

Wise Fox

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Greetings fellow Jaycees -

It is with excitement and pride that greet you in my first month as the Jaycees President!

It is an honor to kick off the new Jaycee year in this role; I am filled with gratitude to the experienced and enthusiastic board for supporting my nomination and invite you to share in that excitement as we kick off the year with our much-loved traditional

summer projects.

Huge thank you to Pam and Lisa for their steady commitment to their roles of Secretary and Treasurer; to Deena, Marc, and Gabby for their continued hard work in leadership roles; to Amy for rejoining the board; and of course to Sophia whose guidance as Chairman of the Board after two years as president will be a welcome resource for mentorship.

Please join us for Founder's Day! The Concession Tent is a great source of camaraderie but also demands manpower. Celebrate Foxboro pride by doing what we do best at Founder's Day on June 6th: spare a few hours to help with concessions or help sell glow items. I would love to stand beside a tentful of fellow Jaycees in doing work for our chapter! Bring your family and work as a team!

Please join us on the Common on Thursday, June 11th with the popular, award-winning Foxboro High School Jazz band! This wonderful tradition kicks off with the presentation of the Jaycees Scholarships in honor of Fred George and Dave Brown at 6:45. We would love to have a show of Jaycees as we present this scholarship to a member of the Jaycees family!! Don't miss this! Arrive by 6:30 for some photos and celebration!!

Contact me or a project chair to say you are excited to help!

Yours in Jaycees spirit,

Caitlin



Secretary's Report

Pam Warren

June is Busting out all over! Summer is almost upon us, Founder's Day is this weekend and Concerts begin next week! We hope to see many of you at these fun community events. Come to the SFCC for our GM next Wednesday as we celebrate the start of our busy season! 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 – Sending wishes for a speedy recovery to Guy Daniels who just had Back Surgery. We hope you get better real soon! 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 May GMM:

April Jaycee: Sophia Manos As is our tradition, the April Jaycee of the month is our Outgoing President Sophia Manos. Thank you Sophia for your two years of leadership. (Also Nominated: Devlyn House for his Amazing job as the Easter Bunny)

April Project: New Banner & Yard Signs for Vendor Fair: Caitlin and Gabby worked their combined Marketing & Design magic to create stunning new signs for the Vendor fair that will continue to be useful for years to come – great work ladies! (Also Nominated: Sand for Seniors, Easter Egg Hunt, & Installation Banquet)

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

Something worth Celebrating...

June Birthdays:

Devlyn House	2 nd
Sarah LaBrache	3 rd
Patty Reid	9 th
Jennifer Hesford	17 th
Gabriella Grondalski	17 th
Maria Montanez	18 th
Bob Siteman	24 th
Paul Lanza	30 th
Paul O'Sullivan	
Jim Evans	
Andrea Johnstone	

June Anniversaries:

Paul Howard	1979
Fred Badger	1986
Laura Franc	2015
Helen Power	2019

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



Left: Jaycee of the Month – Outgoing President Sophia Manos (Pictured here during the Installation Banquet)

Below: Project of the Month – The Eye-catching new Yard Signs that debuted for our Spring Vendor Fair



Vendor & Craft Fair

THIS SATURDAY 9-3

Foxboro Common

Rain Date Sunday



Individual Development

Vice President: Gabriella Grondalski

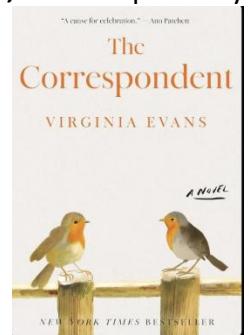
Happy June, everyone! We are officially stepping into the summer months, which means longer days and warmer weather are in the books. I'm also looking forward to stepping into this new VP role and follow in Caitlin's footsteps. That being said, I'm ready to continue the "did you know/fun fact" section!

