

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly Kenmore Board of Trade)

June 2020

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

“Zoom Zoom” had such a different meaning when I was a kid.

Now “Zoom” is your portal to attending a meeting without having to leave your office or home!

Our regular June “Meet & Greet” has been cancelled, due to social distancing requirements during the current pandemic, but Kenmore Chamber members have the opportunity to attend two on-line meetings this month.

First is the Virtual Speed Networking Event hosted by the **Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC)**. Scheduled for Tuesday June 2nd, from 8:30 to 10:00 am, this event will allow you to promote your business and make some great contacts with other businesses here in the Summit County area. Participating businesses include members from the **Fairlawn Area County Chamber of Commerce**, the **Kenmore Chamber of Commerce**, and the **Kent Area Chamber of Commerce**. There is a fee of \$10, which is given back to the Kenmore Chamber. To register, please go to <http://noaccoh.chambermaster.com/events/details/noacc-virtual-speed-networking-42>.

Then on Tuesday June 9th you can attend a Zoom Meeting on energy savings hosted by **Community Energy Advisors (CEA)**. With many businesses seeking ways to control their expenses during the current pandemic, the **CEA** is a **NOACC** sponsored benefit provider who will discuss how to reduce your costs so you can immediately put money back into your business. From 9:00 to 10:00 am they will help you learn more about their Chamber Energy Program. I myself use this program, and it saves me on gas expenses for both my business and my home. To register, email your request to join this Zoom meeting to me at [john@kenmore-komics.com](mailto:john@kenmore-komics.com), and your invite will be sent to you at a later date.

Thank you for listening, and be safe!

John Buntin Jr, President  
[john@kenmore-komics.com](mailto:john@kenmore-komics.com)



#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW KCOC MEMBERS:

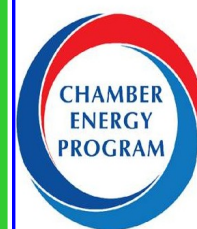
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## Sole Proprietors Can Now Join the SOCA Benefit Plan

Anthem, NOACC and SOCA are very pleased to announce that the SOCA Benefit Plan MEWA is making room for sole proprietors. They can enroll in the plan starting July 1st. This means if you are the only employee of your business you now can get affordable Anthem Insurance for yourself.

The broker community has already received instructions from Anthem regarding new case submission, and may start quoting rates now.

An eligible sole proprietor must:

- Meet underwriting requirements.
- Work more than 30 hours per week (documentation required).
- Submit a cover page for Form 1040 with Schedule C or Form 1040 with Schedules F and SE.

Regulations limit sole proprietor membership to 10 percent of total SOCA Benefit Plan membership. This is limited to sole proprietors. Presently this offer is not intended for non-profit organizations with one employee.

Please contact your local Anthem broker with any questions you may have.

## FedEx Offers Grant Program for Small Businesses

Now more than ever small businesses need everyone's support to get through the current crisis. FedEx is committing to provide \$1 million in grants for small businesses in the U.S. Each grant recipient will receive \$5,000, plus a \$500 credit from the FedEx Office. Chamber members can apply starting May 25th through June 12th at [www.fedex.com/supportsmallgrants](http://www.fedex.com/supportsmallgrants).

## IRS Webinar Available for Tax Relief Questions

On a limited basis, Anthony Palmer, Stakeholder Liaison with the IRS, is scheduling webinars to discuss COVID-19 tax relief measures currently available. His presentation is about 30 minutes with time for Q&A afterwards. He is scheduling these events after June 12th. If you are interested, please e-mail him and let him know you are with a NOACC chamber (such as the Kenmore Chamber). E-mail [Anthony.J.Palmer@irs.gov](mailto:Anthony.J.Palmer@irs.gov) for more information.



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 10 Years Ago - June 2010

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ Pastor Bud Coutts reports he will soon retire from Goss Church, and the Board may need to find a new location for lunch.

### 15 Years Ago - June 2005

- ⊕ **John Buntin Jr**, President
- ⊕ A committee was formed to create a new member benefit brochure, a new member survey, and a new member directory.

### 20 Years Ago - June 2000

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

### 25 Years Ago - June 1995

- ⊕ **Mary Lu Warstler**, President
- ⊕ It is announced that the post office on 15th Street will be closed, and suggested that the KBOT lobby for the new office to go into the vacate Darrow's Food Store on East Avenue.

### 30 Years Ago - June 1990

- ⊕ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 35 Years Ago - June 1985

- ⊕ **David E. Whitmire**, President
- ⊕ The KBOT purchased a "Ham Radio" for the National Weather Service at Akron-Canton Airport just in time for a tornado watch.
- ⊕ A special lunch was held at the Kenmore High School Cardinal Room, with the regular meeting in an adjacent classroom

### 40 Years Ago - June 1980

- ⊕ **Mel Kent**, President
- ⊕ The 3rd Annual Olde Tyme Festival was discussed, with ways for KBOT & Kenmore Kiwanis to make this event even better.



### Reduce Your Operating Costs

As Ohio businesses begin to reopen, we know that it is as important as ever to reduce your operating costs.

Let your chamber help you to save money on your electricity and natural gas today!

Simply call **330-208-2082**

or email [chamberenergy@ceateam.com](mailto:chamberenergy@ceateam.com)

to speak to one of our helpful program representatives.

### MEMBERS CONTINUE TO SAVE

- A restaurant in Northern Medina County saved **\$340 per year** on their natural gas and reduced their annual natural gas sales tax by **\$175**.
- In Willoughby, a small business saved over **\$630** on their annual electric and natural gas costs.
- By enrolling in electric and natural gas through the program and reducing their natural gas sales tax, a banquet center in Ashtabula saved nearly **\$3,000 per year!**
- A fitness center in Van Wert was able to save **\$975 per year** on their electricity.
- A chamber member in Solon signed up their home and business accounts, **saving over \$1,000 per year**.
- A business in Willoughby is now **saving over \$2,400 per year** on their electric and natural gas utilities.