

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

I’ve had some interesting thoughts on the Covid-19 pandemic lately.

As I was approaching a 4-way stop, I watched a car just drive through his stop sign, didn’t even slow down. I thought about how in the last couple of years I have watched more and more vehicles just drive through red lights and stop signs. I myself have been “t-boned” by a car who drove through a red light (he claimed I was in the wrong but our wonderful Akron Police found a camera at a corner service station that showed he lied), and I have been side-swiped by a car which ran a stop sign (while I stopped like a good citizen he hit the gas and disappeared).

When I was young I was taught to always use your signals, never tail-gate, and certainly stop at stop signs & red lights. If you did this all the time it taught your mind to do these things without thinking, so if you are distracted for whatever reason your subconscious will be there to help (sometimes). But drivers who ignore the “stop” are setting themselves up to have an accident someday when they are not paying attention doing this wrong thing, and this type of accident can have fatal results for both them and others.

To me, wearing a mask all the time when you are out with other people is like conditioning yourself to try to be safe. But somehow I get the impression that those people who are running red lights & stop signs are probably some of the same people who will not put on a mask. It only works until it doesn’t, and then you get to see how bad the “accident” is. I have a customer who just recovered from the Covid. He was always tired and said his lungs burned when he breathed, and several times he almost went to the hospital before he recovered. He could not figure out how he caught the virus, his work didn’t report an outbreak and he thought he was always careful, but he does admit there were times he forgot to wear his mask. If you are lucky, when approaching a stop you can hopefully see the other car before it hits you, but since the virus “hangs” in the air for several minutes after an infected person breaths it out, well, will you be lucky without a mask, since you will not see it coming?

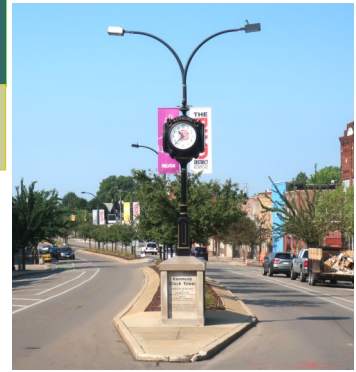
There is an industry in Ohio which didn’t open in mid-May like the rest of us (I will not name what it is). It was finally allowed to operate, but without a “live” audience, only the owners and “operators” and “handlers” could go back to work and make money. The first time I saw this industry “operate” no one wore a mask. After a month, the Ohio Department of Health told the industry association involved with this business to tell its members that they HAD to wear a mask or the State of Ohio would shut them down again (I saw the email, it was quite specific in what it said - no masks, no money to operate). On my next visit half the people still wore no mask, and of the half who did quite a few did the “wear the mask but not over your nose” trick, which is not considered safely wearing a mask.

So I have to ask myself, if you cannot get people to accept all the safety reasons to wear a mask and protect themselves, and you cannot get them to be concerned over the safety of their fellow citizens and wear a mask to protect others, and you cannot PAY people to wear a mask and protect their livelihoods, then how do you get a person who does not wear a mask to wear a mask?

That’s what I thought.

Thank you for listening, and be safe!

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Many of you have joined the **Kenmore Chamber** for one of these benefits already, but we invite you to check out these other ways to save you time & money. Please allow us to promote these Benefit Providers to you as the year goes by, as the **Kenmore Chamber** feels this is one of the major ways we earn your membership dues. We will do this with flyers mailed along with your newsletter, and at times with an email blast to you if there is important information or an event we need to bring to your attention more quickly.

And of course you can visit our web site www.kenmorechamber.com or the **NOACC** web site at www.noacc.org for a list and links to these benefit providers! Thank you for letting us help you!



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - September 2010

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The Church on the Boulevard becomes the new location of our monthly lunch meetings.

15 Years Ago - September 2005

- ⊕ **John Buntin Jr**, President
- ⊕ Luncheon guest speaker is Brent Hendron from the City of Akron..

20 Years Ago - September 2000

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

25 Years Ago - September 1995

- ⊕ **Mary Lu Warstler**, President
- ⊕ Guest speaker was Ron Brooks, who spoke on the Akron Charter Amendments placed on the November ballot.

30 Years Ago - September 1990

- ⊕ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⊕ Plans continue for the KBOT members' evening out, to take place at the Carousel Theatre's production of "The Music Man"

35 Years Ago - September 1985

- ⊕ **David E. Whitmire**, President
- ⊕ The Board of Director's were pleased to announce a record 40 new members have joined in 1985. Of those listed, only two are still in business today (Celebrations Unlimited & Todd Young Insurance Agency) and only Todd Young is still a member!

40 Years Ago - September 1980

- ⊕ **Mel Kent**, President
- ⊕ Councilman Don Plusquellic spoke at the luncheon about a new 100 unit Senior Citizens High Rise to be built in Summit County.

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