projects keep us connected during these cold months.

Of course, winter also brings snow, so much snow! Winter Common Decorations Takedown were postponed due to our first snow fall of the New Year. We are so grateful to Kenny, who snuck up throughout the week following the original date to remove almost all of the decorations himself, saving time for the group who gathered the next weekend so they could focus on the delicate task of removing our Nativity from the bandstand and back to storage. Thank you to Carl Bertolino and the Knights of Columbus for their continued support with the movement of the set each season.



These quiet weeks of football and staying warm give us a chance to regroup and focus on the upcoming year. Planning for the New Board year (Nominations Committee) is under way. Are you looking to expand your Jaycees involvement by joining the Board of Directors? Reach out to me if you would like to discuss the possibilities.

Thank you, again, for supporting our holiday season events. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting or project.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Deena Cummings



Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Black History Month. I hope everyone made it through the "Blizzard of 2022" safely and have managed to dig out. We are well in to the planning stages for some of our big projects for the Spring and Summer – now let's all hope for the good weather. As always, if you are unable to attend our meetings, but would like to know what happened, or 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 for our next Zoom General Meeting on February 9th.

Sunshine – Congratulations to new member Brandon Ryan and his Girlfriend, Cassie who welcomed their new daughter Stephanie 'Stevie' Nicole Ryan into the world. We wish all the best to the new parents and their growing family. 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 January 2022 GMM:

December 2021 Jaycee of the Month – Brandon Ryan: Brandon joined the Chapter during our December GMM and has already proven himself to be a great asset. He provided a box truck to help move all the chairs for Caroling and to transport the finished Fruit Baskets to the Discretionary Fund. He also donated the hot chocolate for Caroling and was even a big help before he joined with the Vendor Fair. Welcome to the Chapter Brandon!

December 2021 Project of the Month – Common Decoration – Ken Wills & Marc Rivard: The Common Decorations were Fantastic this year! With the addition of the lights on all the poles and the Foxboro Sign, it was brighter than ever and earned high praise from the community. The sign with its lit Wreath even made it on to the national NFL television coverage on two separate occasions! Congrats on a great project!

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

Something Worth Celebrating...

January Birthdays:

Ed Miller
Jane Webster
Thomas Sullivan
Jennifer D'Amato
Kris Long

January Anniversaries:

Bill Dempsey 2006
Joseph Nawn 2017



Above: Jaycee of the Month Brandon Ryan's new Baby girl – 'Stevie'

Left & Below: Common Decorations were especially brilliant this year with the addition of lights on the poles and Sign.





Individual Development

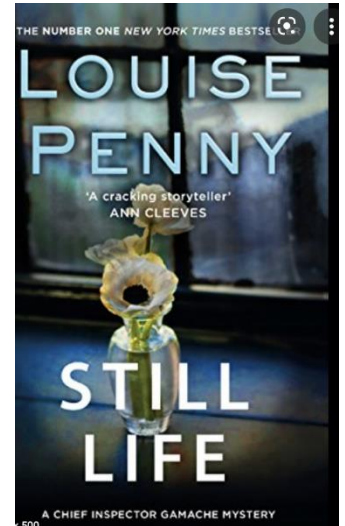
Vice President: Sophia Manos

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – 2/3/22, 7pm (Zoom)

Penny's "Still Life" via Zoom.

Summary: 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.



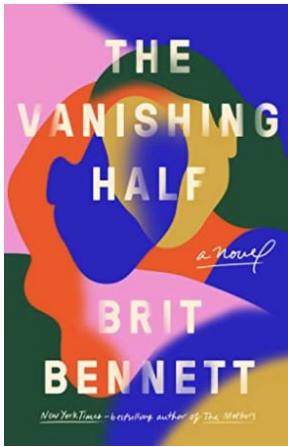
While some Book Club members noted the book lacked the excitement of a page turning murder thriller, many also commented that the book was a gentle kind of detective story with lots of characters who gave us a great deal to discuss. The setting was an important part of the story, as well, and Louise Penny had a lot of detail about the little community called Three Pines, which is now a series on Amazon. (<https://www.looper.com/596515/three-pines-release-date-cast-plot/>) Additionally, this book is the first of 17 in a series; one book club member read another (#9) and deepened our conversation about a character who appears to leave "Still Life" but does reappear in the later book. This left us wondering about the other characters in the novel.

We spent some time unpacking some of the clues, and many of us expressed interest in reading another in the series and checking out the Amazon series. We agreed it was a perfect book for the busy month of December, and although it was not the thrilling page turner, there was a lot to unpack as the story unfolded.

