

# Wise Fox



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

Fellow Jaycees -

Here is the “bat signal” for Founder’s Day! June 10th - Your help is needed!

Jaycees shine on Founder’s Day - join us to celebrate Foxboro pride by doing what we do best: spare a few hours to help with concessions, march in the parade, help sell glow items. Bring your family and work as a team!

We kick off Concerts on the Common on Thursday, June 8th with the Foxboro High School award-winning Jazz band - a wonderful tradition we know you won’t miss!

The Car Show was so successful last year that we are simply doing it again - and we expect it to be bigger and better! June 25th - Save the Date! Volunteers are needed to help with logistics - fun, easy, and exciting!

Contact me or a project chair to say you are excited to help!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

*Deena Cummings*



# Secretary's Report

**Pam Warren**



June is bustin' out all over! One of our busiest months is underway – we start this week with our First Concert from the Award-winning Foxboro High School Jazz Band. This weekend is the Town-wide celebration of Founder's Day – we will be there all day with a presence in the Parade, Concessions on the field and Glow sales before the Fireworks.... We finish the month with our Second annual Car show – so many events, so many opportunities to come out and spend time with friends! This month's GM will be on Zoom and will include our annual Budget discussion, the Agenda and link will be sent out early next week. 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** – We would like to send best wishes to Monica Rigamonti for her Knee Replacement – Feel Better soon. We also want to Congratulate Paul and Susan O'Sullivan on the birth of their new Grandson – Jackson Thomas O'Sullivan! 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@foxborodaycees.org](mailto:wisefox@foxborodaycees.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 May GMM:

**April 2023 Jaycee of the Month – Deena Cummings:** As our “Outgoing” President for the 2022-23 Board year, we acknowledge and thank Deena for her service and for keeping the chapter running smoothly. We look forward to another year with her.

**April 2023 Project of the Month – Easter Egg Hunt – Amy LaBrache:** Thanks Amy for running a very successful Easter Egg Hunt this year. We had a huge crowd and everyone got to take photos with the Bunny.

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

# Something worth Celebrating...

## June Birthdays:

Devlyn House	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Patty Reid	9 <sup>th</sup>
Jennifer Hesford	17 <sup>th</sup>
Maria Montanez	18 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Siteman	24 <sup>th</sup>
Paul Lanza	
Paul O'Sullivan	
Jim Evans	
Andrea Johnstone	

## June Anniversaries:

Paul Howard	1979
Fred Badger	1986
Laura Franc	2015
Marian McCabe	2019
Helen Power	2019

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

As part of our year-end Awards, we recognized some of our "Community Partners," including the Foxboro Fire and Police departments. They were happy to pose with their certificates.







# Individual Development

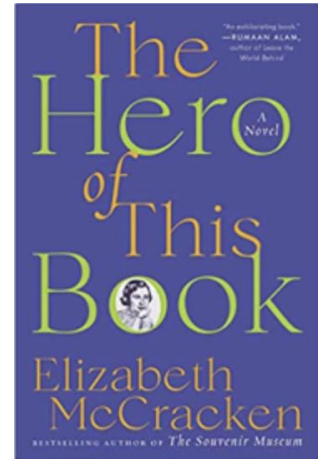
**Vice President: Marc Rivard**

"Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in" – Michael Corleone in Godfather III

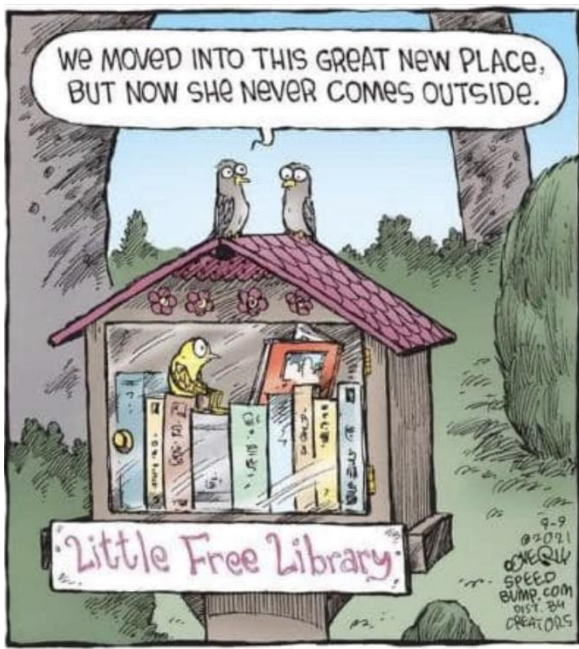
Yes, I am back for another round as IDVP, so let's have some fun!! Summer is almost here!!!

**Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – Schedule Update: June Meeting will be held on Thursday, 6/8 at Sandy's home. Stay tuned for reminders. Thank you for your flexibility!**

On Thursday, May 4th, Book Club members convened at Lisa's house to enjoy macaroons, wine, tea, crackers, cheese, and conversation about **"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.



Book Club members found some interesting things to discuss, such as how the writer/narrator infused some humor when describing her family's home: vivid images of a '74 kitchen and "HoardersRUs." We read reviews in which people wondered if the story was true or not because the writer says she would never make her mom a character. Ultimately, we decided it didn't matter. There were some interesting moments, but the style, kind of a rambling, stream-of-consciousness through time, did not grab our interest as much as we had hoped. As much as we love to read all sorts of books, this was a bit disappointing.



**Therefore, this very tough group of reading enthusiasts gave the book 4's and 5'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."

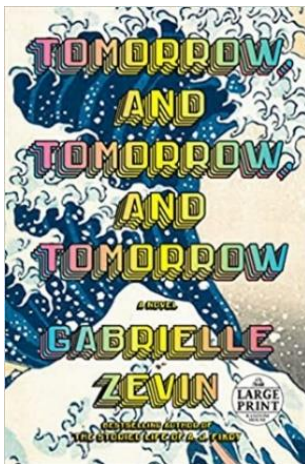
**June Book Choice: “The Reading List” by Sara Nisha Adams:** Widower Mukesh lives a quiet life in Wembley, in West London after losing his beloved wife. He shops every Wednesday, goes to Temple, and worries about his granddaughter, Priya, who hides in her room reading while he spends his evenings watching 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.

### August Book Choice: “Wrong Place, Wrong Time” by Gillian McAllister.

Late October. After midnight. You’re waiting up for your eighteen-year-old son. He’s past curfew. As you watch from the window, he emerges, and you realize he isn’t alone: he’s walking toward a man, and he’s armed.

You can’t believe it when you see him do it: your funny, happy teenage son, he kills a stranger, right there on the street outside your house. You don’t know who. You don’t know why. You only know your son is now in custody, his future shattered.

That night you fall asleep in despair. All is lost.

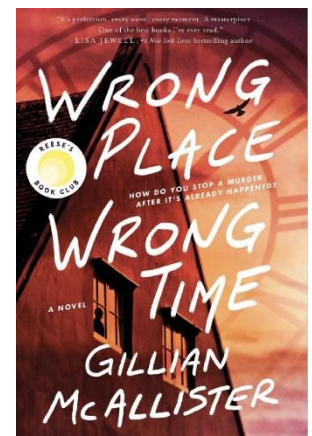
Until you wake . . .

. . . and it is yesterday.

And then you wake again . . .

. . . and it is the day before yesterday.

Every morning you wake up a day earlier, another day before the murder. With another chance to stop it. Somewhere in the past lies an answer. The trigger for this crime—and you don’t have a choice but to find it . . .



## Upcoming Projects:

**Mini-Golf Outing** Stix Fun Center – North Attleboro Saturday July, 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

Chair: Marian McCabe

Come join your fellow Jaycees as we attempt to “be the ball” and channel our inner Danny Noonan in 18 holes of mini-golf madness. And they sell Del’s Frozen Lemonade there too!

**Axe Throwing** Crazy Axes – Patriot Place – Foxboro TBD

Chair: Marian McCabe

Now this sounds right up my alley!! And if you do not know how to do this, don’t worry, you may “axe” one of the staff (ugh)

**Music Bingo** Box Seats – North Attleboro or Franklin TBD

Chair: Amy LaBrache

Good tunes, bingo, food, and beverages. What is not to love about this!

## New Project Ideas (Chairman needed)

These are some project ideas. If anyone would like to chair one of these or if you have any new ideas, please let me know!

- Team Trivia – takes place every Monday night at Conrad’s
- Cornhole - Squadron 21 in Foxboro
- Cooking Class Social Night
- Racing – Supercharged in Wrentham
- Worcester Red Sox Game (Woo Sox)

Marc Rivard

VP - Individual Development

(and in need of a Del’s Lemonade!)

