

## “FRIENDS DOING BUSINESS WITH FRIENDS”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Greetings to All!

I start this message on a sad note for me and my family - my sister Irene passed away suddenly (as they always say) three weeks ago. As her closest living relative, I am going through her belongings, and finding out how much she had not prepared for this sad event (still looking for a will & title to her car, among other things). And so this has me thinking about my business and what would happen if I should “suddenly pass away”, or just get incapacitated for awhile.

Hopefully you all have at least the basics prepared for yourselves - a will, statement of power of attorney, living will, etc. Some of this is obvious to me (and probably to you also). But if something should happen to you, will your business be able to continue without you, whether short term or long?

Is there another name on all your business bank accounts (my wife can access these accounts and sign checks if needed)? Do you have a list of your distributors, vendors, customers and all, so your employees, managers, partners or spouses can contact them if needed?

Do have a list of your account numbers, passwords, or even combinations to safes in your business placed somewhere where a trusted individual can find them?

Many of us in the Kenmore Board of Trade have small businesses (that’s me), and we the owners do most of the major work when it comes to running our businesses. But do you have someone trained to do the ordering, or picking up of orders or raw materials, or whatever it is you need to run your business? Heck, does someone other than you even have a key to open the door, and know what the code is to turn off the security alarm? You all have security alarms of one type or another for your buildings, correct? (We’ll talk about this later).

Thinking about this probably makes some of you think about micro-managing less, doesn’t it? But more importantly, it should make you step back and really look at your business from the standpoint of it NOT being your business. What would someone have to do if you were not there to do it yourself? Can your business continue without you for any length of time?

If you are like me, you love what you are doing, and have put a lot of time & effort into the success of your business for both yourself and your family. Is it fair to leave it unprepared for any bad event, especially death?

Thanks for listening!

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### KBOT Events Committee Plans Kenmore Easter Egg Hunt

The 17th Annual Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 19th this year. The KBOT Events Committee coordinates this fun event with Kenmore Kiwanis, Kenmore Historical Society, & Kenmore Community Council. If your business wishes to donate an Easter basket for some lucky child to win that day, or you can help place the eggs out for the children to find, please contact John at 330-304-9598 or john@kenmore-komics.com.

### Dates Set for the Summit Lake Clean-Up Project

The 2nd Annual Summit Lake Clean-Up Project has been scheduled for Saturday April 23rd. Lunch and most clean-up equipment will be provided, and if enough volunteers show up other areas of the Kenmore/Ward 9 area may also be cleaned.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Nolan James at 330-485-9399 or njamesjr@gmail.com.

**This is the trash gathered on the East side of Summit Lake during last year's cleanup.**



### New Board Director Joins KBOT

The Kenmore Board of Trade welcomes a new officer to it's Board - Tom Lesiczka. Tom serves as Vice President of Beneficial Building Services, a building services contractor, and President of Makemake Creative, a digital marketing agency. He has been working in the Kenmore area for over two years at this point and is proud to own and manage several businesses in the community.



Tom graduated magna cum laude from Ohio University, majoring in journalism, before attending law school at the University of Akron. He is extremely excited to be serving on the Kenmore Board of Trade and looking forward to advancing the business community in the area.



## KBOT FLASHBACK

#### 15 Years Ago - March 2001

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

#### 20 Years Ago - March 1996

- ⌚ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⌚ Guest speaker - Mark Albrecht, Economic Development Manager for the City of Akron.
- ⌚ The Board prepares to man a booth at the Business Expo at the Knight Center.

#### 25 Years Ago - March 1991

- ⌚ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⌚ No Minutes available.

#### 30 Years Ago - March 1986

- ⌚ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⌚ Councilman Don Brode gave an update on the proposed Senior Center, to be built either in Prentiss Park, or next to Innes Middle School, or next to Heminger Elementary School.
- ⌚ The Board votes to erect two signs in Ward 9 which say "BUCKLE UP - A Reminder from the Kenmore Board of Trade".

#### 35 Years Ago - March 1981

- ⌚ **Don Jackson**, President
- ⌚ Plans were discussed for the Fourth Annual Olde Tyme Kenmore Festival, including chair-persons for the parade and the beauty contest.