



# Wise Fox

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



Fellow Jaycees -

The joy of June and Founder's Day have arrived! Yes, it's back! And your help is needed! Can you help us on June 11th?

Founder's Day is a chance to raise funds for our good work, and the pandemic has made every fundraising opportunity a crucial one. Jaycees shine on this day, so I invite you to shine with us.

Concessions, parade, fireworks glow items - can you spare a couple of hours or more to make a difference? Bring your family and work as a team! Contact anyone from the board today and say you'll be there!

We kick off Concerts on the Common on Thursday, June 9th with Foxboro High School's award-winning Jazz band. We will be presenting the Jaycees Scholarship that evening in memory of Fred George. What a wonderful way to honor Fred's memory and celebrate the graduating class of 2022!

Please join us. Bring your best Jaycees spirit, maybe some extra volunteers, and help us continue our good work!

We look forward to seeing you!

*Deena Cummings*



## *Secretary's Report*

*Pam Warren*

June is Busting out all over!! That means Founder's Day, Concerts, warm sunny days and fun with family and friends. Our Summer projects need lots of people to help – if you have any time on Founder's Day – we have several projects that could use even an hour

of help from you. Of Course we hope everyone can come out and enjoy the concerts as well – just a great showing of members on the Common can help with recruiting and showing that we are still a strong chapter of Friends!

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](mailto:locgazette@yahoo.com) and I will pass them on. I hope to see you for our next Zoom General Meeting on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunshine** – Congratulations to Amy LaBrache's Son, Nathan, who just completed Boot Camp and is now officially a US Marine! Thank you for your Service! 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 May 2022 GMM:*

*April 2022 Jaycee of the Month - Pam Warren:* Pam stepped up to Moderate the Candidate's Night broadcast this year and did a professional job. (Also nominated were Amy LaBrache and Kris long for their work during Easter Egg Hunt)

*March 2022 Project of the Month - The Easter Egg Hunt - Amy LaBrache:* We were able to bring back the traditional Easter Egg hunt this year and, despite the weather, it was very successful. Lots of families came out to find candy-filled eggs and got their photo taken with the Bunny. (Also nominated was Candidate's Night)

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...

## June Birthdays:

Paul Lanza  
Bob Siteman  
Paul O'Sullivan  
Patty Reid  
Jennifer Hesford  
Andrea Johnstone  
Maria Montanez  
Devlyn House  
Jim Evans

## June Anniversaries:

Paul Howard	1979
Fred Badger	1986
Laura Franc	2015
Marian McCabe	2019
Helen Power	2019



From our Spring Vendor Fair:

Above Left: Marc Rivard wants everyone to "Rock Til You Drop"

Above Right: Amy LaBrache and Andrea Johnstone check out one of the vendors

Left: President and Vendor Fair Committee Chair Deena Cummings helps set up the Raffle table.



# Individual Development

Vice President: Sophia Manos

## Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, Book Club members gathered on Zoom to discuss *The Very Nice Box* by Laura Blackett and Eve Gleichman. From the publisher: 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.

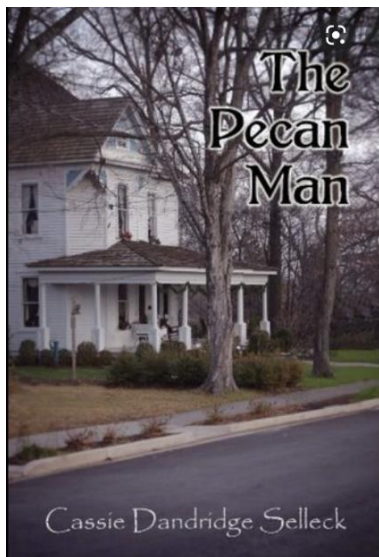
Book Club members loved this book! We did make a lot of connections to the Eleanor Oliphant character we read before. We discussed the satirical depictions of corporations: the exaggerated "nice" meetings, the never-ending products that were "nice" and made things easier and seemingly happier. Ava Simon 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 parents and upended her life. It's been years since she's let anyone in. In the meantime, she lives a minimalist life with her devoted dog. We discussed Ava's grief and how hard it was for her to continue her work at STADA where her girlfriend had also worked. Ava has interesting and quirky friends at work, so we discussed work relationships.

