

Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees - March 2024



Dear Friends,

While waiting for spring activities, the Jaycees were busy bees during February! Organizing the new Board is underway; Installation Banquet has been confirmed for April 20th: we hope to see lots of friends in attendance.

Additionally, dates were confirmed for concerts;

Vendor Fair registration is open; and Easter Egg Hunt Bunny is ready for action! Scholarship information has been distributed to local schools. The Car Show Committee has been meeting. Communication with new members and our amazing business supporters continues!

March 23rd is the Easter Egg Hunt, so we would love to see you! This popular and heart-warming project marks the beginning of spring and demands lots of bodies! It also fills the air with laughter and delight as the 6 ft. 4 inch. Easter Bunny poses for photos with kids and pets! I do hope to see you there!

We would love to hear from our Jaycees friends, so please mark your calendar to join us for a GM or at the next event!

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Deena Cummings





Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

March – time to Spring Forward! We get longer days, more daylight in the evenings and can look ahead to warmer weather and all the great events coming up. Planning has begun for all our big projects and we can always use more help – committees, manpower and members attending the events. I have been making my way through the Roster and calling our members – it has been wonderful to talk with many of you. If you get a voicemail from me – please call or text back to confirm your information is still correct. We will be sending out an updated roster with next month's Wise Fox. 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 jayceesfoxboro@gmail.com 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 February GMAA:

January Jaycee: Mike Mills: Mike has been busy this winter delivering all the buckets of Sand to our area Seniors. Hopefully the improving weather means this project will be wrapping up to save Mike's back. (Also Nominated were the Common take-down team of Ken Wills, Marc Rivard, Alicia Bryant and Pam Warren)

January Project: Common Decoration Takedown - Ken Wills, Marc Rivard, Alicia Bryant and Pam Warren: Ken went out on Friday to get the lights off the bushes, The Knights came out to move the Nativity and our small, but dedicated group got all the lights, ribbons and garland taken down and safely stored on a cold Saturday morning. (Also nominated was Sand For Seniors)

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

Something worth Celebrating...

March Birthdays:

Max Loew	2 nd
LaNecia Wood	3 rd
Lynn Freerksen	5 th
Cindy McCann	10 th
Patricia Kelley	15 th
Tom Whiffen	17 th
Ed Groh	20 th
Jeanne Suttie Christian	21 st
Dan Creavin	31 st
David Fisler	

March Anniversaries:

William Byrnes	1979
Cheryl Cushman	1992
David Fisler	1998
Patricia Kelley	2014
Amy LaBrache	2019
Kris Long	2019

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



We had a small, but dedicated crew to help with our Project of the Month – Common Decoration take down. Ken Wills, Marc Rivard, Alicia Bryant and Pam Warren.

Sadly, I don't have any current pictures of our Jaycee of the month, Mike Mills – Sand for Seniors is a Quiet "Behind the scenes" kind of project...

Shout out to Long time member Bill Byrnes – while calling the membership to update the roster, I had a lovely conversation with Bill where he informed me that he has just completed 40 YEARS of running at least 2 Miles EVERY DAY!!

Congratulations Bill – that is an amazing accomplishment!



Individual Development

Vice President: Marc Rivard

The Providence Bruins win!!! The Providence Bruins win!!!! The game looked in doubt when the Cleveland Monsters scored 2 goals in the first 5 minutes of the game. The Bruins clawed back and had the lead 3-2 with one minute left in the game. Cleveland pulled their goalie and scored to tie it up. After 5 minutes of overtime, it went to a shootout!!! The Bruins scored on the last shooter and won the game!!! We had 14 people join in on the fun! Thank you to Pam Warren for chairing this annual project!!!! P.S. I also scored a nice David Pastrnak framed autographed 8 x 10 in the silent auction. Sweet 😊



Guest Speaker – April GM (4/10 at 7:30pm)

Barbara Gillmeister, the Executive Director of Gilly's House, will be our guest speaker at the April General Membership Meeting. Gilly's House is a sober house for men, located in Wrentham Massachusetts, which can accommodate 21 residents. It is a MASH (Massachusetts Alliance of Sober Housing) certified and non-profit sober house for men who have completed an addiction treatment program and are looking for a structured and supportive place to live to continue their commitment to recovery.

Let's have a great Jaycee turnout for our first guest speaker of 2024!!

Did you know?

- St. Patrick was not Irish. Despite being the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick was born in Britain in either Scotland or Wales (accounts tend to vary on that point). His parents, Calpornius and Conchessa, were both Roman citizens and his mother gave birth to him in 385AD. St. Patrick's given name was Maewyn Succat. It wasn't until he became a priest that he adopted a new name - Patrick, after Patricius (which relates to the Latin root meaning father).
- It wasn't until 1798, the year of the Irish Rebellion, that green became officially associated with St. Patrick's Day. Up until the rebellion, the color associated with St. Patrick was blue, as it was featured both in the royal court and on ancient Irish flags. But as the British wore red, the Irish chose to wear green, and they sang the song "The Wearing of the Green" during the rebellion, cementing the color's relevance in Irish history.



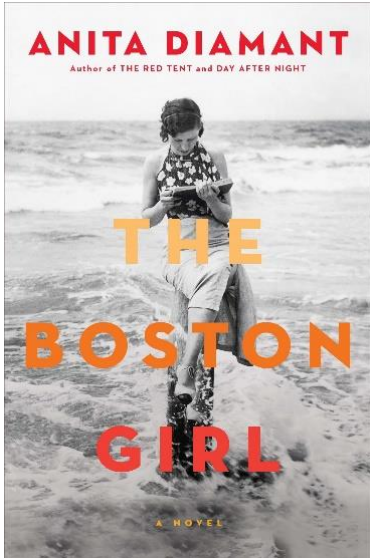
And now back to our regularly scheduled project updates.....

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur – March Meeting will be Thursday 3/7

On Thursday, February 8, 2024, Book Club members gathered to discuss **The Keeper of Lost Things** by Ruth Hogan at the home of Lisa J. while enjoying some Valentine's Day-themed macarons (thank you, Monique!), crackers, cheese, fruit, and tea.

Book Club members enjoyed discussing this novel. We had some great discussions about audio books, the short stories within the novel inspired by the lost items, the interesting characters, including the "ghost," the interesting way the main stories from two different time periods come together through the finding of "lost things," and the interesting and satisfying ending.

For these reasons, the book earned mostly 1.5's but also a couple of 2's and one 3 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."



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.

April 4, 2024 The Last Story of Mina Lee: A Reese's Book Club Pick

By [Nancy Jooyoun Kim](#)

Riveting and unconventional, *The Last Story of Mina Lee* traces the far-reaching consequences of secrets in the lives of a Korean immigrant mother and her daughter

Margot Lee's mother is ignoring her calls. Margot can't understand why, until she makes a surprise trip home to Koreatown, LA, and finds that her mother has suspiciously died. Determined to discover the truth, Margot unravels her single mother's past as a Korean War orphan and an undocumented immigrant, only to realize how little she truly knew about her mother, Mina. Thirty years earlier, Mina Lee steps off a plane to take a chance on a new life in America. Stacking shelves at a Korean grocery store, the last thing she expects is to fall in love. But that moment leads to repercussions for Mina that echo through the decades, leading up to the truth of what happened the night of her death.

Told through the intimate lens of a mother and daughter who have struggled all their lives to understand each other, *The Last Story of Mina Lee* is a powerful and exquisitely woven debut novel that explores identity, family, secrets, and what it truly means to belong.



Upcoming Projects:

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 March /April Events

Mark your Calendar for the Installation Banquet –

April 20th at 6pm at Conrad's in Foxboro

Marian McCabe has already started planning for a great evening

Join us as we present our 2023 – 2024 Year End Awards

And Swear in our 2024-2025 Board of Directors.

Watch your mailbox for the official invitation coming soon.



Community Development

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Upcoming Projects:

Easter Egg Hunt – 3/23/24 – Rain Date 3/24: Sophia Manos

The annual Easter egg "hunt" will be on March 23rd on the Common. We will have

around 4,000 colorful little plastic eggs with candy scattered about for kiddos to collect before they get their picture with the Big Bunny! Thanks again to Devlin for stepping in the big floppy shoes. 🐰

We should start set-up in the 7-7:30 am range to set out the ropes and area. The more hands we have the easier it will be to spread the eggs around and be ready for the 10AM start.

