

Wise Fox

*A Monthly Publication of the
Foxboro Jaycees - May 2023*



My Fellow Jaycees,

Spring celebrations include bursts of color and sunshine that excite us to start this amazing season. Even with a mild winter, springtime reminds us of the joy that awaits us.

Jaycees' annual spring celebrations include installing a new board at the Installation Banquet and reflecting joyfully on the great work accomplished over the past year with an eye toward building on that community success for the upcoming year.

It's amazing the difference a year can bring; last year, I was forced to Zoom into the Installation Banquet because I had COVID! Not this year. The joy of celebrating with my Jaycees family in person rather than peeking through the Zoom lens felt great! Celebrating our award winners and thanking people for their hard work with a handshake, fist pump, or hug are traditions that ground Jaycees in the spirit of community and humanity that we treasure.

Thank you to everyone who made the 4/29 Installation Banquet a festive reminder with treasured friends, business partners, and important volunteers. A new member was even sworn in! Kudos to everyone who supported Marian as she chaired this project. Truly, Jaycees' teamwork is key to the success of our community work.

Speaking of amazing work for our community, the Vendor Fair is only two and a half weeks away and the Car Show is only six weeks away! Besides the excitement of planning these events, this means that we need some Jaycees in action! Please reach out and support these two projects that are so vital to our chapter! The importance of Ways and Means projects ensures that our good work continues with consistent financial support. Please visit the Common on the 20th to support our Vendor Fair, raffles, and concessions, and please reach out to see how you can make a difference at the Car Show! We would love to see you!

I am looking forward to a successful year ahead and hope to see the Jaycee Team soon!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Deena Cummings

Secretary's Report

Pam Warren



A new Board Year is beginning, the days are getting longer and our chapter is getting Busy! It was wonderful to get together to celebrate the achievements of our past year and now it's time to look forward to all the big events we have planned for this Spring and Summer. I am personally looking forward to the Vendor Fair, Concerts, Founder's Day and our second Car Show. This month's GM will be back on Zoom, the Agenda and link will be sent out early next week. We hope to see your smiling faces to help the new board kick the year off right. 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 April GMM:

March 2023 Jaycee of the Month - Jordan Cummings-Dee: We thank Jordan for stepping up to Join the Board for the 2023-24 year. We are looking forward to great things from her!

March 2023 Project of the Month - Providence Bruins Outing - Pam Warren: We had a fun trip to the recently renamed AMP (Amica Mutual Pavilion) in Providence to see the P-Bruins play the Rochester Americans. The home team lost, but we all got free hats and had a great afternoon out.

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

Something worth Celebrating...

May Birthdays:

Stephen Strickland	2nd
Derek House	9th
William Byrnes	14th
Joseph Nawn	18th
Jade Cummings	18th
Mike Stewart	22nd
Monica Rigamonti	25th
Brandon Ryan	28th
Sharon Hall	29th
Bob Hickey	
Kathy Brady	
Stephanie O'Neill	

May Anniversaries:

Heather Loew	2008
Lynn Freerksen	2014
Shante Collins	2019
Alicia Bryant	2021

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

We had a new award at this year's Installation Banquet – the VIP (Very Important Partner) award for the Non-Member Spouses of our mostly Female Board who helped make it possible to keep things running and who were often “Volun-told” to help at events: Dave Jolicoeur (Treasurer Lisa's Husband), Pat LaBrache (Membership VP Amy's Husband), Kevin Mack (President Deena's Husband), and Bill Long (Ways & Means VP Kris' Husband – Kris holding his award)

Thanks, guys, for all you do!