For many reasons, the book earned a range of scores, including 2's, 3's and 3.5's on a scale as follows: 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 - waste of hours of my life."

Keep in mind books on your "wish list" that you would like to add to our future reading list - our goal is to find books **none of us has read!!**

February Book Club Choice: “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett

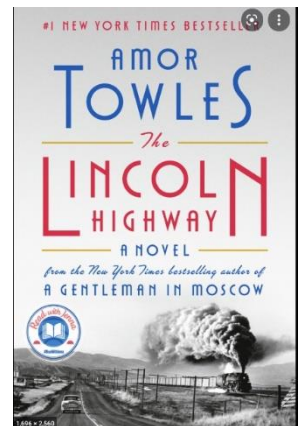


The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?

March Book Club Choice: “The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett’s intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew.

But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm—the wily, charismatic Duchess and earnest, offbeat Woolly—have stowed away in the trunk of the warden’s car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett’s future, one that will take the four of them on a fateful journey in the opposite direction to the city of New York.



Other books and authors we discussed include the following:

Cemetery of Lost Books (series) again!!

“The Plot” by Jean Korelitz

“The Olympus” by Stacy Swan

“How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House” by Claire Jones

Cindy McCain’s Biography "Stronger"

“The Overstory” by Richard Powers

We are looking to add some humor to our lists! :)

Upcoming Projects:

Providence Bruins Outing – Feb 20th, 2022, at The Dunkin Center in Providence

This match-up on Sunday the 20th will pit the Providence Bruins against the Hershey Bears. It will be bears vs bears. A growling good time. Vaccine cards are not required, but Masks will be. Cost is \$24 per person, and we will be seated in the 100 level (Right near the ice). Email Pam at locgazette@yahoo.com before February 9th if you would like to attend so she can make the reservation. Tickets will be sent electronically, so she will need a contact email for each group or family. Each person who attends will also receive a commemorative 30th Season Water bottle.

Scat Night – (Covid pending) Early 2022. Maybe around St. Patrick's Day.

We like appetizers, we like talking, now throw in some cards and coins! We gather, we chat, we chow, we scat! Rules of Scat can be found here (<https://gamerules.com/rules/scat-card-game/>) Kris Long has agreed to host when the time comes, but please let me know if anyone else is interested. Times are still weird, we know, but if anyone is interested in hosting as back up, 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.

Installation Banquet – April 30th, 2022 – Marian McCabe, chair

That time of the year again! Time to elect and swear in a new board.

If you are interested in running for, or just outright getting a board position, please reach out to Deena, myself, or Kris in the coming months. You will otherwise get a call from us asking if you are interested. Either way, Marian has graciously volunteered to put the party together for us again. Our thanks to her.



Trivia – Online or In Person?

Please let us know your thoughts. Are there Jaycees interested in continuing Zoom based on-line trivia nights or are there those of you willing to re-kindle the trivia bug out in the world? Respond to me at id@foxborojaycees.org with your choice/feedback.

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



Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh



Friends of Foxboro Fire Truck Restoration – Donation Request

The Friends of Foxboro Fire are collecting funds to restore two of our older trucks. They have purchased the trucks and now are in the restoration process and looking for donations in their effort. The board is still in discussion as to how much and if we could/should hold a special fundraiser just for this project. Please reach out if you have any ideas on a fundraising project you'd like to share with the board.

Sand for Seniors – Sophia Manos/Mike Mills



Sophia and Mike continue to take in requests from seniors who need a bucket of salt/sand for their walkways. This project will continue through the winter months, helping our seniors stay safe on the walkways.

Darkness to Light – Amy LaBrache Feb. 12 8-10am

Amy will be holding a Darkness to Light training in the McGinty room at the Public Safety Bldg. This is important awareness training for child sexual abuse. We need to take this training if we want to start to build our Junior Jaycee Chapter. Please reach out to Amy if you'd like to attend, and support Amy.

Easter Egg Hunt – Chairman Needed – April 9

We have our fingers and toes crossed that we can get back a normal Easter Egg Hunt on the common this year. If you're interested in chairing the project this year, please reach out to me.

Completed:

Nativity Scene Set Up/Take Down – Carl Bertolino

On a bitter cold Saturday morning, Carl and our friends from the Knights of Columbus moved our Nativity Set back to safe storage at our inventory building. Thank you, Carl and crew, for returning them safely and bearing the cold.

Common Decorating Take Down – Ken Wills

Kenny got started early taking down our decorations around the common and finished it up, bringing back all our decorations to storage. Thanks Ken and friends for finishing up this 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



I love a good snowstorm! I hope everyone is healthy and safe during the winter months. I'm looking forward to the Car Show & Spring Vendor fair!

