

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

What a successful year we have had for the *Kenmore Chamber of Commerce*!



Thursday December 21st had to be one of the best holiday party/networking events we have had in a long time, with almost more members showing up at *The Rialto Theatre* than we had room for. The food from *Charlie’s Catering* was the best, the entertainment by the Kenmore children who performed the “A Charlie Brown Christmas” play was exceptional, and it was wonderful to see the surprised look on our McCutchan Award winner - Jan Williams - when it was announced she had won this year!

In all we had seven “Meet & Greets” in 2017. Can we do more in 2018? We do take January off from these networking events, but many months are still open after this. If you want to do a “Meet & Greet” in 2018, please let me know. It can be either at your place of business, or you can conduct one at *The Rialto Theatre* (where we really do have plenty of room and a cash bar available).

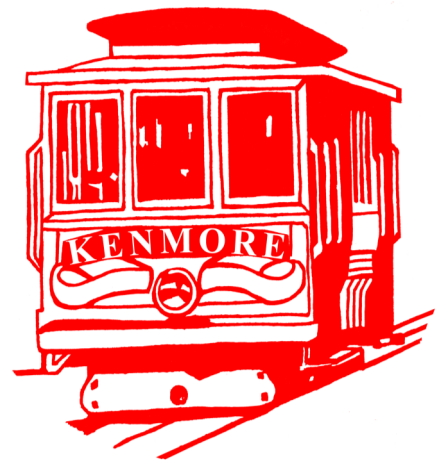
Successful community events we either sponsored or participated in for 2017 included the **Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt** in March, **Open Streets Akron** in June, **Better Block** in September, and the **Kenmore Holiday Celebration** in December. All provided great ways for our members to be promoted.

Our non-profit community newspaper, the **Kenmore Connection**, which the *Kenmore Chamber* publishes, just finished its 19th year of publication, and still makes just enough to pay the costs.

And through our membership in the *Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC)*, we have many great benefits for our members to use, including the latest from *Community Energy Advisors*, who provide better rates on electricity & natural gas usage. You all did look at the new KCOC Benefits Booklet mailed to you last month, didn’t you?

Can 2018 be an even better year? Please let me know what you think.

Thanks for listening, and Happy New Year!



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## Jan Williams Wins the McCutchan Award

In 1997, the *Kenmore Board of Trade* (now the *Kenmore Chamber of Commerce*) created an award to honor **Lee & Jasper McCutchan**, (who together did so very much for our community), and give this award to a KCOC member who "...has done many things for the Kenmore Community and asked for nothing in return". **Ed Abdula** was the first recipient of The McCutchan Award, and for 2017 this award was presented to **Jan Williams** by **Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin**, who spoke about many of the things **Jan** has done. As a member of the *Kenmore Historical Society*, the *Kenmore Kiwanis*, the *Kenmore Athletic Booster Club*, and many more other groups, **Jan** has been active in just about everything that goes on in our community. It was an honor and a privilege to give her this award at the Kenmore Chamber Holiday Party on Thursday December 21st. Thanks **Jan** for all you do!



**Jan Williams (right) receives the 2017 McCutchan Award from President John Buntin Jr and his wife Julie Ann Sweet.**



**A Large Crowd Attended the KCOC Holiday Party**



**KCOC Officers & Directors Sworn in for 2018**



**A Scene from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Play**



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 10 Years Ago - January 2008

- ⊕ **Scott Smith**, President
- ⊕ No luncheon scheduled for this month.

### 15 Years Ago - January 2003

- ⊕ **Scott Smith**, President
- ⊕ No Information available.

### 20 Years Ago - January 1998

- ⊕ **James Lawson**, President
- ⊕ The first annual Akron Boards of Trade Council Membership Directory is delivered this month to all active KBOT members.

### 25 Years Ago - January 1993

- ⊕ **Ed Abdula**, President
- ⊕ Discussion at this months KBOT Directors Meeting mostly concerned the City of Akron's proposed ban on temporary signs used by area businesses.
- ⊕ The Kenmore High School Band Boosters were paid to deliver the KBOT Membership Directory to all members in Kenmore.

### 30 Years Ago - January 1988

- ⊕ **Lee McCutchan**, President
- ⊕ The Christmas lights used by downtown Akron have been given to Kenmore, with plans made to put brackets & outlets up to plug them in for next December.

### 35 Years Ago - January 1983

- ⊕ **Jasper McCutchan**, President
- ⊕ A committee is started to prepare for the May Kenmore Carnival-Festival.