

Wise Fox

*A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees -
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Fellow Jaycees:

The first winter weeks of 2024 have been more wet and windy than white, and we still miss our Patriots' postseason presence. Luckily, we have amazing projects to plan and hope to see you at our next in-person Jaycees meeting on February 14th!

We are so grateful as always to our amazing Nativity and Common Decorations team of leaders and volunteers who made quick work of the take down on January 6th. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their continued amazing support with the movement of the set each season; we are so lucky to have so many amazing people who care deeply for our community and ensure the Common is a beautiful spot for the holiday season. Shout-out to Kenny for his hard work with the Common as well as his continued dedication to the storage facility, ensuring organization and checking the working order of our equipment.

What has the Board been doing? As we plan for the upcoming year, the Nomination Committee is working to establish a new Board. Are you looking to expand your Jaycees involvement by joining the Board of Directors? Reach out to me if you would like to discuss the possibilities.

Save the Date: April 20, 2024 for the Installation Banquet - Details to Follow.

Thank you, again, for supporting our holiday season events. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting or project.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,
Deena Cummings

♥ happy ♥
Valentine's
♥ day ♥



Secretary's Report

Pam Watten

February is here. Time for the "Big Game," Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year (Welcome to the Year of the Dragon!) The groundhog did not see his shadow last week, so let's hope that will actually mean an early spring this year. I am once again running the trip to see the Providence Bruins on February 25th at the AMP in Providence. Tickets are only \$25 per person and we will get free Hats! We are also hoping to get together for Lunch beforehand. If you are interested in joining us, email or text me (716-866-6888) before February 15 with the number of tickets you want. I am also beginning the process of calling every member on the roster to verify that we have current information - it has been a while since we have heard from some of our members and we have had issues with returned emails, so if you see my number pop up on the caller id – answer and let's have a chat! Our February GM will be in person on Valentine's Day at SFCC. 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 locgazette@yahoo.com and I will assist.

Sunshine - 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 January GMM:

December Jaycee: Caitlin Pignone: Caitlin took on the Holiday Lights contest this year and ran it well – even getting the participation of the public safety officers in the judging. (Also Nominated were Sophia Manos and Lynda Walsh)

December Project: Caroling on the Common – Lynda Walsh: The weather cooperated, the FHS Band did a great job and a huge crowd came out to the common to sing! Lynda even made gallons of Hot Cocoa to give away. (Also nominated were the Holiday Light Contest, Fruit Baskets and Adopt a Kid / Senior)

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

Something worth Celebrating...

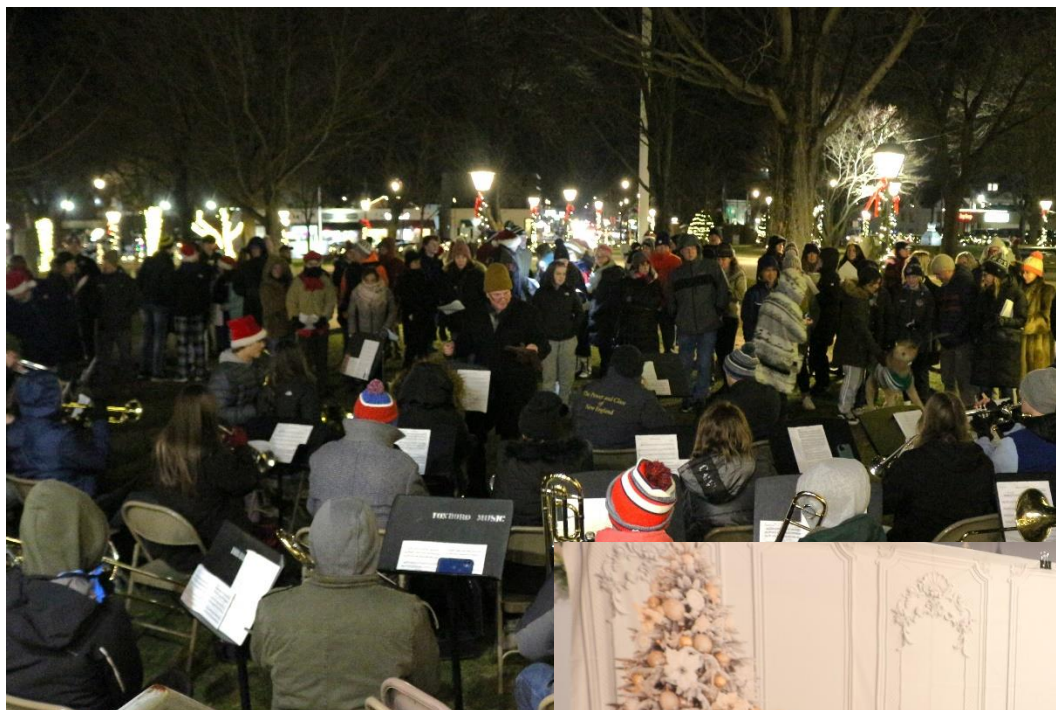
February Birthdays:

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| Thomas Sullivan | 2 nd |
| Ed Miller | 15 th |
| Jennifer D'Amato | 16 th |
| Kris Long | 20 th |
| Jane Webster | 27 th |
| Lauren Bitar | |

February Anniversaries:

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|-------------------|------|
| Bill Dempsey | 2006 |
| Joseph Nawn | 2017 |
| Dan Creavin | 2022 |
| Lisa Connell Dahl | 2022 |

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



Our Project of the Month, Caroling on the Common, brought out a large group to sing along with the Foxboro High School Band for a round of traditional Holiday Favorites

Jaycee of the Month, Caitlin Pignone (Far Right) poses with the Barrows Insurance crew and the Clauses. She did a great job with the 2023 Holiday Light Contest

Individual Development

Vice President: Marc Rivard



Are you ready for some hockey! Please join us at the Amica Mutual Pavilion (formerly the Dunkin Donuts Center or Providence Civic Center) on Sunday February 25th at 3:05pm to watch the Providence Bruins take on the Cleveland Monsters! Tickets are \$25. Please contact Pam Warren for your tickets. This is always a fun time and I hear everyone in our group will be receiving a free hat!!

\$25??? What a bargain!!!! (Apologies to Eddie Murphy for that last line. LOL)

Did you know?

- 1) The Valentine's Day tradition of giving a box of candy was started in the 19th century by Richard Cadbury, a scion of a British chocolate manufacturing family. With a new technique recently established at the company to create more varieties of chocolate, Cadbury pounced on the opportunity to sell the chocolates as part of the beloved holiday.
- 2) 'Sweethearts', the iconic chalky heart-shaped candies that have been passed out lovingly every Valentine's Day started out as lozenges. According to the Food Business News, pharmacist and inventor Oliver Chase created a machine that would quickly create the lozenges before switching to using the machine to create candy—later known as Necco Wafers. Chase's brother came up with the idea to print messages on the candy in 1866, and the candies got their heart shape in 1901, appealing specifically to Valentine's Day sweethearts.

And now back to our regularly scheduled project updates.....

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – February Meeting will be Thursday 2/8

On Thursday, January 4, 2024, Book Club members enjoyed a round of Bingo at Lisa's home and some great book chat about Yellowface by R.F. Kuang while feasting on a charcuterie board made by one of Lisa's former students: Charcuterie by C.

Brief summary: Authors June Hayward and Athena Liu were supposed to be twin rising stars. But Athena's a literary darling. June Hayward is literally nobody. Who wants stories about basic white girls, June thinks. A freak accident leaves June to witness Athena's death, and she leaves with Athena's experimental novel about the unsung contributions of Chinese laborers during World War I. June edits the book and publishes it as her own, justifying her actions in a first person narrative book that left book club members pondering her character



traits as well as those of Athena who also had made some morally questionable decisions. The novel offers an inside look at the struggles of aspiring writers, the role of social media to foster success as well as create stress.

