

# Wise Fox



**A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE FOXBORO JAYCEES – DECEMBER 2022**



Happy Holidays, Foxboro Jaycees!

The gratitude and spirit of this amazing community continues to overwhelm me as our good work carried over into an incredibly busy couple of weeks. We are so grateful to everyone who made the Turkey for Veterans project a success once again - as you know, this project is near and dear to my heart - and the incredible turnout over the Thanksgiving weekend to set up the Nativity set, decorate the Common, kick off the tree lighting, and greet Santa and Mrs. Claus during the festivities on the

Common is yet another reminder why our community is so special. These traditions we continue to hold dear to preserve the spirit and faith of our children and to find joy in the smallest of moments as a way to overcome obstacles that shape our passion to move forward. The Jaycees spirit lies in the hard work that unites us in bonds of service for others.

Join us, in person, for the GM on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:30pm at the South Foxboro Community Center! We will be holding our annual Yankee Swap and enjoying delicious holiday treats. Most importantly, we miss seeing you and want to share the joy of our community with you!

We will resume our Zoom meetings in January but will treasure this opportunity to celebrate the season of giving and hope with a toast to the holidays in traditional GM fashion: in person with holiday fun and lots of cookies!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

*Deena Cummings*





# *Secretary's Report*

*Pam Warren*

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!" The Holiday season has begun, and our busy project time is in full swing. We have lots of great things planned and are looking forward to seeing people in person again. I am also excited for our December meeting to be in person

with our Yankee Swap and fresh-baked cookies! 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.

**Sunshine** - This month we send Sunshine to Carl Bertolino who had Knee Surgery just before Thanksgiving and to Marc Rivard for the loss of his Aunt. Our thoughts are with you. 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 November 2022 GMM:*

October 2022 Jaycee of the Month - Catharine Schwarting: Our former Rookie of the Year came all the way from her new home in Connecticut to help with the Vendor Fair and spent several hours wrapping food in the Concessions Booth – Thank you so much for all your help! (Also nominated were Bob Webster, Kevin Mack, Ed Miller & Alicia Bryant for their efforts during the Vendor Fair as well)

October 2022 Project of the Month - Vendor Fair Raffle - Alicia Bryant: Alicia did a phenomenal job running this project for the first time. (Also nominated were the Vendor Fair and the Concession Stand – a highly successful day all around).

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...*

### December Birthdays:

<b>Lisa Jolicoeur</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Sarah Bowlen</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Jordan Cummings-Dee</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>

### December Anniversaries:

<b>Max Loew</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Lisa Jolicoeur</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Thomas Sullivan</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Brandon Ryan</b>	<b>2021</b>



Project of the Month chairperson Alicia Bryant (Seen above with her helper Sarah LaBrache) spent the whole day at the Raffle Table. Many of the vendors donated items to help with raising funds for the chapter.



Jaycee of the Month Catherine Schwarting came all the way from Connecticut to help with the Vendor Fair Concessions stand.



# Individual Development

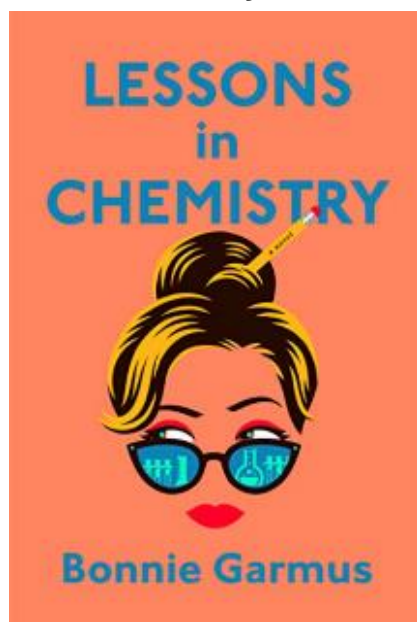
*Vice President: Sophia Manos*

**General Membership (GM) Meeting will be In Person for December**

**Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – 12/1/22, 7pm** This month it is **in Person and on Zoom – The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes**

On Thursday, evening November 3, 2022, Book Club members convened at Lisa's house to discuss "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus and enjoy delicious homemade brownies (thank you, Lisa C.), tea, veggies, cheese, crackers, and fresh fruit.

