



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - May 2022



Last month's report celebrated the Jaycees Can-Do attitude! Well, this month, yet another obstacle tested that Jaycees Can-Do spirit for our board: the President tested COVID positive five days before swearing in the new board at the installation banquet!

Not to be derailed by little details such as COVID quarantine with my COVID-positive loved ones, the new board was installed on schedule!! Thanks to fantastic wi-fi at Jimmy's Pub in Mansfield, our Installation Banquet went forward as planned, the new Board was sworn in, and Year End awards were presented! Thank you to everyone who attended the banquet, including some special guests. The highlight of this event each year is the opportunity to recap and reflect upon all the great work we accomplished over the past year: truly the list was amazing despite ongoing COVID restrictions.

Speaking of amazing work for our community, the Vendor Fair is only two weeks away! The importance of Ways and Means projects ensures that our good work continues with consistent financial support. The pandemic has limited our fundraising opportunities, so we are gearing up for a successful day. Please visit the Common on the 14th to support our Vendor Fair, raffles, and concessions. Eager to volunteer and help make the day successful? Please email me today! We would love to see you!

Your President,

Deena Cummings



Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

It's MAY!! My favorite time of the year is beginning.... Fair season! Spring Vendor fair is coming up fast and Concert Season is right around the corner. We are getting back to big events and will need lots of manpower – this means it's time to get everyone involved!

Come out, meet people, enjoy some great events, listen to fantastic music, HAVE FUN!

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 Wednesday, May 11th.

Sunshine – Congratulations to past Scholarship winner Meaghan Savage for Graduating from St. Anselm College and her official Pinning as a Nurse! 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 March 2022 GMM:

March 2022 Jaycee of the Month - Lisa Jolicoeur: Lisa is a key part of most of our projects because she holds the keys to the funds. She is very detail oriented and efficient in managing reimbursements as needed. (Also nominated was Amy LaBrache)

March 2022 Project of the Month - The Wise Fox - Pam Warren: Our primary means of communication with the chapter, it represents us well in the greater community and can be a lot of work to produce each month.

If you want to see your name here – volunteer to run a project or even to come help out!

Congratulations to our winners!!!!

Something worth Celebrating...

May Birthdays:

William Byrnes
Mike Stewart
Lynn Freerksen
Kathy Brady
Bob Hickey
Derek House
Sharon Hall
Stephen Strickland
Monica Rigamonti
Stephanie O'Neill
Joseph Nawn
Brandon Ryan
Jade Cummings

May Anniversaries:

Heather Loew	2008
Lynn Freerksen	2014
Shante Collins	2019
Alicia Bryant	2021

The 2021-22 Board shows off their appreciation gift from President Deena – Personalized fleece vests. Thanks Deena!





Individual Development

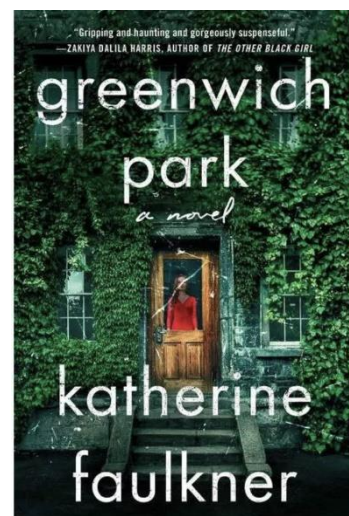
Vice President: Sophia Manos

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – 5/5/2022 7pm (Zoom)

On Thursday, April 7, 2022, Book Club members convened virtually to discuss Katherine Faulkner's novel *Greenwich Park*: 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 who smokes, drinks, and professes little interest in parenthood. Helen is drawn to Rachel, whose increasingly erratic behavior is unsettling. The discomfort her friends, in-laws, and even husband have around Rachel is disconcerting to Helen.

Book Club members realized something was going on and that Helen's lack of awareness was a bit frustrating early in the novel. The secrets swirling around Rachel involve all of them, leading to frightening moments, a death, an arrest, and a satisfying ending that made the unraveling of the mystery engaging.



