

Wise Fox

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Greetings Fellow Jaycees,

I hope everyone was able to safely dig themselves out of the copious layers of snow from the Blizzard of '26. Snow can be a big pain in the back but also can be somewhat invigorating! The chilly air and cold feet are getting us pumped up and excited for the upcoming Spring projects that are right around the corner.

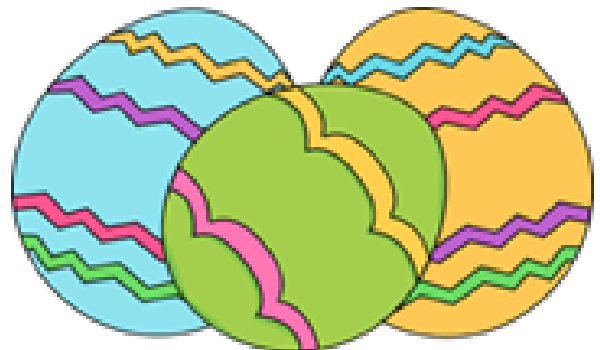
Before the Spring, let's talk more about the ice. Specifically, the annual Providence Bruins outing is this upcoming Sunday, March 8th at 3pm. Hockey is having its moment in pop and political culture right now, and while we do not expect anything to get too "heated" during the teddy bear toss on Sunday, it should be a good time.

I want to again thank Caitlin and Anthony Pignone for managing and delivering all the salt buckets for Salt for Seniors this crazy winter. And as the salt and sun melt away the snow, we hope to have a dry Easter Egg Hunt on the Common on March 28th. If snow remains on the Common green come that Saturday, then we will get creative with the eggs. Stay tuned for info on egg filling coming soon!

As Spring is the season of renewal and new beginnings, we are again at the point where we must vote for a new board. We on the current board acknowledge that things in this chapter have become a bit rote and we encourage any of our members past and present to help us move along into the future. All board positions are open. Please let us know if you would like to join and we will get you on the ballot. Please save the date for our installation ceremony this year on Sunday April 26th. It will be a brunch/lunch style instead of a dinner banquet. Perhaps if you had been unable to make it out to some of the past dinners, you can come out for a hearty and affordable brunch and keep your Sunday afternoon intact. More information to come!

Stay warm, stay safe and stay classy Foxboro!

Sophia 😊





Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

When Irish Eyes are Smiling.... March is a month for Green! St Patrick's Day means lots of Shamrocks, Leprechauns and green decorations, but let's also hope it means green grass as the snow melts and Spring comes in to view. Remember to "Spring Forward" with your clocks this Saturday Night into Sunday Morning. Planning has begun for our Busy season - 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 loccgazette@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 GMA:

January Jaycee: Alicia Rivard: Alicia was a HUGE help during the common take down. (also nominated: Caitlin and Anthony Pignone for their work on Sand for Seniors)

January Project: Common Deco Take-Down: A small but efficient group took down and stowed away the decorations and, with the help of the Knights of Columbus, the Nativity set. (Also Nominated: The recently revamped Website – Thanks Bob!)

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

Something worth Celebrating...

March Birthdays:

David Fisler	1 st
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

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!



Jaycee & Project of the Month – Alicia Rivard (Shown during the Set-up phase of Common decorating with Treasurer Lisa Jolicoeur) was a big help during the Take-Down of all those decorations. Thanks to Alicia and to all of those who came out to get the job done!

Individual Development

Vice President: Caitlin Dignone



March is here! Which means Daylight Savings is almost here and we can think Spring! The Jaycees are on their way to Kicking off a busier season with lots of fun projects to be involved in. Hoping this snow melts quickly. We will be warm on the common in no time for the Spring Vendor Fair.

March Fun Facts

- ❖ The Month of March is named for Mars, the Roman god of War, because it was originally the first month of the early Roman calendar
- ❖ It marks a seasonal transition – Winter to Spring in the Northern hemisphere and Summer to Autumn in the Southern Hemisphere – making the weather famously unpredictable.
- ❖ Many cultures saw March as a time of Renewal, making it a traditional moment for tax collection, agricultural planning and civic rituals.
- ❖ March's birth flower is the daffodil, symbolizing rebirth and new beginnings – fitting for a month tied to Spring.