**Brief Summary:** Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman in the early 1960s; her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results. A few years later Elizabeth finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.



**Book Club members loved this book!** We enjoyed discussing the characters, including Elizabeth, Calvin, "Mad," Harriet, Walter, and our favorite: "Six-Thirty." We read some

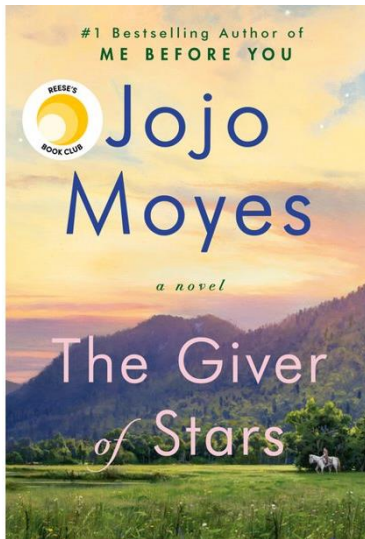
of Elizabeth's blunt responses; she faced some challenges trying to pave her way in a man's world in science, but her refreshing attitude and resilience, her relationships with Calvin, Mad, and Six-Thirty, and her resourcefulness with her research made the book a joy to read. We loved the ending and all gave this book 1's based on the following rating scale: 1 being "drop everything, turn off the phone, and read; " 2 being "good but leave the phone on"; 3 being "glad I bought it and read it but...."; 4 being "wish I had not bought it and would not recommend it to others"; and 5 being "wish I had not read it - waste of hours of my life."

Lisa C. presented on several potential book choices for January. Thank you, Lisa!

Agenda for December includes presentations for February Book Choice. Lisa J. will host, but Zoom will be available as well!



## December Book Club Choice: **Giver of the Stars** by Jojo Moyes: a breathtaking story

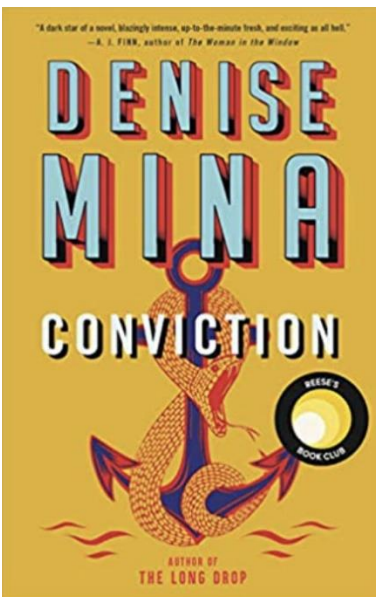


of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond in Depression-era America. Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve, hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically.

The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky. What

happens to them - and to the men they love - becomes an unforgettable drama of loyalty, justice, humanity, and passion. These heroic women refuse to be cowed by men or by convention. And though they face all kinds of dangers in a landscape that is at times breathtakingly beautiful, at others brutal, they're committed to their job: bringing books to

people who have never had any, arming them with facts that will change their lives. Based on a true story rooted in America's past, *The Giver of Stars* is unparalleled in its scope and epic in its storytelling.



## January Book Choice: **Conviction** by Denise Mina. (a thriller)

**Summary:** It's just a normal morning when Anna's husband announces that he's leaving her for her best friend and taking their two daughters with him. With her safe, comfortable world shattered, Anna distracts herself with someone else's story: a true-crime podcast. That is until she recognizes the name of one of the victims and becomes convinced that only she knows what really happened. With nothing left to lose, she throws herself into investigating the case. But little does she know, Anna's past and

present lives are about to collide, sending everything she has worked so hard to achieve into freefall.

