

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly Kenmore Board of Trade)

April 2020

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

I almost opened my store to my customers last week.

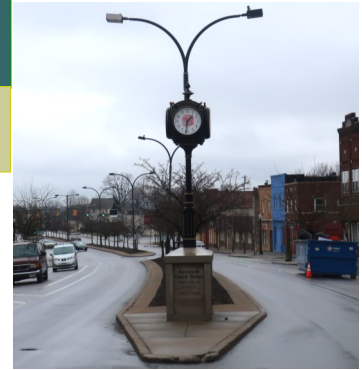
After discussion with my wife, we decided that it wasn't worth the chance of catching the coronavirus, so I had my hobby store open, but closed to walk-in traffic. You had to phone in your order, pay for it via credit card, and then I would hand you your order while you stood outside my front door. So no contact. But my friendly competitors decided to open their doors, limit the amount of people in their stores to 10 or less, wear gloves, and wipe down affected areas after every visit. By Saturday I had almost decided to do things their way, since they were experiencing much better sales than the closed door method I was using.

But after closing early on Saturday, with the thought that the next time I opened I would really be open, I got a call from a customer who was enough of a friend to have my personal cell number, who called to see why I closed my store early, as he was outside wanting to come in. After some talk he admitted that there was a good chance he had contacted the virus. He wasn't exhibiting any symptoms yet, but his ex-wife was in lock-down because she had all the signs of the virus. And not only did my friend say he had spent a lot of time with her before her quarantine (because they shared custody of their daughter, who also was around her mother a lot), but he said he had a co-worker who said his wife's brother also was now in quarantine waiting to see if he had the virus, and the co-worker kept coming to work and hanging around my friend. So he had encounters with two people who probably are contagious, and yet he was still wanting to visit my store with his probably sick daughter also and not worry about whether he was spreading the virus. Some friend!

So I wasn't going to open my store anyways when the Governor of Ohio announced on Sunday a total shut-down of all non-essential businesses until April 6th. And I am not upset, because of bored people like my friend who aren't worried in the least if they pass along this epidemic. The next two weeks will be tough, but I hope you all do the right thing and keep contact with other people to a minimum. You never know when you will meet people like my friend, which is why we are in this 'Lock-Down' situation to begin with.

Thank you for listening, and be safe!

John Buntin Jr, President  
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## “Meet & Greet” at Schlup Pucak Funeral Home?

Maybe you can join us on Thursday April 16th for a “Meet & Greet” event for Kenmore Chamber of Commerce members and businesses in the Kenmore/Ward 9 area! This evening networking meeting will be at **Schlup Pucak Funeral Home**, 788 Kenmore Boulevard, if the pandemic “Stay-at-Home” order is lifted, and will include refreshments, drinks, and fun conversation with your fellow business members.

This networking event is planned to happen between 5:30 to 7:30 pm if it is not cancelled, and no RSVP is necessary. Many door prizes will also be given away to local food service businesses who will be most happy to see your business. We hope to see you there at this fun evening event!

And please mark your calendars for 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**.

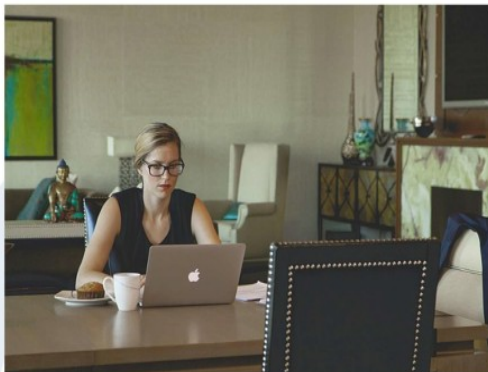
## Temporary Hold on Kenmore Chamber Dues

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce is in the middle of collecting dues from our members for 2020, but with the advent of the coronavirus epidemic and the mandatory shut-down of most businesses in the state of Ohio, the Kenmore Chamber will suspend requests for payment of dues at this time.

Thank you to all who have paid your dues already, we will contact the rest of you in the near future. And please note that there are several ways to acquire funding to keep your businesses going, including through the Small Business Administration at <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>.



### Stay Safe and Save With the Chamber Energy Program!



We know members need ways to reduce their costs during these uncertain times.

That is why we encourage you to evaluate your electricity and natural gas rates for your home and business.

Our representatives can assist you with this via email or phone so that you can save money while also remaining safe.

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## KBOT FLASHBACK



- 10 Years Ago - April 2010**
- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The guest speaker was Tom Krysiak from AmerAssist, who discussed how to collect on past debts and invoices overdue.
- 15 Years Ago - April 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 - April 2000**
- ⊕ **Jill Stevenson**, President
- ⊕ No information available.
- 25 Years Ago - April 1995**
- ⊕ **Mary Lu Warstler**, President
- ⊕ Guest speaker was Kathy Hihn, Community Relations Coordinator of the Akron Zoo.
- 30 Years Ago - April 1990**
- ⊕ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⊕ The Kenmore Kiwanis and the KBOT will participate in a joint effort to hang flower baskets from the light poles between 12th and 17th Streets.
- 35 Years Ago - April 1985**
- ⊕ **David E. Whitmire**, President
- ⊕ Discussions revolved around the upcoming Olde Tyme Festival and the Kenmore Boulevard Parade.
- 40 Years Ago - April 1980**
- ⊕ **Mel Kent**, President
- ⊕ The Kenmore Board of Trade will host an “Officials Night” at Young’s Restaurant this month (for the Akron Boards of Trade), because of the KBOT’s reputation for doing things “up-right”.