

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly Kenmore Board of Trade)

March 2020

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

My apologies for the lateness of this newsletter.

My wife’s grandmother passed away almost two weeks ago, so this, added to other “out-of-the-ordinary” events, caused me to totally forget to put this newsletter together until I remembered it yesterday afternoon.

It’s not that things happened unplanned. We knew her 94 year old grandmother was ailing, and it was something we expected to happen soon. And my wife had many of the steps in place already for this moment. She had planned with the funeral home in Norwalk (where her grandmother had lived most of her life), and had everything set-up in advance, including taking her to the funeral home for the cremation, having the calling hours & services planned at the church her grandmother attended, and planning the burial at the plot alongside her grandfather. The only thing left to do was pack up all her grandmothers belongings at the nursing home she lived at for the last year here in Akron.

This is a good time to remind you all that it is never TOO EARLY to plan for this event for anyone in your family, including yourself. It goes so much easier to not have to do this after the death of a loved one. We in the Kenmore Chamber have two great Funeral Homes as members - **Prentice Funeral Home** and **Schlup Pucak Funeral Home**. Each advises you to take advantage of their Preneed Services. Even if you chose another funeral home, please remember to support the local ones in your community. The big-chain funeral homes say they are less expensive, but this just isn’t true, especially for our two members.

And I guess as long as I am on this track, please remember to have all you legal services up-to-date (wills, power-of-attorney, etc). We have quite a few attorneys in the Kenmore Chamber, and supporting a fellow Kenmore Chamber member is always a good call. You can find them listed in the Business Directory of the blue Kenmore Chamber Benefits Booklet, which I hope you all keep handy when you are looking for a service or merchandise that you may need for your business or yourself. Can’t find your copy? Then please email me a request for one at john@kenmore-komics.com and I will mail you one.

Thank you for listening!

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“Meet & Greet” at Home Depot - Cuyahoga Falls Store

Kenmore Chamber members had an informative meeting at **The Home Depot - Cuyahoga Falls** (325 Howe Avenue) on Thursday February 20th. This evening networking “Meet & Greet” included refreshments, drinks, and fun conversation with fellow business members. Store Manager Tom Williams fielded many questions about how a Big Box Store such as **The Home Depot** works. The exchange was a two-way event as Scott Whitmire of **A-1 Chimney Co & American Tuckpointing and Sealants** came up with many good questions which gave Tom some thoughts on how to improve stocking for businesses such as Scott’s. Tom also spoke about the Pro Xtra program at **The Home Depot**.

There is no “Meet & Greet” for March, but please note the April 16th Kenmore Chamber “Meet & Greet” sponsored by **Schlup Pucak Funeral Home**, the May 21st “Meet & Greet” sponsored by the **Lil Bit Café**, and the June 18th “Meet & Greet” sponsored by the **Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park**.



Tom Williams (left), The Home Depot Store Manager, explains “Pro Xtra”, a program all Kenmore Chamber members can use to save money. For more information, visit their Pro Desk or www.homedepot.com/proxtra.



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - March 2010

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The lunch meeting was held at the First Glance Teen Center.

15 Years Ago - March 2005

- ⊕ **John Buntin Jr**, President
- ⊕ The guest speaker was Jerry Egan from the City of Akron, who discussed many City plans for the Kenmore Community.

20 Years Ago - March 2000

- ⊕ **Jill Stevenson**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

25 Years Ago - March 1995

- ⊕ **Mary Lu Warstler**, President
- ⊕ Plans introduced to have an evening social hour at the Hibernians Club to recruit new KBOT members.

30 Years Ago - March 1990

- ⊕ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⊕ Lee McCutchan, serving on Akron’s “Complete Count Committee”, explained the importance of the 1990 Census, and how our community loses \$428 per year for 10 years, for every person not counted.

35 Years Ago - March 1985

- ⊕ **David E. Whitmire**, President
- ⊕ The school levy’s were the topic of discussion for most of the meeting, including the failure of the Ohio Lottery to provide needed funds for our schools.

40 Years Ago - March 1980

- ⊕ **Mel Kent**, President
- ⊕ The Directors Meeting at Young’s Restaurant noted many “Thank You” letters for various acts the Board did in the preceding month.



Chamber members across Ohio continue to save money by participating in the Chamber Energy Program!

- In Fostoria, a funeral home **saved \$1,500 per year** on their electricity and natural gas supply.
- A non-profit community center in Olmsted **saved \$960 annually** and utilized their tax exemption to eliminate their natural gas sales tax.
- Residential members in the Heights-Hillcrest area recently **reduced their energy rates by over 40%**.
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