

Wise Fox

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



Fellow Jaycees,

Thank you to everyone who has attended the concerts this season. Kudos to Marc and Max for securing a schedule of solid performers who light up the Common with energy and draw people from all over. Pam, Sophia, and Amy have made a positive Jaycees presence with concessions, glow items, and Jaycees spirit.

With a heavy heart, I reflect on the loss of our dear beloved Dave Brown. His love for the Jaycees resonates in everything we do. Truly, no one can drive by one of the signs he so diligently updated without thinking fondly of his warm smile, contagious laugh, sense of humor, and dedication to his family, Jaycees, and friends. Our community is better because Dave was in it; our organization is stronger because he transformed so much of it; and our hearts are full because we miss him.

For the month of July, our Board opted to recognize only one Jaycee with love and pride: Dave.

We are looking ahead to additional concerts, an in-person meeting on Wednesday, September 13th, and the October 21st Fall Vendor Fair. We hope to see you there!

With gratitude,

Deena Cummings

Secretary's Report

Pam Watten



Welcome to August! Summer is winding down, so are the Concerts and we are ready to plant thousands of flags for the Stakes are High. Believe it or not, it's almost time to start thinking about our Holiday projects. Our August meeting will still be on Zoom, but September we will meet in person – watch for more details... 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 – We have some Happy News for a change – Our IDVP Marc Rivard popped the question and Alicia Bryant said “YES!” Watch for her to be sporting a lovely new ring at future events. Congratulations to the Happy Couple! 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 July GMM:

June 2023 Jaycee of the Month – Caitlin Pignone: Caitlin is a brand new member who joined us during the Installation Banquet and she has already been a huge help. She jumped in to the Founder's day Parade, put in time assembling food at the Concessions and was there all day for the Car Show. She is also co-chairing the Junior Jaycees. Welcome Caitlin! (Also Nominated were Alicia Bryant for all she did on Founder's Day, at the Car Show and Concerts; Kenny Wills for chairing FD Concessions; Amy LaBrache for Car Show & FD Parade; and Teddy Jouret for his “Behind the scenes” help with the Car Show graphics)

June 2023 Project of the Month – Car Show – Amy LaBrache & Committee:

The Second “annual” Car Show was a phenomenally well-run project from start to finish. Despite the gloomy weather forecasts beforehand, it turned out to be a beautiful (HOT) day and the participants all enjoyed themselves, the local businesses did well and we had a great group of volunteers. (Also Nominated were the Founders Day Concessions, Founders Day Glow Sales and the Concerts on the Common)

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

Something worth Celebrating...

August Birthdays:

Bill Dempsey	1 st
Lisa Connell Dahl	3 rd
Sue Gillis	8 th
Colin McNelley	8 th
Heather Loew	16 th
Monica Fisler	17 th
Mike Mills	23 rd
Sandy Emery	
Julie Grant	

Happy Belated to Caitlin Pignone -
Sorry we missed you last month!

August Anniversaries:

Lauren Bitar	1989
Julie Grant	1996
Monica Rigamonti	2001
Jennifer Hesford	2003
Maria Montanez	2011
Jeanne Suttie Christian	2016
Mary Suttie Sorensen	2016
Bob Siteman	2017
Catherine Schwarting	2019
Sarah & Sean Bowlen	2020
Lindsay Deneault Hobart	2020
Ali Lindquist	2020
Andy Gallo	2020

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



June Project of the Month – Car Show.
Chairperson Amy makes announcements while
some of the team waits to help draw the raffle
winners.



June Jaycee of the Month –
Caitlin Pignone was a huge help
during Founder's Day



Individual Development

Vice President: Marc Rivard

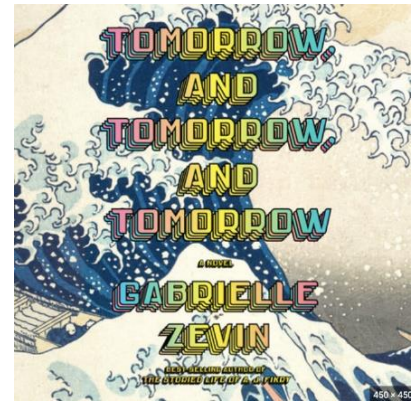
"How you feeling? HOT HOT HOT!!!!" – Buster Poindexter

Crank up your air conditioners and fans, the dog days of summer are here! New England weather has always been unpredictable and unfortunately the threat of rain put a damper on the mini-golf outing (of course it didn't rain at all). We are hoping to reschedule it before the summer is over.

As always, please let me know if you have any ideas or would like to chair a fun project!!