Ava's new boss finds his way into her life by offering a ride when her car appears to have been vandalized and invites himself on a walk at the dog park with his rescue dog. They have a relationship. Book Club members discussed how strangely attentive and perfect for Ava Matt seemed; one member figured out the mystery, but the rest of us were caught off guard to learn who Matt truly is! You'll have to read it to find out!

Because many members pushed aside work and responsibilities to finish the book, the book earned many 1's, 1.5's, and one 3 based on the following rubric: 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."



**June Book Club Choice: Wednesday, June 8th. Save the date! Join us on Zoom for a discussion with the author!!**



## 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*.





### July 2022 Book Selection: "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate.

When Lola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out Lola's rambling Victorian house.

Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Lola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from Lola's youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper—the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything for Tandi.

### August 2022 Book Selection: "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins

*También de este lado hay sueños.* On this side, too, there are dreams.

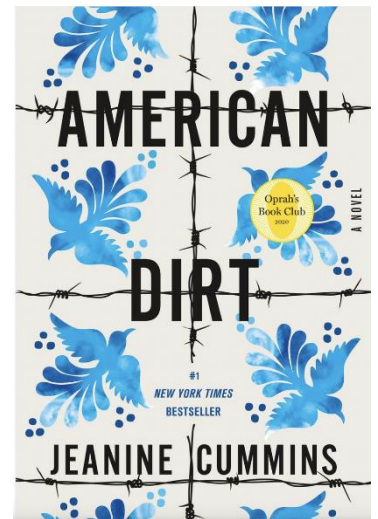
Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable.

Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy—two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the *jefe* of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same.

Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride *la bestia*—trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach *el norte*, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?

*American Dirt* will leave readers utterly changed. It is a literary achievement filled with poignancy, drama, and humanity on every page. It is one of the most important books for our times.

Already being hailed as "a *Grapes of Wrath* for our times" and "a new American classic," Jeanine Cummins's *American Dirt* is a rare exploration into the inner hearts of people willing to sacrifice everything for a glimmer of hope.



## Completed Projects:

### Meet and Greet for new and old members!

Trivia Night at Conrad's Foxboro – Several members got together on Monday, MAY 23 to enjoy the return of team trivia night with DJ Dan Maloof. We had great food, a chance to catch up with friends we had not seen in a while... and we WON! There was even talk of making it a monthly gathering again – we will discuss it at the GM in June.

## Upcoming Projects:

### Jaycees Monthly Night/Day Out!

*In addition to the possible monthly Trivia night, we would like to plan more FUN activities in the coming months 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! Let Sophia know if you would like to organize any ID outing or gathering

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 – (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!!



Trivia Night at Conrad's was successful – our team won!

Pictured: Alicia Bryant, Marc Rivard, Caitlin, Helene, Mike and Meghan Savage, and Pam Warren

The team also had help from Dave Brown, Sandy Daniels and John & Joan Callahan to put us back in the game.

Hopefully we can keep the winning tradition alive...



# community

## Development

*Vice President: Lynda Walsh*

### *Upcoming Projects:*

#### **Friends of Foxboro Fire Truck Restoration – Kris Long**

Kris worked with Friends of Foxboro Fire and chapter will be sponsoring a dunk tank at Founders Day for the group. They will man the booth and all proceeds will go toward the restoration of the two trucks. Be sure to stop by the Dunk Tank and support our friends in Foxborough Fire & Rescue!

#### **Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur**

Lisa will be awarding this year's recipient during our first concert on the common. Thank you, Lisa, for your work in getting this to a deserving individual.

