

# Wise Fox

## A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - September 2023



Warm greetings!

I hope August was healthy and joyful  
for you and your families.

Please join us for our in-person September 13th General Meeting at 7:30 to discuss the success of our many summer projects and celebrate all our hard work with treats. Please stop by to say hello!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on the Common for summer concerts. The turnout this summer was amazing! Although the Farmer's Market provided some foot traffic to the Common on concert nights, the success was truly due to the amazing line up secured for our weekly concerts by Max and Marc! Kudos to them for their hard work and dedication. Additionally, thanks to Pam for setting up the concessions every week to raise a little money for us but also to keep people on the Common during the shows. Gold Star Attendance awards to both Marc and Pam who attended each and every show and to everyone who supported us!

Additional great work this past month included the Stakes Are High. Volunteers were amazing, and hopefully this is the beginning of a great relationship for us with the Foxboro High School Community Warriors who showed up with their advisors to help! Nicely done, Kris!

Work for the upcoming Fall Vendor Fair is in full swing! Mark October 21st on your calendar and join us to celebrate our local businesses and support the Jaycees. Can you help us with logistics, concessions, or selling raffles? We would love to see you!

In Jaycee Spirit,

*Deena Cummings*





# Secretary's Report

**Pam Warren**

Happy Labor Day. I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer and is ready for the Fall. Our big summer projects have been successfully concluded – thanks to everyone who came out for the concerts. Now it's time to look forward to Fall and start planning for the Holidays. Our September meeting will be in person at the South Foxboro Community Center. We will be discussing the many big projects we have coming up between now and the end of the year. 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** – There were two big losses in our extended Jaycee Family in the past month. Lynda Walsh lost her long time House mate and friend Brian Butkiewicz in early August. Then just last week we learned of the passing of Amy LaBrache's Grandmother at the Doolittle home. Our deepest sympathies go out to both ladies and their Families. 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 Winner from the August GMM:

For the month of August, the board decided unanimously to honor long-time member Dave Brown after his passing in July. Dave was a dedicated Jaycee, Past President, and Keyman. He chaired many projects over the years including the Haunted House and many Camping trips. His Memorial service was full of friends and family – many of the great stories began with "I met Dave through the Jaycees..." and he insisted that the Jaycee Creed be recited to close out the service. It was a moving moment to have so many past and present members reciting the creed together in honor of someone who lived the final line and our chapter motto "Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life."



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



# Something worth Celebrating...

## September Birthdays:

Ellen Dean	5 <sup>th</sup>
Sophia Manos	18 <sup>th</sup>
Helene Savage	23 <sup>rd</sup>
DJ Jolicoeur	29 <sup>th</sup>
Mellyssa Coutinho	30 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Savage	

## September Anniversaries:

Bob Hickey	1993
Carl Bertolino	2017
Kenny Wills	2019

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



Above: The M-80's Rocked the common on August 3<sup>rd</sup> with a fun set of 80's rock that had the crowd dancing – John's Dream Ice Cream was given out for Free thanks to a Generous (Anonymous) Donor

Below: Retro Polatin finished our Concert season with music from the 60's and 70's – everyone sang along and there was even a Twist Contest.





# Individual Development

## Vice President: Marc Rivard

We still have a little summer left so I hope you are taking advantage of it before the sweatshirts come out of your closets! Before the leaves fall, we are hoping to get in 18 holes of mini-golf in. The new date for the outing will be Sunday October 1st at Stix Fun Center in North Attleboro. We will be done well before the 4:25 Pats kickoff, so I hope you can join us!

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

## Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – September Meeting will be Thursday 9/7 at Sandy Daniels' home

On Wednesday, 8/2, Book Club members gathered at the home of Beverly O. (thank you to Bev O!!) to enjoy delicious iced tea (or something stronger) with an array of cheese, crackers, fruit, dips amidst delightful and engaging conversation raised by our book choices and discussion, all inspired by Gillian McAllister's "Wrong Place, Wrong Time," a time-traveling thriller. From the publisher:

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.

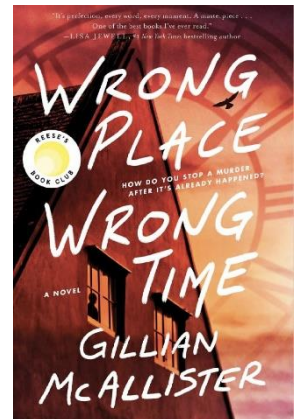
Until you wake . . .