Individual Development

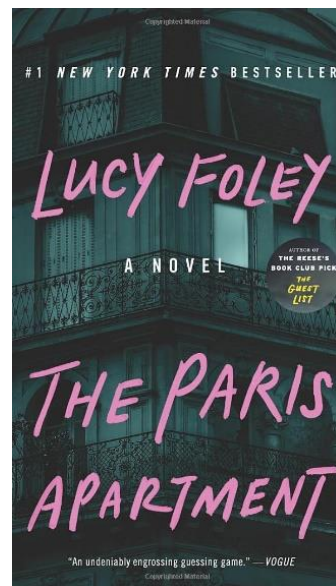
Vice President: Sophia Manos

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

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, Book Club members gathered at Lisa's to discuss Lucy Foley's "The Paris Apartment" while enjoying a charcuterie spread, French wine, French cookies, and

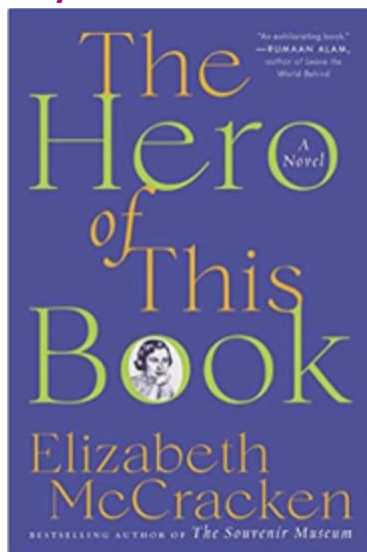
warm baguette! Sandy Zoomed in from Turks and Caicos to engage in discussion while enjoying her own vacation spread.

Members enjoyed discussing the complicated web of apartment dwellers in the novel whose varied perspectives told the story, but the main character, Jess, arrives at her brother's apartment in Paris but finds it unexpectedly empty with many strangers interested in her presence and some obvious clues that her journalist brother was involved in something. Added to the mystery for the reader is that someone definitely has died and been buried before Jess arrives, the strange apartment dwellers have many secrets, and they are not merely apartment neighbors - they are related. While discussing who would be good actors to play the characters in a movie, we considered that the movie "Knives Out" reminded us of this story. This then led to great conversations about our favorite streaming shows! While the story did not have the thriller edge we had expected, the interesting narrative style did encourage some of us to continue reading "to find out what the next person knows." Members who listened to the book said that each narrator had a different reader which made the story telling really interesting. We liked how the writer developed the characters, and the ending gave us some fodder discussion: (no spoilers) a journalist has a big scoop that helps some victims, and the ending was indeed a surprise for some of us.



The book 2.0's and a 2.5 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."

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.

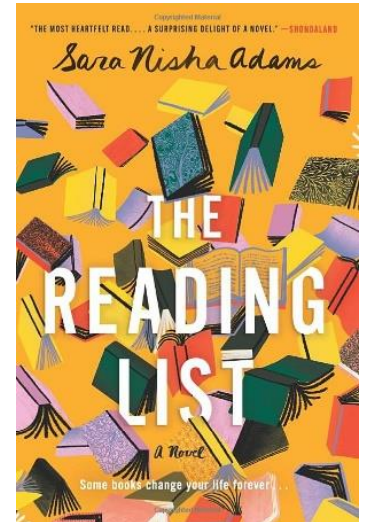
The Hero of This Book is a searing examination of grief and renewal, and of a deeply felt relationship between a child and her parents. What begins as a question of filial devotion ultimately becomes a lesson in what it means to write. At once comic and heartbreaking, with prose that delights at every 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):

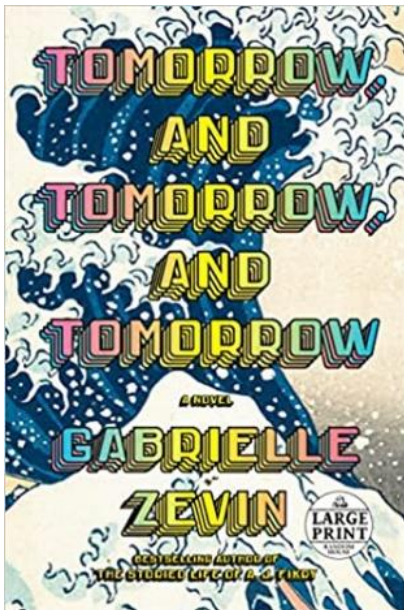
Widower Mukesh lives a quiet life in Wembley, in West London after losing his beloved wife. He shops every Wednesday, goes to Temple, and worries about his granddaughter, Priya, who hides in her room reading while he spends his evenings watching nature documentaries.