Did you know:

- June's full moon is called "Full Strawberry Moon", named by Native Americans, as during this time, the wild strawberries are ripe for picking.
- June's "Animal" Mascot is fireflies, as they are especially active in the early days of the month.
- During the calendar year, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June (so June is the only month to start on a Monday in 2026).

Book Club – Lisa Jolicoeur

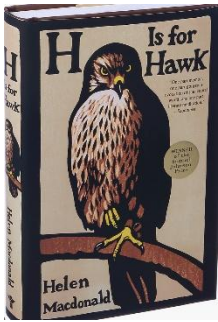
For May 7th, Book Club members gathered to discuss **The Correspondent** by Virginia Evans, a 2025 epistolary novel about a septuagenarian woman named Sybil Van Antwerp, told through her letters to friends, family, and even famous authors, which forces her to confront her past and find forgiveness. The book, a sleeper hit that will soon be a movie starring Jane Fonda, 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.



We enjoyed a colorful spring theme with a mimosa toast, herbal tea, flavored seltzer, fresh melon fruit, cake with whipped cream, strawberries, and blueberries. Book Club members enjoyed discussing the style of the book, which was told all through letters, and the many characters we encountered through the "narration" of Sybil Van Antwerp, a 73 year old retired lawyer very set in her ways and slowly going blind. She exchanges letters with authors, such as Anne Patchette and Joan Didion; through her exchanges with a college dean, we learn about her struggle to be allowed back into a college to audit classes; we also learn that her 9 year old son died many years ago, an incident that haunts her and has impacted her relationships with her daughter and ex husband; we learn about her budding relationship with a neighbor named Theodore. Her tone initially seemed a bit harsh, but humor helped. While the epistolary style was unique for some of us, Sybil's story unfolded beautifully and resolved in a manner we enjoyed (not too sappy but comfortable). We discussed a range of topics and enjoyed the book.

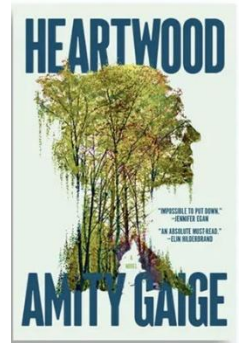
The book earned excellent ratings - mostly 1.5's with a couple of 2's - on our rating scale: 1 being "drop everything, turn off the phone, and read; no one should bother me until I am done; I might even be late for work or sunburned if reading outside;" 2 being "good, leave the phone on, recommend to 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."

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE:

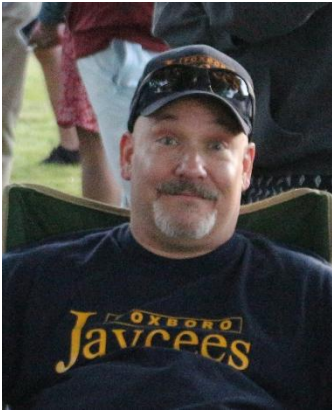


For Wednesday, June 3rd, we will be reading "H is for Hawk" by Helen Macdonald: The instant *New York Times* bestseller and award-winning sensation, Helen Macdonald's story of adopting and raising one of nature's most vicious predators has soared into the hearts of millions of readers worldwide. Fierce and feral, her goshawk Mabel's temperament mirrors Helen's own state of grief after her father's death, and together raptor and human "discover the pain and beauty of being alive" (*People*). *H Is for Hawk* is a genre-defying debut from one of our most unique and transcendent voices.

For July 2nd (tentative date due to the holiday), we will be reading Heartwood by Amity Gaige: In the heart of the Maine woods, an experienced Appalachian Trail hiker goes missing. She is forty-two-year-old Valerie Gillis, who has vanished 200 miles from her final destination. Alone in the wilderness, Valerie pours her thoughts into fractured, poetic letters to her mother as she battles the elements and struggles to keep hoping. At the heart of the investigation is Beverly, the determined Maine State Game Warden tasked with finding Valerie, who leads the search on the ground. Meanwhile, Lena, a seventy-six-year-old birdwatcher in a Connecticut retirement community, becomes an unexpected armchair detective. Roving between these compelling narratives, a puzzle emerges, intensifying the frantic search, as Valerie's disappearance may not be accidental.



