

# The Bulletin

The Kiwanis Club of Columbus



"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world - one child and one community at a time."

**“Great yesterday, better today, better still tomorrow!”**

Noon to 1 p.m. luncheon meeting at The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

**April 16, 2012**



## Janet Blank

### Understanding Health Care Reform



Janet Blank: Pharmacist, business owner, wife, mother, grandmother and now speaker ... speaking on what she is passionate about, *“Understanding health care reform.”*

Janet grew up in East Liberty, Ohio and attended Ohio Northern University. She graduated in pharmacy and has completed the academic portion of the pharmacy doctorate program. She practiced pharmacy full-time, took a leave of absence while starting a family, and then went back to pharmacy while running a decorative wall-painting business for 22 years. Now, with her son, she is starting a children’s apparel business. Ms. Blank is an avid reader of American history and has home-schooled one of her sons in that subject. She is a wife, a mother of three sons and a grandmother of seven.

She has conducted lectures for health professionals on medications and associated topics. After 40 years as a retail, hospital or counseling pharmacist, having observed all aspects of the health care system (the patient, the provider and the third-party payer) and now after researching the topic of health care and its rising costs, Janet speaks on what she is passionate about, *Understanding Health Care Reform*. She brings to her audience “a better understanding of what has caused the costs to go up and what needs to be done to address this issue while maintaining our free enterprise system. Compromising our access to health care and allowing a bureaucracy to make our decisions for us is not an option for freedom-loving Americans.”

Over the past 18 months, Janet has spoken in six central Ohio counties to more than 40 community clubs and associations ... and even “took her talk” to Durango, Colorado when visiting her son and his family.

In the near future, we must grasp this issue or it will grasp us. Come hear her presentation so that you can be informed and learn how to inform others on the facts.

### Today's Meeting

**Greeters:** **Kristin Gintz** - WesBanco Bank  
**Cindy Sturni** – United Way of Central Ohio

**Invocation:** **Fil Line** - ROI Realty Services

**Committee meetings:** Music & Arts, Youth Opportunity

**Menu:** **House salad, pecan chicken, wild rice, apple gastrique**

**Presentation:** Community Refugee and Immigration Services

### This week at a Glance

**Birthdays:**

04/16 - **Dan McCormick**  
04/19 - **Jack Baron**  
04/20 - **Kristin Sydney**



**Wednesday** - 04/18 – Program Committee meeting – Noon at OSU Golf Course Club House

**Thursday** – 04/19 – Boys & Girls Club Reading program – 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. – 115 South Gift Street.

**Saturday** – 04/21 – Kiwanis One Day – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Boys & Girls Club Columbus – 115 S. Gift Street

## President's Corner



As I watched the farmer pour the gasoline all around the collection of tractors, combines, threshers, trucks and other farm equipment, my heart beat quickened. Just a moment before, his look had been stern and thoughtful ... now that sobriety gave way to something between a smirk and an ironic smile. I began to think he was actually taking delight in my discomfort. The smell of petrol hung in the air, and puddles formed as he mimicked a lawn sprinkler. He reached for the matches.

I had read about these near-death experiences. The flashbacks. Seeing your life as a movie, unfolding before your eyes. Kenny Rogers' song, "*You decorated my life*," ran through my mind in slow motion. (*Curse that Kenny Rogers – I wasn't a fan, but my Grandmother played his 8-tracks for hours on end, and I'd been subjected to an especially torturous session that morning at breakfast.*) "Great," I thought to myself – "I'm 18, I'm about to die, and the last thought I'll have is Kenny Rogers serenading me from a distant 8-track player." I started to think of all that might have been ...

But I didn't have time for that – I was just graduated from high school, and I wanted to make it to college in the fall, which is why I had taken this job to begin with, working to earn money to cover the cost of classes and books. And being fully versed in the American Safety Products sales manual, I was just trying to sell my patented Halon 1211/1301 blend fire extinguisher in my duties as a Sales Representative for Fyre Fyter Associates.

Up until the moment the farmer started going berserk with the gasoline, the day had been going relatively well. It was a Saturday morning – my day to visit farms. No tie – just open collar and "straight ahead Fred" features and benefits presentations. I'd even sold a 300-series extinguisher to a farmer just up the street – the \$49.95 model. So when I did my demonstration and talked about the benefits of Halon to the farmer at this, my second stop of the day, I was feeling optimistic. Part of the great fanfare of the presentation was dousing my Samsonite brief case with lighter fluid, setting it ablaze, quickly extinguishing it with one blast from my trusty demonstration model. That had gone well, too. So well, the farmer tucked his thumbs behind the straps on his bib overalls, grunted, and then muttered, "Stay put ... I'll be back."