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.

Completed Project:

63rd Annual Installation Banquet

Installation Dinner – Marian McCabe – 4/29/2023

Dinner and new board installation at Conrad's in Foxboro.

Had a good time celebrating our past year, each other and our community partners while noshing on steak tips, stuffed shells, and salad!

Our thanks to Marian for organizing and hosting.

Congratulations to our Award Winners:

ID Project: Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur

CD Project: Thank a Vet – Lynda Walsh

Ways & Means Project: Founder's Day Glow Sales – Alicia Bryant

Membership Project: Social Media – Marc Rivard

New Project: Car Show – Amy LaBrache

Project of the Year: Vendor Fairs – Deena Cummings

Chairman of the Year: Ken Wills (pictured)

Officer of the Year: Amy LaBrache



Upcoming Projects:

Jaycees Quarterly Outings

Chairs Needed for 2023

We are all busy, lots to the daily grind. Wouldn't it 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 – 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 or Crazy Axe is opening in Patriot Place soon!

Mini golf – A good one for late Spring or Summer! Last time in 2021, we had a great time at Easton's Golf country. – Marian McCabe is hoping to Chair this one soon

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
May / June Events**



We had a good group of Jaycees at the installation Banquet: Front row L to R – Marian McCabe, Kris Long, Deena Cummings, Caitlin Pignone, Alicia Bryant, Pam Warren. Back Row – Walter Cahoon, Andrea Johnstone, Lisa Jolicoeur, Amy LaBrache, Ed Underwood, John Underwood, Kevin Mack, Monica Fisler, Dave Fisler, Sophia Manos, Marc Rivard, Lynda Walsh, Ken Wills.



Vice President: Lynda Walsh

This is my last report as your CDVP. I've completely enjoyed working with you all on some really great Community Development Projects over the past several years. I am remaining on your board and look forward to working with you all as a Director. Feel free to reach out to me anytime for help or if you have any questions I can help with. I wish Amy tons of luck and know she will do a fantastic job as our CDVP.

Completed Projects:

Sand/Salt for Seniors – Sophia Manos and Mike Mills

Sophia and Mike had the buckets ready to distribute to our seniors, luckily our winter wasn't too bad this year and the workload was light. Thank you, Sophia and Mike, for helping out this year.

Fred George Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur

Little disappointed in response, but Lisa is looking into other ways to get our Scholarship noticed next year.

Easter Egg Hunt – Amy LaBrache – April 1st

Huge success! Thank you Amy for chairing this project. Thank you to EB Devlyn House for visiting with the kids.

Candidates Night – Sophia Manos – April 12th

Sophia and the team at FCA invited any candidate to submit statements of their upcoming spots on different boards. With no contested races this year, Candidate night wasn't as well attended as normal. Thanks, Sophia, for thinking outside the box.



Upcoming Projects:

Concerts on the Common – Max Loew & Marc Rivard

Concerts will begin June 8th with the Foxboro High Jazz Band and will continue through August every Thursday. Max and Marc have lined up great acts this summer, so be sure to come up and join in on the fun. Concerts begin at 7 pm each Thursday. Check out our Facebook page for a full description of each act. Here is the full Schedule:

FHS Jazz Band	6/8
Charlie Farren	6/15
19th Nervous Breakdown	6/22
Dave Macklin Band	6/29
Space Captain	7/6
The Inflatables	7/13
AK Cody	7/20
Retro Polatin	7/27
The M-80s	8/3
Indecisions	8/10

Founder's Day Float – Chairman Needed

Founders Day will be here before you know it, June 10th. 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 Amy.