Do you have an idea for making money for the chapter? Give me a call, or shoot me a text - lets chat!!

Stay warm, Happy Winter!!

Kris

Note Cards & 02035 Masks

These are two ongoing and always available, until we run out of course! If you'd like to purchase either, please feel free to reach out to me anytime!

We have some wonderful note cards for sale featuring photography by our own Bob Gillis. Blank inside, they make great gifts, or a way of sending notes to friends.



With the recent resurgence of Covid, masks are becoming necessary again. We still have our "Entering Foxboro" imprinted masks available for sale. Contact Kris if you are interested.

2022 Car Show - Amy LaBrache

This project is coming along nicely and is getting very close to approaching the town for approval. Please keep any eye out for all current updates!

Spring Vendor Fair- Deena Cummings

This is always a great project; we have a date of May 14th for this year's Fair! Have a craft you'd like to sell? Keep an eye out for registration! Deena will also be looking for Committee Help

Spring Vendor Fair Concessions- Pam Warren (Looking for a Co-Chair to learn the ropes)

Spring Vendor Fair Raffle - Chairman Needed



Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Well, that was quite a storm we had! I hope that you recovered! The upcoming months are a bit quiet, and I find this is a perfect opportunity to focus on recruitment. We have a question and answer on Zoom on the 5th. This is a great opportunity to put our chapter out there and share your Jaycee story. What makes us a wonderful organization? Why are we the only chapter left in MA and what sets us apart from other community groups? These are just some of the questions I have received from this group I will be meeting next Saturday.

I wish you all a wonderful February, and if you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out!

Best, Amy

Virtual Zoom Q and A - Amy and Max: There will be a Q and A session on Zoom on February 5th at 7 pm. We have several people attending to get more information. If you would like to join in and share your Jaycee story, please join us!

Referral Raffle: We have a few entries for this so far! Please invite a friend to check us out!! 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 on February 12th at 8 AM unto 10 AM. 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. Please contact me if you intend on attending this so that I have enough training materials.

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! This month we feature our new National Vice President Bethanie Miller.

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! Do you have any ideas for something new? Send me an email with your thoughts! If you are interested, send me an email at afoxb1@icloud.com.

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Is
The Best Work Of Life!"**
www.FoxboroJaycees.org

Website – Bob Gillis: Our all-star webmaster is 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 – JCI USA NVP Bethanie Miller



Where did you grow up? I am from an Army family, I was originally born in Maryland and my family found their way to Hattiesburg, MS in 1999. In a few twists of fate, I ended up attending the University of Southern Mississippi (SMTTT!) I graduated with Bachelors in International Business and Political Science with a minor in French in 2014.

What do you do for a living or what kinds of things have you done that you'd like to share? Professionally I am the Plant Human Resources Manager for Western Container Hattiesburg #WeMakeTheBottles literally for Coca-Cola

Do you have any Family members or pets you would like to show off? I am an only child, my parents moved to Hawaii in 2018, I have one very spoiled rescue dog, Neville and I think he will be 5 in March

How did you find the Jaycees? In 2018 I purchased my first home which is 4 blocks from our local chapter’s clubhouse. My parents had briefly been Jaycees when I was a kid and I remembered attending meetings with them at the building. I went

on the hunt for this club and found them on Facebook, I messaged the page and then State President Miranda Williams messaged me back to set up a time to meet up. I spent months trying to quit but through her encouragement and mentorship to take opportunities as they come the Jaycees have changed my life. Thanks to my JCI experiences I have become more confident in my skills, excelled at work, made strong connections to the community, and become a trusted mentor.

How long have you been affiliated with the Jaycees? I joined the Hattiesburg Jaycees in September of 2018.



What is your favorite project and why? Taste of the South Food Truck Fest, 2021 was the first year the Hattiesburg Jaycees put this project on with a local business but to see the economic impact it had on our community and watching the vendors become empowered by how well their businesses performed at the event inspired me to continue to put on community events that help aspiring local business owners to put themselves out there and get their start.



If you have another meaningful project you would like to discuss, feel free to describe your involvement and its meaning to you: When I was Local Chapter President in 2020 my local chapter worked with a local bar and screen-printing shop to do a project called Hattiesburg Strong. Together we sold logoed tshirts and developed a grant program to help restaurant servers, bartenders and cooks who were displaced from employment by COVID. Together we raised and granted more than \$8000 to 40 families and utilized our connections to connect hundreds more to the necessary resources to survive the first few weeks of COVID-19.