## *Upcoming Projects: Mark your calendars!*

**December GM and Yankee Swap – December 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm – South Foxboro Community Center.**

**Annual Holiday Yankee swap as part of December GM.** For those who partake, it will be a \$25 *maximum* on the mystery gifts. There is no obligation to participate in the swap if you come to the GM in person. You can enjoy treats and company either way!

## **Progressive Party – Tentatively evening of December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Volunteers to make Apps and Desserts needed!**

Last one was 2019. We would like to bring it back. **Please let us know ASAP**

Stealing the perfect description from the 2017 party: For those of you who have never attended, the progressive party serves as our chapter holiday party. It is a fun and relaxing social event. In true Jaycee spirit, everyone who attends this event plays a role in making it successful, and it's a wonderful night out!

Here is how it works...you agree to fill one role for the night. The following is more information regarding each role:

- **Appetizer Cook** – Make an appetizer to share at your assigned host house
- **Appetizer House** - Plan to open your home to host an appetizer. Plan to have enough soda, beer, wine and/or punch to serve 10 people. – **Tentatively Kris Long's home**
- **Dessert Cooks** – Bring something sweet for dessert.
- **Dessert House** – The destination for all to gather for sweets.

If you are interested in any of these positions, **please let me know as soon as possible.**

## **Jaycees Monthly Night/Day Out.**

### **Meet and Greet – Chair Needed for 2023**

Members – pick and vote for an event and we will do it!

**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 ideas!

**Please see the calendar on the last page for December Events**





## *Development*

*Vice President: Lynda Walsh*

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving, and all have your holiday hats on.... more fun to come this month!

### *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.

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

We're hoping to work together with WIN to have some type of a fun day for all. If you're interested in working to plan out this event, let me know.

#### **Town Holiday Banners – Monica Rigamonti**

The banners were dropped off to the Highway Department, still waiting for them to be placed.

#### **Fruit Baskets – Sophia Manos – Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>**



We will be gathering at St Mark's Church to assemble nearly 200 baskets be delivered to folks participating in the towns Discretionary Fund Christmas deliveries. Set up will start at 5 pm with assembly scheduled from 6 to 8 (it usually finished much faster – especially if we have lots of help) Sophia will be in touch with our friends from Partners Health and will need additional hands to make up the fruit baskets. Always a good feeling to do for others in need.

#### **Caroling on the Common – Lynda Walsh – Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Foxborough High Holiday Jazz Band will direct us in Carols on the Common starting at 6 pm. We'll have hot cocoa available as well as song books to sing along. I may need some help setting up, if you have time, please reach out to me. This has been a long tradition and folks always come out for this one!

#### **Support a Child/Senior for the Holiday – Lindsay Hobart**

Lindsay will get a child's name from Foxboro Discretion and shop for their wish list. She will try to find a senior who could use a little holiday cheer too.



## **Holiday Light Contest – Pam Warren**

Pam will be putting together the contest publicity and we'll need your help in judging. If you're interested in taking the ride around town to visit the contestants give Pam a call. If you would like to enter your home or nominate someone in town, the categories are:

1. "Bing Crosby" Award: Most traditional / Classic – Old Fashioned Nostalgia
  2. "Martha Stewart" Award: Elegant – Low-key – Not overdone, not simple, just enough, very tasteful
  3. "Over the Rainbow" Award – Must use ALL colors of the rainbow to be considered: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple
  4. "Toy Land" award: Use of animatronics, air-inflated decorations, things that move, etc.
  5. "The WOW Factor" Award: Most Creative / Original – this can be anything, something different, something special, something unique, something we haven't seen before, or just a great idea.
  6. "Miracle on 34th Street" Award – Best Decorated Business
  7. "Clark Griswold" Award: Over-The-Top (Most likely to be seen from space) / "Friend of the Electric Company"
  8. The People's Choice – this is the display the public votes for by sending an email to [deco@foxborojaycees.org](mailto:deco@foxborojaycees.org)
- We will post the nominees on our website and Facebook Page for the public to vote. We will not be offering "prizes" this year, but winners will get a nice thank-you and certificate.

