

Wise Fox

A Monthly Publication of the Foxboro Jaycees April 2026



Greetings, Fellow Jaycees,
Spring is finally stretching its arms, the clocks have sprung forward, and the first hints of green are bravely pushing through the soil. Even the chilly weather could not stop the joy at our annual Easter Egg Hunt, where hundreds of excited kiddos spent the morning gathering eggs, meeting the Easter Bunny, and filling the park with giggles. Their smiles warmed us far more than the temperature did.



This popular Community Development project shined once again thanks to our returning champion mother-and-daughter duo, Monica and Emma Fislser. Their dedication — along with the support of Dave Fislser — brought together local NHS youth and our seasoned Jaycee members to stuff over **4,000 eggs**. That kind of teamwork is what makes this project special.

A round of applause must go to our wonderful bunny, Devlin House, whose commitment to being the star of countless family photos, and continues to delight year after year. And of course, heartfelt thanks to the bunny's helpers: Kenny, Marc, Alicia, Alexander, and Pam, who captured all the bunny pics.

Up next is our **Installation Ceremony Brunch** on **Sunday, April 26th at 11 AM** at **Beacon's Restaurant and Function Rooms** (85 Providence Highway, Walpole). If dinners have not fit your schedule in the past, this is the perfect chance to enjoy a hearty brunch, celebrate our accomplishments, and welcome the new board — all while keeping your Sunday afternoon free. We are also excited to host some of our local partners as we honor the work we have done together.

This year's Board slate features many familiar faces, all running unopposed:

- **President** – Caitlin Pignone
- **ID VP** – Gabriella Grondalski
- **CD VP** – Marc Rivard
- **W&M VP** – Deena Cummings
- **Membership VP** – Amy LaBrache
- **Treasurer** – Lisa Jolicoeur
- **Secretary** – Pam Warren

I want to extend my wholehearted thanks to this incredible team for serving with patience and commitment over the past year. Our chapter continues to thrive because of the creativity, energy, and generosity each of you brings to the table. Thank you as well to 2025-26 membership director, Kyle Godinho who is stepping down.

We are a community that empowers one another. Whether you are a long-time member or someone considering getting more involved, know that your ideas and enthusiasm are always welcome. If you are feeling the spark to run a project — or reignite one — we are here to support you.

Thank you for giving me the honor of serving as your president for the past two years.

Here is to new beginnings, continued growth, and a bright Spring ahead.

Warmly,

Sophia 😊



Secretary's Report

Dam Warren

Spring has Sprung! Planning has begun for all our Spring and Summer projects! We have a full season of Fundraisers and Community Service already underway with Vendor Fair, Founder's Day and a full Summer of Concerts - Come to the SFCC for our GM next Wednesday as we discuss these projects and more! April is also our Elections meeting as we choose the next board – If you are interested in

Getting more involved, come out to the meeting and jump right in. 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 and I will assist.

Sunshine – We send our deepest sympathies to Julie Grant on the loss of her beloved Pony. They have been a popular fixture of our Parade group on Founder's Day for many years and will be sadly missed. 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 March GMM:

February Jaycee: Caitlin Dignone: Caitlin (and her husband Anthony) Pignone did a fantastic job with Sand for Seniors.

February Project: Salt for Seniors: So many buckets of salt went out to our local Seniors to help prevent them from slipping and falling this winter. We thank Caitlin and her team for delivering all those heavy buckets – let's hope the season is finally over and the buckets can be collected for next year.

We want to recognize YOU... Come out to help with a project or volunteer to Chair one this Summer!

Something worth Celebrating...

April Birthdays:

Katharine Lee	3 rd
Ed Underwood	4 th
Ali Lindquist	5 th
Bob Webster	12 th
Lauren House	18 th
Cheryl Cushman	

April Anniversaries:

Robert Cole	1975
Jim Evans	1984
Ellen Dean	1985
John Zarrella	1987
Sandy Daniels	1988
Kathy Brady	2000
Mellyssa Coutinho	2013
Stephanie O'Neill	2014
Jennifer D'Amato	2019
Katharine Lee	2019
Caitlin Pignone	2023

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



Sunshine to Julie Grant on the loss of her Pony.

They were a fixture as part of the Founder's Day parade.

This photo is from 2023

Individual Development

Vice President: Caitlin Pignone

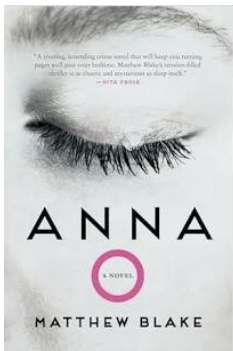
April showers bring May flowers! With spring finally here, there's renewed energy in the air, and I'm especially looking forward to our upcoming vendor fair. It's a great opportunity to showcase talented vendors, meet new faces, and bring everyone together for a fun and meaningful event. I can't wait to see it all come together and hope to see lots of the community there!

April Fun Facts:

- April used to be the second month of the year: In the ancient Roman calendar, the year began in March, so April was originally month #2 before January and February were added.
- April weather has a mind of its own: There's a reason for the phrase "April showers"—the month is known for unpredictable swings between sunshine, rain, and even random cold snaps.
- People once believed in "spaghetti trees" 🍝: In 1957, the BBC aired a famous April Fools' Day segment showing spaghetti growing on trees — and tons of viewers actually believed it.
- April's name might come from "to open": It's believed the name comes from the Latin word "aperire", meaning "to open"—a reference to flowers and trees beginning to bloom in spring.



Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur

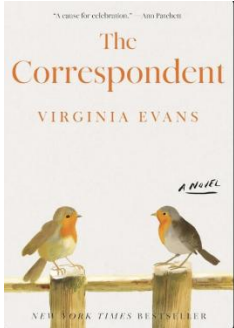
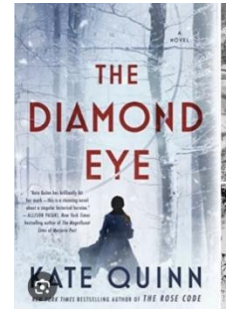


Enjoying an Irish theme (chocolates, Irish soda bread, crackers/cheese, Shamrock shakes, tea, cupcakes) on Thursday, March 5th, Book Club members convened to discuss **“Anna O”** by **Matthew Blake**. Anna Ogilvy was a budding twenty-five-year-old writer with a bright future. Then, one night, she stabbed 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.”

We enjoyed recounting the various perspectives in the novel which helped readers uncover the plot: sleep expert Dr. Ben Prince is tasked with trying to wake her so that she can stand trial; Ben's ex-wife Clara is the lead detective on the case; Harriet is the nurse who cares for sleeping Anna O. and who is with Ben when he meets with Anna at the hospital. Through Anna's diary entries, research and newspaper clippings, and other pieces of information, readers learn that Anna's mother had been a doctor, that a mysterious Patient X was the daughter of one of her test subjects, and that the mother committed suicide as a result of the test methods - all of which related to "sleep methods." Somehow, all this gets Ben tangled, setting him up as a potential suspect, and forcing readers to really ponder if Anna really killed her two alleged "friends," if Ben is indeed a suspect in all of this, and if Anna is really asleep.

We enjoyed unpacking the story and discussed the ending that truly kept us all guessing. Thus, the book earned a few 1.5's, mostly 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."

For April 2nd, we will read “The Diamond Eye” by Kate Quinn. The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn 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 Project:

Installation Banquet – Sophia Manos – Sunday, April 26th 11 am

Join us as we Celebrate all of the great work we did in the past year and inaugurate the new 2026-27 Board! This year we will have Brunch at Beacon’s Restaurant, 85 Providence Highway (Route 1) in East Walpole. The full invitation is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Completed Project:

Providence Bruins outing – Pam Warren: 5 Jaycees and 4 guests attended a Sunday afternoon Hockey game at the “Amica Mutual Pavillion” in Providence in Early March. The Providence Bruins beat the Hershey Bears in a great game that featured the P-Bruins annual Teddy Bear Toss. When the first goal was scored THOUSANDS of Teddy Bears were tossed from the stands on to the Ice in an amazing display of generosity. The bears were all collected and donated to Hasbro Children’s Hospital. We even got a shout out on the Jumbotron!



Community Development Committee

Completed Projects:

Sand For Seniors – Caitlin Pignone

Spring is here, so Hopefully we will not need to deliver any more buckets this year. Huge thanks to Caitlin and Anthony for delivering all the salt to keep our seniors safe this winter. Now comes time to collect the empty buckets so we can use them again next year.

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

It was a COLD but sunny Saturday on the town common as we spread out 4,000 little plastic easter eggs and the Bunny made his annual appearance to greet the kids. The hunt went fairly quickly and people lined up to get their photos with the Bunny on the Bandstand. Thanks to Monica and Emma for running a great event!



Upcoming Projects:

Scholarships – Lisa Jolicoeur

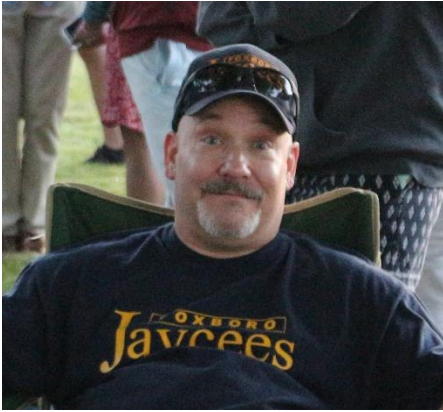
The application Deadline has passed and now it's time to decide who will earn our Dave Brown and Fred George memorial Scholarships this year. Let Lisa know if you want to help judge.

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
April & May Events**



Ways and Means

Vice President: Marc Rivard



We are just weeks away from the Spring Vendor Fair! It is now officially Ways & Means season, so let's get ready to work and make some moolah to fund all of our projects. If you can help out by chairing a project or stopping by to lend a hand, we would definitely appreciate it. Please mark May 2nd and June

6th on your calendars for the Vendor Fair and Founder's Day, respectively. We need all hands-on deck 😊

Thanks and Happy Easter!

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 any 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 in 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



Spring is here again and we are looking forward to the warm weather!! If you know someone who is looking to volunteer, or if they want to learn more about the Jaycees, encourage them to attend our next GM or email us!

Jaycees Apparel & Merch:

Need a t-shirt? Let us know your size 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 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

You are invited to the Foxboro Jaycees

66th Annual Installation Banquet

Sunday, April 26th
11 am

\$35
Per Person

Beacon's Restaurant
85 Providence Hwy
East Walpole, MA 02032

BRUCH BUFFET includes: eggs, bacon, potatoes, pancakes and
lunch option of chicken and ziti

R.S.V.P. by April 24
to smanos235@gmail.com or 973-223-9321

Costs are payable by
cash, check, or Venmo.
If you have any questions,
please contact
Treasurer Lisa Jolicoeur at
lisajolicoeu@gmail.com or
(774) 266 3800



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 <i>Tax Day</i>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i> Board meeting on Zoom	23	24	25
26 Installation Brunch 11 AM	27	28	29	30	May 1	May 2 Spring Vendor Fair

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 <i>Star Wars Day</i>	5 <i>Cinco De Mayo</i>	6	7 Book Club 7:30 – "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13 GM 7:30 PM at SFCC	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Board meeting on Zoom	28	29	30
31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6 Founder's Day!