



Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - July 2022



Fellow Jaycees -

June was certainly a joyful Jaycees month of good work and thank you to all the Jaycees and friends who contributed!!

Our concerts are in full swing! Kudos to Marc and Max for planning the shows, to Pam for running Concessions, to Kris for soliciting sponsorships, to Amy for setting up the Membership table, and to everyone who has come

out to celebrate great music and great company.

The weather gods smiled on Foxboro for a Founder's Day we have desperately needed since COVID dampened our celebrations. The streets and lots were full of families celebrating all the great aspects that make Foxboro so wonderful. The parade brought smiles and laughter; the booths were rocking all day with hard working volunteers raising money for good causes; and the fireworks celebration lit up the skies. Kudos to Scholarship recipient Teddy Jouret who volunteered at our Jaycees membership table selling glow items! Good work! Thank you to everyone who supported our award-winning parade float, sold concessions, and sold glow items.

We are also so grateful for our community members who work hard to make Founder's Day possible, including some of our Jaycees family: Monica and Dave Fisler and Kathy Brady.

I am excited to share that our good work continues full steam with July: The Car Show, concerts, and an in-person GM! Yes, it's true: July's General Meeting will be in person. We are so grateful to you and looking forward to seeing you in person and hope you can make the meeting! Special snacks and great company are on the agenda! Join us!

Deena Cummings



Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

Summer is officially here, the Days are long, and we are busier than ever! Concerts are in full swing – come join us on the Common on Thursday nights for some great music. The Car show is coming up fast and we will need lots of help to make this first-time event a success.

Bring your friends and show them what a great group we are.

Our July meeting will be live and in-person at the South Foxboro Community Center on July 13th! I look forward to seeing your smiling faces there! 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.

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 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 June 2022 GMM:

May 2022 Jaycee of the Month – Deena Cummings: Deena is our Outgoing president for last year and has stayed on for her 4th Term as our chapter president. We cannot thank her enough for stepping up to run this chapter for another year. She also did a fabulous job Running the Spring Vendor Fair. (Also nominated were Marian McCabe for running the Installation Banquet and Lisa Dahl and Andy Gallo for all their help with Vendor Fair)

May 2022 Project of the Month – Spring Vendor Fair – Deena Cummings: The return of the Spring Vendor Fair was a smashing success! (Also nominated were The Installation Banquet, Vendor Fair Raffle & Vendor Fair Concessions)

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...

July Birthdays:

Fred Badger
Paul Howard
Jim Philbin
Alicia Bryant
Catherine Schwarting
Sean Bowlen

July Anniversaries:

Paul Lanza	1984
Marc & Sandy Emery	1991
Bob & Sue Gillis	1993
Laureen & Derek House	1997
David Reid	2002
Sophia Manos & Mike Mills	2014
Grayson Franc	2015
Ed Miller	2015
Marc Rivard	2015
Kevin Mack	2017
Kelly Reid	2017
Ed & John Underwood	2019



Congratulations to Meghan Savage, Jaycees' Scholarship Recipient 2018, for her recent graduation from Saint Anselm College! Welcome home from your amazing trip to South America.

Ken Wills, our float chairperson, accepted the award for "Best Illustrates the Theme" from Founder's Day Parade Chairperson Monica Fisler. The Jaycees Float depicted "Together Again" with a great Barbecue theme including members marching in Hot Dog, Hamburger, and Condiment costumes.





Individual Development

Vice President: Sophia Manos

General Membership (GM) Meetings are back in person this month!!

We will be having our first regular in-person GM meeting this month on Wednesday July 13th at 7pm at the South Foxboro Community Center. We may have some "Car Show" themed snacks!

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

On Wednesday, June 8, 2022, author Cassie Selleck joined our Book Club Zoom to discuss her novel "Pecan Man."

Cassie was charming, delightful, and enthusiastic to meet us! She answered all our questions with captivating stories to illustrate the inspiration for things such as character names and why a character's death was part of the story. Additionally, we enjoyed listening to the journey of how she was able to publish her book.

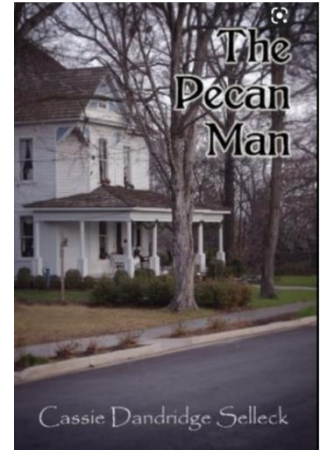
From the website: Cassie's novel is a work of Southern fiction whose first chapter was the First-Place winner of the 2006 CNW/FFWA Florida State Writing Competition in the Unpublished Novel category. In the summer of 1976, recently widowed and



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.

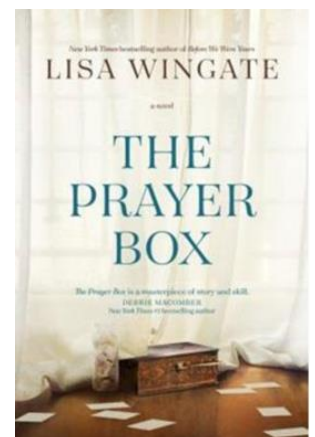
Although we did not officially rate the book during our meeting, we all loved it, and several already read the sequel: "The Truth About Grace." Cassie's novel was a short but well written, thoughtful story with well-developed characters whose relationships touched us and inspired great conversation!

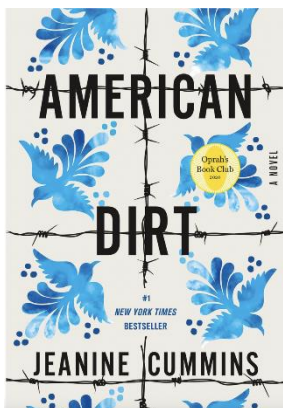


July 2022 Book Selection: "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate.