Probably going to get his checkbook I imagined to myself. Then I saw the red can and saw he had other plans in mind. I shuddered as I saw him reach for the matches. As the scent of sulfur erupted into flame, I quickly dropped the 'demo' model I had just used to squelch the fire on my brief case, reaching for the 900 model – "the mother of all Halon

extinguishers. "

I felt the heat before I heard the sound. WHOOSH! Flame erupting in a devilish dance. The voice of Smoky the Bear echoing somewhere in my head, I pulled the pin, extended my arm and hit the discharge button.

One blast of the frigid Halon 1211/1301 blend, a white cloud cavalry of hope – no light brigade charge here – the flames retreated and then vaporized, and were gone.

The farmer, for the first time, smiled. Thumbs still tucked under his bibs – "I'll take 12 of them big ones." In all the days of my fire extinguisher selling career, it would remain my largest single sale ever. And the only one where eye brows were singed.

When we think of what we have to offer to future members of our Club, we have a great story to share. Our commitment to service – the great friendships that are forged, and the true difference we are making in the lives of others. But nothing compares to a live demonstration. Invite friends and colleagues to join us for Kiwanis One Day on Saturday, April 21 at the Boys and Girls Club at 115 South Gift Street. They will have the chance to experience the joy we encounter when we give a little bit of ourselves to make our world a better place.

As for me, I'm looking forward to our day together. Unless someone shows up with a gas can and matches --- which just might send me straight to the attic to dig out my trusty fire extinguisher sales kit.

Or at the very least, to my collection of Kenny Rogers' greatest hits.

### An invitation to eat ...

All-you-can eat pancakes at a great price, with proceeds going to the children! That's right, Hilltop Kiwanis Club will be hosting its annual pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 28, at Crossroads United Methodist Church (1100 South Hague Avenue.)

Adults pay only \$6 and children ages 3-12 pay \$3.  
Children under 3 eat for free.

Be sure to sign in and let Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know you attended. If four or more of our members go, we will earn an interclub credit.

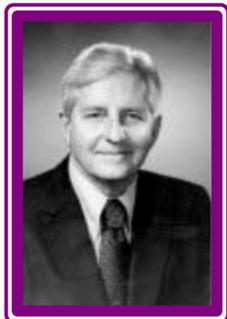
During the breakfast, the art classes from West High School and Briggs High School will be displaying their work. You will be able to help judge their work and pick the winners.



## Gone, but not forgotten ...

On Friday, May 4, Captain **Walter H. Kropp** will be inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame at an 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ceremony on the Third Street side of the Statehouse lawn.

“Mr. Kropp did not speak much about his activities in Italy and Germany. He did stay after the war to assist the army, due to his ability to speak German,” said his widow, Lucille, who “seldom heard him speak it.”



The posthumous award of the Ohio Medal of Valor will be given to his family, and the story of how the infantry captain served with such distinction in Italy and Germany, to be awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and two Silver Stars for Valor, will be read at the ceremony. Seventeen Ohio heroes will be inducted along with the humble Captain Kropp.

Mr. Kropp was a distinguished 33° Mason and served as their treasurer. He was a long-time member of our Kiwanis Club, having joined in December of 1969. Walter was the former chairman and chief executive officer of Franklin Federal, Ohio Federal and Mid-America Federal Savings and Loan Associations. Walter retired in 1987 and he passed away this past January 9.

We hope that you can come to the ceremony and/or recognize him for his achievements for his country.

## Daffynitions ...

**Arachnoleptic Fit** – The frantic dance performed just after you’ve accidentally walked through a spider web.

**Dopeler Effect** – The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

## Community service hours to exceed goal ...

When we began this administrative year, we set an ambitious goal to exceed last year’s 652 community service hours by 10 percent. Halfway through the administrative year, we have already completed 625 hours, or 87 percent of the goal. With several major efforts looming before us (*Kiwanis One Day on April 21 and Shred-It Day on May 5*), there is little doubt we will exceed our goal. Is it unreasonable to expect we can hit 1,000 hours? 1,250 hours? How high can we go?