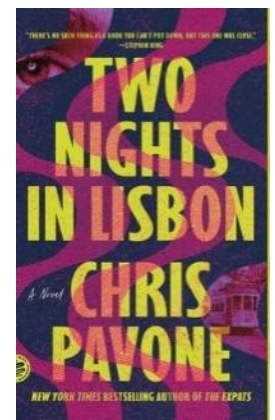
Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur

On Thursday, February 5, 2026, Book Club members braved freezing temperatures to convene at Lisa's house to discuss two books while enjoying some Valentine's themed delights: red velvet cake mini cupcakes, Peelez lips (photo), jingle mix, cannoli chips with chocolate chip frosting dip, crackers and cheese, home made cookies, and hot tea.

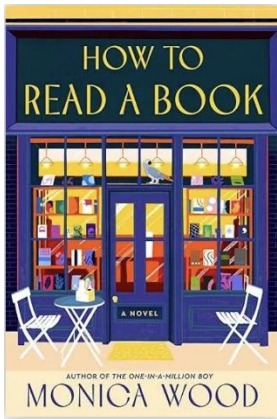


We were not able to meet in January due to the holiday, so we discussed two books: First we discussed "**Two Nights in Lisbon**", a thriller novel by **Chris Pavone** which follows Ariel who wakes up in a Lisbon hotel to find her husband, John, has simply disappeared. The book follows her desperate search, 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.

We enjoyed unpacking the complicated twists and turns because both of them harbored secrets; there was a backdrop of violence and mistreatment against women; and the truth remained elusive for most of us until the very end. Several of us did not find Ariel completely believable, that her frantic call to the police was a bit too early in his kidnapping. However, we did like the way the story unfolded and how it resolved. Thus, the book earned mostly 1.5's and 2.0's with a couple of 2.5'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."



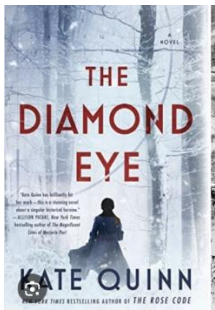
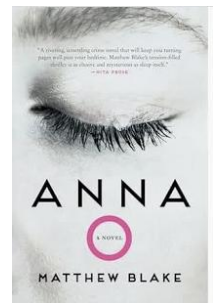
Secondly, we discussed **“How To Read A Book” by Monica Wood**, a novel about redemption, forgiveness, and starting over. While not obvious at first, it is also about complex family dynamics. Harriet is a retired English teacher who leads a book club in a women’s prison near Portland, Maine. Imagine 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?)

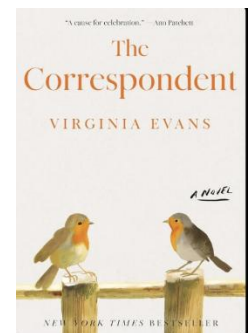
We loved this book so much; in fact, two of us were disappointed to have to stop reading to go to work while others did not want the story to end. The characters were delightful, and the ending offered a positive resolution to some hard experiences. It’s no surprise that the book earned mostly 1’s and 1.5’s.

For **March 5th**, 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.”



For **April 2nd**, we will read **“Diamond Eye” by Kate Quinn**. This is a historical fiction novel based on the true story of Lyudmila "Mila" Pavlichenko, a Ukrainian history student who becomes a deadly Soviet sniper during WWII, known as "Lady Death" for her 300+ kills. The book follows her transformation from a bookish mother to a celebrated war hero, her propaganda tour in America where she befriends First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and her struggle with the trauma of war and a dangerous enemy from her past. It's a story of heroism, friendship, and the human cost of war, blending real history with fictional elements.

For **May 7th**, we will be reading **“The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans**. The Correspondent is a 2025 epistolary novel about a septuagenarian woman named Sybil Van Antwerp, told through her letters to friends, family, and even famous authors, which forces her to confront her past and find forgiveness. The book, a sleeper hit, explores themes of aging, connection, and regret through Sybil's witty, cantankerous, and ultimately honorable voice, and has been praised for its old-school charm in the digital age.



