

Wise Fox

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



Happy October, Jaycees!



Please join us for our in person
October 11th General Meeting at 7:30 to discuss the
excitement of our upcoming Fall and Winter projects!
Please stop by to say hello and enjoy some treats!

Vendor Fair is coming! Jaycees' help is needed for set
up and take down, as well as runners during the event. Please reach out and say you
can offer assistance for this much-needed Ways and Means project. We would love
to see you! We are not having concessions at the Vendor Fair this fall. Instead, a
food truck will provide hot lunch and snacks.

Have you checked out our ID projects lately? Mini-Golf had
a lovely fall day, and Book Club continues to draw some
new faces. What activities have interested you this
fall? Reach out and inspire us to try some new
projects!

In Jaycee Spirit,

Deena Cummings

Happy
Halloween





Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

October is here – Bring on the Spooky Season and all the fun of Fall!! This year is just speeding by but we still have so much to look forward to. I am very excited about the upcoming Vendor fair – we have lots of new and returning vendors set to fill the Common with a variety of products and services – let's promote it well and bring on the crowds! Thanks to some bad weather, we held our September meeting back on Zoom, so our October meeting will be in person at the South Foxboro Community Center. The board will be providing goodies and we will be discussing the many big projects we have coming up between now and the end of the year. If you want to chair an open project, but cannot attend the meeting, reach out to the area VP or to me and we can add you to the list. 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. You can also ask to add any new ideas to the agenda. Send me an e-mail lccgazette@yahoo.com and I will assist.

Sunshine – Our extended Jaycee Family has been hit hard recently. In mid-September, Kenny Wills' Mother passed away after an extended illness. Then Town Historian Jack Authalet, who was a big supporter of the chapter, also passed – a special "In Memoriam" follows. Our deepest sympathies go out to 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 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 September G.M.M.:

August Jaycee: Max Loew: Max did a great job this Summer with the Concerts, teaming with Marc to bring new bands and being there for most of the shows. (Also nominated were Kenny Wills, Kris Long, Pam Warren and Marc Rivard)

August Project: Concerts on the Common – Max Loew & Marc Rivard: Concerts were super successful this season with bigger crowds, new acts and only one missed show. (Also nominated were Stakes are High and Concert Concessions)

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

Something worth Celebrating...

October Birthdays:

Teddy Jouret	6 th
David Reid	7 th
Lynda Walsh	9 th
Laura Franc	11 th
Marc Rivard	11 th
Vanessa Shirley	12 th
Mark Emery	13 th
Paul Kelly	24 th
Kenny Wills	25 th
Marian McCabe	27 th
Pam Warren	31 st
Sandy Daniels	?

October Anniversaries:

Paul Kelly	1972
Ed Groh	1989
Bob & Jane Webster	1989
Lynda Walsh	1993
Tom Whiffen	1996
Mike & Helene Savage	1997
Andrea Johnstone	1998
Monica Fidler	2003
Pam Warren	2010
Jordan Cummings Dee	2016
Jade Cummings	2016
LaNecia Wood	2016
Devlyn House	2016
Robert Reid	2016
Colin McNelley	2017

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



Max and Marc introducing one of the Concerts this summer – we had a great Concert Season this year! Thanks to Max and Marc – our Jaycee and Project of the Month!

Jack Authelet - In Memoriam

By Bob Gillis

The Foxboro Jaycees -- past and present -- always knew we could count on Jack Authelet for anything. No one loved Foxboro more than Jack – no one – and he and his wife Marge were already making a difference in the community long before the Foxboro Jaycees arrived on the scene in 1961 and Jack continued to make that difference until his passing on September 18, 2023, just 8 days shy of his 91st birthday.

Jack's service to, and his love for, Foxboro would fill volumes. Newer members of the chapter may not know that Jack was an honorary Jaycee and listed on our roster as such for decades.

In speaking about the Foxboro Jaycees for the Cable Access Public Service Announcement Video, Jack said of the Foxboro Jaycees, "...In one word: ENERGY." He loved this group because our mission of community service was also HIS mission in life.

Many Jaycees are blessed that he called us "friend."

To so many of us, he was a mentor, and he was also one of the Jaycees' greatest cheerleaders, praising us publicly and, when we sought him out, advising and counseling us with his wisdom, or helping us solve a problem.

Jack's entire life was dedicated to others – his family first, and then the extended family of all of Foxboro – a very humble man who didn't want any credit, but would do anything to ensure things got done, that people were helped, the red tape cut, that the difference was made.

