

# Wise Fox

**A Monthly Publication of the  
Foxboro Jaycees – July 2023**



Fellow Jaycees -

Thank you to all Jaycees who answered the call for help and contributed to an amazing wave of Jaycees' blue at Founder's Day and the Car Show - two amazing Ways and Means projects that generated some sorely needed funds! The weather gods smiled on Foxboro for a Founder's Day that filled the streets with families celebrating all the great aspects that make Foxboro so wonderful. The parade brought smiles and laughter; the DJ & band were rocking all day with music

that kept people dancing in the long food lines; hard working volunteers raised money for lots of good causes; and the fireworks celebration lit up the skies. Thank you to everyone who showed up to help with concessions and selling glow items - teamwork made these two fundraisers hugely successful!

We are also so grateful for our community members who work hard to make Founder's Day possible, including some of our Jaycees family: Monica and Dave Fisler, Lauren Bitar and Kathy Brady.

Additionally, thank you also to the amazing volunteers who supported the June 25th Car Show. The weather gods were a bit fickle leading up to the car show but ultimately appeared to be in our favor as the day stayed dry. We are extra thankful for 2022 Scholarship recipient Teddy Jouret who offered his digital media skills to support the Car Show Committee.

Our concerts are now in full swing! Kudos to Marc and Max for planning the shows, to Pam and Alicia for running Concessions, to Amy and Marc for soliciting sponsorships, to Amy for setting up the Membership table, and to everyone who has come out to celebrate great music and great company.

Although my heart is full of gratitude for your support, it is heavy as we mourn the loss of our beloved Dave Brown, a man whose spirit, kindness, and passion for the Foxboro Jaycees inspired us all. Rest in peace, dear Dave, and know that your presence lives on through the good work we do. Please keep Carmella and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

With gratitude,

*Deena Cummings*

# Secretary's Report

**Pam Warren**



Happy Independence Day! Summer is in full swing and our concerts are going strong. June was a very busy Month with several very successful projects – Thanks to everyone who came out to help! This month's GM will be on Zoom, 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 [lccgazette@yahoo.com](mailto:lccgazette@yahoo.com) and I will pass them on.

**Sunshine** - Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Dave Brown who passed away in Late June. A full tribute and details on his services appears later in this issue. 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 June GMM:**

**May 2023 Jaycee of the Month – Andy Gallo:** Andy was a HUGE help with the Concessions for Spring vendor fair, meeting up with Pam the day before to do the shopping and coming out at 5am on the morning of the event to transport everything to the Common. He also stayed and helped everywhere with set-up and moving tents, tables and so much more. (Also Nominated were Andrea Johnstone for all her work with Vendor Fair Prep and for being there until the bitter end so President Deena could go see Taylor Swift, and Dave Jolicoeur & Kevin Mack for all they did on Vendor Fair day, including Multiple trips to Storage)

**May 2023 Project of the Month – Vendor Fair Raffle – Alicia Bryant:** It was Alicia's second time running the Raffle and she made it look effortless. She added decorative touches to the booth and kept everything so well organized – Great Job! (Also Nominated were the Vendor Fair, The Installation Banquet and the Vendor Fair Concessions)

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

# Something worth Celebrating...

## July Birthdays:

Paul Howard	7 <sup>th</sup>
Catherine Schwarting	9 <sup>th</sup>
Alicia Bryant	15 <sup>th</sup>
Sean Bowlen	
Fred Badger	
Jim Philbin	

## July Anniversaries:

Paul Lanza	1984
Marc & Sandy Emery	1991
Bob & Sue Gillis	1993
Laureen & Derek House	1997
David Reid	2002
Sophia Manos & Mike Mills	2014
Grayson Franc	2015
Ed Miller	2015
Marc Rivard	2015
Kevin Mack	2017
Kelly Reid	2017
Ed & John Underwood	2019
Teddy Jouret	2022

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

May Project of the Month  
– Vendor Fair Raffle.

Great Job Alicia!



A moment of solidarity in honor of Dave Brown with the team before the Car Show.



## The chapter has lost a longtime member (Thank you Lynda for the kind words):



Dave Brown joined the Jaycees in 1985. He's remained true to the Chapter ever since. He's run many of our projects over the years, but his Chairmanship of the Haunted House was one of his proudest projects. He certainly loved the concerts on the common series and chaired that project as well. One of his latest projects was to order and install new Jaycee Signs around town. He also held many board positions.

Over the years Dave gained many friends within the chapter and if you were lucky enough to call him friend, you were blessed.

He enjoyed sharing time with so many of us on different levels. Maybe you went on one of his camping / hiking excursions, maybe you went to a concert with him, maybe you joined the team at trivia, or maybe you sat next to him at a meeting. You can be sure you enjoyed his company, always with a smile on his face and a thought to share about an idea for a new project or bringing an older project back.

Dave, as many of us, took his skills gained from the Jaycees and became involved with town government for many years, helping on the Zoning board.

Dave was a true Jaycee in every sense of the word and believed that service to humanity is the best work of life. In 1994 he was awarded the Jaycee Keyman award and was also given a Life Member award in 2002.