Thank you everyone who has chaired a CD project this year or participated. We had a fantastic year and should be proud of our work.





Ways and Means

Vice President: Kris Long



I'm sad I'm stepping away but I have all the confidence in this year's board; we have all worked hard and supported one another over the past years. It's a skeleton group who bust ass to keep this chapter going, we/they work hard to keep the Jaycee spirit alive in a society that is so consumed by change. We have a president who will be serving for the 5th time, the board just changes roles due to low membership activity. It's sad to see such a wonderful

organization being consumed by the ever-changing world around us. The Jaycees spirit will always be a big part of the person I have become over the years, Service to humanity, that is a powerful couple of words. I wish this year's board lots of luck and look forward to some new great changes and Ideas!! I will bid farewell with this Quote by Gandhi.

"Our greatest ability as humans is not to change the world; but to change ourselves." Mahatma Gandhi
Kris ~

Note Cards - (Photo requests) – Kris Long

This will start June 1st all entries must be submitted by July 31st.

Please email Images to Krisma3535@gmail.com.

A flyer with guidelines will be displayed on the Jaycees website and Social media.

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

Lots of great vendors, some new, some old! Please give Deena a call and see where you can lend a hand.

Vendor Fair Concessions – Pam Warren

I'm sure Pam and her crew will have a plethora of yummy food during this fun and well attended event. Please reach out to Pam, as she will need help with set up, cooking and break-down.

Vendor Fair Raffle – Alicia Bryant

Make you check out this fun raffle, thank you Alicia for taking this on again.

2023 Car Show – June 25 – Amy LaBrache

Lots of great things going on with this event!!

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

Pam and Alicia have something new and exciting that will be offered at Concerts this year, make sure you check it out when you enjoy this season's amazing line up!

Founder's Day Concessions – Ken Wills

Kenny has been shopping and planning and will definitely need some assistance. PLEASE call Kenny as he does not text or do email !! 774-719-4503

Founder's Day Glow – Chair Needed



Membership

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Happy spring everyone! I hope this finds everyone well and reenergized with the nicer (when it is not raining) weather. Spring brings new growth and hope. One bright note is that at the instillation banquet we swore in Caitlin Pignone to our chapter. Caitlin and her husband Anthony with their three children reside in Foxboro. She

comes with a huge amount of enthusiasm and a lengthy history of organizing community events. We are excited for her to join us. If you see her at some of the upcoming events, please introduce yourself!

There are some upcoming events that we will be looking for extra hands to help. Please watch your email for requests for manpower. Even if it is only an hour, we really could use your help. There are also many projects looking for chairs. If you have any questions about these projects, please reach out to the area VP or myself and will be glad to answer them.

Have a good rest of the month and hope to see you at an upcoming event.

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



Left: President Deena swears in new member Caitlin Pignone during the Installation Banquet

Below: The Keymen at the Installation Banquet. 2021 Pam Warren, 2012 Deena Cummings, 2008 Monica Fisler, 2016 Lisa Jolicoeur, 2020 Amy LaBrache, 2005 Dave Fisler, 2019 Marc Rivard, 2022 Ken Wills, 2003 Kris Long, 1997 & 2018 Lynda Walsh.



May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4 Book Club – 7pm “The Hero of This Book” by Elizabeth McCracken	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>GM on Zoom</i> 7:30 PM	11	12	13
14 Mother’s Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Spring Vendor Fair on Foxboro Common</i>
21	22	23	24 Board meeting on Zoom	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	1	2	3

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Book Club – 7pm “The Reading List” by Sara Nisha Adams	2	3
4	5	6	7 <i>GM on Zoom</i> 7:30 PM	8 Concert 7pm FHS Jazz Band	9	10 FOUNDER’S DAY
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25 CAR SHOW	26	27	28	29 Concert 7pm Dave Macklin Band	30	1