

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

February 2026

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I AM RETIRED (finally)!!!



I think I can finally say I am retired from my hobby store - **Kenmore Komics & Games**. On February 4th I closed both my checking accounts at **US Bank**, after waiting for the last of my checks to clear. The previous week I received my confirmation letters from the State of Ohio that my Sales Tax, Employee State Tax, and Ohio Jobs & Family Services accounts were all officially closed. When I did my 4th quarter Employee Federal Tax form, I indicated on that form that my business has closed. I notified the City of Akron also when I did my 4th Quarter Akron City Employee Tax payment. All my distributors are paid to date and informed I will no longer be ordering product from them. And I had my “Surprise Retirement Party” a couple of weeks ago at **The Rialto Theatre**. My beautiful wife Julie Ann did a great job of keeping me in the dark before I got their, and our Councilperson Tina Boyes even got Akron Mayor Shamas Malik to give me a Proclamation (see photo to right).

Now the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce will have much more of my attention. Please let me know what I can do for you!

Thank you for listening!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW KCOC MEMBERS!

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KBOT FLASHBACK

10 Years Ago - February 2016

- ⌚ **John Buntin Jr.**, President
- ⌚ No meetings scheduled this month.

15 Years Ago - February 2011

- ⌚ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⌚ Bad winter weather cancelled the February Lunch Meeting.

20 Years Ago - February 2006

- ⌚ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⌚ The KBOT donated three new bicycles to Innes Middle School for their Rewards Program.

25 Years Ago - February 2001

- ⌚ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⌚ The Annual KBOT Banquet and Installation of Officers was held at the Casa Mimi Restaurant on February 12th.

30 Years Ago - February 1996

- ⌚ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⌚ Officer's Installation Banquet planned for Friday February 23rd at the Hibernians Club.

35 Years Ago - February 1991

- ⌚ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⌚ Ladies Night Banquet (with Officer's Installation) planned for March 23rd at the Hilton Inn West.

40 Years Ago - February 1986

- ⌚ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⌚ Plans for the 9th Annual Olde Tyme Kenmore Festival discussed, with 5K & 10K runs, parade with "The Celebration of Reading" theme, and chalk drawings on the sidewalks of participating businesses.

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 which may be of interest to you—

February 13th - Introduction to Selling to the Federal Government

March 5th - Small Business - Orientation

March 13th - Introduction to Selling to the Federal Government

March 25th - Basic Overview of SBA Programs and Services

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.