### And his "Official" Obituary:

David John Brown passed away peacefully in his home on Monday, June 19, 2023.

A longtime resident of Foxboro, he is survived by his wife Carmela, his children Michael and Sandra, and his grandchildren, twins Zachary and Samantha. He is also survived by his stepchildren Michele, David, Michael and grandchildren Jared and James. He leaves behind his two dogs, Rebel and Rascal.

Dave was raised in Cranston, R.I., with brothers Gary and Douglas, and sister Donna. He graduated from Roger Williams College and pursued a long career as a safety professional with several major insurance companies.

Dave was active for many years with both the zoning board and the Jaycees in his hometown of Foxboro.

He enjoyed hiking, camping, live music, and traveling the world.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend visiting hours on Sunday, July 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Sherman & Jackson Funeral Home, 55 North Main St., Mansfield.

At the conclusion of visitation on Sunday, a service in celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. at the Sherman & Jackson Funeral Home. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, per Dave's request, donations in his memory may be made to the Foxboro Jaycees, P.O. Box 169, Foxboro, MA 02035.

To send his family a message of condolence, please visit [www.shermanjackson.com](http://www.shermanjackson.com)

**Rest in peace, Dave – You will be missed.**



# Individual Development

## Vice President: Marc Rivard

It has been a busy “summahhhh” for the Chapter so far with Founders Day, Concerts on the Common, and the Car Show. All work and no play makes the Jaycees....well tired! We need to also have some fun! I hope to see you all at our Mini-Golf outing on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Stix Fun Center in North Attleboro. There are also some great ideas for other projects below. Please let

me know if you would be interested in running one of these or have a new idea for fun.

On a serious note, one of my favorite memories in my time as a Jaycee was our monthly trivia outings on Wednesdays. We always had a blast and even won quite a few times. Dave Brown was usually there and was a key member of our team. He would come up with answers to many of the toughest questions. I didn’t get to work with Dave on many projects, but I will always remember the fun we had at trivia. We will miss you, Dave. RIP



### Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – July Meeting will be held on Thursday, 7/6 at Lisa’s home.

In June Book Club members gathered at Sandy's home to discuss Sara Nisha Adams' "The Reading List" while enjoying delicious treats: crackers, cheese, olives, fresh strawberries and blueberries, pastry, tea, wine, and home made Merger Pudding right out of the oven with ice cream!

We loved this book set in Wembley, England and had lots to discuss! Eighty-year-old widower Mukesh and bright, anxious teenaged Aleisha interact over books but ultimately find a connection that helps each endure their painful challenges: he struggles to find his stride after losing his wife, and she suffers with a mentally ill mother, depressed brother, absent father, and an uncertain future.

Aleisha finds a crumpled-up book list 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 library, she reads each book and is transported from the painful realities she's facing at home. She shares the list with Mukesh and helps him find peace. Meanwhile, the list appears to other characters, and their little community grows. Book Club members shared titles that impacted them greatly: "I, Rigoberta Menchu: An Indian Woman in Guatemala," "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," "Diary of Anne Frank," "Stones From the River," "Seven People You Meet in Heaven," "The Shake," and "When Heaven and Earth Changed Places." We also discussed the books of the reading list and the ones we had and had not read. We all had read most of the books and enjoyed discussing them.

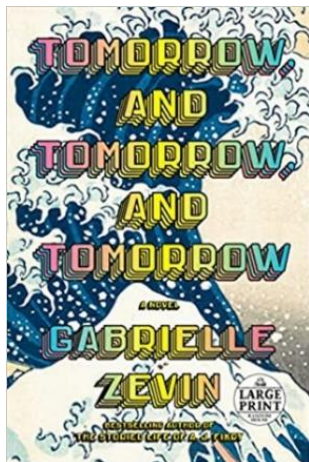


We discussed how books teach empathy as well as offer important lessons about history and culture; we loved how Adams made each book accessible without spoilers and allowed readers to grasp the human parts of the characters. **Therefore, we gave the book mostly 1.5's and**



a 1 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."

### 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.

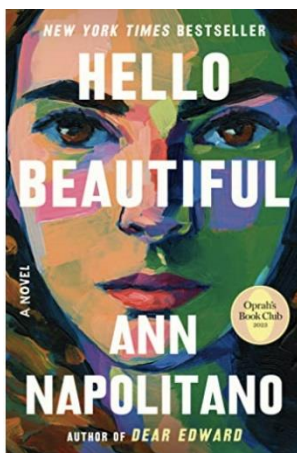
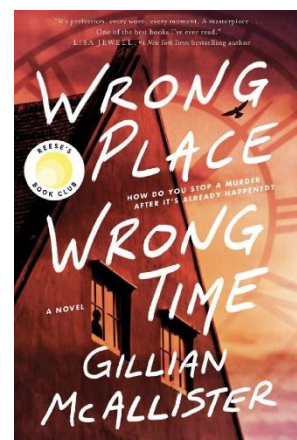
Until you wake . . .

