

# Wise Fox



## A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees – April 2023



My Fellow Jaycees,

Jaycee Board work in March is both exciting and daunting: reflecting on the past year with eye to the upcoming events for planning.

Planning for the Installation Banquet starts with reflection: the amazing contributions of our members, our business sponsors, and our projects. The past year began last April with the projects we are planning and

putting into action this month: Easter Egg Stuffing and the hunt, Vendor Fair, Founder's Day Float, Founder's Day Concessions, Concerts on the Common, and a car show in July! Making the budget, soliciting volunteers, and updating our inventory are the rites of spring for our Jaycee Family, and I hope you too have a calendar full of joyful events eagerly awaiting your presence!

We are so excited to prepare presentations for our Installation Banquet at Conrad's at the end of the month. Please say you can come! Celebrate our great year and toast the new Board and another year of great events. We are excited for the venue, have some fun things planned, and are excited to see you!

The new board will be established at our next meeting. I am honored and humbled to be your president once again and deeply grateful to the current and new board members who continue to make the position so rewarding. I continue to learn something new each year and hope that I too can enrich your experiences on the board or through project involvement as well.

So, my Jaycee Friends - I look forward to opportunities to connect in person! Project chairmen hope to hear from you.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

*Deena Cummings*



# Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

April is Here, Spring has Sprung, Easter and Passover are Coming fast. Our April meeting will be in-person at the SFCC and we will be electing a new board – Anyone can “Run From the Floor” if you would like to help shape the direction of the Chapter for the next year. We have lots of big events coming up and welcome input and new ideas from everyone. 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.

**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](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 the March GMM:

There were no Awards given in March, February was a quiet Month.

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

## Something worth Celebrating...

### April Birthdays:

Katharine Lee	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ed Underwood	4 <sup>th</sup>
Ali Lindquist	5 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Webster	12 <sup>th</sup>
Laureen House	18 <sup>th</sup>
Cheryl Cushman	

### April Anniversaries:

Robert Cole	1975
Jim Evans	1984
Dave Brown	1985
Ellen Dean	1985
John Zarrella	1987
Sandy Daniels	1988
Kathy Brady	2000
Mellyssa Coutinho	2013
Stephanie O'Neill	2014
Jennifer D'Amato	2019
Katharine Lee	2019

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

It's Election time! We will be voting on our new board at the April meeting...

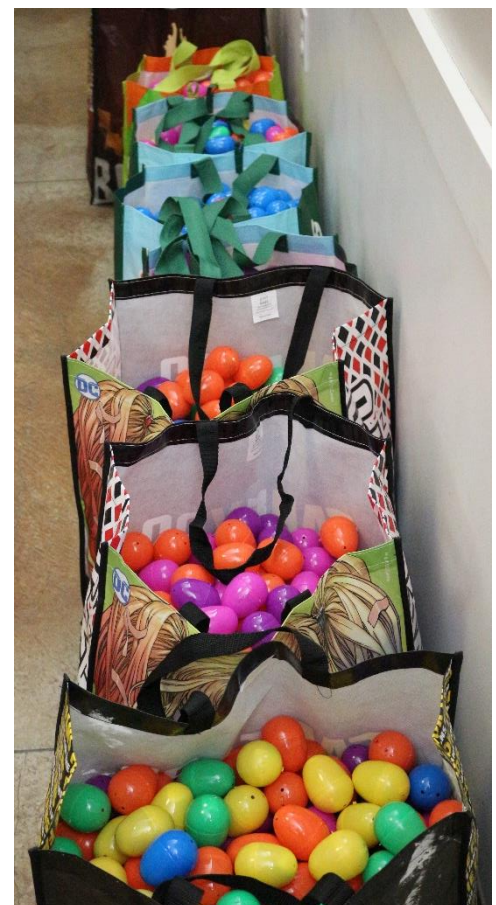
The following individuals have volunteered to be on the board, but we can take nominations "From the floor" for any position if a regular member would like to step forward...

