

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

December 2025

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I’M RETIRING!!! (Part 2)

I am now two months into my Retirement Sale at Kenmore Komics, and the store is starting to look bare. My buddy up in Cleveland, who retired back in March, liquidated his stock over a one month period, but could not sell all he had. I took what he had left and sold it for him in my store between April and October. Seeing how long it sometimes takes to liquidate hobby merchandise, I started my sale in October at 50% off everything, and every two weeks dropped it another 10%. This worked out well, as it gave my customers many weeks to budget their purchases over this longer time. With the start of December, I am now at 90% off all inventory, and expect to go through the rest at a very fast pace, until another store or convention dealer makes me an offer on all that is left.

It was too bad I could not find a buyer for my very niche hobby store, but it looks like by the method I am using to sell everything that I will net about 75% of my asking price (I guess I had more value in my collectible stock than I originally thought). A very happy outcome for the last amount to be put in my retirement fund. If you have a retail store that must liquidate, take as much time as you can, your customers will spend more on you than in a shorter period.

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 by Monday December 8th 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!



Wooster Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, recently installed a brand new solar array! With the help of the **Chamber Energy & Sustainability Program**, they were able to take control of rising utility costs and secure long-term energy stability through a fully-funded customized solar solution.

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Savings not guaranteed. Actual savings may vary.



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - December 2015

- ⌚ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⌚ The Kenmore Clock Tower now has electricity, and is completely up and running.

15 Years Ago - December 2010

- ⌚ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⌚ Young's Restaurant, which hosted many KBOT Director's meetings in the 1980s & 1990s, is finally razed to the ground.

20 Years Ago - December 2005

- ⌚ **John Buntin Jr.**, President
- ⌚ The Kenmore High School Madrigals perform at this month's Luncheon Meeting.

25 Years Ago - December 2000

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

30 Years Ago - December 1995

- ⌚ **Mary Lu Warstler**, President
- ⌚ A motion to donate \$50 to the building of the new Gazebo at Shadyside park was approved.

35 Years Ago - December 1990

- ⌚ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⌚ Guest speaker Valerie DeRose of the Summit County Office of Emergency Management spoke about the new "9-1-1" emergency phone system.

35 Years Ago - December 1985

- ⌚ **David E. Whitmire**, President
- ⌚ All members are requested to contact the Akron City Council, and request \$25,000 allocated for a study on adding a Senior/Community Center to Innes Middle School be reinstated.