. . . 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 . . .



### September 7th Book Choice: "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano

William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him—so when he meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college, it's as if the world has lit up around him. With Julia comes her family, as she and her three sisters are inseparable: Sylvie, the family's dreamer, is happiest with her nose in a book; Cecelia is a free-spirited artist; and Emeline patiently takes care of them all. With

the Padavanos, William experiences a newfound contentment; every moment in their house is filled with loving chaos.

But then darkness from William's past surfaces, jeopardizing not only Julia's carefully orchestrated plans for their future, but the sisters' unshakeable devotion to one another. The result is a catastrophic family rift that changes their lives for generations. Will the loyalty that once rooted them be strong enough to draw them back together when it matters most?

An exquisite homage to Louisa May Alcott's timeless classic, *Little Women, Hello Beautiful* is a profoundly moving portrait of what is possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are, but because of it.

## **Upcoming Projects:**

**Mini-Golf Outing** Stix Fun Center – North Attleboro Saturday July, 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am (Note New Date)

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

**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 are each Thursday and will continue through August 10th (if there are no rain dates). 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 remaining Schedule:

Space Captain	7/6
The Inflatables	7/13
AK Cody	7/20
Retro Polatin	7/27
The M-80s	8/3
Indecisions	8/10

## Essay Contest – November

We are working with the Veterans Service Department to coordinate a Veteran's Day essay contest at the schools. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. This is currently in the planning stages.

## The Stakes are High – Kris Long

This event will return this August. Flag Planting is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow. Contact Kris if you want to be involved in this very visible and important project.

## National Night Out

Unfortunately, this has been cancelled due to the concert at the stadium on the usual night. We will see if there is another night that work with police and fire and although it is not the "National" date, we can possibly do our own this year. More info to follow.

## Founder's Day Parade – Committee

Founders Day couldn't have been a nicer day. Many thanks to those who came out to walk (or run) on the parade route. Thank you also to those who drove cars to advertise the car show and to Julie Grant for coming out with your Horse! We represented!

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**



## COMPLETED PROJECTS

### FOUNDERS DAY CONCESSIONS - Kenny Wills, Chair

Another successful run of burgers and sausages. It is always a good sign to run out of food, which we did, perhaps in a record time! Good quick food netted us a good profit again.

This was such a team effort. Kudos to everyone who came to the field to help at Concessions at some point: Amy and Pat Labrache, Mike and Helene Savage, Catherine Schwarting (all the way from CT), Caitlin (Barrows) Pignone, Sandy Daniels, Ed Miller, Lynda Walsh, Pam Warren, Kenny Wills, Kevin Mack, Lisa and Dave Jolicoeur, Aaron and Andrea Johnstone, and Sophia Manos. (hope everyone is mentioned?). Awesome teamwork to all!

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

Another successful round of glow item sales! We exceeded our profit from last year selling out of several items. There were some lessons learned, like it's all about the swords and spinning wands. Maybe more of those next year. Oh, and a more important lesson: teens may not think blinking 'binkies' are funny after all.

Thank you, Pam, for selling drinks and chips at fireworks and for the slips of paper for concessions selling - a huge help when the line was soooooo long!! Well done to all the glow item rockstars including Marc and Alicia and Sophia.

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

The rain stayed away, and it was a beautiful day for the second annual car show on June 25<sup>th</sup>. While we did not have as many cars competing as last year (due to previous weather forecast and competing show), it was still a big success and a fun day for all who came.

Amy went above and beyond getting sponsorships and some car aficionados to judge and spread the word for next time. It was cool to see the show summary on YouTube as well. Here-here to another one next year!

Thanks Amy and all who served on the committee and volunteered that day!

## UPCOMING / Current PROJECTS

### CONCERTS CONCESSIONS – Pam Warren, Chair

Candy and drinks and glow items...oh my! Pam continues her Cal Ripken-like streak of selling snacks on the Common each concert. Thanks to her, Marc, Alicia, Amy and all of the Jaycees who come out to sit together and step in as needed.

### NOTE CARDS – Kris Long

Still on sale by request. Perhaps we will bring them out again to sell in Fall vendor fair again.

One thought – maybe we also throw in one of the “Entering Foxboro” masks for free with purchase.

Both items evoke feelings and memories, many fond, and one that was not. ^\\_(\^)\\_/

# 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)



## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Independence Day 	5	6 <b>Space Captain</b> Book Club – 7pm “Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow” by Gabrielle Zevin	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>GM on Zoom</i> 7:30 PM	13 <b>Concert 7pm</b> <b>The Inflatables</b>	14	15 Mini Golf outing 11AM
16	17	18	19	20 <b>Concert 7pm</b> <b>AK Cody</b>	21	22
23	24	25	26 Board meeting on Zoom	27 <b>Concert 7pm</b> <b>Retro Polatin</b>	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3 <b>Concert 7pm</b> <b>The M-80s</b> Book Club – 7pm “Wrong Place, Wrong Time” by Gillian McAllister	4	5
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2