President	Deena Cummings
Individual Development VP	Marc Rivard (Appointed)
Community Development VP	Amy LaBrache (Appointed)
Ways & Means VP	Sophia Manos (Appointed)
Membership VP	(Vacant)
Treasurer	Lisa Jolicoeur (Appointed)
Secretary / Wise Fox Editor	Pam Warren (Appointed)
Director at Large	Lynda Walsh (Appointed)
Membership Director	Jordan Cummings



We had a great group of helpers with the Easter Egg Stuffing – including Kathy Brady, Sandy Daniels and Monica Fisler, along with National Honor Society student Mitchell Sham.... (pictured above)

Right: Just some of the nearly 3600 eggs we stuffed with candy.







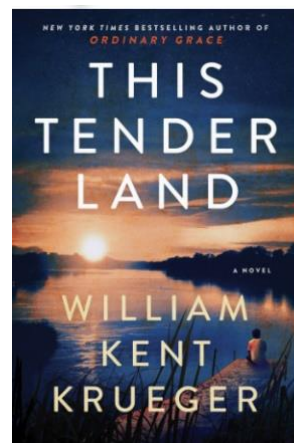
# Individual Development

Vice President: Sophia Manos

**Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – 3/2/2023 At Lisa Jolicoeur's Home and on Zoom - 7pm - The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley**

On Thursday, March 2, 2023, Book Club members convened at the home of Sandy to enjoy a delicious carrot cake, criss-cross buns, munchies, and tea in front a delightful fire to discuss William Kent Krueger's "This Tender Land," which we enjoyed discussing.

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.

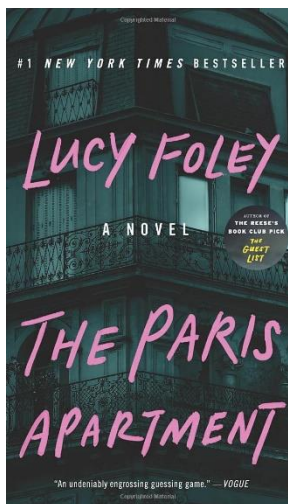


Several book club members found the book surprisingly delightful and enjoyed discussing the characters, their journeys, Odie's storytelling, the significance of Odie's full name - Odysseus - Native Indian boarding school history. The ending gave us a great deal to discuss.

Also, there is a reference to the Jaycees! The main character recounts a fond memory of fireworks hosted by the Jaycees!!

**The book earned all 1.5's and 2.0'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."

**\*\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*\* April Book Choice: The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley. at Lisa's House**



**From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Guest List* comes a new locked room mystery, set in a Paris apartment building in which every resident has something to hide...**

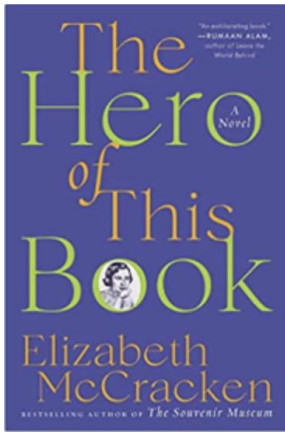
Jess needs a fresh start. She's broke and alone, and she's just left her job under less-than-ideal circumstances. Her half-brother Ben didn't sound thrilled when she asked if she could crash with him for a bit, but he didn't say no, and surely everything will look better from Paris. Only when she shows up – to find a very nice apartment, could Ben really have afforded this? – he's not there.

The longer Ben stays missing, the more Jess starts to dig into her brother's situation, and the more questions she has. Ben's neighbors are an eclectic bunch, and not particularly friendly. Jess may have come to Paris to escape her past, but it's starting to look like it's Ben's future that's in question.

The socialite – The nice guy – The alcoholic – The girl on the verge – The concierge

Everyone's a neighbor. Everyone's a suspect. And everyone knows something they're not telling.

