

Wise Fox



A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - March 2023



The last few days of what has been a gentle February leading into March reminds us just how elusive spring can be in New England. As we anticipate unpredictable weather this week, however, Mother Nature reminds us to be patient, for we know it's coming!

While waiting for spring activities, the Jaycees were busy bees during February! Organizing the new Board is underway; Installation Banquet has been confirmed for

the end of April; dates were confirmed for concerts, Vendor Fair, and Easter Egg Hunt; Scholarship information has been distributed to local schools; Car Show date has been established; and communication with new members and business supporters continues!

What are some of the things you have done to fill your winter months? Are you as eager as I am to get out and share in supporting some traditional projects? April 1st is the Easter Egg Hunt, so we would love to see you! This lovely project marks the beginning of spring (we hope!) and demands lots of bodies! It also fills the air with laughter and delight as the 6 ft. 4 inch. Easter Bunny poses for photos with kids and pets! I do hope to see you there! Spring 2023 is almost upon us, and we hope to see our Jaycee friends (and their faces!!) Join us! We would love to hear from you!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Deena Cummings





Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

Happy March. This is officially the start of Meteorological Spring, even though Mother Nature seems to have other plans. The days will start to get longer and our chapter will start to get busy again. It's time to start organizing our Spring and Summer projects (we are always looking for new chairpersons or co-chairs to learn how to run the bigger events) and we need new people to serve on the Board for our next year. If you are interested in learning about what a VP or Director does on the board, contact any of the current position holders or me and we would be happy to help you. With so many things to look forward to, we hope to see some people stepping forward to run projects and help direct the Chapter. 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 the Feb 23 GMAA:

January 2023 Jaycee: Kevin Mack – Kevin has been very helpful through the winter months, including showing up at the last minute for Fruit Baskets when he learned we were short-handed and doing a Fantastic job with wrapping. (Also nominated was Ken Wills for being the best Inventory Coordinator Ever)

January 2023 Project: Nativity & Common Decoration Takedown, Ken Wills & Marc Rivard – Efficiently done. The small group we had took an Hour and a half to take down all the decorations that took more than 6 hours to put up. And as always, we could not have done it without the help of the Knights of Columbus. (Also Nominated: Book Club)

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

Something worth Celebrating...

March Birthdays:

Max Loew	2nd
LaNecia Wood	3rd
Cindy McCann	10th
Patricia Kelley	15th
Tom Whiffen	17th
Jeanne Suttie Christian	21st
Dan Creavin	31st
Ed Groh	
David Fisler	

March Anniversaries:

William Byrnes	1979
Cheryl Cushman	1992
David Fisler	1998
Patricia Kelley	2014
Amy LaBrache	2019
Kris Long	2019

Be sure to let us know if we don't have your birthdate (Month & Day) so we can recognize you here!



Left: January Jaycee of the Month Kevin Mack wrapping up a Fruit Basket – He has been a big help with many projects.

Below: Members of the Knights of Columbus helped a lot with our January project of the months by taking charge of moving the nativity set safely from the common to the storage shed.

Thanks to project chairs Marc and Kenny for organizing the efficient takedown of our portion of the decorations.





Individual Development

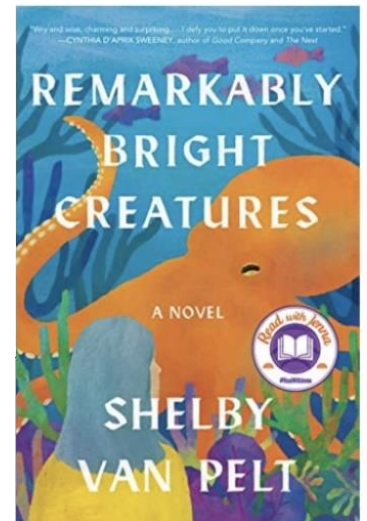
Vice President: Sophia Manos

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – 3/2/2023 At Sandy Daniels' Home and on Zoom - 7pm - "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger

Book Club members convened on February 2, 2023 at Lisa's and on Zoom to discuss debut novel "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by

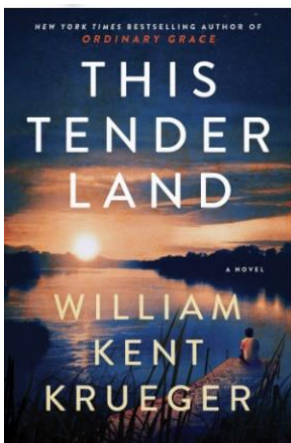
Shelby Van Pelt. Set in Sowell Bay, a fictional small town in northern Washington State, the novel follows Tova, an elderly widow who works nights cleaning the town's aquarium, not because she needs to, but to avoid loneliness that has settled around her since her husband died a year ago. The disappearance of her son 30 years ago still haunts her in this small community where memories surface constantly. Erik was 18 when he went sailing at night and never returned. The boat was found, but not his body.