June's efforts to protect her secret leaves her exposed to those who question her authenticity as well as her own conscience. One book club member said the story reminded her of Poe's Tell Tale Heart. We did not like June but realized her story gave us a lot of great things to discuss.

For these reasons, the book earned mostly 2.5's but also a couple of 3's on our rating scale: 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."

February 8th Book Club Meeting: *Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan.

*** Date change for this month only. ***

Lime green plastic flower-shaped hair bobbles—Found, on the playing field, Derrywood Park, 2nd September.

Bone china cup and saucer—Found, on a bench in Riveria Public Gardens, 31st October.

Anthony Peardew is the keeper of lost things. Forty years ago, he carelessly lost a keepsake from his beloved fiancée, Therese. That very same day, she died unexpectedly. Brokenhearted, Anthony sought consolation in rescuing lost objects—the things others have dropped, misplaced, or accidentally left behind—and writing stories about them. Now, in the twilight of his life, Anthony worries that he has not fully discharged his duty to reconcile all the lost things with their owners. As the end nears, he bequeaths his secret life's mission to his unsuspecting assistant, Laura, leaving her his house and all its lost treasures, including an irritable ghost.

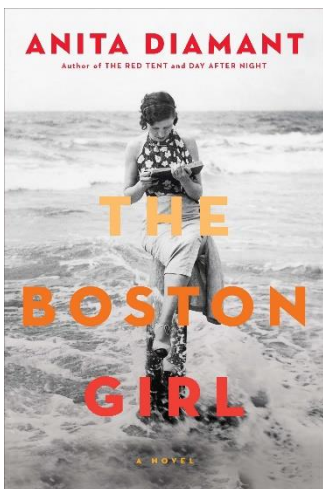
Recovering from a bad divorce, Laura, in some ways, is one of Anthony's lost things. But when the lonely woman moves into his mansion, her life begins to change. She finds a new friend in the neighbor's quirky daughter, Sunshine, and a welcome distraction in Freddy, the rugged gardener. As the dark cloud engulfing her lifts, Laura, accompanied by her new companions, sets out to realize Anthony's last wish: reuniting his cherished lost objects with their owners.

Long ago, Eunice found a trinket on the London pavement and kept it through the years. Now, with her own end drawing near, she has lost something precious—a tragic twist of fate that forces her to break a promise she once made.

As the Keeper of Lost Objects, Laura holds the key to Anthony and Eunice's redemption. But can she unlock the past and make the connections that will lay their spirits to rest?



March 7th: *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant: Anita Diamant's "vivid, affectionate portrait of American womanhood" (*Los Angeles Times*), follows the life of one woman, Addie Baum, through a period of dramatic change. Addie is The Boston Girl, the spirited daughter of an immigrant Jewish family, born in 1900 to parents who were unprepared for America and its effect on their three daughters. Growing up in the North End of Boston, then a teeming multicultural neighborhood, Addie's intelligence and curiosity take her to a world her parents can't imagine—a world of short skirts, movies, celebrity culture, and new opportunities for women. Addie wants to finish high school and dreams of going to college. She wants a career and to find true love. From the one-room tenement apartment she shared with her parents and two sisters, to the library group for girls she joins at a neighborhood settlement house, to her first, disastrous love affair, to finding the love of her life, eighty-five-year-old Addie recounts her adventures with humor and compassion for the naïve girl she once was.



Upcoming Projects:

Providence Bruins: Sunday February 25th at 3:05 pm, The P-Bruins take on Cleveland on 90's Weekend at The AMP! Join us as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the 1999 Calder Cup Championship team with 90's game presentation, flashback moments, and much more! Tickets are only \$25 per person – Call or text Pam Warren at 716-866-6888 before Feb 15th if you are interested in attending. We are also planning to gather beforehand at a nearby restaurant for Lunch.

