



# Wise Fox

*A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - April 2022*



My Fellow Jaycees,

Only in a Jaycee Board meeting are people so excited about the work before them!! What a joy to start planning Egg Stuffing, Vendor Fair, Founder's Day Float, Founder's Day Concessions, and a car show in July! What a joy to have concerts lined up for the summer! What a joy to start making the budget, soliciting volunteers, and updating our inventory! I hope you too have a calendar full of joyful events eagerly awaiting your presence!

What is the Jaycee Can-Do attitude? We can make the joyful events for our community better! We are not the bystanders who have the luxury of attending these fabulous events with carefree exuberance and abandonment because we find a way to commit ourselves to improving in some manner the quality of the event.

The new board will be established at our next meeting. I am honored and humbled to be your president once again and deeply grateful to the current and new board members who continue to make the position so rewarding. I continue to learn something new each year and hope that I too can enrich your experiences on the board or through project involvement as well.

So, my Jaycee Friends - I look forward to opportunities to connect in person! Project chairmen hope to hear from you.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

*Deena Cummings*



# Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



April brings many joys – Spring, Easter, Passover... and for our chapter – Board Elections, the Installation Banquet and the return of our Easter Egg Hunt!! I am looking forward to stuffing thousands of eggs and taking hundreds of pictures. Also hoping to see lots of friends at the IB – a chance to get together again in person and celebrate our year. 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 [lccgazette@yahoo.com](mailto:lccgazette@yahoo.com) and I will pass them on. I hope to see you for our next Zoom General Meeting on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – we need lots to attend and vote in the new board.

**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 March 2022 GOMM:*

**February 2022 Jaycee of the Month – Paul O'Sullivan:** Paul was very helpful this month with a sensitive issue that needed some legal expertise. Thank you, Paul for your assistance. (Also nominated were Amy LaBrache and Pam Warren)

**February 2022 Project of the Month – Darkness to Light Training – Amy LaBrache:** This is a Difficult, but extremely vital topic to discuss and Amy brought it to the community at large as well as our own members. (Also nominated were the Providence Bruins outing and Sand for Seniors)

## *Congratulations to our winners!!!!*

# *Something worth Celebrating...*

## *April Birthdays:*

**Bob Webster**  
**Cheryl Cushman**  
**Ed Underwood**  
**Laureen House**  
**Katharine Lee**  
**Ali Lindquist**

## *April Anniversaries:*

<b>Robert Cole</b>	<b>1975</b>
<b>Jim Evans</b>	<b>1984</b>
<b>Dave Brown</b>	<b>1985</b>
<b>Ellen Dean</b>	<b>1985</b>
<b>John Zarrella</b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>Sandy Daniels</b>	<b>1988</b>
<b>Kathy Brady</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Mellyssa Coutinho</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Stephanie O'Neill</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Jennifer D'Amato</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Katharine Lee</b>	<b>2019</b>

It's Election time! We will be voting on our new board at the April meeting...

The following individuals have volunteered to be on the board, but we can take nominations "From the floor" for any position if a regular member would like to step forward...

President	Deena Cummings
Individual Development VP	Sophia Manos (Appointed)
Community Development VP	Lynda Walsh (Appointed)
Ways & Means VP	Kris Long (Appointed)
Membership VP	Amy LaBrache (Appointed)
Treasurer	Lisa Jolicoeur (Appointed)
Secretary / Wise Fox Editor	Pam Warren (Appointed)
Director at Large	Marc Rivard (Appointed)
Membership Director	Max Loew (Appointed)