To any Jaycee who is seeking a role model, look no further than Jack. Jack was always on the front lines, doing God's work, and always encouraging others to do the same – living out the saying of doing all the good you can do for as long as you can do it.

A remarkable man. A remarkable life. A life of service and family so very well lived.

We have lost one of the best of us and will never forget the man who so embodied our creed that, "Service to Humanity is the best work of life."

The Foxboro Jaycees loved you Jack, and we thank you for everything. Rest in peace, God's faithful servant, after a job so very well done.

From 2005: Mr. Authelet with Amy LaBrache during the Doolittle Home Auction – A project he worked closely with the chapter to run for many years, raising needed funds for the home.





Individual Development

Vice President: Marc Rivard

BOO!!!!

It is October, that time of the year when the witches and ghouls start to get ready for All Hallows Eve or Halloween.

Fun fact 1: Did you know that Halloween started as a pre-Christian Celtic festival called Samhain which means “summer’s end”? Held in the beginning of November, the feast recognized the last day of the fall harvest and spirits crossing over, since they believed the veil between the living and spirit world grew thinnest at that time. People in Ireland, the United Kingdom and Northern France used to ward off ghosts by lighting sacrificial bonfires and **wearing costumes** to trick the spirits.

Fun fact 2: The origins of mini golf can be traced back to Scotland, The Ladies Putting Club of St. Andrews, built in 1827 for women golfers.

Speaking of miniature golf....

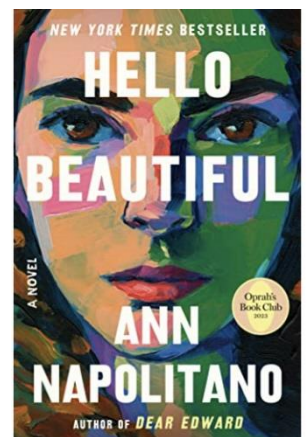
On Sunday, October 1st, we had our mini-golf outing at Stix in North Attleboro. It was a beautiful late summer day on the links and 4 diehard golfers tested their skills to see who would come home victorious! After the first 9 holes, Pam Warren held a 1 stroke lead over Marian McCabe (who had the 1st hole in one of the day!) and yours truly. Marian’s boyfriend Mike was in 4th. Things started changing when I led off on the 10th hole with my own hole in one! There were lead changes, great putts, missed putts, and a few frayed nerves over those last 9 holes, but your IDVP came up on top beating my age by two strokes, followed by Marian, Pam and Mike. Thank you to Marian for running a great project!! Who will be next???



Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – October Meeting will be Thursday 10/5 at Lisa’s home

On September 7th, Book Club members gathered at Sandy’s home to enjoy flatbread pizzas, sweet treats, and iced tea while discussing Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano, described as a homage to Louisa May Alcott’s timeless classic, Little Women.

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.

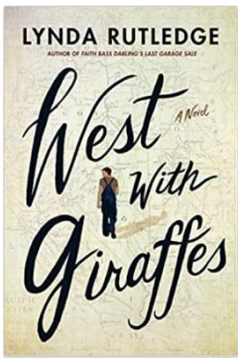


The novel gave us a lot to discuss: the complexity of Rose, the mother of the sisters, whose attitude toward her daughters was close-minded and created angst; the interesting personality of their father Charlie, who appeared well loved and admired by everyone except Rose; the tragic dysfunction of William's parents and how that damaged him; and the character development of each sister. We also made connections to "Little Women." There were some interesting aspects to the novel, but ultimately, many book club members found Julia's behavior unbelievable and frustrating.

Therefore, the book earned mostly 3's with one 2.5 and one 3.5 on our updated 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."

We discussed some potential book club titles for the December book selection: "Silent Patient," "Secret Life of Flora Lee," and Lisa C. shared "Just the Nicest Couple," "The Golden Spoon," and "Just Another Missing Person." Next month, bring additional titles for consideration.

October 5th 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..."

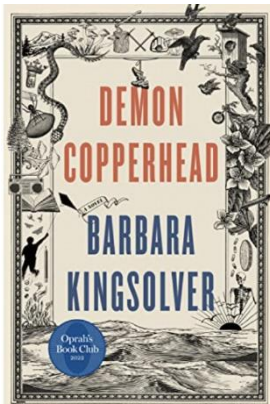
Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. 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 2nd: "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:

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!