**May 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.

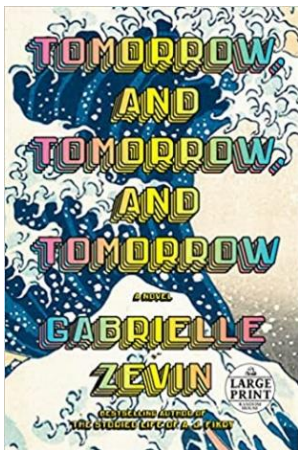
**June Book Choice: *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams (currently 8 weeks at the library):** Widower

Mukesh lives a quiet life in Wembley, in West London after losing his beloved wife. He shops every Wednesday, goes to Temple, and worries about his granddaughter, Priya, who hides in her room reading while he spends his evenings watching nature documentaries. Aleisha is a bright but anxious teenager working at the local library for the summer when she discovers a crumpled-up piece of paper in the back of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. It’s a list of novels that she’s never heard of before. Intrigued, and a little bored with her slow job at the checkout desk, she impulsively decides to read every book on the list, one after the other. As each story gives up its magic, the books transport Aleisha from the painful realities she’s facing at home.



When Mukesh arrives at the library, desperate to forge a connection with his bookworm granddaughter, Aleisha passes along the reading list...hoping that it will be a lifeline for him too. Slowly, the shared books create a connection between two lonely souls, as fiction helps them escape their grief and everyday troubles and find joy again.

**July Book Choice: *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin**



From the best-selling author of *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry*: On a bitter-cold day, in the December of his junior year at Harvard, Sam Masur exits a subway car and sees, amid the hordes of people waiting on the platform, Sadie Green. He calls her name. For a moment, she pretends she hasn’t heard him, but then, she turns, and a game begins: a legendary collaboration that will launch them to stardom.

These friends, intimates since childhood, borrow money, beg favors, and, before even graduating college, they have created their first blockbuster, Ichigo. Overnight, the world is theirs. Not even twenty-five years old, Sam and Sadie are brilliant, successful, and rich, but these qualities won’t protect them from their own creative ambitions or the betrayals of their hearts.

Spanning thirty years, from Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Venice Beach, California, and lands in between and far beyond, Gabrielle Zevin’s *“Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow”* examines the multifarious nature of identity, disability, failure, the redemptive possibilities in play, and above all, our need to connect: to be loved and to love.

# 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Installation Banquet

SATURDAY APRIL 29

6 PM

Conrad's Restaurant  
121 Main Street, Foxboro  
\$35 Per Person

Please R.S.V.P. by 4/14 to  
Project Chairperson, Marian McCabe  
[marianmccabe6819@gmail.com](mailto:marianmccabe6819@gmail.com) or 781-664-3834

## Upcoming Projects:

**Installation Dinner – Marian McCabe – 4/29/2023 ~6pm**  
Dinner, Year-end Awards and new board installation at Conrad's in Foxboro.

This is the one major ID event for the end of April. The next board will be sworn in to help Deena as she enters her final presidential year. Please join us for some food and fond review of 2022.

You should have received an invitation in the Mail. Please RSVP to Marian by 4/14. You can text her at 781-664-3834 or email her [marianmccabe6819@gmail.com](mailto:marianmccabe6819@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:id@foxborojaycees.org) if you are interested in chairing one of these or introduce your own great idea!

**Trivia** – Each Monday, Dan Maloof hosts team 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 (Could also be a fun backyard party this summer)

**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](mailto:id@foxborojaycees.org) with your ideas!

**Please see the calendar on the last page for  
April / May Events**





# community Development

**Vice President: Lynda Walsh**

## **Sand/Salt for Seniors – Sophia Manos and Mike Mills**

Hoping we've seen the last of winter and snow. Thank you, Mike and Sophia, for keeping our seniors safe this season.

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

Our scholarship is out, inviting folks to apply. Be sure to tell anyone looking for assistance to submit an application.

