

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

Thank you to all who responded to the subjects raised in my last message!

I mentioned how the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce will soon be starting our networking “Meet & Greets” for this year, and asked for members who wished to participate by holding one of these events, and in less than a week all the spots were filled. So here is our schedule for this year:

March 21st - **HeathMarkets, Dave Culbertson Law Offices, and Jim Lowe Realty** at **The Rialto Theatre**

April 18th - **Tim Crawford with Freedom Tax Services** at 1014 Kenmore Boulevard

May 16th - **Reeves Cake Shop** at 2770 Corey Avenue

June 20th - **Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park** at Chestnut Ridge Park

July 3rd - Annual KCOC Ice Cream Social at Shadyside Park during the Summer Concert

No August meeting (please enjoy a Summer month off!)

September 19th - **So Fresh Used Auto Sales & U-Haul** at 2290 East Avenue

October 17th - **Prentice Funeral Home with Letter Perfect Embroidery** at 1154 Kenmore Boulevard

No November meeting (please enjoy Thanksgiving that week!)

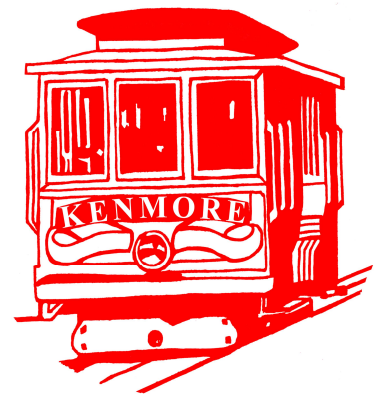
December 12th - Annual “Holiday Meet & Greet” at **The Rialto Theatre** at 1000 Kenmore Boulevard

Our first “Meet & Greet” is co-sponsored by three businesses, and will be held at **The Rialto Theatre**, 1000 Kenmore Boulevard. 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!

I also spoke about the cost savings you may experience by taking advantage of the savings on natural gas you would get by signing up with the Chamber Energy Program provided by one of our Benefit Providers - **Community Energy Advisors**. I heard from several of our members who paid as high as over \$8 per unit of gas, and who have now signed up with this program to save on their natural gas bills. **Community Energy Advisors** can also supply information about changes & trends in the energy marketplace, advise about new regulations & rates that impact your utility bills, provide news stories that impact energy costs, and offer energy efficiency tips. Their preferred energy program is currently being used by over 220 Chambers of Commerce (including ours, of course!). Again, I ask you to please call the offices of **Community Energy Advisors** at 330-208-2082 and see how much you can save. You will not regret it!

Thank you for listening!

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## Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC) - March 6-8, 2019

The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC), is put on by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Attendance is free for Ohio employers and their employees. You'll just need to know your policy number in order to register. This event helps educate businesses to keep their workforce safe, healthy, and productive. To register or for more information go to [www.ohiosafetycongress.com](http://www.ohiosafetycongress.com) and click on the **Register Now** button.

**When: March 6th, 2019 to March 8th, 2019**

**Where: Greater Columbus Convention Center—Booth #530**

**\*\*Be sure to visit the HMS exhibit booth (#530) and say "Hello!" \*\***

## What is the difference between a Managed Care Organization (MCO), and a Third Party Administrator (TPA)?

As an employer in the state of Ohio, you have the right to choose an MCO, but if you do not, the BWC will assign one to your policy. Employers can make a selection every other year, during the month of May, what the Bureau of Worker's Compensation calls Open Enrollment.

An MCO is a neutral party in the claims process and is paid by the BWC.

The MCO files and manages your claims. This includes:

1. Submitting a First Report of Injury (FROI) for each injury.
2. Requesting providers to submit proper medical documentation.
3. Processing treatment requests and developing treatment plans.
4. Reviewing claims for appropriate medication management.
5. Processing medical bills.
6. Collaboration with the employer, the injured worker, the TPA, the BWC, and the provider to facilitate a safe return-to-work outcome.

As an employer in the state of Ohio, you also have the right to choose a particular TPA. The BWC will not automatically assign an employer a TPA. An employer can make a selection of a TPA at any time.

The TPA works on behalf of the employer for an administrative fee paid by the employer and provide Premium Savings Programs offered by the BWC, like Group Rating.

The TPA evaluates and manages all established claims in the employer's experience period. This includes:

1. Actuarial soundness—verifying correct manual code classifications and number of employees per classification to ensure employer is paying the correct premium.
2. Industrial Commission (IC) hearing representation.
3. New claim certification decision, if BWC allows claim and the employer elects to reject it.
4. Communication with the employer, the BWC, and the MCO to help facilitate a safe return to work for your injured worker.
5. Cost containment strategies such as handicap reimbursement and claim settlement.



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 10 Years Ago - March 2009

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ Our members were invited to the Ohio Small Business Development Center for a seminar called "Numbers Demystified".

### 15 Years Ago - March 2004

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ Several new Kenmore businesses introduced at the March luncheon.

### 20 Years Ago - March 1999

- ⊕ **James Lawson**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 25 Years Ago - March 1994

- ⊕ **Daniel Little**, President
- ⊕ The board discussed a special event called "After Hours Get Together", to be held in May at the Hibernians Club, which will allow old and new KBOT members to get to know each other
- ⊕ The Special Projects Committee introduced Larry Weigle, principal of Kenmore High School, who discussed hiring high school teens for part-time work.

### 30 Years Ago - March 1989

- ⊕ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⊕ American Legion Post on Kenmore Blvd suggests an annual "Veteran's Day Observance" at the Library, and would like to see a flag pole erected in the Library Courtyard.

### 35 Years Ago - March 1984

- ⊕ **Dennis Bloomer**, President
- ⊕ No information available.