# Individual Development

Vice President: Sophia Manos

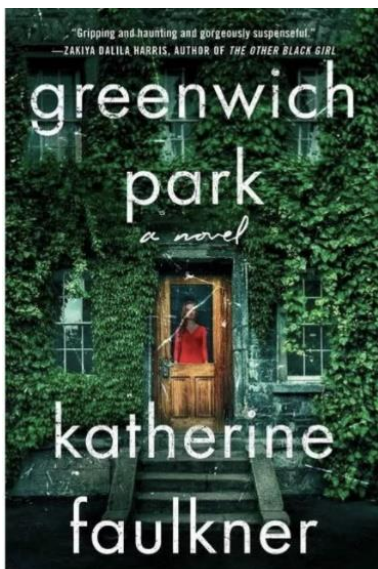
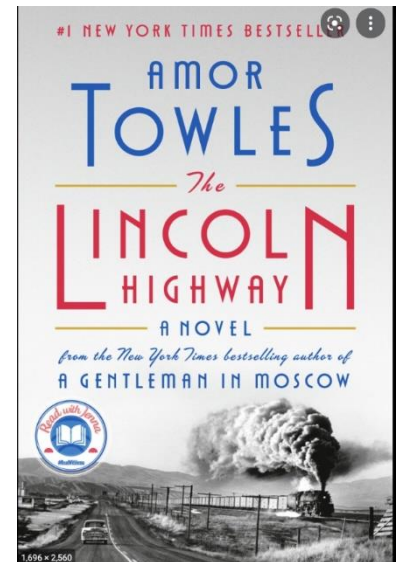
Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – 4/7/22, 7pm (Zoom)

On Thursday, March 3, 2022, Book Club members convened virtually to discuss Amor Towles' novel *The Lincoln Highway* which follows several characters beginning in June, 1954, as 18-year-old Emmett Watson is being 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.

We loved this book! We discussed the shifting narrative style which allowed us to have some third person narration with first person observations for some of the characters' perspectives; the amazing characters - Emmett, Billy, Duchess, Woolly, Sally, Ulysses - all of whom we adored and agreed were developed so well; Billy's book within the book - a fictional collection of heroic historical characters with a fictional author who actually meets Billy and shares in their adventure; allusions to other great works such as *Grapes of Wrath* and Kristen Hannah's *"Four Winds"*; a wonderfully crafted ending with vivid imagery and hope.

For many reasons, the book earned all 1s and one 1.5: 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."



**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.

**May Book Choice: "The Very Nice Box" by Laura Blackett and Eve Gleichman**



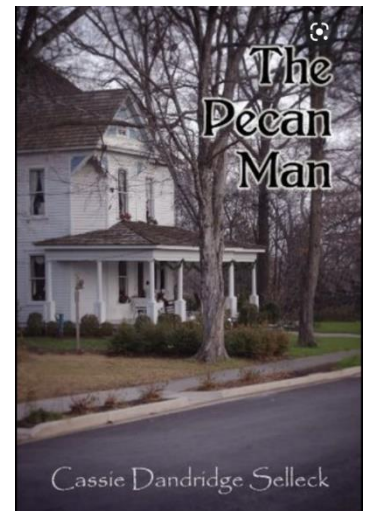
For fans of *Elinor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* and *Severance*: an offbeat, wryly funny debut novel that follows an eccentric product engineer who works for a hip furniture company where sweeping corporate change lands her under the purview of a startlingly charismatic boss who seems determined to get close to her at all costs . . .

Ava Simon designs storage boxes for STÄDA, a slick Brooklyn-based furniture company. She's hard-working, obsessive, and heartbroken from a tragedy that killed her girlfriend and upended her life. It's been years since she's let anyone in.

But when Ava's new boss—the young and magnetic Mat Putnam—offers Ava a ride home one afternoon, an unlikely relationship blossoms. Ava remembers how rewarding it can be to open up—and, despite her instincts, she becomes enamored. But Mat isn't who he claims to be, and the romance takes a sharp turn. *The Very Nice Box* is a funny, suspenseful debut—with a shocking twist. It's at once a send-up of male entitlement and a big-hearted account of grief, friendship, and trust.

**June Book Club Choice: "The Pecan Man" by Cassie Selleck**

The Pecan Man is a work of Southern fiction whose first chapter was the First-Place winner of the 2006 CNW/FFWA Florida State Writing Competition in the Unpublished Novel category. In the summer of 1976, recently widowed and childless, Ora Lee Beckworth hires a homeless old black man to mow her lawn. The neighborhood children call him the Pee-can Man; their mothers call them inside whenever he appears. When the police chief's son is found stabbed to death near his camp, the man Ora knows as Eddie is arrested and charged with murder. Twenty-five years later, Ora sets out to tell the truth about the Pecan Man. In narrating her story, Ora discovers more truth about herself than she could ever have imagined. This novel has been described as *To Kill a Mockingbird* meets *The Help*.



## Upcoming Projects:

### Installation Banquet – April 30th, 2022 (Noon)– Marian McCabe, chair

This is when we review and award last year's projects and swear in a new board. If you changed your mind and are interested in joining the board, we have time to squeeze you in! Let Deena know ASAP.