## **Common Decoration – Ken Wills/Marc Rivard – Take Down January 7<sup>th</sup>**



Last month I asked for all hands on deck to help decorate the common. Each year it seems to be the same folks, only a handful of us Jaycees. I ask you that you plan to come up for take down and give us a hand. I understand that we're all busy with different schedules, but if we don't get more than five Jaycees and their children to help, we're not going to be able to continue this tradition.

## **Nativity Scene Set Up and Take Down – Ken Wills/Marc Rivard – Take Down January 7<sup>th</sup>**

Huge thank you to our friends at the Knights of Columbus for getting our set to the common safely. And getting it all in position. We'll be taking it down on January 7<sup>th</sup> with hope we can get our friends to help us.

## **NY Eve Kid's Party – Lindsay Hobart & Amy LaBrache – December 31<sup>st</sup> Location TBD 4-6pm**

Amy and Lindsay are working on putting together a few activities to have a New Year's Eve Party for the children in town. This is a wonderful way for kids to get into the fun of New Year's Eve celebration. I'm sure they'll need some help so stay tuned.

So, how can you help spread a little Christmas Cheer... Plan on attending any of these projects, Step up to chair one that has no chairperson. Call any one of the Chairs and ask how you can help. Be on the common on January 7th to help take down our decorations.



## *Completed Projects:*

### **Thank-you Turkeys for Vets – Lynda Walsh - November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Once again, we were able to deliver to 131 Veterans this year. Thank you all who came out to take part in this event. Jim DeVellis and I have been running this program for the past 10 years and were excited to give each veteran a \$100 gift card from Stop and Shop. We had a supporter who really stepped up this year in order for us to celebrate the 10th year.



### **Light up the Town – Kris Long – November 26<sup>th</sup>**



Kris and Ed got Santa and the Mrs. to Barrows Insurance to meet with the children and get their photos taken. Once they were done there, Foxboro Fire picked them up and drove them up to the common to kick off the Light UpTown event.

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*



Happy December!!

We hope to see many faces at the In-person GM this month! And if you'd like to bring a gift for the Yankee swap, it's always fun to see who gets the hottest gift!! I'm also looking to see if we can gather for a Progressive Dinner. It's always so nice to dress up, eat good food and catch up with old and new friends, please feel free to email me, [Krisma3535@gmail.com](mailto:Krisma3535@gmail.com) if you're interested!

The holidays can be Great but can also be very stressful. We know that many are experiencing hardships, please know that we The Jaycees are here, and our friendships matter.

Hope to see you soon and have a Happy and safe Holiday Season.

If you have an idea to raise some money for the chapter, no idea is too big (haha) or too small, please share your ideas, and get involved!!

## **Note Cards - Kris Long**

We still have some of our current note cards that could make great Thank you cards!!

Calling all amateur photographers, we are looking to produce a new set of Notecards, we are looking for Fall landscapes as well as Winter wonderland! Your photos will be voted on and if selected will be used for our next set of Foxboro Note Cards! As a thank you to those who are selected you will receive a package of the newest note cards! Spread the word, all photos can be emailed to [Krisma3535@gmail.com](mailto:Krisma3535@gmail.com).

## **2023 Car Shows – Amy LaBrache**

Due to many people reaching out to see if we were planning a second car show this fall, we will hopefully be having 2 shows next year since there was a high demand for us to have another one. If you are interested in joining the committee, please drop Amy a line at [afoxb1@icloud.com](mailto:afoxb1@icloud.com), or call/ text her cell at 508-369-0039. The goal is to have an initial meeting sometime early in December. There is much to do, so anyone is welcome!!!!!!



# Membership

*Vice President: Amy LaBrache*

Hello Fellow Jaycees!

