

## “FRIENDS DOING BUSINESS WITH FRIENDS”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2017!



Did you notice the big change at the top of this newsletter? With a 100% approval by those members who voted (and an official charter name change with the State of Ohio), the **Kenmore Board of Trade** has officially changed it’s name to the **Kenmore Chamber of Commerce**. This was done to promote our organization and what we do with more clarity and understanding. Also with this change is a determined commitment by your Board of Directors to do all we can to make every member business a success no matter what you do or where you are located!

A good example of this promotion was the Kenmore Holiday Festival (see article on page 2). I visited many open houses of participating businesses during this event, and one of the best was at member **Rubber City Realty**. They welcomed all who entered, explained what they could do for those visitors, and passed out their business card and encouraged those who visited to remember **Rubber City Realty** when they were ready to buy or sell a home in Kenmore. I was really impressed by how they took this opportunity that the **Kenmore Chamber of Commerce** set up for them, and were able to introduce themselves to many new potential clients.

Finally, a big congratulations to Tom Lesiczka (standing with me in the photo below). Tom received the McCutchan Award, which since 1997 has been given to a member whose commitment to our Board and our Community is “The Best”. Tom created & runs our FaceBook page, among many other of our Social Media footprints. Thanks Tom!

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**Tom Lesiczka (left) of MakeMake Creative receives the 2016 McCutchan Award, given yearly to a KCOC member for outstanding service to the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce and the Kenmore Community.**

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## KBOT FLASHBACK



# Another Successful Kenmore Holiday Celebration!

The 18th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration was a big success on Saturday December 3rd! All up & down Kenmore Boulevard, from *The Church on the Boulevard* at 6th Street, to the *Kenmore 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, 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, the Teen Puzzle Hunt, and the Children's Bicycle Giveaway, with four bicycles provided by KBOT member *Smith's House of Carpet* and Kenmore business *Kenmore Car Care*. 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.



**First Glance Student Center Teen Volunteers who set up Santa's Courtyard**



**One of Many Church & Business Open Houses During the Celebration**



**A Holiday Costume Character with Santa's Helpers on the Boulevard**



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



**A Proud Owner of a Balloon Animal at the Kenmore Community Center**



**Councilman Mike Freeman presents a new bicycle to a happy Kenmore Child**

### 10 Years Ago - January 2007

- ⊕ **Scott Smith**, President
- ⊕ The search is on for a new location for the KBOT lunch meetings.

### 15 Years Ago - January 2002

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

### 20 Years Ago - January 1997

- ⊕ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⊕ Councilman John Conte reports at the January luncheon that the City of Akron is starting a Neighborhood Partnership Program to give grants for special services or events.
- ⊕ It is reported that over Christmas the KBOT donated funds for locks for low-income residents, a trip for Heminger 2nd Graders to go to the Great Lakes Science Center, and a new flag-pole at the Gazebo.

### 25 Years Ago - January 1992

- ⊕ **Mel Kent**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 30 Years Ago - January 1987

- ⊕ **Dennis Bloomer**, President
- ⊕ The January KBOT luncheon at the Hibernians Club had no food, as the ladies who cook were not told the meeting would be the 8th instead of the 1st (New Years).
- ⊕ With much sorrow, it is decided at this meeting that the KBOT will no longer host the Olde Tyme Kenmore Festival Parade, as no insurance could be found for it.