



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – March 2022

Shoveling out from yet another few inches of snow carrying over from the last days of February into March with freezing temperatures on the horizon reminds us just how elusive spring is in New England. We know it's coming, though, and bright warm days buzzing with busy bees and budding flowers will be welcomed with open arms.

While waiting for spring, Jaycees found lots of work to keep busy during February! Kudos to Amy LaBrache whose Darkness to Light training filled the room, to Sophia Manos and Mike Mills who ensured seniors had salt to keep their walks safe, and to Pam Warren for coordinating the Providence Bruins outing. Amy's hard work with community outreach with Q&A sessions secured two new members this month, and the planning for the new Board is underway!



Spring offers another chance for renewal of goals and intentions as we put forth our new Board and establish the budget and timeline for the good work the Jaycees will do over the next year. With COVID restrictions changing, we eagerly anticipate spring projects in traditional form! How excited and fortunate we felt a year ago when we held safely distanced Easter activities and planned our concerts! We found ways to unite the community and preserve traditional gatherings.

Sometimes the news can make us feel a bit helpless and frustrated, but we do well to remember that we can make a difference right here in our little community. Spring 2022 looks more promising for community projects, and we hope to see our Jaycee friends (and their faces!!!) Join us! We would love to see you!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Deena Cummings

Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



March is here and with it is the start of Meteorological Spring! Let's hope the weather goes along with it. We have lots of big projects coming up and a new board year about to begin. We are still hosting our meetings on Zoom, which means that it's easy to join in from wherever you may be. 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 locgazette@yahoo.com and I will pass them on. I hope to see you for our next Zoom General Meeting on March 9th.

Sunshine – Our deepest sympathies to Dave and Patty Reid and their family for the recent passing of Patty's Father. 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 February 2022 GMAA:

January 2022 Jaycees of the Month – Carl Bertolino & Ken Wills: Carl and Ken tied for Jaycee of the Month thanks to their combined efforts on the Common this Holiday season. Ken spent days on the common on his own to take down most of the decorations, and Carl rallied the troops to get the Nativity set taken down and safely stored away for another season. Great work guys!

January 2022 Project of the Month – Common Decoration / Nativity take down – Carl Bertolino, Ken Wills & Marc Rivard: For all the reasons above and more... Congrats on a great project! (Also nominated were the Book Club and the Wise Fox)

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

Something worth Celebrating...

March Birthdays:

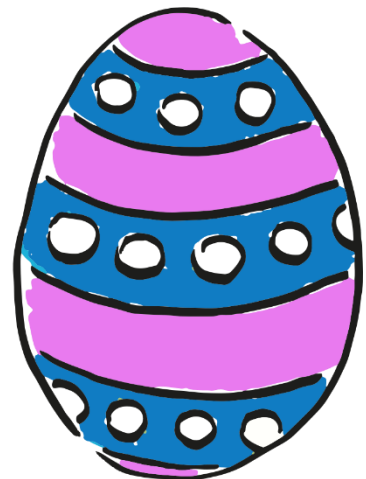
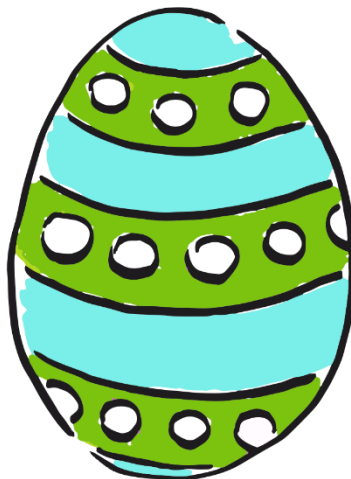
Patricia Kelley
Cindy McCann
Ed Groh
Tom Whiffen
David Fisler
Max Loew
Jeanne Suttie Christian
LaNecia Wood

March Anniversaries:

William Byrnes	1979
Cheryl Cushman	1992
David Fisler	1998
Patricia Kelley	2014
Amy LaBrache	2019
Kris Long	2019



Jaycees of the Month Ken Wills and Carl Bertolino did an amazing job with the Common Decorations and Nativity Set up / Take down this year. Thank you to both for bringing Light and joy to the town this winter.





Individual Development

Vice President: Sophia Manos

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

On Thursday, February 3, 2022, Book Club members discussed Brit Bennett's "The Vanishing Half" via Zoom.