Axe Throwing Crazy Axes – Patriot Place – Foxboro (TBD) Chair: Marian McCabe
Marian is looking into details and Potential dates for this – stay tuned

Music Bingo Box Seats – North Attleboro or Franklin – TBD Chair: Amy LaBrache

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?
- **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 for February / March Events



February 10th is the start of the Lunar New Year – Welcome to the Year of the Dragon!



Community Development

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Completed Projects:

Common Decorating / Nativity Take Down – Jan 6 – Ken Wills / Marc Rivard – With the help of a very small team, this project is now completed. Very special thank you the Knights of Columbus who came out to support this project.

Upcoming Projects:

Sand for Seniors- Sophia Manos and Mike Mills

It has been a very busy season this year and this dynamic duo are really doing a great job! If you know of a senior in need of sand and salt, let them know! Great job guys!

Easter Egg Hunt – 3/23/24 - Chair Needed:

This is such a fun and good first project looking to do a community project. We have many of us who have run this in the past that are willing to help. Please let me know if you are interested.

Candidate's Night – April TBD – Chair Needed:

Thank you, Sophia, for getting the ball rolling on this project. We are looking for someone to help with moderating and organizing this project. Sophia is happy to help and show you the ropes! Please reach out with any questions or if you can help!

Concerts on the Common – Thursdays 7PM – June – August – Marc Rivard & Max Loew:

How will last year be topped? Believe it or not, these two guys have already been planning and contacting for this year's summer concerts! Stay tuned for more information!

2024 Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur:

Lisa will be putting together and distributing information for this year's Scholarship. Stay tuned!

If anyone has any questions or 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



Current Projects:

SPRING VENDOR FAIR – Deena

May 4, 2024 9am - 3pm

(Rain date May 5)

May the 4th be with you! Our Spring fair will be here before we know it. Registration begins in late February. Please contact Deena for info about being on her committee and learn from the vendor fair master. 😊



When the time comes starting in March, you can 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.

We will likely ask the food truck to come out again for concessions. The truck from the Turner Brothers will give the Jaycees a percentage of their gross intake, and we won't have to worry about the grills until Founders day.

SPRING VENDOR FAIR RAFFLE – Alicia Bryant, co-chair needed

Alicia did a wonderful job the last few times and she is becoming our raffle queen ! She is back gathering donation items from the vendors to raffle off to lucky patrons and passerby, but really this is a perfect first chair or co-chair project so anyone can help her set up, windproof the boxes/ bags or get the donations. Consider signing up to help!

JAYCEES CAR SHOW – Amy LaBrache - Date TBD (Committee needed)

Our annual car show is time and date to be determined, but please contact Amy about possibly being on the committee to help put the fun in this great fundraiser for us and the town of Foxboro.

Got Project fundraiser ideas? Submit to wm@foxborojaycees.org

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!

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.



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 Instagram ([foxborojaycees](https://www.instagram.com/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

February 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 Groundhog Day | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Book Club – 7pm “The Keeper of Lost Things” by Ruth Hogan | 9 | 10 Lunar New Year |
| 11 Superbowl Sunday! | 12 | 13 | 14 <i>GM in Person</i> 7:30 PM at SFCC Valentines Day  | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 President’s Day | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Providence Bruins Game 3:05 PM | 26 | 27 | 28 Board meeting on Zoom | 29 | 1 | 2 |

March 2024

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Book Club 7pm: The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Daylight Savings Begins | 11 Ramadan Begins | 12 | 13 <i>GM on Zoom</i> 7:30 PM | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 St Patrick’s Day  | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Easter Egg Hunt |
| 24 Palm Sunday | 25 | 26 | 27 Board meeting on Zoom | 28 | 29 Good Friday | 30 |
| 31  | 1 April Fool’s Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |