

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

April 2023

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

So much to say this month, so little room to say it in.

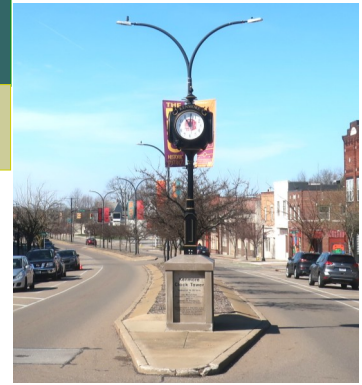
Congratulations to Ryan Boyes of KCOC member **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** for receiving the McCutchan Award. This award, named after Jaspar & Lee McCutchan (who were both a huge presence for decades in the Kenmore Board of Trade), is given “With deep appreciation to a person who has done many things for the Kenmore Community and asked for nothing in return.” Ryan, you are THE BEST, thank you for all you do!

For those who also wish to give back to our community, please join us for the **Keep Akron Beautiful Summit Lake Clean Up** on Saturday April 29th. Start the morning at the **Summit Lake Community Center** (380 W Crosier Street) at 8:30 for donuts and your assigned area, and then from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, with the water level lowered to allow a much better clean-up this year, help make both sides of Summit Lake look the best it has been in years. Every year you can spot me in my waders on the Northwest shore of the lake.

Finally, a special thanks to the three guys pictured below! These Kenmore Chamber members placed almost 3000 eggs for the Annual Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt on April 1st. This was the first time since 2019 that the Kenmore Chamber was able to hold this event outside for the kids.

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!

John Buntin Jr, KCOC President
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Seth Vail (The Rialto Theatre) left, Lee Porter (Srina’s Tea House & Café) center, and Dave Culbertson (Dave Culbertson Law Offices) right

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April “Meet & Greet” at *Prentice Funeral Home!*

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce’s April “Meet & Greet” event will be held at **Prentice Funeral Home**, 1154 Kenmore Boulevard, on Thursday April 20th! This evening networking meeting will be co-hosted by **Prentice Funeral Home** and **Letter Perfect Embroidery & Screen Printing**, and will include refreshments, drinks, and fun conversation with your fellow business members. Many door prizes will also be given away. It is from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, and no RSVP is necessary. We hope to see you there!



First “Meet & Greet” at *Srina’s Tea House & Cafe*

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce held it’s first “*Meet & Greet*” event on Thursday March 16th at **Srina’s Tea House & Cafe**, 975 Kenmore Boulevard. Host Lee Porter served all who attended great food and drinks. Ryan Boyes of the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance (KNA)** was presented the McCutchan Award for 2023!



KNA Executive Director Josh Gippin (left), McCutchan Award Winner Ryan Boyes (center), and KCOC President John Buntin Jr (right).



The Anthem Insurance banner “looks on” as Kenmore Chamber members introduce themselves and talk about their businesses in this split photo



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - April 2013

- ⊕ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⊕ The April 23rd KCOC sponsored Kenmore Easter Egg Hunt had over 200 children attending.

15 Years Ago - April 2008

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ A special lunch meeting had members celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the city of Kenmore, with Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic signing a special certificate for all.

20 Years Ago - April 2003

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

25 Years Ago - April 1998

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

30 Years Ago - April 1993

- ⊕ **Ed Abdula**, President
- ⊕ Guest speaker for this month’s luncheon was Barbara Frank of Summit County Community Action, who spoke about “World Share”, an international network of locally based self-help food distribution centers.

35 Years Ago - April 1988

- ⊕ **Lee McCutchan**, President
- ⊕ This year’s “Ladies Night” was held on April 16th at the Hilton Inn West.

40 Years Ago - April 1983

- ⊕ **Jasper McCutchan**, President
- ⊕ Secretary Lee McCutchan mailed out a personal letter to every Kenmore Board of Trade member inviting them to the May “Ladies Night” at the Hilton Inn West.