. . . 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 . . .



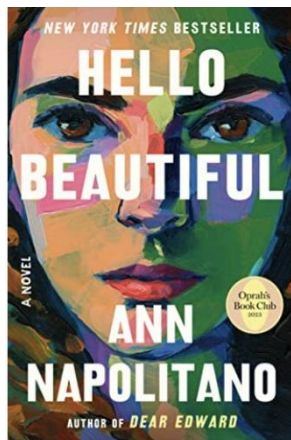
Book Club members unpacked how we learned what was happening and when; each chapter specifies the number of days prior to the present the main character visits until she finds herself many years in the past (yes - we had to do math). Ultimately, the main character is able to alter the present through a series of changes as she unravels the mystery of people closest to her. We unpacked the ending and how each change impacted the new present. We mostly agreed the book became a page turner after the first quarter or so.

The book earned all 2's and one 3 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 or sunburned if reading outside; " 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."

## 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



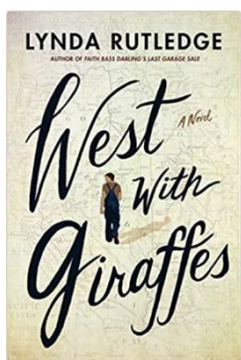


as if the world has lit up around him. With Julia comes her family, as she and her three sisters are inseparable: Sylvie, the family's dreamer, is happiest with her nose in a book; Cecelia is a free-spirited artist; and Emeline patiently takes care of them all. With the Padavanos, William experiences 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.

### October 5<sup>th</sup> Book Choice: **"West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge** (not available on Libby, sadly)



An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

"Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes..."

Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave.

It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.

### Book Choice for November 2<sup>nd</sup>: **"Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver.**



Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, *Demon Copperhead* is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. Relayed in his own unsparing voice, Demon braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of generations ago, Charles Dickens wrote *David Copperfield* from his experience as a survivor of institutional poverty and its damages to children in his society. Those problems have yet to be solved in ours. Dickens is not a prerequisite for readers of this novel, but he provided its inspiration. In transposing a Victorian epic novel to the contemporary American South, Barbara Kingsolver enlists Dickens' anger and compassion, and above all, his faith in the transformative powers of

a good story. *Demon Copperhead* speaks for a new generation of lost boys, and all those born into beautiful, cursed places they can't imagine leaving behind.

## Upcoming Projects:

**Mini-Golf Outing** Stix Fun Center – North Attleboro Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 PM

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
- Providence Bruins Game

Would anyone be interested in bringing back some old favorite projects?

- Progressive Party – Apps at one house, Dessert at another? Or perhaps change it up and do a “Theme night” Where everyone brings something that fits the theme...
- Scat Night – Get together at someone’s home and play cards

Both could be great gatherings for a Fall or Winter’s evening...

**Please see the calendar on the last page for September / October Events**

Right: VP Sophia Manos presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Mass General Brigham – they have been a big sponsor and provided manpower for the Fruit Basket Assembly Project.







# Community Development

## Vice President: Amy LaBrache

### Completed Projects:

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

We had a Fantastic concert season, the weather cooperated (for the most part) and we were able to hold 9 of our 10 scheduled Concerts. We had a great crowd most nights, thanks in part to the extended hours for the Farmer's markets and mostly to the quality of the music booked by Marc and Max. Already looking forward to next year!

#### The Stakes are High – Kris Long

On Saturday, August 19th a slew of volunteers swarmed the Foxboro Common to place flags as part of the Stakes Are High project to raise awareness that 15,000 lives have been lost since 2015 to the Drug Crisis in Massachusetts. Students from Foxboro High School along with their advisors joined forces with students from Sharon High School to show how important this issue is to young people in our community. The display remained on the Common for a week, culminating with a gathering on Sunday, August 25th to share stories, resources, and moments of quiet contemplation for each life lost.



Thank you to all the organizations who made this event possible.....

