

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

March 2025

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

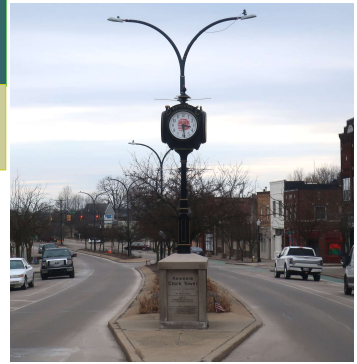
Today the Kenmore Chamber bids farewell to a great past member!

Dianne Bray, owner of the Kenmore Freeze for 31 years, passed away last month. Her enthusiasm for all that she did was a wonder to behold. For years she supplied the ice cream to the Kenmore Chamber for our July Ice Cream Social “Meet & Greets” at Shadyside Park. And for most of the twenty years (before Covid) that the Kenmore Chamber sponsored the Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebrations, Dianne every year donated dozens of coupons for free ice cream cones and banana splits. Every prize given away at the evening drawings before the tree lighting ceremony, where we told the audience who the current prize was from, ended with the crowd shouting “...and a free ice cream from Kenmore Freeze!”

As a member of the KCOC, Dianne and her husband James attended many luncheons and “Meet & Greets”, and always was a joy to talk with. Her support of our community newspaper, The Kenmore Connection”, never failed. She was one of the best business owners and community members that Kenmore had the pleasure of knowing. She will be missed.

Thank you for listening!

John Buntin Jr, KCOC President
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In Loving Memory
Dianne L. Bray



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Sedgwick Statewide Seminars Return in March

Sedgwick (Kenmore Chamber members' Workers Compensation and Managed Care Organization benefit provider) is pleased to once again offer their clients on-site, in-person educational seminars this Spring. They will be hosting half-day sessions that will provide you with timely, relevant information on workers' compensation, safety, and medical management.

Seminar topics and BWC updates include:

- * Workplace safety: five things you should be focusing on.
- * Coordinating your approach to claims management.
- * Medical providers, treatment decisions and critical thought process

Sedgwick will be holding these seminars across the state of Ohio in four convenient locations . The locations and dates are:

March 11th - Independence, Embassy Suites Cleveland Rockside

March 13th - Perrysburg, Hilton Garden In

March 19th - Dublin, The Conference Center at OCLC

March 20th - West Chester, Marriott Cincinnati North

For more information or to receive a link to register for these seminars please contact Sedgwick at ohiotpa@sedgwick.com.

Upcoming SBA Training Events

The **Small Business Administration** can offer more than just funding for your business. They often hold seminars covering many subjects with helpful information for all business owners to use.

Here are a few upcoming seminars in the Northern Ohio area—

March 4th - Business 201

March 5th - Capital Readiness for Existing Businesses

March 13th - Meet the Lenders (In-Person)

March 14th - Introduction to Selling to the Federal Government

March 18th - Legal Series 1: Business Law

March 20th - WOSB and Ascent Programs for Women

March 25th - Cyber Insurance - Is It Right for My Business?

April 8th - The Art of Financing Your Business

To learn more about these events, go to <https://www.sba.gov/events> and you will be at their "Find Upcoming Events" page. In the **Keyword Search** box, type in the event you are interested in, in the **Filter by District Office** box, chose Cleveland, and in the **Date Range** box, chose Next 30 days. Then click on Search Events, and your choices will appear, with date and time, and cost if any for the event.



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - March 2015

- Ⓜ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- Ⓜ While waiting for a bid to do the Clock Tower base, the contractor doing the foundation is on "hold"..

15 Years Ago - March 2010

- Ⓜ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- Ⓜ The lunch meeting was held at the First Glance Teen Center.

20 Years Ago - March 2005

- Ⓜ **John Buntin Jr**, President
- Ⓜ The guest speaker was Jerry Egan from the City of Akron, who discussed many City plans for the Kenmore Community.

25 Years Ago - March 2000

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

30 Years Ago - March 1995

- Ⓜ **Mary Lu Warstler**, President
- Ⓜ Plans introduced to have an evening social hour at the Hibernians Club to recruit new KBOT members.

35 Years Ago - March 1990

- Ⓜ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- Ⓜ Lee McCutchan, serving on Akron's "Complete Count Committee", explained the importance of the 1990 Census, and how our community loses \$428 per year for 10 years, for every person not counted.

40 Years Ago - March 1985

- Ⓜ **David E. Whitmire**, President
- Ⓜ The school levy's were the topic of discussion for most of the meeting, including the failure of the Ohio Lottery to provide needed funds for our schools.