Thank you to Marian, who has been hard at work trying to secure a location. Places are more booked than they have been. Good sign for communities, but a bear for this project. We will be at Jimmy's Pub in Mansfield for a luncheon this time around. Cost will be \$40 per person with a Cash Bar. RSVP by April 17<sup>th</sup> to Marian ([marianmccabe6819@gmail.com](mailto:marianmccabe6819@gmail.com)) A formal invitation will be coming soon! Then see our Last Page to have your vote for Project and Officer of the Year...

### Jaycees Monthly Night/Day Out! - April's Night out will be either Trivia or Karting:

#### Trivia Night at Conrad's Foxboro – Mondays at 7pm

Our local neighborhood Trivia DJ, Dan Maloof is back to his weekly questions about music, geography, and film. This time locally at Conrad's Foxboro. Depending on number of people interested, we can have a Jaycees team or 2. Being at Conrad's also means you can have some grub before or during the game.

#### Karting at Supercharged Wrentham – Pick a night!

Speed around the region's largest indoor go-kart track, right down the road in Wrentham on Route 1. Super close and you can go much faster than you would on those Cape Cod play zone go-karts. Be ready for helmet head, but also a zooming good time!

If we have a large enough group, we can make it an exclusive "Jaycee 500" (though more like the Jaycee 25, but you get the point).

The Thirsty Beaver Pub can complement the outing.



Please keep these other outing/activities in mind for rest of year:

- Musical Bingo / Name that Tune
- Bowling
- Softball game
- Movies
- Group self-defense class
- The return of a Haunted House outing.
- Minigolf
- Orpheum theater night
- Volleyball
- Billiards
- Paint night

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](mailto:id@foxborojaycees.org) with your choice/feedback.

## Scat Night – (Covid pending) May 2022.

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.



# community

## Development

*Vice President: Lynda Walsh*



### Friends of Foxboro Fire Truck Restoration – Donation Request

Kris is working with the Friends of Foxboro Fire to have an event that would raise funding for the truck restoration. There have been several great ideas tossed around, stayed tuned for more information and how you can help.

### Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

Lisa has sent out the scholarship applications and will be posting on social media as well. Hoping to get another great recipient this year and will present at one of our concerts or another Jaycee Event.

### National Night Out – Amy LaBrache

Amy has been working with Sgt. Val Collins and the Foxboro Police to put together another fun, but educational night out in August. We'll be looking for help with set up, etc. the night of.

### Easter Egg Hunt – Amy LaBrache/Lindsay Hobart – April 9 at 10 AM on the Common

Amy and Lindsay have gotten approval from the town to bring back the Easter Egg Hunt, aka, the Mad Easter Dash...lol. We'll be looking for folks to help the Easter Bunny with stuffing the eggs on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM at the South Foxboro Community Center. We will also need manpower at the Common to help spread the eggs and with "crowd control"



### Founders Day Float – Chairman Needed

This year's theme is Together Again, we're looking for someone who would be willing to put together a parade entry. You can certainly make it whatever you wish, there is a budget for this, and many folks love to get involved in building a float. Marc Rivard has offered his yard once again to stage the float. Other years we have just walked in the parade and handed out candy.

### Concerts on the Common – Max Loew/Marc Rivard

We are all ready for a great summer line up. Hoping that the weather will cooperate this year. Make sure you mark your calendars for Thursday nights on the common, always great to see a good showing of Jaycees!

Date	Band
6/9/2022	Foxboro High School Jazz Ensemble
6/16/2022	The Gobshites
6/23/2022	Space Captain
6/30/2022	Erin Harpe's Country Blues Duo
7/7/2022	Eddy's Shoe
7/14/2022	Southbound Train
7/21/2022	The Inflatables
7/28/2022	Richie Rich & 24 Karat Funk
8/4/2022	Jennifer Tefft Band
8/11/2022	The Day Trippers

### WIN Waste Mgmt. Day – Chairman Needed

Our friends at WIN have reached out to us to team up for a day of clean up or something completely different. We need a chair who can keep open lines to see where we can help them. Brandon and the folks at WIN have already jumped in and helped us so much, we need to pay it forward to them. Let me know if you'd be interested in heading up our partnership.

### Completed:

### Sand for Seniors – Sophia Manos/Mike Mills

Sophia and Mike feel confident that they can put the buckets away for another year. Here's hoping that we've seen our last white stuff and icy conditions. Thanks Sophia and Mike for making our seniors stepping safe again this year.