## **Easter Egg Hunt – Amy LaBrache – April 1st**

By the time you read this, EB will have already been to our common and wished all the kids Happy Easter. Amy and crew stuffed eggs on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> in prep for them to be spread on the common for the hunt. Due to the rainy weather on the 1<sup>st</sup>, we postponed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the crowds came out to participate. Thank you, Amy, for taking this on, special thanks to EB, **Devlyn House!**

## **Candidates Night – Sophia Manos – April 12th**

Sophia and the team from FCA will invite all upcoming candidates to answer questions from a member of the press about their respective positions on town boards. There are no contested races this year, but it gives folks an opportunity to get to know the candidates better. Currently, we believe this will be via zoom instead of in person.

## **Founder's Day Float – Chairman Needed**

Founders Day will be here before you know it, June 10<sup>th</sup>. We'd like to be represented in the parade before we all go to the field to make our money for the day. You can make it whatever you wish, if it's just a bunch of us walking the route and passing out candy, or we create a float, we should be represent proudly. If you're interested, reach out to me.

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**



As I close my time as Ways and Means VP, it makes me sad. Over the past few years I have worked closely with these Board members, working hard to keep this chapter alive. This team shows up for projects, runs projects and supports one another behind the scenes. Times have changed since I joined many years ago and was on the board.

Thank you again Deena, Pam, Lynda, Amy, Lisa, Marc & Sophia for a fun ride !!

Kris

#### **Note Cards - (Photo requests) – Kris Long**

We are accepting Photos from around our town, to be used for new Note Cards! Please email me your images, and we will let you know if we'd like to use them. This will also be shared locally for locals to submit their photos. 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](mailto:Krisma3535@gmail.com) .

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

Just a little over a month away and the Committee has reported many fantastic vendors, we will need some day of set up and break down manpower . If you have time please reach out to Deena for more details.

#### **Vendor Fair Concessions – Pam Warren**

As always chef Pam will have a great spread of food for this great event. We need cooks and servers! Please reach out to Pam if you can help!!

#### **Vendor Fair Raffle – Alicia Bryant**

Thank you, Alicia, for stepping up and running this!

#### **2023 Car Show – June 25 – Amy LaBrache**

This is a Fantastic project that was a great success last year. Lots of moving parts and the committee will need some manpower, if you'd like to help, please reach out to Amy.

#### **Concert Concessions (New Idea) – Pam Warren / Alicia Bryant**

Pam and Alicia are looking into some fresh ideas to mix up concessions a little for Concerts, more information to come!!



# Membership

## Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

This will be my last Wise Fox as your Membership VP. It has been a pleasure for me to meet new people and spread the love for our chapter for the last 4ish years :) Since at this moment we do not have a member stepping into this role, we as a chapter need to work together to spread the enthusiasm for our group. This could be chairing a membership booth, or maybe coming up with a fun project that will encourage new faces to come on by. Without bringing in new people, we will have a hard time continuing our good work. I am happy to help anyone that might be interested in this board role as well. As you all know, I am staying on the board, just in a different position.

Wishing you and your family a happy Easter, Happy Spring etc. Hope to see you all at the Vendor Fair!

In Jaycee Spirit,

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](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.

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)



At the Easter Egg Hunt – The Bunny was on hand to start off each group and to take photos with all the kids afterwards.

Below: The little kids waiting “patiently” to start the mad dash for the eggs.

It was a beautiful sunny (but cold) day and the crowds came out to gather eggs and see EB himself!





## April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5	6 Book Club – 7pm “The Paris Apartment” by Lucy Foley Passover Begins	7	8
9 Easter Sunday 	10	11	12 GM at SFCC Elections 7:30 PM	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

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7	8	9	10 GM on Zoom 7:30 PM	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Spring Vendor Fair on Foxboro Common
21	22	23	24 Board meeting on Zoom	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	1	2	3