What a wonderful start to the holiday season! It started on Saturday morning stringing lights and that evening Mr. and Mrs. Claus came to celebrate with all the children. Thank you to those who came out to help! It is greatly appreciated! There are many more events coming up that you can participate in. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact the project chairperson or myself! There are many to choose from, so give what you can give for time. Anything would be appreciated.

Membership has been quiet and hoping that it will start picking up in the next couple months with Junior Jaycees starting after the New Year. If you can, please share with a friend some of the great things our organization does! Please also join us at the next general membership meeting on December 14th at the S. Foxboro Community Center. There will be some sweet treats as well as a Yankee swap! We look forward to meeting in person!

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

In Jaycee Spirit,

Amy

## **Junior Jaycees:**

We are so close! CORI's are being submitted and drafts for permissions slips are starting to be made! This is a very exciting adventure, and I will be looking for help to mentor this group of kiddos! Please let me know if you are interested!

## **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 at <http://www.foxborojaycees.org>.

### Jaycee Photographs:

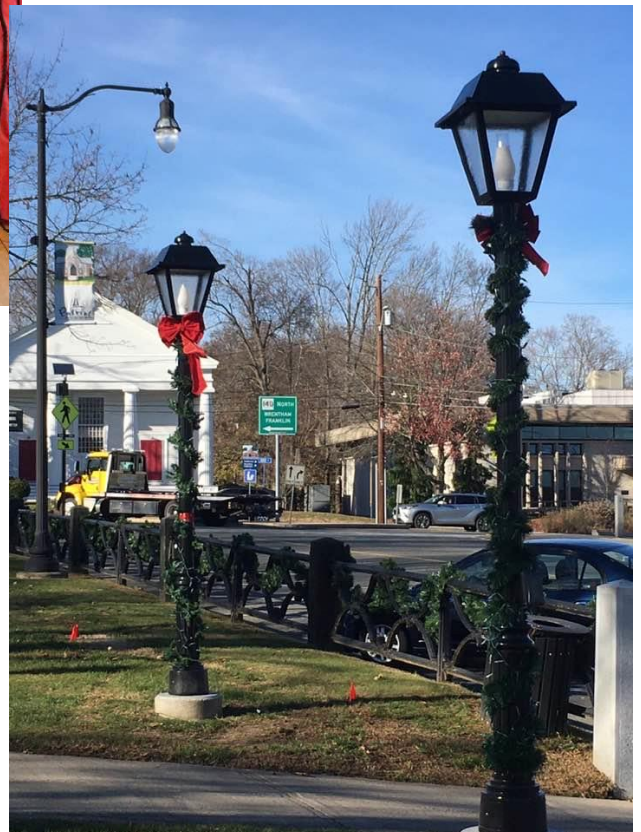
If you have any pictures of Jaycees or Jaycee events and would like to share them on the website or social media, please forward them to Bob. He will ensure that they are included appropriately. You do not need to be on the board to contribute to the website, our social media, or the Wise Fox. If you have something to share, please send to Bob, Marc, Pam, or myself.

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Commemorative bags given to the Vets with a Stop & Shop gift card, Squash and Whoopie pies for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Thank A Vet event.

New white lights adorned the lamp posts with Garland and Bows as we decorated the common for the holidays.



## December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Book Club – 7pm “The Giver of Stars” by Jojo Moyes	2	3
4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 GM at SFCC 7:30 PM – Yankee Swap	15	16	17 Progressive Party
18	19 Hanukkah Begins 	20 Fruit Baskets – 6PM @ St Mark’s	21	22 Caroling on the Common – 6 PM	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day Kwanzaa	27	28 Board meeting on Zoom	29	30	31 New Year’s Eve Kid’s Party

## January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year’s Day	2	3	4	5 Book Club – “Conviction” by Denise Mina	6	7 Common Deco / Nativity Take Down
8	9	10	11 GM on Zoom 7:30 PM	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Board meeting on Zoom	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4