**Please see the calendar on the last page for  
June / July Events**





# Community Development

**Vice President: Amy LaBrache**

## **Concerts on the Common – Max Loew & Marc Rivard**

Concerts will begin this Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> with the Foxboro High Jazz Band and will continue through August every Thursday. Max and Marc once again planned a great line up! 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 Parade – Committee**

Founders Day is on June 10th. We will be marching in the parade with a few cars to represent the car show. We will also be passing out flyers for the concert series and candy (of course) We need the BLUE WAVE to come and represent! If you are interested in marching, please let me know.

## **National Night Out – Chair Needed**

This will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6PM-8PM. This is a community building campaign that promotes community partnerships to make out town a safe place to live. We work collaboratively with the Foxboro Police Department and The Foxboro Fire Department. If anyone is interested in picking this up as a project, I am happy to help! I have already started the communication with the Police department so it will be an easy thing to pick up!

If anyone has any questions, new ideas, Please feel free to reach out to me at [afoxb1@icloud.com](mailto:afoxb1@icloud.com)

Best,

Amy



# Ways and Means

**Vice President: Sophia Manos**



## UPCOMING PROJECTS

### FOUNDERS DAY IS June 10<sup>th</sup> -

#### FOUNDERS DAY CONCESSIONS - Kenny Wills, Chair

Ken is heading up the concessions team this year. This is our second biggest fundraiser of the year and the most fast-paced. If you have not already, please sign up for Founder's day manpower to help sling the meats. Looking for cooks, food handlers, register, and a runner. Hope for good weather too: not too hot, not too cold...

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C49A5AE22A13-founders>

Please bring a hat or have a way to pull back your hair when you are around food.



#### FOUNDERS DAY GLOW ITEMS – Marc Rivard & Alicia Bryant, chairs

This one puts the 'fun' in fundraisers as kids beg their parents to buy glowing bits of plastic on an annual basis. There will be some new items and some returning items this year. Our thanks again to Marc and Alicia for spearheading. These will be sold through the day and then on the field before the Fireworks.

### Concerts begin JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>

#### CONCERTS CONCESSIONS – Pam Warren, Chair

We start off with the High School Jazz band and Pam will need help around 6:30 pm to set up to sell our summer snack menu on the common. Come down and listen to some sweet jazz! John's Dream Ice Cream will be there and Alicia is also starting a new addition – Cotton Candy!

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL JAYCEE CAR SHOW – Amy LaBrache, chair

Roaring back for a second season on June 25<sup>th</sup>!! Rain date will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Foxboro center gets shutdown to show off some cool cars and maybe some motorcycles this year. Vroom!



## COMPLETED PROJECTS

### SPRING VENDOR FAIR – Deena Cummings, Chair

May 21<sup>st</sup> brought better weather after a rain out on the scheduled Saturday and with the better weather there was a successful Spring fair on the Common. Our thanks to Deena for running this major fundraising project for the 500<sup>th</sup> time! 😊

### SPRING VENDOR CONCESSIONS – Pam Warren, Chair

Pam and company kept the vendors and shoppers well fed once again. Thanks to all who helped.

### SPRING VENDOR RAFFLE – Alicia Bryant, Chair



There were some good items this year, Alicia added some flair, and the raffle was a success! Thanks Alicia and all those who helped!

As always - we appreciate everything you *all* do to make sure we raise the funds we need to continue our community work.



# Membership Committee

## Junior Jaycees – Amy LaBrache & Caitlin Pignone:

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)



## June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 GM on Zoom 7:30 PM	8 Concert 7pm FHS Jazz Band Book Club – 7pm “The Reading List” by Sara Nisha Adams	9	10 FOUNDER’S DAY
11	12	13	14	15 Concert 7pm Charlie Farren	16	17
18 Father’s Day	19	20	21 Board meeting on Zoom	22 Concert 7pm 19th Nervous Breakdown	23	24
25 CAR SHOW	26	27	28	29 Concert 7pm Dave Macklin Band	30	1

## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Independence Day 	5	6 Space Captain Book Club – 7pm “Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow” by Gabrielle Zevin	7	8
9	10	11	12 GM at SFCC 7:30 PM	13 Concert 7pm The Inflatables	14	15
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