

“FRIENDS DOING BUSINESS WITH FRIENDS”

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Welcome to 2016!

For the start of this new year, this Kenmore Board of Trade Newsletter provides the thoughts of a new President (myself), and reflects on the old business of our Board (see “KBOT Flashback” on the reverse side).

My name is John Buntin Jr, and for almost 29 years I have owned & operated Kenmore Comics & Games on Kenmore Boulevard. My Kenmore Board of Trade plaque says I have been a member of the KBOT since 1992, but it seems to me I was involved in this organization earlier than that. I am one of the founding members of the Kenmore Events Committee, which coordinates the Easter Event and the December Holiday Event, and I have been selling ads for our community newspaper, The Kenmore Connection, almost since it started in late 1999.

In my travels concerning these Kenmore Board of Trade committees, I have talked to many business members in the Kenmore/Ward 9 area over the years, and it seems that one of the most asked question to me is “If I join, what can the Kenmore Board of Trade do for me?” So for my first year as President, my main goal will be to provide an answer to this question. During the next several winter months, I will be working on a Benefits Booklet for our members, listing the many ways the KBOT and the NOACC (Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce) provides our members with benefits, and I will continue to talk to both members & non-members to see what more is needed. This newsletter will also feature our main benefits in future issues.

So please feel free to let me know what the KBOT can do (and continue to do) for you!

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**WELCOME TO  
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**Outgoing KBOT  
President David  
Culbertson (right)  
receives the  
McCutchan Award  
from incoming  
President  
John Buntin Jr  
at the  
December 17th  
“Meet & Greet”  
at Old 97 Café.  
Dave served 5 years  
as President.  
Thanks Dave!**



## Great Weather for the Kenmore Holiday Celebration

The 17th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration was a big success on Saturday December 5th, with temperatures in the low 50s! All up & down Kenmore Boulevard, from *The Church on the Boulevard* at 6th Street, to the *Kenmore Senior/Community Center*, over to the *Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene*, back down to the *Kenmore Branch Library*, and then up to *Immaculate Conception Church*, past Santa's Sleigh at the *McCutchan Courtyard*, and all the way down to *Park United Methodist Church*, there were children's crafts, business sales & open houses, and costume characters (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore), "The Holiday Dwelf", and Santa Claus himself to entertain everyone. A big crowd waited at Shadyside Park that Saturday evening for the prizes of the Adult Raffle, the Children's Treasure Hunt, and the Teen Puzzle Hunt. After the tree lighting ceremony, the evening ended with the annual Children's Party with Santa at *Park United Methodist Church*, both sponsored by the Kenmore Community Council Inc.

The Kenmore Board of Trade Events Committee coordinated this event, and wishes to thank those businesses who participated. Special thanks to KBOT members *Prentice Funeral Home* (sponsoring the main craft event) and to *Zoe Ann's Salon* (for purchase of candy given away by Santa and his helpers), To enter the prize drawings, all adults could fill out an entry form at each participating stop, and each business then had the opportunity to promote themselves to these potential new customers.



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 20 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.

### 25 Years Ago - January 1991

- ⊕ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⊕ A letter is sent to the city requesting the Boulevard signs be repainted.
- ⊕ A Cop-Stop Program is proposed by Ed Abdulla, to reward users of safety belts with gift certificates provided by KBOT members.

### 30 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.
- ⊕ A Certificate of Appreciation is presented to the board by the Tri-County Committee of the Motor Vehicle Occupant Restraint Program, for the Board's help in last year's "Buckle-Up" program.
- ⊕ Motion passed to set aside \$500 for the establishment of a 5-K and 10-K run, to be held in conjunction with the Old Tyme Festival.



The Holiday Dwelf makes balloon animals at the Kenmore Community Center



Children creating crafts at the Kenmore Community Center



Happy children got to visit with Santa in his sleigh on Kenmore Boulevard



One of three trolleys for transport to 28 different participating businesses



Kenmore Holiday Celebration Decorating Award winners are flanked by our Councilman Mike Freeman & Kenmore Historical Society President Dan Brewer. KBOT members who won a decorating award were Freedom Tax Service (left), Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza & Deli (center), and Zoe Ann's Salon (right).

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