

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

November 2025

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

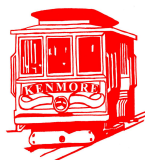
I’M RETIRING!!!

Yes, after nearly four decades selling comic books, games, and other hobby merchandise, I am finally retiring to a semi-life of leisure. I have fulfilled the American Dream: Found a job I loved, ran it successfully and profitably, and saved enough in my 401K to finally retire. My only regret is that after two years of trying, I could not find a buyer for my business. I have found that it is hard to find the right person to take over a successful retail hobby store. Those who knew about my industry, and more importantly knew how to purchase, grade & price collections, either were not ready to give up their current jobs, or could not afford to purchase the large inventory I had, let alone the business name & customer base. And those who thought they might want to try realized that learning what I do and working as hard as I did was not possible for them. So right now I am liquidating my inventory, with the plan to close the doors by December 31st at the latest.

But for the Kenmore Chamber and it’s members, not to worry. I will still be working for the Chamber and doing all the things I currently do, especially helping get advertisers for our quarterly community newspaper, the Kenmore Connection. Hopefully I will see many of you at the KCOC Holiday “Meet & Greet” this year (see below) to chat about my future.

Thank you for listening!

John Buntin Jr, KCOC President
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Save the Date - December 11th Kenmore Chamber of Commerce’s Holiday “Meet & Greet” at *The Rialto Theatre*

The **Kenmore Chamber of Commerce** will hold it’s annual holiday “Meet & Greet” networking event at **The Rialto Theatre** on Thursday December 11th.

This event is sponsored by the **Kenmore Chamber of Commerce**, **Anthem Insurance** and **The Rialto Theatre**, and will include both the swearing in of the 2026 KCOC Officers & Directors, and the awarding of this year’s McCutchen Award to one of our members.

Please join us from 5:00 to 7:00 pm to meet other Chamber members and Kenmore business owners! An RSVP is necessary, as although there is lots of room at **The Rialto Theatre**, seating for the catered dinner is still limited. Please call me at 330-304-9598 or e-mail me at john@kenmore-komics.com to reserve a spot for you and your guest. And it’s all FREE for our members!





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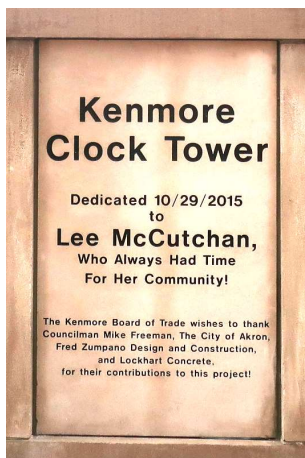


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for a free quote!

Remembering Lee McCutchan

On October 29th, 2015 the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce dedicated the Kenmore Clock Tower to Lee McCutchan, a Kenmore Board of Trade member who held just about every office on the KBOT Board of Directors, all the way up to President in 1988. So on Thursday October 30th, 2025 the Kenmore Chamber held a "Mini Meet & Greet" at Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza & Deli (which is across the street from the Clock Tower) to celebrate that dedication from 10 years ago.

At this event, attended by Lee's family and many who knew her, we reminisced about Lee and the impact she had on the Kenmore Community. She was involved in just about anything that made Kenmore a better place, and she is truly missed. Thank you Lee for the many great memories & inspiration you gave to those of us who knew you!



**KCOC President John Buntin Jr (standing left)
Speaks About His Memories of Lee McCutchan**



**A Display Board with
Photos & KBOT/KCOC
Newsletters Highlighting
Lee McCutchan**



**Our Hosts from Pierre's
Brooklyn Pizza & Deli,
Mirie & Pierre Sahlani**



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - November 2015

- ⌚ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⌚ Even though the Kenmore Clock Tower was dedicated last month, we are still waiting for the City of Akron to supply power to it.

15 Years Ago - November 2010

- ⌚ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⌚ Kathy Forsthoffer announces her retirement from the Kenmore Library, and as secretary of the KBOT.

20 Years Ago - November 2005

- ⌚ **John Buntin Jr**, President
- ⌚ The KBOT had a very well attended luncheon, including four principals from Kenmore schools.

25 Years Ago - November 2000

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

30 Years Ago - November 1995

- ⌚ **Mary Lu Warstler**, President
- ⌚ No guest speaker this month, so members discussed last month's Halloween Parade.

35 Years Ago - November 1990

- ⌚ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⌚ A warm welcome back was given to Rev. Dale Smith after making a remarkable recovery from quadruple by-pass surgery.

35 Years Ago - November 1985

- ⌚ **David E. Whitmire**, President
- ⌚ It was suggested to set up a scholarship fund for Kenmore High School, using a 5-K or 10-K Run in conjunction with the Annual Olde Tyme Festival.