Part of Tova's routine is to greet each of the sea creatures when she arrives, including Marcellus, the giant Pacific octopus who is the aquarium's main attraction. These greetings are old-school etiquette, but with Marcellus it's more. Tova often talks with him, especially as she cleans the glass of his tank. And sometimes, she thinks he's responding. We readers know he is because he narrates the first chapter of Remarkably Bright Creatures. What an ingenious, observant, and cranky marvel he is. He knows Tova's story; he knows of her son and wants to help her find resolution to her pain.



Book Club members loved this book and enjoyed how the writer crafted interesting characters whose lives crossed paths and made for a delightful story.

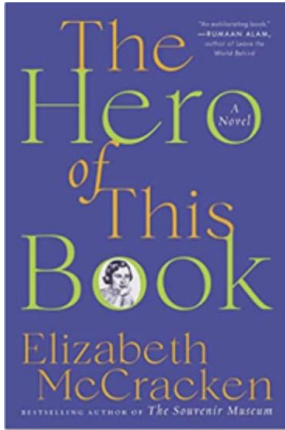
The book earned all 1's on our new rating scale, which is as follows: 1 being "drop everything, turn off the phone, and read; no one should bother me until I am done; I might even be late for work; " 2 being "good, leave the phone on, recommend to my friends, not good enough to earn a 1 for a potential flaw, but worth reading"; 3 being "glad I bought it and read it, will talk to my book friends about it, but I am not recommending it to all my friends; 4 being "I regret paying money for the book, but it's tolerable if I didn't pay hard earned money for it"; and 5 being "I wish I had not read it and wasted precious hours of my life."



March Book Choice: "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger: Set in 1932, Minnesota—the Lincoln School is a pitiless place where hundreds of Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to an orphan named Odie O'Banion, a lively boy whose exploits earn him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee, he and his brother Albert, their best friend Mose, and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own. Over the course of one unforgettable summer, these four orphans will journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and

traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.

April Book Choice: “The Hero of This Book” by Elizabeth McCracken: Ten months after her mother’s



death, the narrator of *The Hero of This Book* takes a trip to London. The city was a favorite of her mother’s, and as the narrator wanders the streets, she finds herself reflecting on her mother’s life and their relationship. Thoughts of the past meld with questions of the future: Back in New England, the family home is now up for sale, its considerable contents already winnowed.

The woman, a writer, recalls all that made her complicated mother extraordinary—her brilliant wit, her generosity, her unbelievable obstinacy, her sheer will in seizing life despite physical difficulties—and finds herself wondering how her mother had endured. Even though she wants to respect her mother’s nearly pathological sense of privacy, the woman must come to terms with

whether making a chronicle of this remarkable life constitutes an act of love or betrayal.

The Hero of This Book is a searing examination of grief and renewal, and of a deeply felt relationship between a child and her parents. What begins as a question of filial devotion ultimately becomes a lesson in what it means to write. At once comic and heartbreaking, with prose that delights at every turn, this is a novel of such piercing love and tenderness that we are reminded that art is what remains when all else falls away.

Completed Projects:

Providence Bruins Game – Pam Warren – 2/26/2023 3pm

A fun group came out to watch Baby Bruins action against the Rochester Americans. Sadly, the Bruins lost, but If we learned anything from “Cocaine Bear” it is bears can easily rip apart the average American. 😊 There were a couple good fights in the mix. Go B’s!



Back Row: Mike Hayes, Marian McCabe, Marc Rivard, Alicia Bryant and Lynn Bryant. Front Row: Alexander Mills, Sophia Manos, Nicole Belair and Pam Warren. We all got free Hats as part of the group package.



Trivia at Conrad's – Amy LaBrache – 2/6/2023 6-8pm

A group of us gathered for Dinner and Team Trivia at Conrad's in Foxboro. Dan Maloof hosted and was happy to see us back – sadly we didn't win, but everyone had fun. If you are interested in Chairing a future team outing, let Sophia know.



The Trivia Crew – Left photo: Pam Warren, John Callahan, Mike Mills, Marc Rivard and Alicia Bryant.

Right Photo: Sarah LaBrache, Sophia Manos, Amy LaBrache, Mike Savage and Helene Savage.

We didn't win, but we all had fun and a good meal.

Upcoming Projects:

Installation Dinner – Marian McCabe – 4/29/2023 ~6pm

Save the date! Dinner, Year-end Awards and new board installation at Conrad's in Foxboro.

Marian has a great menu planned and we will be celebrating all that we did this year.

If you are interested in being on the board and helping decide the direction of the chapter, please let Deena know!! She is willing to hang-on one last year in 2023 as president. Roles are open for this position of Individual Development, along with Community Development, Ways and Means, Membership or Director! If you have the ideas and means to get the butts in seats, then please help out on the board.

Jaycees Quarterly Outings

Chairs Needed for 2023

We are all busy, lots to the daily grind. Wouldn't be nice to get away and go "where everybody knows your name", well, your fellow Jaycees will know your name. 😊

Let's make 2023 a year to return a little bit more fun!

Respond to me at id@foxborojaycees.org if you are interested in chairing one of these or introduce your own great idea!