Thanks go out to the following members who, through March 2012, have participated in one or more community service projects (Silver Star recipients) and those who have participated in six or more community service projects (Gold Star recipients). If you have not yet earned your silver service star, why not sign up for an upcoming project now? And if you already have earned your silver service star, we hope you will continue to “go for the gold!”

### Silver Star Recipients

Tim Barhorst	Robert Barnes	Michael Becker	Phil Beltz
Susan Black	David Brainin	Deborah Cassel	Char Collister
Tiffany Crosby	Neil Distelhorst	Scott Doellinger	Mike Edwards
Chad Endsley	Jean Evans	David Fenner	David Gallit
John Gambaiani	Bill Gillam	Kristin Gintz	Michael Griffith
Tom Hayden	Alice Hohl	Leslie Huntington	Lisa Jolley
Ken Keller	David Korodi	Paul Kroll	Jocelyn Kroskey
Jerry Kuyoth	Dan Lacey	Bob Larrimer	Fil Line
John Metcalf	Fred Miller	Fred Miller II	Jonathan Moody
Caitlyn Nestleroth	Bill Newman	Amanda Owen	Ray Pauken
Jeff Rayis	Jamie Richardson	Gregg Robins	Mareion Royster
Brian Seitz	Grant Shaffer	Jim Skidmore	Cindy Sturni
Mark Swepston	Troy Terakedis	Dave Timmons	Nick Tomashot
Sam Vogel	Larry Walters	Joyce Waters	David Weibel

### Gold Star Recipients

Paul Baumer	Paul Bohlman	Jack D’Aurora	Jerry Durham
Bob Eberhart	Perry Fisher	Stephanie Harris	Larry Icenogle
David Kandel	Scott Lindsey	Mark Poepelman	Kathleen Roberts
Jim Shively	Bob Wiseman		

I was in a pub on Saturday night. Had a few ... I noticed two large women by the bar. They both had strong accents so I asked, "Hey, are you two ladies from Scotland?"

One of them chirped: "It's WALES, you idiot!"

So, I immediately apologized and said, "Sorry, are you two whales from Scotland?" That's the last thing I remember...

### Auction alert ...

Our annual charity auction is fast approaching and here are four things you can, and should, be doing now:

- **Buy your tickets** – Tickets are \$55 each, with a \$5 discount if you purchase them prior to April 30.
- **Invite a friend, relative, co-worker or business associate** – We have extra invitations you can personalize or just address and drop in the mail. The event is open to everyone. The more people we have, the more fun it will be.
- **Sponsor a table** – there will not be enough seating for everyone who attends. However, you can reserve a table and guarantee seats for you and your guests by becoming a table sponsor.
- **Donate an item** – The committee is still accepting items to be auctioned off, in either the live or silent auction. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have an item(s) to donate. This will assure that it is properly catalogued and displayed.

The event, "*Happy Birthday Kiwanis Club of Columbus - 96 ... and counting*" is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 at the Ohio History Center located just off I-71 at 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue (near the Ohio State Fairgrounds). Your ticket will also allow you to tour the exhibits within the Ohio History Center.

The evening's attire will be "Business Casual." Remember, all proceeds will go to the Columbus Kiwanis Foundation, a 501(c) 3 charitable organization.

### Shopping with a cause ...

We all buy groceries and we all have an opportunity to support our Club each time we shop at either Kroger or Giant Eagle.

1- **Kroger** – Register your Kroger Plus card and your purchase will count toward the Community Rewards Program whereby we get a percentage of their Community Rewards granted each quarter. You can register on line by using our organization code of 80249 at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). You must re-register each April.

2- **Giant Eagle** – Purchase a \$100 Giant Eagle gift card from Secretary **Paul Bohlman** and use it to purchase \$100 of groceries. The Club earns \$5 on each \$100 card.

### Golf! A unique sport ...

- You hit down to make the ball go up.
- You swing left and the ball goes right.
- The lowest score wins.
- And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

### Next week's meeting

(April 23, 2012)

**Speaker: Dale Schmidt** – Columbus Zoo

**Greeters: Jean Evans**

**Stephanie Harris**

Ohio State Legal Services Association

**Invocation:** to be determined

**Committees:** None scheduled

**Menu:** Flank Steak, chimichurri

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