We will have ways to amplify our instructions again this year with some amps and mics from our former radio Jaycee jockeys in Pam and Marc and a borrowed bullhorn from FPD.

Egg Stuffing will take place the Saturday before – March 16th at 11 am at the South Foxboro Community Center – with 4000 eggs to fill with candy, we will need lots of help!



2024 Scholarship – Lisa Jolicoeur:

Scholarship Information and guidelines can be found on the Foxboro Jaycees web site along with a link to download the scholarship form.

The Foxboro Jaycees are pleased to announce applications are being accepted for the 2024 Scholarship Program: two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to deserving individuals intending to enroll or who are currently enrolled in a two or four-year college, a technical institute, school of nursing, post graduate school or other accredited secondary program who demonstrates a commitment to community service.

The scholarships are in loving memory for longtime Jaycees [Fred George, Jr.](#), who lost a courageous battle to cancer in December 2018, and for [Dave Brown](#), loving father and husband who passed in June 2023. Both of these amazing men spent countless hours assisting with Jaycees community projects, embracing leadership roles when needed, and embodying Jaycees values of service to others. The Jaycees will honor the legacy of these two amazing men through this scholarship program by recognizing young adults who embody these same values.

Candidates Night - Evening of April 11th – Sophia Manos & Caitlin Pignone

The Jaycees partner with Foxboro Cable Access to present our annual public service to the voting community of Foxboro. We ask the candidates running for local offices to step in front of a camera and answer some questions from some local media. We expect contested seats for the Select-board and the School Committee this year.

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

The 2024 Concert season has officially been announced – all the concert acts have been booked and we are ready for a Fantastic series of shows:

- **June 6:** Foxboro High School Jazz Ensemble (The tradition continues)
- **June 13:** Sideways Down (Classic Rock, Southern Rock, and modern-day Country)
- **June 20:** Eddy's Shoe (Contemporary Blues Rock & extended Jams)
- **June 27:** Smoke n Whiskey (Country Rock)
- **July 4:** Independence Day – no concert, have a safe and happy 4th!
- **July 11:** Classic Vibe (Reggae, Calypso and Soca music)
- **July 18:** Space Captain (Acoustic Rock duo)
- **July 25:** Bled Sabblin (Black Sabbath and Led Zeppelin dual cover band)
- **August 1:** Carolyn Rae & The Rumors (Classic and Contemporary Pop & Rock)
- **August 8:** 3 Can Jam (Rock & Dance music and “Lost 8 track classic” songs)
- **August 15:** Red Herring (“A Teen band with two Metalheads and two Swifties”)

Finally, We are so happy to announce that the Foxboro Jaycees will be sponsoring the evening entertainment at Foxborough Founders Day. The Dave Macklin Band will be performing from 6:30pm until the fireworks! If you caught their show on the Common last summer, you know you will be in for a funky time!!!

Hope to see you all on June 8th!!!!

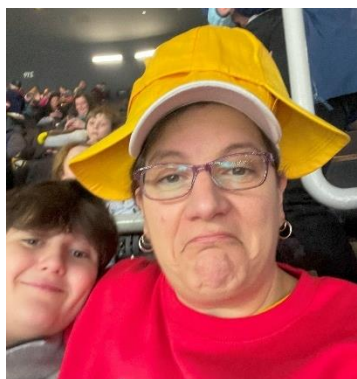
Sand for Seniors- Sophia Manos and Mike Mills (Concluding)

The warm weather and the groundhog's prediction of an early Spring last month may see the early end to this project as well for this season. But we were able to get all buckets of salt out to those who requested them so far.

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 is officially open – the form is at the end of this issue if you

want to have a booth, or know of anyone who would be interested. Please contact Deena for info about being on her committee and learn from the vendor fair master. 😊

As registrations and payments come through, 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 expect 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 & Gabby Grondalski

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, and new member Gabby has volunteered to co-chair, to help her set up, windproof the boxes/ bags or get the donations. Consider signing up to help on the day!

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

Our annual car show is time and date to be determined, but the committee had their first meeting recently to get the wheels rolling. There is still room for more members to help put the fun in this great fundraiser for us and the town of Foxboro.

Coming Soon... Founder's Day is June 8th – we will need chairpersons / committees for our big Concession stand during the day and Glow Item Sales in the evening before Fireworks!