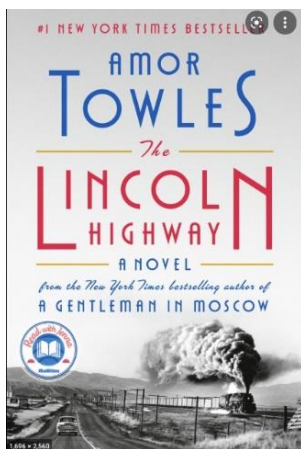
The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical, growing up together in a small, southern black community called Mallard, but their adult lives become very different when one leaves her community behind, changing everything about herself, even her race. Desiree marries an abusive man and stays while Stella moves away and works for an aspiring businessman who falls in love with and marries her, taking her eventually to Boston where they have a lovely home; however, she dismisses her background, saying her family is all gone, and she passes for white, thus reinventing herself to fit into a new society she has created but surrounded by people who truly do not know her.



Eventually, their daughters cross paths, and the hard truths surface. The characters were interesting and included some colorful personalities.

For many reasons, the book earned a range of scores on the following 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 - waste of hours of my life."

We agreed the book was a well-crafted and important story with layers of complicated characters and thus earned many 2's; however, some of the hard events which included racial violence earned a lower score (4) because it left some haunting images and thus would not be recommended to just anyone.

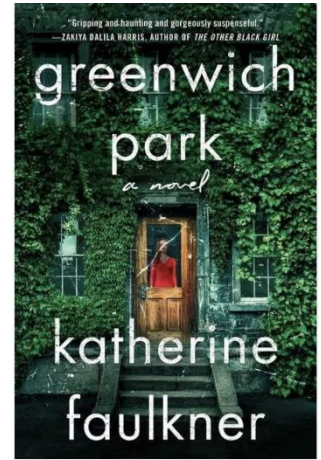


March Book Club Choice: "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles

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.

April Book Club Choice: Greenwich Park by Katherine Faulkner: From publisher: Helen's idyllic life—handsome architect husband, gorgeous Victorian house, and cherished baby on the way (after years of trying)—begins to change the day she attends her first prenatal class and meets Rachel, an unpredictable single mother-to-be. Rachel doesn't seem very maternal: she smokes, drinks, and professes little interest in parenthood. Still, Helen is drawn to her. Maybe Rachel just needs a friend. And to be honest, Helen's a bit lonely herself. At least Rachel is fun to be with. She makes Helen laugh, invites her confidences, and distracts her from her fears.

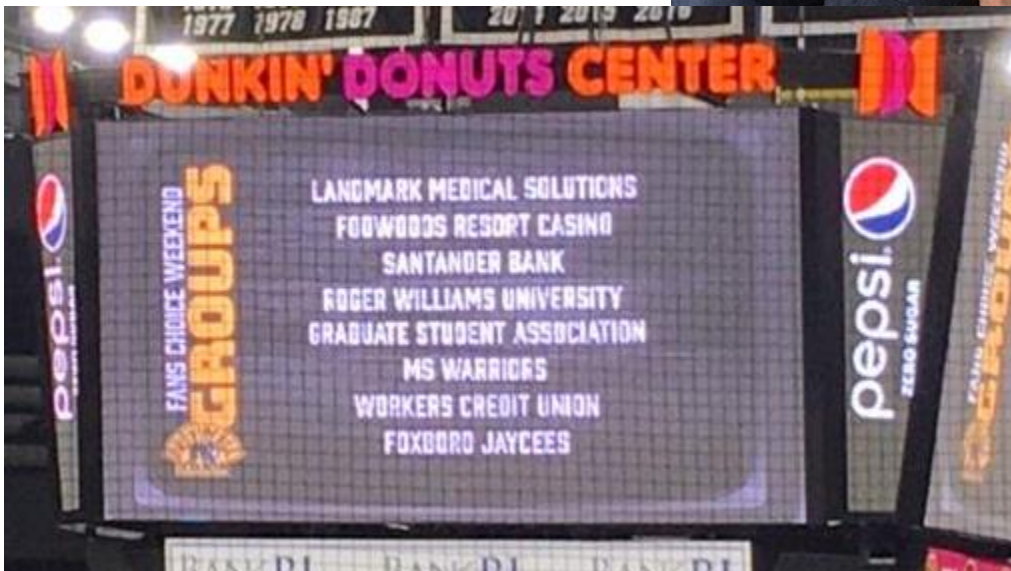


But her increasingly erratic behavior is unsettling. And Helen's not the only one who's noticed. Her friends and family begin to suspect that her strange new friend may be linked to their shared history in unexpected ways. When Rachel threatens to expose a past crime that could destroy all of their lives, it becomes clear that there are more than a few secrets laying beneath the broad-leaved trees and warm lamplight of Greenwich Park.

Completed Projects:

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

There were fisticuffs, free hats and the baby-Bruins won! A growling good time for those few Jaycees who attended. A welcome return after the 2-year absence since the last P-Bruins outing at the Dunk.



Above: Sophia Manos, Alicia Bryant, Marc Rivard and Pam Warren sport the free Hats we all got at the game.

Left: The Jaycees were listed on the Jumbotron during the game.

Upcoming Projects:

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 graciously volunteered to put the party together for us again. Our thanks to her.



2022 may bring the return of the "Jaycees Monthly Night/Day Out!"

Fun activities to do in groups again. It has been a while!!! Activities such as:

- Trivia
- Musical Bingo
- Mini-golf
- Bowling
- Orpheum theater night
- Softball game
- Volleyball
- Movies
- Billiards
- Group self-defense class
- Paint night
- The return of a Haunted House outing.

The possibilities are there, we just need to pick some!

Keep your eyes peeled here and for emails about upcoming events when available.

Respond to me at id@foxborojaycees.org with your choice/feedback.



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.

Easter Egg Hunt – Amy LaBrache/Lindsay Hobart – April 9

Amy and Lindsay will be looking for you to help stuff the eggs for the hunt, as well as setting up in the morning. We look forward to getting back to our normal easter egg hunt on the common this year.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew/Marc Rivard

Well, the boys of summer have already booked most of our Thursday concerts. Fingers crossed that covid restrictions and the weather cooperates with us.

COMING UP: Founders Day... be thinking if you'd like to chair any of the projects. CD will be looking for someone to put together an entry for the Parade.

Completed:

Darkness to Light – Amy LaBrache

Amy held a training and had about 24 folks attended. Unfortunately, only five were Jaycees. I need members to understand how important this training is in order for us to start our Junior Jaycees program. Amy will be offering another training, please do your best to attend.

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



Can you believe we have almost made it through winter? Time sure does fly!! We have some really exciting events that are going to take place this year! I'm super excited to see some new and old faces at these great events!

If you have an idea of how to raise funds for the chapter, please reach out to me, and let's talk!

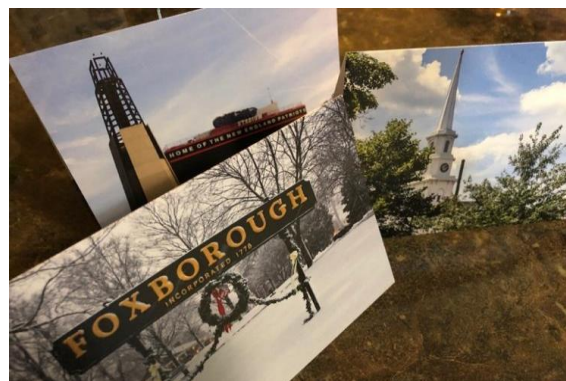
Kris

Note Cards & 02035 Masks

This will be the last update on MASKS!!

Please know we have some 02035 Masks left if anyone is in need!!

Notecards are an ongoing project; we have plenty of wonderful photo note cards. If you're looking for any, please reach out to me and I'll be happy to assist you!



2022 Car Show - Amy LaBrache

This is a new project that will be happening early summer ! So many great details to come , keep an eye on the Website for dates and updates! Thanks Amy!!

Spring Vendor Fair- Deena Cummings

This is a GO and will be taking place May 14 (tentatively), so many amazing vendors will be attending with some very cool and unusual items to sell!! Deena will also be looking for Committee Help

Spring Vendor Fair Concessions- Pam Warren (Looking for a Co-Chair to learn the ropes) We are excited to dust off the grills and provide some yummy food for this great event!

Spring Vendor Fair Raffle - Chairman Needed

WE need a Chairman please !

This is probably the easiest project to run, please contact either Deena or myself for details!!

Concert on the commons Sponsorships- Chairman Needed

We are looking for someone to approach local business seeing if they would like to Sponsor a Concert! Pretty straight forward, please reach out to myself or Marc Rivard for more details.

"Spring is the time of plans and projects." – Leo Tolstoy



Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

I am so very excited that it is now March. I am looking forward to our spring projects and the nicer weather! This is also when we are most in the the community and do some pretty amazing things! If you can get out and help with some of our upcoming projects, please do! We have missed you and seeing all of our Jaycee family!

I also want to send a warm welcome to our newest members Lisa Dahl and Dan Creavin! Welcome to our organization, and please come out to some our upcoming events to meet in person!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions, ideas or feedback!

Best, Amy

Virtual Zoom Q and A - Amy: We had a Q and Q earlier this month and we had 2 new prospective members join us at the last GM! Big welcome to Lisa and Dan! 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: Thank you to the 2 Jaycees that attended the Darkness to light Training! We are far from having enough people trained for this to be a running chapter. I will be holding another very soon so stay tuned! 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!

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

Jaycees Apparel: I will be placing an order for new hats. I also 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.



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.

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