

# Wise Fox

*A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees*

*February 2026*



Greetings Fellow Jaycees,

Snow is abundant and the Patriots are back in the Super Bowl. It must be February! I hope you all are doing well and finding ways to enjoy a return to our classic New England winter season.



Other than the salt delivering heroics of the “Salt for Seniors” team, this month is slow on projects. I do want to at least remind you again of upcoming projects like a Providence Bruins outing in March. And then the well-known Spring projects will be upon us like Easter Egg Hunt and the Spring Vendor Fair. We hope for a thaw before then.

The Jaycee Scholarship awards are coming soon! If you know of any graduating students looking for a little extra spending money as they venture into their next academic adventure, please be sure to keep looking on our socials and website for more.

Speaking of the website, I also wanted to give a shout out to the consistent great work that Bob Gillis has been doing keeping our website up to date and easy to navigate.

Short message for the short month.

Stay warm, stay safe and Go Pats!!

*Sophia* 😊



# Secretary's Report

*Pam Warren*



Love is in the Air... February may be cold, but it's also the month of Love and FOOTBALL! As we all root for our Hometown team in "The Big Game" it's also time to start thinking about SPRING! Come to the SFCC for our GM next Wednesday as we discuss our upcoming Spring and Summer projects! We hope to see everyone there! 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](mailto:lccgazette@yahoo.com) and I will assist.

**Sunshine** - We would like to send best wishes to the Charbatji Family of Foxboro – A recent Garage fire has displaced the family of 4 and their dog. A GoFundMe page has been posted for them. 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](mailto: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 January GMM:

*December Jaycee: Emma Fisler:* Once again, our "Junior Jaycee" did a Fantastic job with the Fruit Basket project. She was very well organized and was instrumental in rallying other young folks to be fully involved and get the job done. (also nominated: Ken Wills for delivering Sand Buckets; Pam Warren for running Caroling and being at every event)

*December Project: Fruit Basket Assembly:* Emma and Monica were a great team to get the Fruit Baskets done. The project was run efficiently and had a good crowd involved, including many Jaycees, and a good group from Mass General Brigham. (Also Nominated: Caroling on the Common and Adopt a Kid / Senior)

**We want to recognize YOU... Come out to help with a project or volunteer to Chair one in the New Year**

# Something worth Celebrating...

## *February Birthdays:*

<b>Thomas Sullivan</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Ed Miller</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Jennifer D'Amato</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Kris Long</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Jane Webster</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Lauren Bitar</b>	

## *February Anniversaries:*

<b>Bill Dempsey</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Joseph Nawn</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Dan Creavin</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Emma Fisler</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Sarah LaBrache</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Gianna Pignone</b>	<b>2025</b>

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



Jaycee & Project of the Month –

Junior Jaycee Emma Fisler (with her Mom, Monica) did a great Job running our Project of the Month, Fruit Basket Assembly. This was her second time running one of her Favorite projects and we look forward to more great things from her!

# Individual Development

*Vice President: Caitlin Pignone*

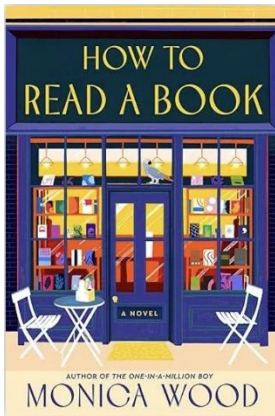
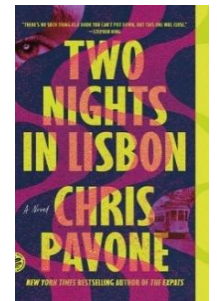


## February Fun Facts

- ❖ This February is a very unusual month – with exactly 4 weeks beginning on a Sunday and Ending on a Saturday. The oddity with this Month means we will have 2 months in a row that feature a “Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>”.
- ❖ Valentine’s Day is Celebrated in many countries globally as a day to celebrate love and romance. In the Philippines it is the most common wedding anniversary, and mass weddings of hundreds of couples are not uncommon on that day.

## Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur

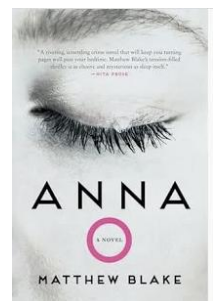
The Book Club did not meet in January due to a scheduling conflict, so For **February 5th**, we will be discussing **“Two Nights in Lisbon”**, a thriller novel **by Chris Pavone** about a woman named Ariel who wakes up in a Lisbon hotel to find her husband, John, has disappeared. The book follows her desperate search, which leads her to uncover secrets about his life and confront her own hidden past as she races against a deadline to save him from a dangerous situation. It is known for its clever plot twists and exploration of themes like marriage, trust, and deception..



AND we will also be discussing the originally planned book for February, **“How To Read A Book” by Monica Wood**: This is a book about redemption, forgiveness, and starting over. While not obvious at first, it is also about complex family dynamics. Harriet is a retired English teacher who leads a book club in a women’s prison near Portland, Maine. Imagine the most buttoned-up woman among felons, and you have this very unique group of women. When the book opens, Violet is an inmate at the prison (and in the book club) and about to be released. After she is released, she moves into an apartment close to Harriet’s house. Not only that, but it also turns out that Harriet’s new friend Frank (who is the handyman at the bookstore she frequents) was married to the woman Violet killed in a drunk driving car accident. (Do you feel the

tension?)

**For March, we will be reading Anna O by Matthew Blake.** Anna Ogilvy was a budding twenty-five-year-old writer with a bright future. Then, one night, she stabbed two people to death with no apparent motive—and hasn't woken up since. Dubbed “Sleeping Beauty” by the tabloids, Anna's condition is a rare psychosomatic disorder known to neurologists as “resignation syndrome.”



# Upcoming Projects:

## Providence Bruins outing – Pam Warren:

Once again, we will get a group together to spend a Sunday afternoon at the “Amica Mutual Pavillion” in Providence to watch the Providence Bruins play – and maybe get together for a nice lunch beforehand. We have chosen Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> this year. The “baby Bruins” will play the Hershey Bears for the P-Bruins annual Teddy Bear Toss. We can bring or buy bears to toss on the ice when P-Bruins score their first goal. They will have Fundraising and support events for Hasbro Children's Hospital, along with Fun fan cams, giveaways and more! It is a fun day out with friends, you can bring non Jaycee friends and family, and we get a big discount on the ticket cost. Email Pam by February 25<sup>th</sup> at [lccgazette@yahoo.com](mailto:lccgazette@yahoo.com) or text at 716-866-6888 if you are interested.



Last Year's Group at the Bruins Game –  
We had a big group and great seats!

**Please see the calendar for  
February & March Events**

# Community Development

## Committee

### *Ongoing Projects:*

#### **Sand For Seniors – Caitlin Pignone**

Caitlin and her crew have distributed over 40 buckets of salt / sand to our area seniors so far and will continue to do so for the rest of the winter season – if you have time to help make deliveries or collect empty buckets, contact her.

### *Completed Projects:*

#### **Common Decorating / Nativity Take Down – 1/10 (Morning) – Kenny Wills**

We had some help from several community members, including a few enthusiastic young folks who earned volunteer hours for their efforts. The Knights of Columbus also came out to help take down the Nativity set. All the decorations are safely tucked away for another year. Thanks to Marc, Alicia, Sophia, Pam, Gabby, Kyle and Bob Webster for all the hard work.

#### **Jaycee Web Site Fun Fact February 2026 - Bob Gillis**

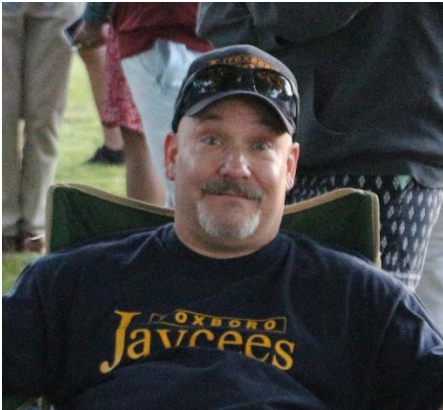
Our friend Marc Rivard has been spreading the word about our upcoming concerts on the Common! While the full season lineup is still coming together, **I have created a brand-new page on the website** featuring all the bands confirmed so far—complete with dates **and** detailed, behind-the-scenes descriptions of each act. I've also refreshed our longtime concert blurb (yes, the "Since 1991" one we've lovingly used for decades!) into something more dynamic and engaging, while still honoring the history that started it all.