What other involvement do you have in your community? Professionally I am a national and local member of SHRM (society of human resource managers) I just finished a two-year term on the local board as their membership director. I am a member of the Hub City Alumnae Association of Alpha Delta Pi and continue to support chapters in our region as time allows. I also work with my neighborhood association and several area community colleges CTE programs to ensure we are developing the next generations of manufacturers. I am a member of the local chamber, personally, professionally and as part of my local chapter as well as the Pine Belt Young Professional which is run by our chamber.

Who are your role models/heroes and why? My Jaycees mentor is Miranda Williams. When I found my way to the Jaycees, I honestly had no idea what I had joined, I thought they were a local social club that drank beer and hung out. Miranda took me under her wing and many times pushed me out of the nest encouraging me to try all the things and not be such an introvert. 3 years later and I have tried about 1000 things (at least) out of my comfort zone and I like to joke neither the Jaycees nor public speaking have killed me yet. Miranda has served in many roles within the Jaycees and continues to develop and mentor me even years later.

As far as heroes I would have to say Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Betty White. Justice Ginsburg was a trail blazer professionally, she had the courage to push the limits and achieve things she never thought were possible. Reading her opinions, it is clear that she was thoughtful and fair, often times doing unpopular things that she thought were the right thing. Betty White's service to animals is inspiring. The time and money she gave to her community and to make the World a better place are inspiring. I cannot forget Ms. Dolly Parton, I love to read and growing up in Mississippi literacy is a huge issue. Her children's book program in Tennessee is amazing. She gives not only her money but also her time to help make the World a more positive place.

Do you think it's important for children and young people to have role models/heroes/mentors? Why? and what impact might this have on shaping the attitudes of community service? I think leading by example is the largest influence we can have on young people. Many Jaycees will tell you stories of their parents being a part of the organization or similar civic groups, we don't just find our way to trying to create positive change, we are shown how it needs to be done. I think role models and mentors pave the way for young people to adapt and develop a better World for our futures. Being involved in civic organizations such as the Jaycees or JCI youth allows young people to develop connections and skills while learning to take responsibility for shaping the World around them.



What aspects of our Organization make you the most proud and why? Interorganizational Collaboration and Worldwide friendships. Participating on a national and international level changed my experience and provided me with connections around the Globe. One of my favorite interorganizational memories from 2021 was teaming up with Louisiana State President, Christian after Hurricane Ida to set up a t-shirt collection during our national convention. State Presidents from all over the US had their local chapters bring leftover event shirts for SP Christian to take home and give out to crews working in their communities to restore utilities and get to a new normal. More than 1,000 shirts were donated and the 2021 JCI USA team took pies to the face to raise money to assist in efforts, over \$8,000 was raised and the Senate even stepped in with a grant. I love that our members truly live out “service to humanity is the best work of life”.



My first opportunity to connect nationally was at North American Academy in 2020. I am forever grateful for the connections I made around the World and the way this unique conference pushed me out of my comfort zone and inspired my JCI career.

Is there something about yourself that others may not know that you would like to share? an aspiration, perhaps, or hope for the future?— I love to travel and experience new things. I hope to soon attend a JCI World Congress in person.

Is there a book or movie that inspired you in a particular manner or changed the way you see the world? If so, explain. — Growing up and even still I am a Harry Potter fan. The story embodies both the positives of family and friendships as well as the struggles and challenges the World can present. I literally grew up with the characters. Their courage and honor helped to show strong values, their friendships and relationships are something every young person hopes for. And of course, who doesn't love a good adventure every now and then. The books helped to show with a little “magic” and some good friends, anything is possible.

The movie that inspired me would have to be “Dead Poets Society”, the scene where Robin Williams hops on the desk and says “O’ Captain, my Captain” is one that has stuck out in my mind many years after first seeing the movie. His encouragement of his students to find themselves, to find their passions inspired me to take some new adventures and try new things even if I was a little uncomfortable at the time.



What would you like to see the Jaycees involved with in the future? — JCI USA and JCI have some amazing programs available to members, I would love to see strong communication channels to all members including chapters like yours who do not have state organizations. The opportunities available have developed me into a better communicator, developed my confidence, a

stronger leader and helped to develop my advocacy skills for not only others but also myself.

What would you like people to know about the Jaycees that may not be obvious to others? — Your local membership gives you access to national and international events even though MA does not have a state organization. Follow JCI and JCI USA on social media and take the opportunity to try something new! Connect with Jaycees around the country and expand your network! Take advantage of the variety of areas of opportunity that JCI has to offer.