

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly Kenmore Board of Trade)

May 2020

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

When things are bad, it’s always true that it is probably worse elsewhere else.

Case in point, the pandemic situation where my sister lives near the top of lower Michigan. She called me on Sunday to see how I was doing, and during our conversation told me that the county she lives in had 19 deaths the day before. That’s 19 in one day! I read in the paper Monday morning that Summit County had 17 deaths in one week. Once again I am reminded how glad I am to be a resident of Ohio.

I just found out an hour ago that although some businesses will be allowed to open on May 1st, retail stores like my hobby shop cannot reopen for two more weeks. I spend half my days spring cleaning my home, and the other half doing minor jobs around my empty store, with a very rare curbside pickup order to ease the boredom. I really do miss my friends and customers.

I need to give a great thanks of appreciation to Cindy Holzheimer of the **Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce** (of which the Kenmore Chamber belongs). She has been almost daily sending important information to the 120+ Chambers around Northern Ohio, always with ideas for businesses to cope with the current situation, or lists of places to find emergency funding to keep your businesses going, or reports on health & wellness during the crisis, or most recently a vendor who could supply you with any needed PPE (personal protective equipment). I have forwarded many of these to you, our members, and I hope you found something to help you along. If you have not seen any of these emails in the past month, it is possible you did not supply the Kenmore Chamber with an email address when you joined. If you would like to receive **NOACC** or **KCOC** messages please email your request for this to john@kenmore-komics.com.

Another hard worker I wish to offer great thanks of appreciation to is Tina Boyes of the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance**. Tina has also been non-stop in her endeavors to support businesses in Kenmore, promoting via social media the need to buy gift certificates from “closed” shops, listing those who are still trying to survive with curbside service, and working on a Virtual First Friday event since we cannot do the live version yet.

Thank you Cindy & Tina, your commitment to others is outstanding!

Thank you for listening, and be safe!

John Buntin Jr, President
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New Changes for Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

During the current pandemic, many changes are happening to us all, including the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber had just paid for a major web redesign, and our new web-site became active one day before businesses were shutdown in Ohio. So it was two weeks before we could have the first batch of “bugs” worked out of the new design. At this point in time, all the basics we requested are now up and running, so please go to www.kenmorechamber.com and take a look. Please also make sure your listing in the Member Directory is correct. If there are any features you would like us to add, please email your suggestions to info@kenmorechamber.com.

Also, the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce is no longer a member of the Akron Boards of Trade Council. The Kenmore Chamber is committed to finding the best benefits for our members, holding informative networking events such as our bi-monthly “Meet & Greets” (when allowed to do so again), sponsoring or participating in community events such as “Kenmore First Fridays” and the “Kenmore Holiday Celebration” which promote our members and Kenmore businesses, and publishing our community newspaper, the Kenmore Connection. All of this and more will continue to be our focus as an active Chamber in Northern Ohio, no matter what changes around us!

KCOC “Meet & Greet” Changes of Scheduling

The April Kenmore Chamber “Meet & Greet” at **Schlup Pucak Funeral Home** had to be cancelled, as the State of Ohio had entered its business lock-down phase for the coronavirus. Please note that the May 21st “Meet & Greet” sponsored by the **Lil Bit Café** has also been cancelled.

We are hoping that the June 18th “Meet & Greet” sponsored by the **Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park** will still go on, since it is an outdoor event. We will have more information on its status next month.

The July 1st KCOC Ice Cream Social at Shadyside Park has been cancelled, as the City of Akron’s Summer Concert Series has been cancelled for this year. It is possible that one of the earlier “Meet & Greets” that were cancelled this year will be rescheduled for July. More information will be available soon.

Temporary Hold on Kenmore Chamber Dues

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce is in the middle of collecting dues from our members for 2020, but with the advent of the coronavirus epidemic and the mandatory shut-down of most businesses in the state of Ohio, the Kenmore Chamber will suspend requests for payment of dues at this time.

Thank you to all who have paid your dues already, we will contact the rest of you in the near future. And please note that there are several ways to acquire funding to keep your businesses going, including through the Small Business Administration at <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>.



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - May 2010

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The Board congratulated member **Lee McCutchan** for receiving a Certificate of Congressional Recognition when she recently visited Washington DC.

15 Years Ago - May 2005

- ⊕ **John Buntin Jr**, President
- ⊕ To commemorate Earth Day and Keep Akron Beautiful Week, all Kenmore members were reminded to keep the outsides of their businesses neat and clean.

20 Years Ago - May 2000

- ⊕ **Jill Stevenson**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

25 Years Ago - May 1995

- ⊕ **Mary Lu Warstler**, President
- ⊕ An evening social was planned for May 10th at the Hibernians.

30 Years Ago - May 1990

- ⊕ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⊕ The person who had been stealing the new flags supplied by the KBOT at the Library had finally been apprehended!

35 Years Ago - May 1985

- ⊕ **David E. Whitmire**, President
- ⊕ Special meeting held at the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, with entertainment provided by the Highland Park Ensemble.

40 Years Ago - May 1980

- ⊕ **Mel Kent**, President
- ⊕ Guest speaker was Howard Shertzinger of the Akron Board of Education, who spoke about the current school levy and what our schools would receive.