

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Greetings to All!

Something interesting caught my eye as I drove down East Avenue last week.

I was driving past a business which had just completed some cement work on their driveway. It was obvious they needed to widen the entrance to allow customers to enter their parking lot easier, so that the customer could turn into the business without having to drive over the curb. They turned a bad first impression into a better one, which is always the right thing to do. But I was thinking they didn't do enough.

The rest of the driveway entrance was pretty worn down, with lots of cracks & bumps still there. They had the contractors out already laying cement, so how much more could it have cost to replace the part between the street and the sidewalk that was in such bad shape, especially since they just added on a couple of feet next to it any ways. I suppose it could be a matter of limited finances, but they saw a problem and tried to correct it, but not going all the way for the complete fix seems almost like a waste of time and effort.

What is the old saying - “Penny wise but pound foolish”?

Lots of things happening next month for Kenmore Chamber members to take note of. Our Events Committee will coordinate the 18th Annual Easter Craft & Egg Hunt at the Kenmore Community Center (880 Kenmore Boulevard) on Saturday April 8th, starting at 8:30 am. Bring you children, nieces & nephews, or just yourself if you want to help put out over 3000 eggs for the kids!

We have a “Meet & Greet” planned for Thursday April 20th (see the article on page 2), and another already planned for May at **US Bank** (more next month on this one).

The 3rd Annual Summit Lake Clean-Up Project has been scheduled for Saturday April 22nd. Meet at the Summit Lake Community Center, 380 W Crosier Street, at 8:00 am to volunteer to help clean up both sides of Summit Lake. Lunch and most clean-up equipment will be provided.

And finally, the City of Akron is planning an event for Kenmore Boulevard called “Open Streets Akron” on Sunday June 25th. A 4.3 mile stretch of road connecting Kenmore, Summit Lake, and Firestone Park will be closed for this community event. More details next month!

Thanks for listening!

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The Kenmore Chamber “Meet & Greets” Continue to Grow in Attendance

The first “*Meet & Greet*” event of 2017 for the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce started our year with a bang! This evening networking meeting, held at ***Freedom Tax Service***, 1014 Kenmore Boulevard, on Thursday March 23rd, saw a record number of Chamber members and Kenmore/Ward 9 business owners in attendance. Owner **Jeff Vujevich** supplied great food & tax information all at the same time, and gift certificates to ***Lukity’s Country Inn***, ***Pierre’s Brooklyn Pizza***, ***Regina’s Pizza***, ***Reeves Cake Shop***, and ***Smiths House of Carpet*** were won by those who remembered to bring their business cards. Thank you to all who attended this event!



Tim Chapin of *Your Safe and Healthy Home* (left) with **David Culbertson of *Culbertson Law Offices*** try some of the great food.



“*Meet & Greet*” host **Jeffrey Vujevich of *Freedom Tax Services*** (left) with **Aimee Steele of *US Bank*** discuss taxes & finances.

KCOOC’s Next “Meet & Greet” will be at The Rialto Theatre!

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce’s April “*Meet & Greet*” event will be held at ***The Rialto Theatre***, 1000 Kenmore Boulevard on Thursday April 20th! This will be a special event, as three Kenmore Chamber members will share the stage as they introduce themselves to you and other Kenmore/Ward 9 business owners. Sponsoring this event will be the ***Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance***, ***The Polish Shop***, and ***Tim Crawford Nationwide Insurance***. This evening networking meeting will include refreshments, drinks, and fun conversation with fellow business members. Many door prizes will also be given away. It will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, and no RSVP is necessary. We hope to see you there!



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - April 2007

- ⊕ **Scott Smith**, President
- ⊕ A new KBOT Prospective Member Package was introduced to those in attendance at the April lunch meeting at Goss Memorial Church.

15 Years Ago - April 2002

- ⊕ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⊕ **Donna Lumis**, Dep. Superintendent of Akron Public Schools, was the guest speaker at the lunch meeting held at The Hibernians.

20 Years Ago - April 1997

- ⊕ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⊕ The Reverends **Outland & Billington** were honored by the KBOT at the April luncheon for all the community work done by these individuals.
- ⊕ A Bus. Development Organization for Kenmore was discussed, but as it would try to accomplish the same things the KBOT already works on, it was decided not to form this organization.

25 Years Ago - April 1992

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

30 Years Ago - April 1987

- ⊕ **Dennis Bloomer**, President
- ⊕ Insurance is purchased and a manager is chosen for the KBOT 2nd Annual 5K-10K Race for June.

35 Years Ago - April 1982

- ⊕ **Kermit Bair**, President
- ⊕ No information available