

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all who attended the December 11th KCOC Holiday Party!



This year's event was again held at **The Rialto Theatre**, with a splendid dinner from **Charlies Catering**, wonderful appetizers from **Srina's Tea House & Café**, and delicious desserts from **Reeves Cake Shop**. I talked to as many of you as I could during the Social Hour, got sworn in as President (again) with a great team of Directors, and got to watch my beautiful wife Julie Ann receive the KCOC McCutchan Award (more on that on page 2). How much fun can a small business owner have in one night? For those who missed it, hope to see you there next year.

Thank you for listening!

John Buntin Jr, KCOC President  
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The 2026 Kenmore Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is Sworn in by Akron City Councilperson Tinas Boyes (far right)

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## 2025 McCutchan Award

In 1997, the *Kenmore Board of Trade* (now the *Kenmore Chamber of Commerce*) created an award to honor **Lee & Jasper McCutchan**, who together did so very much for our community, and give this award to a KCOC member who "...has done many things for the Kenmore Community and asked for nothing in return".



Julie Ann Sweet (left) receives the McCutchan Award from Tina Boyes

For 2025 this award was presented by **Tina Boyes** (our 2019 recipient) to **Julie Ann Sweet** of *Kenmore Komics*. Julie Ann is very involved in the Kenmore Community, having volunteered at the Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt for over 20 years, and for almost as long she has been one of the main coordinators, with *Keep Akron Beautiful*, of the Summit Lake Clean-Up every spring. It was an honor and a privilege to present to Julie Ann this award at the Kenmore Chamber Holiday Party on Thursday December 11th. Thank you Julie Ann for all you do!



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 10 Years Ago - January 2016

- ⊕ **John Buntin Jr**, President
- ⊕ It was reported The Kenmore Connection lost \$190.93 last year, so a \$5 per quarter page ad increase is proposed & accepted

### 15 Years Ago - January 2011

- ⊕ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⊕ Guest speakers for the luncheon held at The Church on the Boulevard were lawyers Dennis & Christy Thompson.

### 20 Years Ago - January 2006

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The Banquet and Induction of Officers was held at The Hibernian Club on January 27th.

### 25 Years Ago - January 2001

- ⊕ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 30 Years Ago - January 1996

- ⊕ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⊕ The Board votes to again have a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16th.

### 35 Years Ago - January 1991

- ⊕ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⊕ A letter was sent to the City of Akron requesting the Boulevard signs be repainted.

### 40 Years Ago - January 1986

- ⊕ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⊕ Councilman Don Brode reminds members to continue to send letters to the city asking that a Kenmore Community Center site survey be conducted this year.

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