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.

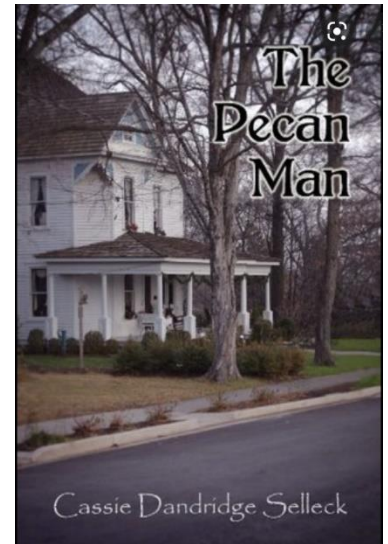
The *Very Nice Box* is a funny, suspenseful debut—with a shocking twist. It's at once a send-up of male entitlement and a big-hearted account of grief, friendship, and trust.



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.



Completed Projects:

Installation Luncheon – April 30th, 12-3 pm – Marian McCabe

Our thanks to Marian for chairing and hosting the installation event again this year. It was a small and modest gathering with good food and a relaxed atmosphere.

Deena was re-installed for her record 4th term as President, Marc staying on the board as a director, swore her back in appropriately quoting FDR.



The rest of the existing board stayed on for one more year.

We offered Community Partnership Awards to our corporate partners WIN and Barrows Insurance. Certificates of Appreciation to Partners Health, Stop & Shop, Rally Point, Foxboro Cable Access, and the Knights of Columbus.

(Photo: Membership VP Amy LaBrache

presents the Community Partner award to Jay Barrows and Caitlin Pignone from Barrows Insurance)

Congrats to all of this year's award winners:

ID Project: The Wise Fox – Pam Warren

CD Project: Bandstand Repair & Cleaning – Ken Wills

Ways & Means Project: Fall Fair Concessions – Pam Warren

Membership Project: Website – Bob Gillis

New Project: Straw Hat Contest – Lynda Walsh

Project of the Year: Fall Vendor Fair – Deena Cummings

Rookie of the Year: Alicia Bryant

Chairman of the Year: Ken Wills

Officer of the Year: Amy LaBrache

We congratulate this year's well-earned Keyman award winner, Ken Wills!

We hope that next year we will have more nominees, more attendees and maybe even some new folks on the board.

Hope springs eternal!

Upcoming Projects:

Jaycees Monthly Night/Day Out!

Meet and Greet for new and old members!

Trivia Night at Conrad's Foxboro – Monday MAY 23 at 7pm

To re-start group activities with the monthly day/night out. We figured we would bring back Trivia Night for the first time in over 2-years! This will act as a new member meet and greet and an excuse for all of the existing Jaycee trivia buffs to get back into the "guessing" grove.

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.

An email will go out about this as well next week. We really hope you can make it!!!

If trivia night works well and folks are ready to bring this back as a monthly activity, then we will be looking for a chair to keep it going. ☺

Please make note that in the coming months there will be more activities along these lines:

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

- Musical Bingo / Name that Tune
- Orpheum theater night
- Softball game
- Movies
- Group self-defense class (if cost is right)
- The return of a Haunted House outing??
- Minigolf
- Bowling
- Volleyball
- Billiards
- Paint night
- Go-Karting

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 jd@foxborojaycees.org with your choice/feedback.



Scat Night – (pending) Aug-Sept 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. Thanks Kris!!

More Photos from the Installation Banquet:



Above left: The Awards table is ready to go

Above right: A delicious cake to celebrate the year

Below Left: Pam Warren presenting Rookie of the Year to Alicia Bryant

Below Right: Kris Long presenting Project of the Year to Deena Cummings-Mack (who joined via Zoom due to Covid) for the Fall Vendor Fair





Vice President: Lynda Walsh

YEAR IN REVIEW

As we began the 2021-22-year things were still a bit up in the air as far as social distancing and masks.... We, as a board decided to forgo the traditional Easter Egg Hunt one more time but wanted the Easter Bunny to still be able to visit with the children of Foxboro. We sent them on a scavenger hunt around town to virtually collect the eggs placed at special places around town before coming to the common to meet with the Easter Bunny and receive a bag of sweet-filled eggs.