Trivia – See above. Each Monday there is trivia at Conrad's in Foxboro

Music bingo - *Music bingo is a fun and exciting take on the classic game of bingo. With songs replacing the numbers on a bingo card. After receiving a card, the host will play music, and if you have that song listed on your card, you tick it off. (Google)*

Music Bingo is offered at Box Seats in Attleboro, Franklin and other locations.

Corn-hole - Some fun facts, it is also known as *Baggo, bean bag toss, dummy boards, doghouse, dadhole, sacks, beans, beanbag and ramps, (Wikipedia)*

Available at Squadron 21'ers in Foxboro

Axe throwing – This is self-explanatory, but - **axe throwing** involves a competitor throwing an axe at a target, attempting to hit the bullseye as near as possible. (Google)

Nearby is Axe Bar in Lincoln, RI

Mini golf – A good one for late Spring or Summer! Last time in 2021, we had a great time at Easton's Golf country.

Cooking class – Know a chef from one of the local new restaurants? Are you a good chef? Have a specialty recipe you want to teach others to do? Then cooking lessons can happen at a host home or in the kitchen of the South Foxboro Community Center.



Keep your eyes peeled here and for emails about upcoming events when available. Respond to me at id@foxborojaycees.org with your ideas!

Please see the calendar on the last page for March / April Events

We had great seats for the Bruins Hockey Game. One of the Early fights broke out next to the Net and right in front of us.



community

Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Now that the Christmas items have all been packed away safely for another year, it's time to get ready for the Easter Bunny and look forward to Founders Day!

Upcoming Projects:

Sand/Salt for Seniors – Sophia Manos and Mike Mills

We've been pretty lucky so far this winter, but Sophia and Mike will continue to deliver a bucket of salt/sand to any seniors this season.

Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

Lisa is putting together packages/applications for local folks to apply for our scholarship. She has sent notices to the local Guidance counsellors as well. Be sure to tell anyone looking for assistance to submit an application.

Easter Egg Hunt – Amy LaBrache – April 1st

Amy has received permission to use the common to set up our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We'll need help stuffing the eggs and manpower for the day of. Please keep watch for special email blast that will be asking for help in the stuffing and placing of the eggs. Thank you, Amy, for taking this on.

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



Hope everyone is enjoying this crazy but normal New England weather!! We are always looking for help as well as new Ideas to raise money for all the incredible projects done throughout the year. If you have an idea, give me a call let's discuss!!

Stay warm ... or Cool ya just never know.

Kris

Note Cards - (Photo requests) – Kris Long

Starting in May The Jaycees will be accepting new photos for Note cards, to be used as an ongoing fundraiser at various events. Photos are to be of a location in Foxboro, we would like Current photos, and not just of the common. They may not include people.

Please email photos to Krisma3535@gmail.com .

Spring Vendor Fair – May 20 (Rain Date 21st) – Deena Cummings

May20th is right around the corner, and per usual Deena and her committee have been working hard to get some wonderful vendors!!!

Vendor Fair Concessions – Pam Warren

Pam will need assistance flipping burgers and serving snacks. Please reach out and let her know your availability for that day!!

Vendor Fair Raffle – Chair Needed

If you're looking for an EASY PEASEY project this is the one you just have to stand behind a table and sell tickets!! The Prizes are donated by the Vendors.

2023 Car Show – June 25 – Amy LaBrache

Save the Date! Looking forward to a great event that raises some money for our projects that we do around our community. More info to come.

Last year's Best In Show Winner >>





Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Greetings Friends,

The winter months are pretty slow when it comes to membership. I do not know about you, but I am looking forward to the nicer weather so that we are out doing membership tables, participating in Founders Day, Concerts on the Common, Craft / Vendor Fair and the Easter egg hunt... Just to name a few projects. It is also a great time to check out this issue to find projects that you might be able to help with. Give what you can!

I look forward to seeing you all at the next Zoom Membership meeting. If you have any suggestions or need anything, please reach out.

Best,

Amy

Junior Jaycees:

We are working towards launching this very soon. If you are interested in helping, please let me know as I will have to run a CORI and have you take Darkness to light. But this a huge opportunity to revive our membership!

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 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




Lots of great events are coming up – these pictures are from last year...

Top Left: Amy LaBrache and Lisa Jolicoeur in the Membership Booth at Spring Vendor Fair


Top Right: Concessions pricing at Founder's Day

Bottom Left: Year-end Awards

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2 Book Club – 7pm “This Tender Land” William Kent Krueger	3	4
5	6	7	8 <i>GM on Zoom 7:30 PM</i>	9	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14	15	16	17 St Patrick’s Day 	18
19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22 Board meeting on Zoom	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM on Common

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5	6 Book Club – 7pm “The Hero of This Book” by Elizabeth McCracken Passover Begins	7	8
9 Easter Sunday 	10	11	12 <i>GM at SFCC Elections 7:30 PM</i>	13	14	15
16	17 Patriots Day / Marathon Monday	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23	24	25	26 Board meeting on Zoom	27	28	29 Installation Banquet 6pm at Conrad’s
30	1	2	3	4	5	6