Providence Bruins Pam Warren will be looking into our annual visit to see the P Bruins. More info to come.



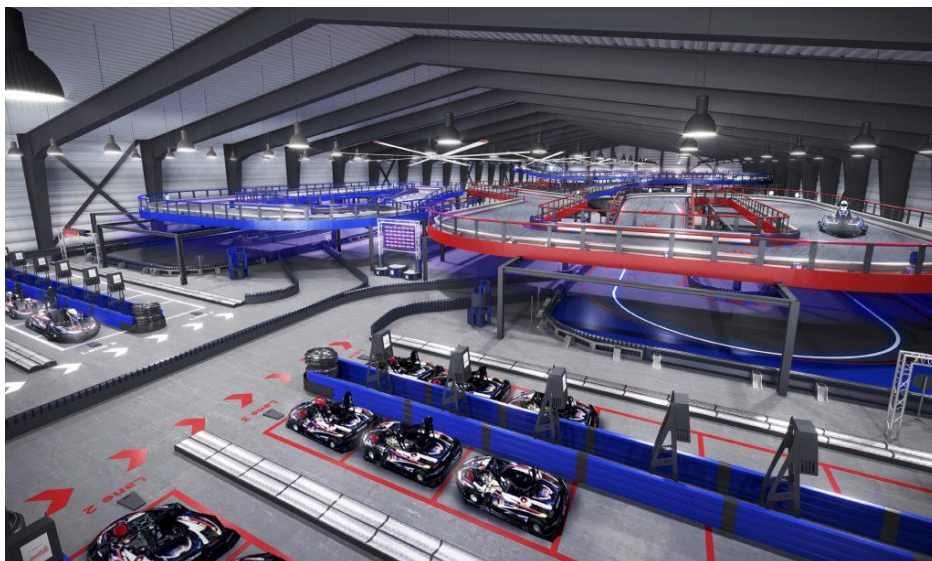
New Project Ideas (Chairman needed)

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!

- **Scat Night** – Get together at someone's home, eat, drink, and play cards - Anyone interested in bringing back this old Jaycee tradition?
- **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... with the holidays approaching, another fun project that has been missing for a while.
- **Team Trivia** – takes place every Monday night at Conrad's
- **Cooking Class** Social Night – Get some folks together and learn how to prepare a favorite dish
- **Go-Kart Racing** – Supercharged in Wrentham – Also Bumper Cars, an Arcade and great Food!



Please see the calendar on the last page for October / November Events



Multi-level Karting Track at Supercharged in Wrentham



Community Development

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Upcoming Projects:

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

Pam has been busy gathering support for the Alzheimer's Association 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.

Veterans Day Essay Contest – November- Amy LaBrache:

We are working with the Veterans Service Department to coordinate a Veteran's Day essay contest. We are happy to report that the Ahern Middle School will be participating. ALL GRADES!! The winner from each grade level will read their piece at the Veteran's Day event on November 11th at the High School.

Thank-you Turkeys for Veterans- Lynda Walsh:

Thanks to the Efforts of Lynda & Jim Devellis, Veterans are helped to have a happy Thanksgiving. More info coming soon. If you are interested in helping at this annual community event, please contact Lynda.



Fruit Basket Assembly - Date and location TBD - Chair Needed:

Traditionally, we have partnered with the fine folks at Brigham and Women's to create fruit baskets to be included in the Holiday food baskets in December. If you are interested in chairing this, please let me know.

Holiday Banners- Chair needed:

In the past we have had Holiday themed Banners hung around the Common and Uptown.

Common Decoration – 11/25 – Chair Needed:

More info coming at to what the Jaycees will be doing to participate this year.

Nativity Scene Set Up – 11/25- Chair Needed:

The Knights of Columbus has reached out and is on board to help with the set up with the nativity scene.