Upcoming Projects:

Providence Bruins outing – Pam Warren: A small group will be attending a Sunday afternoon Hockey game at the “Amica Mutual Pavillion” in Providence this weekend to watch the Providence Bruins play the Hershey Bears for the P-Bruins annual Teddy Bear Toss.

Installation Banquet – Sophia Manos – Sunday, April 26th

Save the Date! We are planning a Sunday Brunch for a change of pace – Details coming soon...

Community Development Committee

Ongoing Projects:

Sand For Seniors – Caitlin Pignone

As winter keeps rolling on, Caitlin and her husband Anthony have continued to distribute buckets of salt / sand to our area seniors – let's hope the weather turns to Spring soon. In the mean time, if you have time to help make deliveries or collect empty buckets, contact her.

Upcoming Projects:

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 28 – Emma & Monica Fisler

Easter is Early this year, so our easter egg hunt will be early as well. Emma and Monica are organizing things again – watch for announcements about the Egg Stuffing – and keep hoping for all the snow to melt!

Candidate's Night – Sophia Manos

Local Elections are coming up, Sophia is working with FCA to schedule our Candidate's Night broadcast

Scholarships – Lisa Jolicoeur

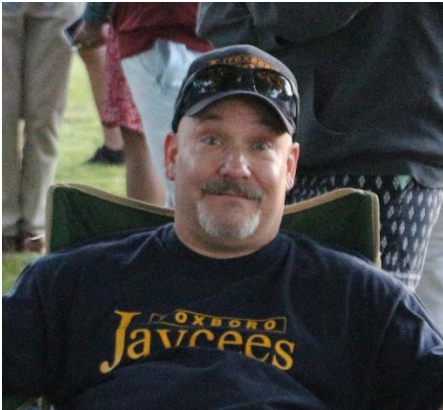
The applications have been posted and sent to schools – Deadline is late March. Let Lisa know if you want to help judge.

Concerts on the Common – Summer Thursdays – Marc Rivard

Marc has posted the full summer schedule on all our Social Media sites and Bob has posted on the website – come out to join us this Summer for some Thursday evenings of amazing Music:

- 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

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



Ways and Means

Vice President: Marc Rivard



Spring is coming quickly, even if you cannot see it over the huge mounds of snow! And with the change of seasons, come the Ways & Means projects. We have plenty listed below which still need someone to chair it. Will you step up and take on the

role? There are plenty of experienced past chairpersons who would be glad to mentor you!

Spring Vendor Fair - May 2 - Deena Cummings Mack

One of our big fundraisers is back and registration has started. If you can help, please let Deena know.

Spring Vendor Fair Raffle - May 2 - chair needed

Our vendor fair raffles have been a big hit and a big boost to our scholarship funds. We are looking for a chair to continue this great fundraising project.

Concert Sponsorships - chair needed

It is time to start beating the bushes to find some sponsors to help support our summer concerts. If anyone is interested in chairing this project or has some leads, please let me know.

Founder's Day Concessions - June 6 - chair needed

Founder's Day will be here before you know it! The folks of Foxboro always look forward to burgers, dogs and sausages cooked by the Chapter. If someone would like to step and run this project, please let me know.

Founder's Day Glow Items - June 6 - chair needed

Every year, we sell lots of glow items from the morning until the fireworks (and usually during too!). If someone would like to chair, please let me know.

Concert Concessions - Pam Warren

Another year of great concerts, another year of treats and beverages! Our Concession Queen, Pam Warren, will be there at every concert. Please stop in to see a show or two and assist Pam while you are there.

And as always, if you have any other fund-raising ideas, please let me know.



Membership

Gabby Grondalski & Kyle Godinho



March is here and there sure has been some madness weather-wise! If you know someone who is looking to warm up their hands by volunteering, or they want to learn more about the Jaycees, 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.

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.

Have a question or a new idea? Email the board: jayceesfoxboro@gmail.com

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

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>April Fool’s Day</i> <i>Passover Begins</i>	2 Book Club 7:30 “Diamond Eye” by Kate Quinn	3 <i>Good Friday</i>	4
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6	7	8 GM 7:30 PM at SFCC	9	10	11
12 <i>Orthodox Easter</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i> Board meeting on Zoom	23	24	25
26 Installation Brunch	27	28	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4 Spring Vendor Fair