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



Membership

Committee

Junior Jaycees – Amy LaBrache & Caitlin Pignone:

We are working towards launching this soon. 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) 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

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 7:30 PM</i>	14	15	16 Egg Stuffing 11 am @ SFCC
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	2	3	4	5	6

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>April Fool's Day</i>	2	3	4 Book Club – 7pm "The Last Story of Mina Lee" by Nancy Jooyoun Kim	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>GM in Person 7:30 PM at SFCC</i> Board Elections	11 Candidate's Night at FCA	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Installation Banquet 6pm- Conrad's</i>
21	22	23	24 Board meeting on Zoom	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Vendor Fair

Foxboro Jaycees Spring Vendor and Craft Fair 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

The Foxboro Jaycees will once again be holding our **Spring Craft and Vendor Fair on the Foxboro Common** on **Saturday, May 4th 2024**. The event will be free to the public and open from 9:00am to 3:00pm. We are inviting crafters, artists, and vendors from the area to set up exhibits on the Common.

Your space will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis, so please mail your form & payment today!

Registration Fees:

\$45 if postmarked March 4th through March 22nd 2024

\$50 if postmarked March 23rd through April 26th 2024

For Jaycees Members and Community Organizations, please reach out for special member pricing

****Registration Closes April 26th****

Registration form **MUST** be Signed and submitted **by Mail** (with Check or PayPal/Venmo request) to:

Foxboro Jaycees

Attn: Vendor Fair Registration

PO Box 169

Foxboro, MA 02035

- Your **non-refundable** registration fee includes the rental of a 10'x10' space on the Common; you will need to bring a table and chairs to display your items. If you wish, you can set up a pop-up tent in your space as well. Please do not set up sides on your tent. Access to electricity at the Common is not guaranteed and there is no WI-FI available, so please plan accordingly.
- Payment Options:
 - Check or Money Order made payable to the Foxboro Jaycees.
 - PayPal or Venmo (Additional fee applies) - Sign and submit registration form by mail to receive confirmation for PayPal / Venmo submission. We will not hold spaces until payment is received in full. Please do NOT send payment until approved to do so. You are not guaranteed a spot unless a committee member confirms your registration form has been received.
 - All registration forms MUST be mailed. Emailed registration forms will be discarded unless specifically requested by a committee member.
- Since this is an outdoor event, we have scheduled a rain date, which will be Sunday, May 5th. In the event of inclement weather, we will notify you one day prior to the event (Friday May 3rd) if the Fair will be postponed to the rain date. No refunds will be issued if the event is postponed until the rain date. If we are forced to cancel the event completely, a 50% discount will be instituted for any paid vendor who requests it for the next scheduled fair only.
- Set-up will begin at 7:30am. You will be allowed to clean up from 3-4pm. You will be responsible for removing all your items. Please help us keep the Foxboro Common clean.
- Vehicles are not allowed on the Town Common. Parking is available, but limited, around the Common for setup and cleanup. You will be required to park in other areas during the event to leave spaces for visitors. A shuttle may be available to take you to / from your vehicle. If a shuttle is not available, you may request that a Jaycee watch your booth until you have returned from parking.
- If you will be selling food, you are required to obtain a mobile food permit from the Foxboro Board of Health at least 30 days prior to the event (or pay a late fee). More information can be found: http://www.foxboroughma.gov/Pages/FoxboroughMA_Health/index

Foxboro Jaycees Vendor and Craft Fair 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Car Plate # _____

Email _____

Website _____

Request _____

(Special Request examples: request shady spot, need to be next to another vendor, need two spots, etc.)

Type of Product/Service _____

(if MLM, please annotate here.)

I hereby acknowledge that if I intend to sell food at the event, I am responsible for obtaining a food permit from the Foxboro Board of Health.

Vendor Signature: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

_____ Check Enclosed _____ PayPal Invoice Requested _____ Venmo Invoice Requested

PayPal or Venmo account: _____

Please Note: This form must be MAILED to reserve a space. For PayPal or Venmo requests, include your account information (make sure it is legible) for us to confirm and send an invoice, as needed. Your space is not guaranteed until we receive payment.

Please contact Deena Cummings by

Email at fairs.foxjaycees@gmail.com with any questions.

Official Jaycee use ONLY:

<i>Date received</i>	<i>Check # / PayPal / Venmo Received</i>