Light up the Town – 11/25 Chair Needed:

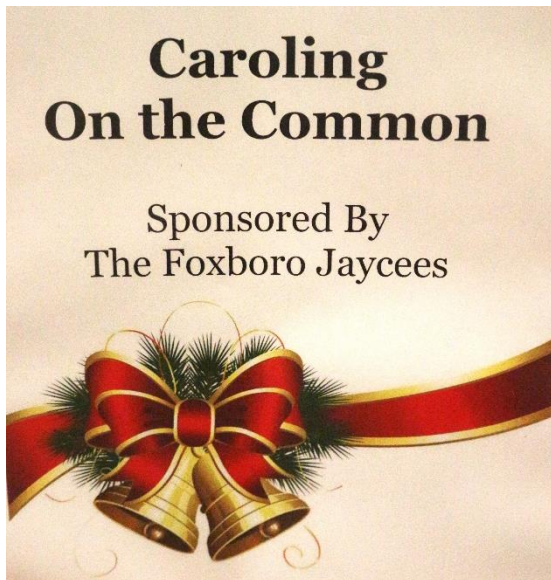
Mr. and Mrs. Claus have been requested to make a visit again this year. Looking for someone to coordinate this effort.

Adopt a Kid / Senior- Lindsey Denault Hobart:

Lindsey will be Doing the shopping for our contribution to this annual program.

Holiday Light Contest- Caitlin Pignone:

Caitlin is working hard putting together what is to be a very festive contest. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



Caroling on the Common – 12/21- Chairman needed:

Each year we have a wonderful community event on the common (or alternate venue due to weather) where we gather sing some carols accompanied by the High School Brass Band. This is a community favorite!

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

In Jaycee Spirit,

Amy



Ways and Means

Vice President: Sophia Manos



This is short but it is all about one of the biggest fundraisers we do!

Upcoming Projects:

FALL VENDOR FAIR – Sat, October 21st, (Rain date 22nd)

Let's keep our fingers and toes crossed for one weekend without rain! There are already over 70 vendors registered!! That has the makings for a great Fall day of perusing and shopping. Come on down to enjoy the day!

See the list of vendors on the [Jaycees Website](#).

We need some runners throughout the day to fill in for vendors on bathroom breaks, helping direct vendors to the parking lot, maybe some carnival barking for the raffle.

FALL VENDOR FAIR CONCESSIONS

This year for concessions we are trying something new...not running them. A vendor food truck from the Turner Brothers, has offered to give the Jaycees a percentage of their gross intake. We are excited to see how this goes. They will be offering Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Meatball or Pulled Pork Sliders, French Fries, beverages and more.

FALL VENDOR FAIR RAFFLE – Alicia Bryant

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 passersby. Look for Pam's own donation of a lovely



Foxboro sign themed mug, or maybe Marc's donation of some "sick beats". I am sure Alicia would appreciate some help gathering the donations, selling the tickets, and well just enjoying the day with her. 😊



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 Amy will have to run a CORI and have you take Darkness to light. But this is a huge opportunity to revive our membership!

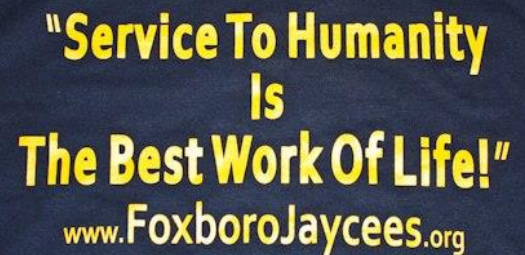
NY Eve Kid's Party – Would be a great starter project for the Kid's group. Caitlin & Amy are looking into possible locations and activities. Party would be for Middle School kids.

Membership Committee:

We are always looking for new ideas to recruit new members to keep our chapter running.

Jaycees Apparel:

We still have T-Shirts!! We are still planning to order new ones as well. 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 Amy an email at afoxb1@icloud.com.



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Is
The Best Work Of Life!"**
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Website – Bob Gillis:

Bob does an amazing job keeping our website current and maintaining the archives! Check out the list of Vendors for the fall fair or take a walk down memory lane with the photo galleries from projects in years past – you might find some inspiration for reviving a classic. 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 Gillis or Marc Rivard. You do not need to be on the board to contribute to the website, our social media, or Wise Fox. If you have something to share, please send it 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. Please email the board with any questions or new ideas: jayceesfoxboro@gmail.com

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 in Person 7:30 PM at SFCC</i>	12	13	14
15 Alzheimer’s Walk 9am @ Gillette Stadium	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

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 Book Club – 7pm “Demon Copperhead” by Barbara Kingsolver	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 Election Day	8 <i>GM on Zoom 7:30 PM</i>	9	10	11 Veteran’s Day 
12 Diwali 	13	14	15	16	17	18 Turkeys for Vets
19	20	21	22 Board meeting on Zoom	23 Thanksgiving 	24	25 <i>Nativity Set up Common Deco Light Uptown</i>
26	27	28	29	30	1	2