

“FRIENDS DOING BUSINESS WITH FRIENDS”

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Greetings to All!

The Kenmore Board of Trade had it’s first “Meet & Greet” last night (as I write this), and I think it was a great success! Held at **Smiths House of Carpet**, owners Scott & Marie Smith put on a top notch event, and were able to show off their newly remodeled showroom to quite a few business owners in our community.

The ham & cheese sandwiches (made by daughter Jenna Smith and her grandmother Maria) were the best, the pizza supplied by KBOT member **Regina’s Pizza** was great as usual, and the deserts provided by KBOT member **Reeves Cake Shop** were suburb (have I used all the adjectives yet for “very good”?). With beer, wine, water & soda pop for drinks provided by the Smiths, no one walked away hungry or thirsty.

And many visitors walked away with even more. Door prizes consisting of \$25 gift certificates supplied by KBOT members **Lukity’s Country Inn**, **Pierre’s Brooklyn Pizza & Deli**, **Reeves Cake Shop**, and **Regina’s Pizza** were given away to those who placed their business card in a bucket, as well as many custom rugs with bottles of spot remover were given away by Smiths House of Carpet.

But the best part was the networking. I listened in on many conversations concerning the businesses of those who attended. One person told another about the great wedding cake she got from Dolores Reeves of **Reeves Cake Shop**, another talked about how good Jeffrey Vujevich of **Freedom Tax Services** was at fixing incorrect tax statements to the IRS, and I even had a discussion with Sylvia Humphrey of **All In Wireless** about how good of a job **Smith’s House of Carpet** did both at my business (**Kenmore Komics & Games**) and at my home.

I’ve had conversations with several businesses about who would like to hold our next “Meet & Greet”, and will let everyone know in our next newsletter. Please don’t hesitate to call (330-745-5530) or e-mail (john@kenmore-komics.com) me if you are interested.

In closing, I want to promote another Kenmore Board of Trade member, a new (sort-of) member actually. **Terry Ginn Advertising** is listed to the right as a new KBOT member, but really he has been at many of both the Kenmore Board of Trade & Akron Boards of Trade Council meetings & events for years. A long-time member of the South Akron Board, he decided he would join us as many of our members have used his services in the past. Terry is the guy who will supply you with any promotional item you need - pens, business card holders, Frisbees - you want your name on it, he can get it for you. Give him a call, he’ll get you some catalogs.



Thanks for listening!

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## Kenmore Members Attend Two Networking Events In May!

Our Kenmore Board of Trade members had two opportunities to network with fellow business owners in May. First up was the South Akron Board of Trade's "Thanksgiving in May" held at OPEN M on Friday May 13th.

South Akron Board President Bill Barber (at left), and Vice-President Rudy DiDonato (center left) invited KBOT members to a wonderful lunch, followed by a presentation of donations to six local area charities.



Then on Thursday May 26th the KBOT held a "Meet & Greet" event at Smiths House of Carpet, 1215 Kenmore Boulevard, which included refreshments, drinks, and fun conversation with fellow business members. Door prizes were given away, and the next art picture celebrating Akron's *Inside/Out Art Program* was unveiled on the East side of the Smiths House of Carpet building.



**Marie Smith (left) of Smiths House of Carpet hosts the first KBOT "Meet & Greet" of 2016**



**Scott Smith (left) with Tom Lesiczka (second right) talk with Potential New Members of KBOT**



**Lori Prentice of Prentice Funeral Home (standing right) in conversation**



**KBOT President John Buntin Jr and All In Wireless owner Sylvia Humphrey**



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 15 Years Ago - June 2001

- ⊕ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⊕ Lunch meetings at Hibernians Club

### 20 Years Ago - June 1996

- ⊕ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⊕ Guest speaker was Akron Police Officer Steve Truxell, our Community Police Officer. The entire meeting involved discussing the youth problem in our community, and possible solutions.

### 25 Years Ago - June 1991

- ⊕ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⊕ Various future projects were discussed, including a Craft Show, Computer Show, and Job Fair.
- ⊕ Discussions also about the recent KBOT Chili Cook-Off event.
- ⊕ A new Kenmore Community newspaper was introduced, the "Kenmore Pride"

### 30 Years Ago - June 1986

- ⊕ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⊕ The first Kenmore 5/10K Run held by the KBOT was a success, with 153 entries, and a net profit of \$0.51 after all expenses.
- ⊕ The parade for the 9th Annual Olde Tyme Kenmore Festival has one accident, when a cart loses control and breaks the leg of a pedestrian, but also one averted problem, when Rev. Dale Smith stops a charging horse.

### 35 Years Ago - June 1981

- ⊕ **Don Jackson**, President
- ⊕ No minutes available.