Sophia Manos teamed up with FCA to educate the voters of the candidates running for various offices in our elections. Our Candidates night was via zoom and went well.

Kathy Brady ensured that the crosses representing all heroes lost in combat were displayed for Memorial Day.

As things began to lighten up, **Ken Wills** decided to clean up the bandstand and **Max Loew** got permission from the town to hold our concerts without restrictions. The first concert held on June 10th was in conjunction with the town's birthday, and because Founders Day was cancelled, we had a special birthday cake and a Straw Hat contest that evening. **Lisa Jolicoeur** was able to present this year's Scholarship winner their check during that concert too.

Once again this year, we were able to team up with the Foxboro Police and **Amy LaBrache** brought back National Night Out this year.

Kris Long was able to draw a crowd to help display the lives lost to opioid addiction and place the Stakes are High Flags on the common.

Sophia Manos brought the town together to remember 9/11 on its 20th anniversary.

Pam Warren participated in the Alzheimer's Walk again this year, raising funds and awareness to a subject near to all our hearts.

We were once again able to deliver Vets a special thank you for their service this year. The Vets and their families were given Stop and Shop gift cards to purchase their Thanksgiving dinners. In the middle of December tragedy struck our town, a fire on central street left several family members without shelter and losing everything. The Chapter held a gift card fundraiser that raised thousands of dollars to help the three families.

This holiday season we were able to bring it all back... **Carl Bertolino** reached out to the Knights once again for help getting our Nativity Set displayed. **Ken Wills** and his crew decorated the common, **Sophia Manos** and her friends were able to build the fruit baskets for the discretionary fund, and **Lisa Jolicoeur** shopped for gifts to support a child and a senior during Christmas.

Kris Long and **Ed Groh** were able to convince Santa and the Mrs. that the children of Foxboro needed a visit in person at the Recreation Department's Light Up the Town. We were able to gather with the high school holiday jazz band for caroling on the common. **Pam Warren** and **Bob Gillis** challenged town residents to a Holiday Light Competition.

Sophia Manos was busy bringing sand/salt to all our seniors in town for safe stepping during the winter months.

Amy LaBrache held a couple Darkness to Light Forums this year, in hopes that the chapter will become trained to be aware of Child Sexual Abuse and how to spot dangers.

Thank you to all Project Chairmen and teams, because of your efforts, the CD Area was able to run 24 successful projects this year, getting back to community inclusion was a huge step in the right direction. We celebrated the success of these projects by awarding nine Projects of the Month from the CD area.

Upcoming Projects:

Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

We've received the applications and we're hoping to get another great recipient this year and present at one of our concerts or another Jaycee Event.

National Night Out – Amy LaBrache – August 2nd

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.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew/Marc Rivard

Max and Marc will be hosting the first concert on June 9th. Traditional FHS Jazz band will entertain us, and we have an awesome line up for every Thursday night throughout the summer. Please join us on the Common.

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

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. Founder's Day is June 11th this year, let's make a big come back splash! Please let me know if you're interested in chairing this project, you'll have plenty of help.

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 Projects

Easter Egg Hunt – Amy LaBrache/Lindsay Hobart

With help from a crew of Jaycees, Amy and Lindsay were able to get the eggs stuffed, distributed on the common and welcomed the Easter Bunny to Foxboro. Although the weather once again tried to dampen our spirits, the Jaycees shined brightly, and all the children were able to gather their eggs and meet with the Easter Bunny.

Candidates Night – Sophia Manos

Sophia teamed up with FCA and we were able to hold our annual Candidates Night via Zoom. All candidates were able to attend, whether for the question-and-answer section or just by making



a statement/introduction. Thank you, Sophia and our Moderator, Pam Warren. If you live in Foxboro, be sure to make your voice heard and vote on May 2nd.