#### **Foxboro Jaycees Scholarship in Memory of Fred George, Jr. - June 9<sup>th</sup> Presentation**

The Jaycees are honored to present the \$500 scholarship on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> just before the opening of the concert with the Foxboro High School Jazz Band.

Long-time member of the Jaycees, Fred George, Jr. lost his battle to cancer in December 2018. Fred had spent countless hours assisting the Jaycees with community projects and embracing leadership roles when needed. We remember him fondly as a loving father with a big heart, a wonderful role model who embodied Jaycees values. We are honored to present this scholarship in his memory and hope you can join us for the celebration!



#### **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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.



### **Founders Day Float – Ken Wills/Marc Rivard**

We're hoping to have something in the way of participation for the parade. We're thinking on a scene from our concessions booth at Founders Day. If you'd like to participate in the parade or the work that goes into building something, reach out to Ken or Marc.

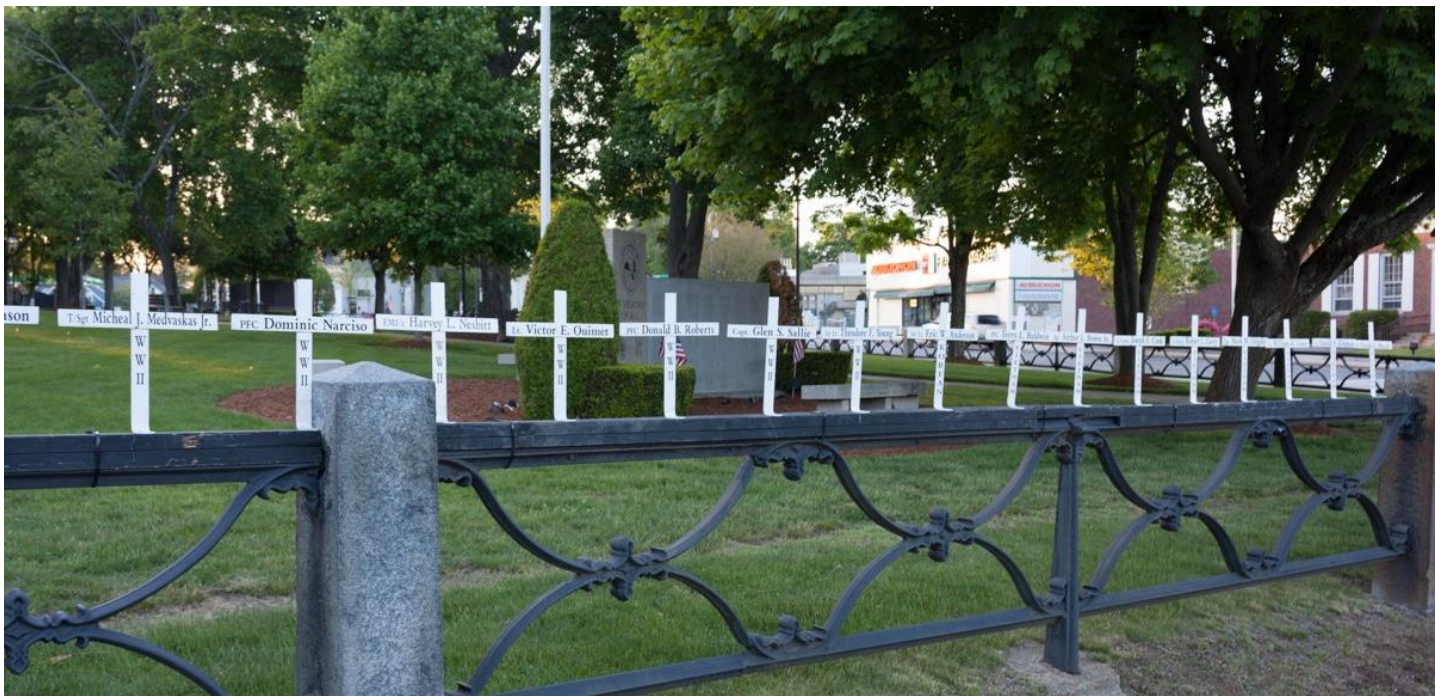
### **WIN Waste Mgmt. Day – Chairman Needed**

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*

#### **Memorial Day Crosses – Kathy Brady**

I missed announcing this project last month. Kathy made sure that our heroes were represented on Memorial Day by placing the crosses of those killed in combat at the foot of the common. These are proudly displayed each year to never forget these heroes. Thank you, Kathy, for carrying on this tradition.