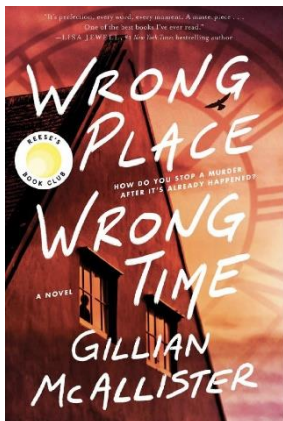
Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – August Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8/2!

On July 6th, Book Club members convened at Lisa's to discuss *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin, a novel that follows Sam and Sadie over a 30 year span of friendship. Book club members enjoyed discussing the nuances of their friendship and the challenges each faced. The two friends meet at a hospital in California but find themselves reconnecting years later in Boston - Sam attends Harvard, and Sadie attends MIT. They form a video game company. Although the characters' stories were interesting, Zevin also delves into what is involved in the development of video games: the creativity, the financial demands of research and design, and marketing. The novel was dense, and there was a stretch of "being in the game" that took a long time to enlighten the reader as to what was happening. (ie. some drawn out parts). We did find it interesting how the story used the gaming to help the characters connect.



The novel gave us a lot to discuss. **The book earned 2's and 2.5'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."

August 2nd at the home of Beverly in Norton. The address will be sent with the meeting reminder. 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 . . .

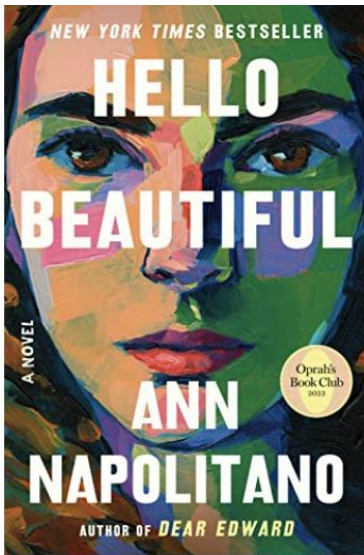
. . . and it is yesterday.

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 New date TBD

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 (Also now available at Rally Point) - 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 coming to a close this month. There is one rain date. Please note the change below.

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. Great job Max and Marc for an amazing summer of music!

Here is the remaining schedule:

The M-80s	8/3
Indecisions	8/10
Retro Polatin	8/24

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 19th. More details to follow. Contact Kris if you want to be involved in this very visible and important project.

If anyone has any questions, new ideas, please feel free to reach out to me at afoxb1@icloud.com

Best,

Amy



Left: AK Cody put on a great Country Music Show on 7/20

Below: Space Captain filled the common with classic Acoustic rock on 7/6





Ways and Means

Vice President: Sophia Manos



Upcoming Projects:

FALL VENDOR FAIR – Save the Date! October 21st, with rain date the 22nd.

If you are interested in joining the Vendor Fair Committee, please let Deena or myself know. These projects are our major annual fundraisers for us, and this is a classic project with many moving parts (and funds). Getting on the committee is a chance to learn about the process and gain some valuable project-based skills.

Remember, we generally need some runners to help on this day: Set up, Tear down, filling in for vendors on bathroom breaks, helping direct vendors to parking lot, lunch runs etc.

FALL VENDOR FAIR CONCESSIONS - Has it been too hot to grill outside this summer? Why not get your grill on in the Fall! We need volunteers to cook and be cashier for this fall's concessions.

FALL VENDOR FAIR RAFFLE – Alicia Bryant has volunteered to run this again for the Fall Fair. She may need help selling tickets and collecting stuff from vendors.

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 the Jaycees who come on out to sit together and step in as needed to walk Pam's adorable terrier Willow!

Please note that there is now an additional concert on August 24th.

NOTE CARDS – Kris Long

Still on sale by request. Perhaps we will bring them out again to sell in Fall vendor fair again. Photo contest to replace older images is on hold for a bit, but if you have any photos of Foxboro you would like to put forward, please let us know and give it a show. 😊

Alicia Bryant "dancing" with
Pam's Dog Willow at one of our
Concerts this summer >>>



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:

We still have T-Shirts!! We will also be ordering more soon. If you need a T-shirt (or a specific size), please let Amy 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, or Pam.

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



August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 Book Club – 7pm “Wrong Place, Wrong Time” by Gillian McAllister	3 Concert 7pm The M-80s	4	5
6	7	8	9 GM on Zoom 7:30 PM	10 Concert 7pm Indecisions	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Stakes are High – Flag Planting
20	21	22	23 Board meeting on Zoom	24 Rain Date! Concert 7pm Retro Polatin	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9 Amerada Weekend in CT
10	11 Patriot Day	12	13 GM in Person 7:30 PM	14	15	16 Rosh Hashanah
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Yom Kippur	26	27 Board meeting on Zoom	28	29	30