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.



## *Fox and Means*

*Vice President: Kris Long*



Spring is in the air, and covid looks to be behind us.

Many fun events are coming back. Please let me know if you see a project you'd like to help out with. There is no limit as to how much or how little someone has to do, but I promise you, there will be laughter and

maybe a little sweat with some of these fun team building projects. I hope to see you all soon as we prepare to go back to in person meetings soon!

As always if you have an idea of how the Jaycees can make some money please pick up the phone and give me a call!!

Happy Spring & Happy Easter

Kris Long

### **Note Cards**

Notecards are an ongoing project; we have plenty of wonderful photo note cards. If you're looking for any, please reach out to me at 508-212-7206 and I'll be happy to assist you!

### **Spring Vendor Fair- Deena Cummings**

We have official approval to use the Common on May 14! There are always many amazing vendors with some very cool and unusual items to sell!! Manpower is always needed with lots to do throughout the day.

### **Spring Vendor Fair Concessions- Pam Warren**

(Looking for a Co-Chair to learn the ropes) we will be looking for some cooking assistance during the fair please reach out to Pam to sign up for a shift or two!!

### **Spring Vendor Fair Raffle - Chairman Needed**

WE need a Chairman please! This is a VERY easy raffle. Please reach out to Deena if you'd like to run this little money maker!!

### **2022 Car Show - Amy LaBrache – July 10<sup>th</sup> Downtown**

Amy and her committee have been working tirelessly to bring this spectacular project to Foxboro, lots more details to come, if you're interested in helping out please reach out to Amy!!

### **Concert on the commons Sponsorships – Kris Long**

We are looking for sponsors for each show, if you know a business or someone who'd like to sponsor a show please reach out to me, they can have a table during the show, will get their name/ logo on the Website and FB page .



### Founders' Day Concessions - *Chairman Needed!!*

YES we're back!!!! Please let me know if you'd like to chair this fun all day event!!

### Founders Day Glow Items - *Chairman needed*

This is a great project for newbies please let me know if you're interested and I'd be happy to fill you in on the details!!

### Foxboro Fire Truck Special Fundraiser- *Kris Long*

I am working with the FFD and their fundraising team to find a way for the Jaycees to collaboratively have a fundraiser for their Fire truck restorations. Lots more details to unfold as they become available.



Founder's Day past... Concessions and Glow item Sales. We are bringing these back this June!



Foxboro Jaycees at Foxborough Founders Day June 8, 2019



# Membership

*Vice President: Amy LaBrache*

I hope this issue finds you well! So many projects are in the works now that the nice weather is coming and that our normal projects can now run. I really hope that you can come out and support these projects or just stop by and say hello! We have many new members that have joined in the past few years but due to projects not being able to run, there has not been many to attend. I hope to see you all in person soon!

Membership is going to holding a virtual Q and A and inviting area towns to join us! If you are interested in attending one of these, please let me know. I will be holding them towards the end of April.

As many might have heard my youngest son Nathan left for boot camp on March 14th. We are all so very proud of him! Many have reached out for his address. If you would like to send him a letter of encouragement, please let me know ([afoxb1@icloud.com](mailto:afoxb1@icloud.com)) and I can send his address to you. He is scheduled to graduate on June 10th (the day before Founder's Day). Thank you everyone for supporting us!

In closing, we are hoping to start having in person meetings and now is a great time to think of someone you would like to invite to a meeting or event. Please let me know if you will be bringing someone new so that I can bring some materials for them.

As always, please reach out to me with any thoughts or ideas!

In Jaycee Spirit,  
Amy

## Concerts on the Common Membership Booth:

Looking for some support this year to sit at the membership booth. I will most likely be at most concerts, however I would love some help! Please let me know if you are available on a Thursday evening this summer.



## Founder's Day Membership Booth - Chairman needed:

I am looking for someone to head this up for the day as I am unable to man it that day. Please let me know if you can help!

