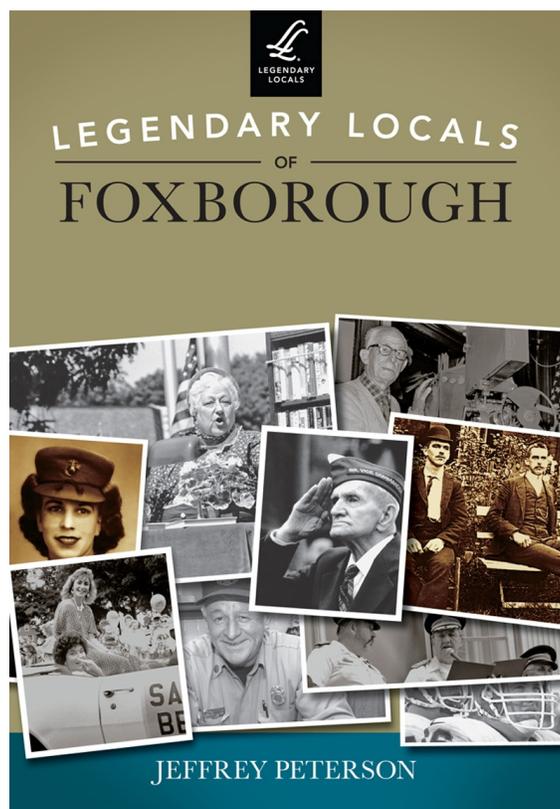


THE FOXBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The story of a community is best told through
the stories of its people.
Jeffrey Peterson will tell us what makes
Foxborough a remarkable place.



The Foxborough Historical Society at its January meeting welcomes veteran newspaperman Jeffrey Peterson, currently publisher of the Foxboro Reporter and the Sun Chronicle (Attleboro).

Relying heavily on newspaper files and Foxborough Historical Commission archives, Peterson introduces readers not only to the movers and shakers who made headlines over the past two centuries but also to scores of common people with decidedly uncommon stories: E.P. Carpenter, 19th-century industrialist and visionary; E.H. and B.B. Bristol, brothers whose Foxboro Company ushered in decades of unprecedented prosperity.

Peterson's book includes outsized personalities like Betty Friedmann, Al Truax, and Herb Seltsam; lanky Gene Conley, Boston Red Sox pitcher and Boston Celtics center; Alex and Sonja Spier, who fled postwar Europe to establish a local real estate empire; beloved Deerfield Academy headmaster Frank Boyden.

Also, renowned educators John Ahern, Mabelle Burrill, and Steve Massey.

Images and biographical text on these and other remarkable residents provide a delightful retrospective documenting the rich and spirited community of Foxborough over the years.

Jeffrey Peterson, longtime editor of the Foxboro Reporter, is now publisher of both the weekly Reporter and the daily Sun Chronicle in Attleboro. A lifelong Foxborough resident, Peterson is pleased to offer this photographic history of his hometown.

The book will be available for sale and signing after the presentation.

[submitted by Patrick Lyons, Program Chairman]

The meeting will be January 27 at 7:30 pm at the Boyden Library, first floor meeting room. Use the Baker Street entrance.

Parking is available at the library, on nearby streets and around the Common. Please do not park in the Aubuchon lot. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Those interested in joining the Foxboro Historical Society should ask for an application form at the meeting. The annual fee is \$8 for individuals, \$10 for families.

We were saddened to learn that **Richard Leggee**, a charter member of the Foxborough Historical Commission and a member of the Foxborough Historical Society, passed away on December 18, 2014 in Franklin, TN. We extend our condolences to his wife Wilda and the family.

In **2014** we welcomed the following **new members**: Margaret Boldrighini, Richard Bonin, John Davis, Catherine and Robert Doucette, Noreen and Julius Kiff, Roberta Kriegsman, Kathy McNealy, Frank Morrissey, Cheryl and Kenneth Morse and Deb Wendell.

**Membership is from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015.
Family = \$10.00 Individual = \$8.00**

Paid up members will be listed in the February 2015 newsletter so be sure that you are paid up if you want your name to be on the list.

EVELYN THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD \$1,500

Evelyn Thomas was a life-long resident of Foxboro and graduated in the Foxborough High School Class of 1929. After graduation from Brown University she worked as a statistician with the Foxboro Company until her retirement in 1977. As a former member of the Foxborough Historical Society, her interest in history was far reaching. Not only locally as a scout leader and member of the Foxboro Monday Club, but also in many areas of New England. In particular, she and her husband, Edward, were enthusiasts of covered bridges and their restoration.

This scholarship is open to all residents of Foxboro who are graduating seniors and continuing their education with a particular focus in either history, political science, law or government. Selection will be based on student participation in school organizations, academic achievement and/or social service.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient by the treasurer of the Foxborough Historical Society after completion of the first semester and upon the receipt of an official transcript.

Interested students/families are encouraged to contact the Foxborough High School guidance office (508-543-1620) for an application packet.

[submitted by Joan Stafford, Scholarship Committee]

Memorial Hall is open every Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
and on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon.

50 YEARS AGO IN FOXBOROUGH

[extracted from Foxboro Reporter newspapers at Memorial Hall]

January 1965

- Selectmen use Town Hall for first time. They gathered around a king-size table formerly used for maps in the old office.
- No more skating under lights: Thank vandals as they ripped out light meter and ripped out dam boards draining the skating ponds.
- Legion plans rebuilding after fire ruins original structure.
- Mrs. Annie Ada (White) Randall, 100, Foxborough's oldest resident succumbs.
- 300 men representing all faiths of Foxborough turned out at the first Ecumenical Worship despite a heavy snow storm. The Rev. Stephen V. Weaver, pastor of the Bethany Congregational Church, was one of the prime movers in this endeavor.
- Historical site with ghost acquired for Foxborough. The parcel of about 1 and ½ acres was formerly owned by Robert Henn is off Mill Street.
- Flags flew at half mast this week in tribute to Sir Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister and the only "honorary citizen" of the United States with the exception of the Marquis de Lafayette.

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