

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

March 2026

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Looks like our “Meet & Greets” are back for 2026!

We did not have much luck with networking events for Kenmore Chamber members last year (due to several unfortunate circumstances), other than our very successful “Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet” at **Shadyside Park** in July and our “Holiday Meet & Greet” at **The Rialto Theatre** in December. But this year is starting out much better. We already have an April event planned with new member **Lingo Staffing**, and another new member, **One Love Karibbean Kitchen**, would love to show off their great food to our members in May. The July “Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet” at **Shadyside Park** will of course happen again, as will the December “Holiday Meet & Greet” at **The Rialto Theatre**. This leaves us finding spots for the June, September and October months. I look forward to finding ideas for these. And look to next month’s newsletter for more information on the April event at **Lingo Staffing** on April 16th.

I want to recognize two Kenmore Chamber members for their very special anniversaries this year. **Reeves Cake Shop** (2770 Cory Avenue - 330-848-1036), is celebrating 50 years in business, and **Showcase Meats** (2355 Manchester Road - 330-753-4219) is celebrating 55 years in Kenmore. When we give away \$25 gift certificates at our “Meet & Greets”, theirs are always the first to be picked, and for an obvious reason - they make great food! Congratulations to both, and if you have not stopped at either, please do so soon, And KCOC member **ManiKitchen** (978 Kenmore Boulevard - 330-310-9464), who has a WIDE selection of great blended, herb & loose teas to purchase, asked me to tell our members of their new phone number, 330-310-9464. You should visit them too!

Thank you for listening!

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## 2026 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC26)

It is still not too late to plan to attend the nation's largest free occupational safety conference held March 11th to the 13th at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. **OSC26** brings together more than 8,500 professionals committed to creating safer, healthier workplaces.

Attendees have access to 150+ educational sessions across multiple tracks, keynote presentations, hands-on workshops, and one of the region's largest safety expos with more than 300 exhibitors. Registration is free and open to all.

Learn more at [www.OhioSafetyCongress.com](http://www.OhioSafetyCongress.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 which may be of interest to you—

**March 11th** - 2026 Supplier Matchmaking Expo

**March 13th** - Introduction to Selling to the Federal Government

**March 19th** - Your Money Story: Startup Finance Basics

**March 25th** - Basic Overview of SBA Programs and Services

**April 1st** - Small Business Orientation

**April 10th** - Introduction to Selling to the Federal Government

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 2016

- ⊕ **John Buntin Jr**, President
- ⊕ Board Director Tom Lesiczka completed training for the new benefit program from NOACC - Save Local Now - and will start introducing our members to it next month..

### 15 Years Ago - March 2011

- ⊕ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⊕ This month's luncheon guest speaker was John O. Moore, Directory of Planning & Urban Development for city of Akron.

### 20 Years Ago - March 2006

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ This was the last luncheon at The Hibernians Club, as they plan to close their building.

### 25 Years Ago - March 2001

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

### 30 Years Ago - March 1996

- ⊕ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⊕ The Board prepares to man a booth at the Business Expo at the Knight Center.

### 35 Years Ago - March 1991

- ⊕ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 40 Years Ago - March 1986

- ⊕ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⊕ Councilman Don Brode gave an update on the proposed Senior Center, to be built either in Prentiss Park, or next to Innes Middle School, or next to Heminger Elementary School (this was the final choice).