If you have any community development ideas, feel free to reach out to me, [lynda1061@aol.com](mailto:lynda1061@aol.com), or 774-266-3140. If there's a project that interests you, let me know or call the Project Chairman.





## *Ways and Means*

### *Vice President: Kris Long*



So close to one of my most favorite seasons, Summer!!! But before we can officially break out the beach chairs and towels, we must get through Founders Day, which is going to actually happen this year!!! We need your help, there is something for everyone to do! We have concessions, where you can flip a burger or two. Probably one of the easiest money makers is to sell Glow Items. We are doing it a little differently this year, we are going to presell at the tent where we sell food and thereafter for a bit, we need people to help with that as well.

I'd like to give a HUGE shout out to all the wonderful people who came out and helped during the Vendor fair! Deena and her crew did a spectacular job and ran a successful event. Thank you to: Sandy Daniels, Kenny Wills, Dave Reid, Dave Jolicoeur, Bob Webster, Andy Gallo, Jordan Cummings -Dee, Jade Cummings, Sarah LaBrache, Andrea Johnstone, Lisa Dahl, and Dave Fisler! Huge thank you to all for your help!

#### **Note Cards** - Kris Long

We have some wonderful note cards that could make great Thank you cards!!

#### **Car Show** - Amy LaBrache

This is going to be the best new project of the year for sure, registration is open, and this project is coming together really nicely. This will be held on July 10. We hope to see you there for a fun family day and some super cool cars to check out!!

#### **Concerts on the Common Concessions** - Pam Warren

There will be all kinds of treats for sale during our concerts! Come on down and enjoy some Fantastic music and treats!

#### **Founders day Concessions** - Pam Warren

We will need lots of manpower for this event, please reach out to Pam to sign up for a shift or two!!

#### **Founders Day Glow Items** - **CHAIRMAN NEEDED!**

This is a pretty easy mini project, we will have all glow items we just need people to sell them! Please let me know if you can sell for an hour or two before the fireworks.

#### **Special Fundraiser Restoration of two Fire Trucks** - Kris Long

I have been working with FFD discussing some fun ideas for them to raise funds to help with the restoration of two very old Fire Trucks! They will be joining us for the Car Show!



# Membership

*Vice President: Amy LaBrache*

Hello Fellow Jaycees!

It has been wonderful to get out and have our projects running again. Congrats to Dena, Pam and Lisa for running your projects during the Vendor fair! It was so wonderful to see everyone. Upcoming events that are going to need help are all Founders Day activities, including the float, Concerts on the Common Concessions and the Car Show. Even if you can help for an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Membership will be 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 to this please contact me! We will be holding in person meetings soon (fingers crossed) please keep an eye out.

In closing, I will not be at the Gm as I will be flying to S. Carolina to attend Nathan's graduation from bootcamp. So if you have any questions, or ideas, please give me a call at 508-369-0039.

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

In Jaycee Spirt,

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 July. We will also be posting in other town's 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 training in the upcoming weeks. 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 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 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. You do not need to be on the board to contribute to the website, our social media, or the Wise Fox. If you have something to share, please send to Bob, Marc, Pam, or myself.

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.



# FOXBORO ★ JAYCEES CAR SHOW

JULY 10 ★ 10a-2p



Foxboro Common Area

Pre-registration \$20, from May 23 - June 24

[Carshow@foxborojaycees.com](mailto:Carshow@foxborojaycees.com)

Day of registration \$25, cash or venmo

*Spectator parking at Schneider Electric - Bird St Entrance*

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