

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

December 2022

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

Thank you to all who attended the best “Holiday Meet & Greet” ever!

OK, that may be an exaggeration, but it certainly seemed like it was the best. Our Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers was held at **The Rialto Theatre** (1000 Kenmore Boulevard), on Thursday evening December 1st, and we had a great crowd who enjoyed the remodeled atmosphere of **The Rialto Theatre**, delicious appetizers from **Weeziecakes**, a fine meal from **Paninoteca**, and music entertainment by Jim Ballard and Nate Vaill.

During social time & dinner, I had good conversations with some Kenmore Chamber members who had never been to one of our “Meet & Greets” before, such as Eileen McCaffrey and Kim Lash of **Foster Care to Success**, Joe Bologa of **Ace Background Check**, and Matt Burrell of **Community Energy Advisors**. Our Akron City Councilman Mike Freeman gave the oath to our incoming Board of Directors, and after dinner we presented the 2021 McCutchan Award for community service to the Blake Family - Randall, Debbie, and Sean (presented by **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** Executive Director Tina Boyes), for their outstanding volunteer spirit to the Kenmore Community. Our 2022 McCutchan Award winner could not appear at the banquet, so we will reveal who that is in our next newsletter after we present it to this person.

A big THANK YOU to Seth Vaill, who arranged most of this event!

On a separate note, I wanted to advise our members that we will be doing the 2023 membership renewal dues different this year. As more members have joined throughout the year instead of at the beginning, we will now mail out your dues renewal notice to you a month before your anniversary month of when you joined. So do not worry if you did not get your notice with this newsletter, it will arrive later in the year.

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!

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## Scenes from the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce 2022 Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers (or “Holiday Meet & Greet”)



**The 2023 Kenmore Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (from left to right) - Seth Vaill, John Buntin Jr, Dave Culbertson, and Lee Porter, with Kenmore Councilman Mike Freeman. (missing from this photo is Dolores Reeves)**



**Kenmore Chamber members enjoy a great meal from Paninoteca while listening to entertainment on stage by (left to right) Nate Vaill and Jim Ballard.**



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 10 Years Ago - December 2012

- Ⓜ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- Ⓜ Our annual Banquet is held at The Church on the Boulevard.
- Ⓜ The Board donates \$50 to both the Kenmore High School Madrigals and the Kenmore High School Jazz Band for the entertainment they provided at the 14th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration.

### 15 Years Ago - December 2007

- Ⓜ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- Ⓜ Our Christmas Party is held at the Women’s Club with International Guitarist & Author James Kalal as the entertainment.

### 20 Years Ago - December 2002

- Ⓜ **Jeff Scott**, President
- Ⓜ No Information available.

### 25 Years Ago - December 1997

- Ⓜ **Rich Masterson**, President
- Ⓜ The final money from the grant given for Drug Awareness is spent on purchasing sports cups (which promote saying “No to Drugs”) for all players of the Kenmore Little League Program (26 teams).

### 30 Years Ago - December 1992

- Ⓜ **Mel Kent**, President
- Ⓜ No Information available.

### 35 Years Ago - December 1987

- Ⓜ **Dennis Bloomer**, President
- Ⓜ No Information available.

### 40 Years Ago - December 1982

- Ⓜ **Kermit Bair**, President
- Ⓜ This year’s Christmas Party is held at Huckleberry Restaurant.