Join us Saturday night on Booth Field as Carolyn Rae & The Rumors gets the crowd all geared up for the Founder's Day Fireworks!



Community Development

Vice President: Marc Rivard

Welcome to the Community Development part of our show. I am your new host, Marc Rivard, and for the next 12 months I will report on all of the great projects we will be running for this great community. The first of which is the granddaddy of them all, Founders Day! All hands on deck! We really could use your help on the field. Any time you can give is appreciated! And make sure to be there from 6:30 until the fireworks to hear Carolyn Rae and the Rumors perform (sponsored by our Chapter). They are an awesome band that play a large variety of music. I promise you will enjoy the show! And don't forget the Concerts on the Common which start on June 11th!! More information on the schedule is below.

Upcoming Projects:

Scholarships – Lisa Jolicoeur

The application Deadline has passed and the submissions have been reviewed. We have chosen our winners for the Dave Brown and Fred George memorial Scholarships this year. The winners will be awarded at our First Concert of the season on June 11th. Come out to congratulate our amazing scholars!

Concerts on the Common – Summer Thursdays – Marc Rivard

I have 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
June & July Events

Founder’s Day Parade – June 6th

Due to Manpower issues and scheduling conflicts, we will NOT be participating in the Parade this year.



Ways and Means

Vice President: Deena Cummings-Mack



Upcoming Projects:

Concert Sponsorships –

We would like to thank our fantastic Concert Sponsor – Partners in Patriotism who gave us a grant to help with the costs of our summer concert season! We would also like to thank United Site Services, who will be providing us with a Portable toilet for the season to give people somewhere to “go” if the need arises.

Founder's Day Concessions - June 6 – Pam Warren

Founder's Day is This Saturday! The folks of Foxboro always look forward to burgers, dogs and sausages cooked by the Chapter. If you would like to volunteer some time during the day, please let Pam know – any time you can offer in any capacity will be very appreciated. Pam plans to be there by 7AM to start set-up and there will be plenty of jobs to do throughout the day – right up until the Fireworks that evening

Founder's Day Glow Items - June 6 - Committee

Every year, we sell lots of glow items from the morning until the fireworks (and usually during too!). Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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

Vice President: Amy LaBrache

Happy June Everyone! So many exciting annual projects are upcoming this month! Make way for Founders Day, Concerts on the Common and fingers crossed.... The car show! It is so nice to get out and gather at some fun times. If you can come out and support any of these please reach out to the chair. If you would like to man the membership table for any of these or perhaps something else, please let me know!

Jaycees Apparel & Merch:

We are going to take a count of everything that we have and put in a smallish order for a couple things. If you are in need of a T-Shirt, a hat or anything else please let me know.

Website – Bob Gillis:

Bob has and always does a fantastic job keeping us up to date, uploading photos to share and putting our chapter in a fantastic light. If there is anything that you would like publicized on the website, please let Bob know!

Social Media: Thank you to Marc for creating new General Membership meeting events as well as posing all of the up to date information!

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.


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

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Book Club 7:30 "H is for Hawk" by Helen Macdonald	5	6 Founder's Day!
7	8	9	10 GM 7:30 PM at SFCC	11 Concert 7 pm FHS Jazz Band	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Concert 7 pm Eliot Lewis	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Board meeting on Zoom	25 Concert 7 pm Richie Rich & 24 Karat Funk	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			July 1	July 2 Concert 7 pm Eddy's Shoe Book Club 7:30 – "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans	July 3	July 4 Independence Day – America 250 
5	6	7	8 GM 7:30 PM at SFCC	9 No Concert – World Cup	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Concert 7 pm Gunpowder and Lead	17	18
19	20	21	22 Board meeting on Zoom	23 Concert 7 pm Interstate Rhythm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Concert 7 pm The Wolfpack	31	