

“FRIENDS DOING BUSINESS WITH FRIENDS”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Greetings to All!

I had originally planned to talk about some of the benefits our members receive from the Northern Ohio Area of Chambers of Commerce today, but instead will discuss another topic.

Last month I had several members call me about when the KBOT would have our next lunch meeting. Over the years we have had many luncheons at *Young’s Restaurant*, the *Hibernian Club*, *Goss Church*, and *The Church on the Boulevard*, and lunches once or twice at the *Kenmore Community Center*, *First Glance Student Center*, and *Kenmore High School*. And we have also had many All-Boards lunches with our sister Boards (East Akron Board of Trade, South Akron Board of Trade, and North Akron Chamber of Commerce).

At one time these lunches were very well attended, but over the past few years it seems that less and less of our members show up for a noon meal. These days it is next to impossible for most people to get out for lunch in the afternoon (or so we are told). Many of our larger scale members used to promote themselves at lunch time by sending employees, but now it seems that due to a smaller work force these businesses do not dedicate themselves to this type of community networking. And of course the small businesses do not have the manpower to send someone to lunch, and cannot afford to close for that hour or two to participate.

Because of this small turnout for lunch, the Kenmore Board of Trade is looking into the option of having network meetings during either breakfast (before most have to go to work) or dinner (after most have finished their work days). Let me know your preference, if you get the chance.

We will continue to hold our quarterly evening “Meet & Greet” network events, with the first one probably being *Regina’s Pizza* sometime in March, and the next, *Smith’s House of Carpet*, sometime in late May. We hope to do our usual end-of-year “Meet & Greet” again at *Old ‘97 Café* in December, but currently do not have a member who wishes to do one for the third quarter of the year (call or email me if interested).

And of course we will always promote meetings & events from our sister Boards, or NOACC itself. Case in point, the wonderful the Fifth Annual “Great Big Chamber Networking Night” at the Great Big Home & Garden Show at the *I-X Center* (near Cleveland Hopkins Airport) on Wednesday, February 10th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm (see flyer on reverse side of this newsletter).

So please feel free to let me know what the KBOT can do (and continue to do) for you!

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What do all these KBOT members (below) have in common?

- Jim Lowe Realty**
- Kenmore Komics & Games**
- Robert Prentice Travel Bureau**
- Rubber City Realty**
- South Akron Awning Co.**
- The Polish Shop**
- US Bank**

They supplied businesses cards which are placed in the KBOT Business Card Holders given to our new members.

Want to get yours sent to new members who join the KBOT?
Mail them to or drop them off to John at 1020 Kenmore Blvd, Akron OH 44314. Promote yourself, it's FREE!



**KBOT
FLASHBACK** 

15 Years Ago - February 2001

- ⌚ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⌚ Lunch meetings at Hibernians Club

20 Years Ago - February 1996

- ⌚ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⌚ Officer's Installation Banquet planned for Friday February 23rd.

25 Years Ago - February 1991

- ⌚ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⌚ Ladies Night Banquet (with Officer's Installation) planned for March 23rd at the Hilton Inn West.
- ⌚ John Conti & Dan Little give an "eye-popping" report on why more businesses do not attend KBOT monthly noon meetings.

30 Years Ago - February 1986

- ⌚ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⌚ Plans for the 9th Annual Olde Tyme Kenmore Festival discussed, with 5K & 10K runs, parade with "The Celebration of Reading" theme, and chalk drawings on the sidewalks of participating businesses.

35 Years Ago - February 1981

- ⌚ **Don Jackson**, President
- ⌚ Deputy-Mayor Alice Collier presented two films for review, "Keeping Akron a Better Place to Live" & "Concerned Citizens for Issue One" (city tax increase)



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CHAMBER NETWORKING NIGHT!
WED., FEB. 10TH 4PM - 6PM**

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GARDEN SHOWCASE!**

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Meet and mingle with Jimmy Malone from Majic 105.7FM, win prizes from exhibitors, enjoy hot appetizers, sodas, (cash bar available) and of course enjoy the show!



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Registration table for event located in West Lobby. Get your wristbands starting at 3:30pm.

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