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# Ohio Professional Writers, Inc.

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## 35 year Milestone

**Mary Jane Skala** is the Senior Editor of the East Group of Sun Newspapers, overseeing seven papers in the Cleveland suburbs. She was NFPW's Sweepstakes Winner in 1996 and is NFPW's current second vice president. The Cleveland Press Club named her Ohio's best columnist in 2001. Two of her papers have repeatedly been named Ohio's best weeklies. A regular on media roundtables on Cleveland, she has done election night commentary for the city's NBC-TV affiliate. Her identical twin sister, her brother, and her late uncle are or were journalists. Her late father, Charles Day, was dean of Cleveland radio news a generation ago.

## 30 year Milestones

**Judy Ernest** has been a newspaper reporter, award-winning columnist, corporate communications director of the world's largest food company and foremost authority on Baby Boomers. She founded the Boomer Institute in Cleveland in 1991. Through her syndicated newspaper column, national television appearances, lectures, interviews, and consulting work, Ernest shared her expertise on boomers with more than a million people each month. From 1982 to 1991 she served as Director of Communications and Corporate Affairs for Nestle Enterprises, Inc. From 1991-2000, her column, "The Boomer File" appeared in the Sunday Plain Dealer and was syndicated to newspapers across the country. She currently edits Legacy Magazine in Cleveland.

**Sandi Latimer** has worked in radio, at a wire service, in medical communications, for a news service that covers state government, and currently writes for weekly newspapers, works as a sports clerk for a metropolitan daily newspaper and is volunteer coordinator for Ohio's second largest cemetery where she writes a quarterly newsletter. She volunteers at a 24-hour information and referral center, and serves on the advisory council for RSVP and Foster Grandparents Program. She is also active in the Ohio Volkssport Association.

Writer, editor and photographer **Jane Ann Turzillo** is recipient of many state chapter awards. She was a founding owner of the West Side Leader in Akron, Ohio, where police and fire were her forte. As a freelancer, she authored two Arcadia books, published articles, photographs and short stories in regional magazines, and newspapers and magazines across the United States and Canada. She has launched business newsletters, an alumni magazine and taught English. As part of the PR/marketing team at the Akron Art Museum, she helped to attract record crowds for exhibits. She has served on the state boards of NFPW and Society of Professional Journalist.

## 25 year Milestone

**Paige Palmer**, nationally recognized fitness and exercise guru, television pioneer, broadcast personality, author of over 50 books, art collector, radio host, world traveller and fashion expert, is a legend in Northeast Ohio. In 1948, she went to work for Ohio's first television station, WEWS, and created the first televised exercise and fitness program for women anywhere in the country. She used her New York connections to book some of the most famous fashion designers of the time and national celebrities for the show. Her long list of awards and honors include being named by Congress as "The First Lady of Fitness" because of her pioneer work in physical activity and exercise.