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



Congrats to this year's Ways and Means project Fall Vendor Fair Concessions! Pam did a great job selling out of the great food that was provided! Raising just under \$500, thank you Pam and to all who helped cook, set up and sell! Congrats to Deena and the committee for winning Project of the Year, Fall Vendor Fair! It was one of the first projects that we were able to have since Covid.

Congrats to all the award winners and to Marian for putting yet another wonderful Installation Banquet. With that being said, it's that time of year to come out, help out and join in some great Jaycee projects!!

Spring Vendor Fair- Deena Cummings

May 14th, 9am – 3pm on the Foxboro Common. Volunteers needed starting at 7 am for set-up. Lots of great vendors will be there selling all kinds of neat homemade items.

Spring Vendor Fair Concessions- Pam Warren

There is always room for help setting up, cooking, selling and of course cleaning up. Please come on down and lend a hand!!! We will have Burgers, Hot Dogs & Sausages – if you can't help, stop by and have lunch!

Spring Vendor Fair Raffle – Lisa Dahl

Make sure you swing by the raffle table, there are plenty of funtastic items to try to win!

2022 Car Show - Amy LaBrache – July 10th Downtown

Amy and her committee have been hard at work getting town approvals and figuring out the details, for what is going to be an Amazing day around the center of Foxboro. Amy has worked really hard to involve all the businesses, which will support them in turn.

Concert on the commons Sponsorships – Kris Long

We are still looking to get a few of the Bands Sponsored, if you have a company that might be interested in sponsoring, 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 – Pam Warren

We are looking for people to cover a few Cooking & Prepping shifts, Help with serving, Setting up and Breaking down. Please reach out to Kris Long or Pam Warren.

Founders Day Glow Items - Chairman needed

This has the potential to raise a lot of money, for not a whole lot of work. Please reach out to Kris for more details.

Foxboro Fire Restoration Special project - Kris Long

I met with the FDP and we will be assisting them with a few fundraisers throughout the next year. The first one, is a 50/50 Raffle at the Car show, they will have the trucks on display during the show, and sell 50/50 tickets.



Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Hello Fellow Jaycees!

I hope this issue finds you well! We have quite the agenda coming up with Spring vendor fair, Concerts on the Common, Founder's Day activities and a new project, the Car Show. All of these projects are a perfect time to come out and help and meet new friends. The past two years has really made it difficult for our newer members to come out and get to know us, so please come out and say hi!!!! Also, Sophia is working hard putting together some new social outings for us all to participate in as well.

I am looking for a few people to come out and help with membership booths this year. I am hoping to hold a meeting the week after the GM to look at what we have now for materials, but also to browse getting some new stuff for giveaways, as well as maybe sprucing things up a bit. If you have ANY thoughts on this please contact me!

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 May. 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 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:

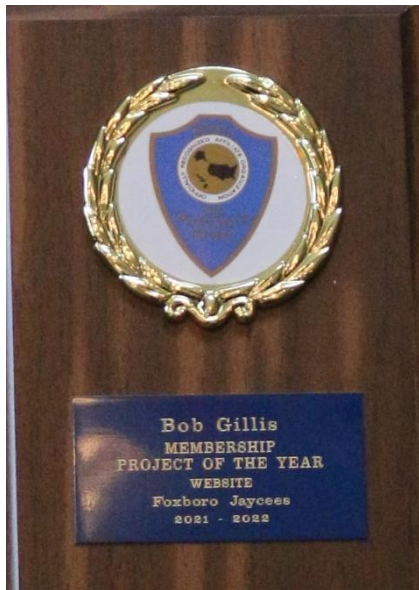
This is a project that helps us learn a little more about our fellow members. With some new members joining, I am sure we are going to have some exciting reading ahead of us! If Lisa sends you a questionnaire, fill it out and send it back – you could be featured in a future Wise Fox!

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.



Website – Bob Gillis:

Our all-star (and award winning) 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 on our website. Check it out 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 or social media, please forward them to Bob. He will ensure that they are included appropriately.

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