### Virtual Zoom Q and A - Amy:

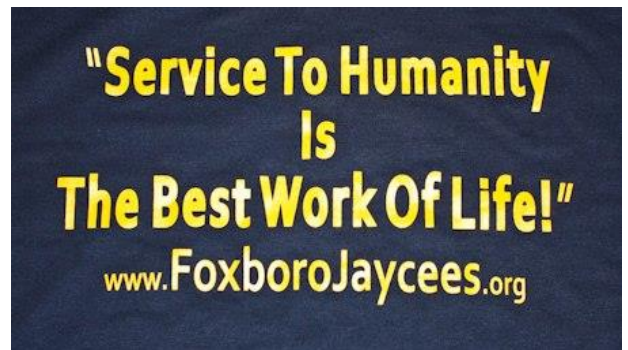
We will be holding a virtual Q and A in late April. We will also be posting in other towns sites to see if we can get some interest in surrounding towns. We are the last chapter in MA, so many may not even know who we are!

**Junior Jaycees:** We are far from having enough people Darkness to Light trained in order for this to be a running chapter. I will be holding another very soon in May 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](mailto: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.

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](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 and she can invite you to the Group. Find out the daily Holiday, share fun memes or just ask your fellow Jaycees, “what’s up?”

**Here is Your chance to vote on two of our Year-end Awards:** Select one winner from each Category and e-mail your choice to President Deena (ONLY) [Deenacummings21@gmail.com](mailto:Deenacummings21@gmail.com) by Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>:

### **Project of the year – Nominations:**

**Fall Vendor Fair (W&M - Deena Cummings, Chair):** Return to our biggest fundraiser – Brings the chapter together to work toward a common goal; Has other projects under the larger umbrella (Concessions / Raffle / Membership booth); Meets its Mandate to bring in much-needed funds (that allows us to run our many other projects); Brings the community together; shows our chapter in a positive light.

**Darkness to Light Training (CD – Amy LaBrache, Chair):** High level of importance on this difficult topic; Had big community participation on both occasions; Was nice to bring this to the community.

**Wise Fox (ID – Pam Warren, Chair):** Since we don't have the attendance levels at GM's that we once did, this is our primary method of communication with the chapter; Always very upbeat and informative with lots of photos and nice graphics.

**Common Holiday Decorations (CD – Ken Wills and Marc Rivard, Chairs):** With the addition of all the extra lights, the common looked better than ever this year; Kenny continued to maintain it throughout the season, fixing outages and replacing as needed; lots of positive feedback from the community and it was featured on the National Football television broadcast TWICE!

**The Stakes Are High (CD – Kris Long, Chair):** This project brings attention to the difficult subject of the Opioid Crisis and brings a lot of exposure for the Chapter; Involves multiple community groups with lots of volunteers coming to help with set-up and take down of the flags; requires lots of hard work and dedication from Kris to make it happen.

### **Officer of the Year – Nominations:**

**Individual Development VP – Sophia Manos:** Sophia has tried hard all year to get members more involved, supports everyone else's projects; has run a lot of projects herself (Candidate's night, Salt for Seniors, Fruit Baskets)

**Community Development VP – Lynda Walsh:** "The GOAT" Lynda is Consistent, reliable, creative, hard-working, a great mentor, and patient. She has many great connections in the community and knows how to use them most effectively – she is All About the Community.

**Ways & Means VP – Kris Long:** Kris is always thinking about new ways to raise funds with new and creative ideas. She is willing to talk to people about the "Difficult" (sometimes sensitive) topics. Recruited new member Brandon who has already proven to be a great asset to the chapter.

**Membership VP – Amy LaBrache:** Amy is always coming up with new ways to bring in new members. She is an amazing ambassador for the chapter and runs lots of projects as well.

**Treasurer – Lisa Jolicoeur:** Lisa manages the money for the chapter flawlessly and is part of nearly EVERY project in some way. She makes sure the bills are paid and reimbursements happen in a timely manner. She is always the calm voice of reason in discussions and has been valuable in creating formal correspondence. She has also incorporated PayPal to our options for payment for the bigger projects.

**Secretary / Wise Fox Editor – Pam Warren:** Pam is always there, taking photos at events and notes at meetings, often travels the farthest for those events and meetings; great advocate for the chapter. Has been a big help and support to President Deena with creating agendas, running Zoom meetings, and reading the monthly award nominations during GM's. She creates the Wise Fox each month, often chasing down the various Board members for their contributions.

**Director – Marc Rivard:** Marc is super enthusiastic about the Jaycees and always talks proudly about us in public. He offers his home as a drop-off point for various projects. He brought in New Member Alicia who has been very active in projects throughout the year.