Check it out at <https://www.foxborojaycees.org/?p=69059>

And check back as Marc announces more concerts!

**HAPPY**  
**VALENTINE'S DAY**





# Ways and Means

*Vice President: Mace Rivard*



Brrrrrrrr!! Hope everyone is staying warm!!! Thanks to all who helped take down the Common decorations!!

Our next Ways & Means project will be the Spring Vendor Fair on May 2nd. Hopefully the thought of that can give us a little warmth. And even though it is not a Ways & Means project (but one I chair), the full Concerts on the Common schedule is included below. I will continue to post the events for the shows on our Facebook and Instagram pages, so please save the dates and join us

or repost on your pages to get the word out. It is gonna be a fun summah!!!

## Spring Vendor Fair - May 2 - Deena Cummings-Mack

One of our big fundraisers is back and registration will be starting in a few weeks. If you can help, please let Deena know. And as always, if you have any other fund-raising ideas, please let me know.

## Concerts on the common – Summer Schedule:

- 6/6/2026 (Founders Day)     **Carolyn Rae & The Rumors** – We are sponsoring the evening entertainment for Founder’s Day – Join us before the Fireworks for a variety of favorites that transcend decades.
- 6/11/2026     **FHS Jazz Band** – The Tradition Continues!
- 6/18/2026     **Eliot Lewis** – Multi-instrumentalist and solo artist, who has performed with many of the biggest names in the music business, performs original music and covers.
- 6/25/2026     **Richie Rich & 24 Karat Funk** – The best in Funk, R&B. Reggae, Jazz, Pop and Rock.
- 7/2/2026     **Eddy's Shoe** – Returning favorites playing original music & Jam Band Classics.
- 7/9/2026     NO SHOW (World Cup)
- 7/16/2026     **Gunpowder and Lead** – All your favorite classics, a touch of country, and tunes that everyone will enjoy.
- 7/23/2026     **Interstate Rhythm** – Duo covering a variety of music from Pink to Dolly to Cash to Elton John and so much more.
- 7/30/2026     **The Wolfpack** - Pop, Rock and Country Covers filled with plenty of flair & swagger.
- 8/6/2026     **Classic Vibe** - feelings of sitting on the beach in Jamaica or on that cruise ship on the Caribbean.
- 8/13/2026     **Space Captain** - an Acoustic Rock duo performing covers of some of your favorite Classic Rock tunes.
- 8/20/2026     Rain Date
- 8/27/2026     Rain Date



# Membership

*Gabby Grondalski & Kyle Godinho*



It's the season of love, especially for our local football team - Go Pats! You know what else we love? Meeting new friends and individuals who are interested in joining the Jaycees. If you know someone who may be interested in getting involved, encourage them to attend our next GM or email us!

- Gabby

## **Jaycees Apparel & Merch:**

Need a hat or a shirt? Let us know by emailing [gab.grondalski17@gmail.com](mailto:gab.grondalski17@gmail.com) .

## **Website – Bob Gillis:**

Bob does an amazing job keeping our website current and maintaining the archives! Stay up to date with upcoming projects 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.

## **Jaycee Photographs:**



Do you have any cool Jaycee or Jaycee event photos? We 'd love to see them and share them on our website or social media. Please send any items you'd like to share to Bob, Marc, or Pam. You don't need to be on the board to contribute to the website, our social media, or Wise Fox.

**Social Media:** Shout out to Marc and Bob for all of their hard work keeping our pages up to date!

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](http://www.foxborojaycees.org).

Have a question or a new idea? Email the board: [jayceesfoxboro@gmail.com](mailto:jayceesfoxboro@gmail.com)

## February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 Book Club 7:30 "Two Nights in Lisbon" by Chris Pavone & "How To Read A Book" by Monica Wood	6	7
8 Superbowl Sunday 	9	10	11 GM 7:30 PM at SFCC	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 
15	16 President's Day	17 Lunar New Year Fat Tuesday	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Board meeting on Zoom	26	27	28

## March 2026

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1	2	3	4	5 Book Club 7:30 – "Anna O" by Matthew Blake	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Begins Providence Bruins Outing	9	10	11 GM 7:30 PM at SFCC	12	13	14
15	16	17 St Patrick's Day 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Board meeting on Zoom	26	27	28 Easter Egg Hunt
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				