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.

Upcoming Projects:

Monthly Trivia Night at Conrad's Foxboro – Monday July 18 at 7pm – Chair Needed

Our local neighborhood Trivia DJ, Dan Maloof is back to his weekly questions about music, geography, and film. Now at Conrad's in Foxboro. Being at Conrad's also means you can have some grub before or during the game. Let's see if we can keep streak of Jaycee team podium finishes. We hope you can make it!!!

Jaycees Monthly Night/Day Out! Meet and Greet

Or how about the following Monday July 25th we can zip around Wrentham at Supercharged! <https://superchargede.com/>
Email blast will go out to see about interest. If we fail to get enough folks, we will try again next time.

Scat Night & Clam Bake– (pending) Aug-Sept 2022 – Kenny Wills and Kris Long

We gather, we chat, we chow, we scat!

Thoughts of sea food dancing through our heads.

Rules of Scat can be found here (<https://gamerules.com/rules/scat-card-game/>)

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

Respond to me at id@foxborojaycees.org with your ideas!





Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Upcoming Projects:

Friends of Foxboro Fire Truck Restoration – Kris Long

Kris will continue to work with the Friends of Foxborough Fire to develop some fundraising efforts. We did sponsor their dunk tank during Founders Day this year and were grateful to raise some awareness about their cause as well as additional funding during the day.

National Night Out – Amy LaBrache – August 2nd

Amy will continue working with Foxboro Police to put together a night out full of educational and fun for the evening on the common.

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew/Marc Rivard

Max and Marc have worked hard to get some great shows this year, please think about coming up to enjoy the sounds of summer on our Common. There's always a group of Jaycees there and we'd love to see you!

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.



The Gobshites brought their unique brand of Irish punk to the first show actually held on the common this year

Completed Projects

Founders Day Float – Ken Wills/Marc Rivard

Congratulations Ken, another award winning float this year. Ken took home the award for Best Illustrates the Theme. This year there was a large charcoal grill along with a menu stating Foxboro Jaycees NOW SERVING, Friendships, Togetherness, Teamwork, Town Support.... Special thanks to Max for pulling the float, Alycia Bryant and Marc Rivard for dressing as Ketchup and Mustard, Lisa Dahl for dressing as the cheeseburger, Sophia Manos, Mike Mills, and Alexander for passing out the candy. It was a great day for a parade, and so many folks came to watch!

Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

Lisa was able to present our scholarship to this year's recipient during the Foxboro High Jazz Band concert. This year the concert was held at the High School auditorium due to weather concerns. Thanks Lisa!

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.



Scenes from our concerts:

Above: Lisa Jolicoeur and Marc Rivard present the big check to our Scholarship winner Teddy Jouret at the first concert of the season.

Left: The award winning Foxboro High School Jazz Band moved the first concert in to the school auditorium due to some bad weather for our first show.

Right: Space Captain gave us a fantastic set of classic acoustic rock on a beautiful evening.

Below: First timers to the common – Erin Harpe's Blues Duo gave a great performance of vintage Country and Delta Blues.





Ways and Means

Vice President: Kris Long



Note Cards - Kris Long

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

Car Show - Amy LaBrache

Our inaugural Car show will be held THIS WEEKEND in the Uptown / Common area. Central street will be closed between Wall and South streets, and we will have cars in the lots around Town Hall, Fox Fed, Rally Point and the public lot behind the Central Street Businesses. We need YOU to come out and lend a hand for the event – or just come down to see all the great cars!

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!

Completed Projects

Founders' Day Concessions & Glow Item Sales - Pam Warren & Sophia Manos

Thanks so much to everyone who came out to help on Founder's Day – it was a perfect day for the community to celebrate and our fundraisers were very successful. We sold out of all our sandwiches (We even had to purchase more burgers to avoid running out before noon!) and continued selling snacks and beverages right through the Fireworks. The Glow items were sold during the day as well as through the evening and we sold out of several of the larger items – the few things we have left will be sold during the Concerts on the Common.



Above: The calm before the rush – all set up for Founder's Day Concessions.

Right: Waiting for the evening crowd to gather for Fireworks and Glow item sales





Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Hello Fellow Jaycees!

As I write this, I was thinking about my Jaycee journey and my kids. I was reminiscing about how little Brendan was, and that I was pregnant with Nathan when I joined. I remember after Nathan was born attending our very well attended GMs and him being in the carrier car seat. I remember all of our kids attending a Christmas party, the Halloween party at the haunted house, and the many cook outs they attended. These kids are now 22 and 20. All of their life they have had the privilege of having the example of the Foxboro Jaycees. I like to think that played a role in what amazing men they are today. Then there is Sarah... 11 and ready to conquer the world. Having such enthusiasm for our town and such empathy for others. I too believe the Jaycees played a role in that. I guess what I am trying to say is that I appreciate our chapter and want to thank you all for having such a profound effect on me and my children. Looking forward to the next few months, I really hope that we can get this Junior chapter up and running so that we can continue to enrich, guide, and carry on our tradition of having a positive impact on our youth and community. If you want to help, please send me an email (afoxb1@icloud.com) and let's continue this great work together.

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.

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. We have a list of families and children interested, but need everyone trained. 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.

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. Please email Amy with any questions or new ideas: Afoxb1@icloud.com



You can also join in the discussion anytime with our Facebook “Foxboro Jaycees Chat” – Just ask Secretary Pam 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

Day of registration \$25, cash or venmo

Spectator parking at Schneider Electric - Bird St Entrance

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Come out and Enjoy the day!