You can see video from Foxboro Cable Access:

[https://video.fcatv.org/videos/whats-up-the-stakes-are-high-2023/?fbclid=IwAR1J20X3fyHEIhJJq9WeBsbnEeoJCmwz7-66Pcp-GfZj\\_dBmX4-flxHLRhM](https://video.fcatv.org/videos/whats-up-the-stakes-are-high-2023/?fbclid=IwAR1J20X3fyHEIhJJq9WeBsbnEeoJCmwz7-66Pcp-GfZj_dBmX4-flxHLRhM)

Or read the full article in the Patch:

<https://patch.com/massachusetts/foxborough/foxboro-flag-display-recognizes-drug-crisis-our-community-nodx>

## Upcoming Projects:

### Alzheimer's Walk – Pam Warren, October 15, 9am at Gillette Stadium

Pam has been busy gathering support for Alzheimer's by collecting sponsorships for her walk. If you'd like to join her and her dog, Willow for the walk, please reach out to her. It's always a very meaningful experience for all who walk for a family member, or a friend that is going through or has gone through this awful disease. You can also donate to the team on her Facebook Fundraiser: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/209473808514086/> Please support Pam in her efforts.

### 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.

And... It's time to start planning our big **Holiday season projects**. We will be looking for chairpersons and helpers for all these important community events and will discuss them at the September GM on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Dates listed are "traditional" and subject to change.

Thank-you Turkeys for Vets

Holiday Banners

Common Decoration – 11/25

Nativity Scene Set Up and Take Down – 11/25

Light up the Town – 11/25

Fruit Baskets

Caroling on the Common – 12/21

Adopt a Kid / Senior

Holiday Light Contest

Wishing Tree

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



Left: Foxboro Jaycees presented a certificate of appreciation to Campos Homes for their Community Partnership! Campos Homes supports the holiday projects with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Look at those great smiles! Thank you Lynne and Michelle!





# Ways and Means

**Vice President: Sophia Manos**



## Upcoming Projects:

**FALL VENDOR FAIR – Sat, October 21<sup>st</sup>, (Rain date 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

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. This year registrations are up to about 35 already! So we hope that the weather holds and it is a great day on the Common to do some early holiday shopping and just enjoy the inevitable pumpkin spice something-or-other.

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

We **MAY** need volunteers to cook and be cashiers for this fall's concessions. I say "may" this time since there could be an opportunity to have a patron food truck give us a portion of their profit for the day instead. We are looking into this intriguing offer.

Since is not set yet, please note we still may need the cooks and cashiers. We will let those of you who volunteer for these tasks know if we go the food truck route, but please do not let this deter any volunteering as instead of flipping burgers, you can flip tables...by helping vendors wrap up at 3pm. 😊

## FALL VENDOR FAIR RAFFLE –

Alicia did a wonderful job at the Spring fair by adding some flair! She is back gathering donation items from the vendors to raffle off to lucky patrons and passerby.

## NOTE CARDS – Kris Long

Still on sale by request. Perhaps we will bring them out again to sell in the 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. 😊

## COMPLETED PROJECTS



### CONCERTS CONCESSIONS – Pam Warren, Chair

Our thanks again to Pam for another successful year of concert concessions and another year of sharing her doggie Willow with those of us who may be dog deprived.

Candy, Soda and glow items sold fairly well, and she generously offered free water to all on the hotter nights. Thanks also to Alicia, Marc, Amy, Lynda, Bob & Jane Webster, Ken, and all others who came out to help. Special thanks to Ed & John Underwood and John's Dream Ice Cream for keeping everyone cool.



# Membership Committee

## Junior Jaycees – Amy LaBrache & Caitlin Pignone:

We are working towards launching this by the end of the year. 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!

**NY Eve Kid's Party** – Would be a great starter project for the Kid's group. Caitlin & Amy are looking into possible locations and activities.

## 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](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, or Pam.


**Social Media:** Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FoxboroJaycees>) and follow us on X – Formerly 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 the board with any questions or new ideas: [jayceesfoxboro@gmail.com](mailto:jayceesfoxboro@gmail.com)



## September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 Book Club – 7pm “Hello Beautiful” by Ann Napolitano	8	9 Amerada Weekend in CT
10	11 Patriot Day	12	13 <i>GM in Person</i> <i>7:30 PM</i>	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

## October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mini Golf – 1pm Stix Fun Center	2	3	4	5 Book Club – 7pm “West With Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day / Indigenous People’s Day	10	11 <i>GM on Zoom</i> <i>7:30 PM</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Fall Vendor Fair – 7a – 4p
22	23	24	25 Board meeting on Zoom	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween 	1	2	3	4