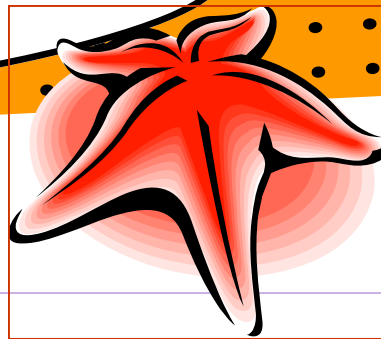


The Uptown News Beat

Letter from the President



"Making a Difference"

What a fantastic month of "Women Making a difference" we had in October. The month started with 1st VP Fonda Martin running our Business meeting October 11th. Many thanks go out to Fonda for leading an excellent Business Meeting. Regional Director Elizabeth McGill was present at the meeting and I hear from her that she really enjoyed our meeting.

October 13th and 14th a group of Uptown members went to San Angelo for our Region 6 Fall Conference. BPW State President Patti Humphrey, Uptown members Fonda Martin, Jo Fite, Jeanette Porter, Donette Marble, dual member Glenda Knox and I all attended this meeting. For those of you who have never attended a Regional Meeting you missed out on a great opportunity to meet other members in our Region, get information from State Officers and share program ideas. At this meeting we voted for next year's Regional Officers. Our Regional officers for 2007-2008 are:

Director	Glenna Haskell, Uptown Midland
Treasurer	Fonda Martin, Uptown Midland
Secretary	Ann Burmeister, San Angelo
State Nominating Committee Member	Sandra Elliott, Uptown Midland
State Nominating Alternate	Vi Henry, Sweetwater

We celebrated National Business Women's Week on October 26th. What a fantastic job by Committee Chair Sheila Warren and her committee. Our 2006 Woman of Achievement Susie Hitchcock-Hall was so excited and honored to be selected as our 2006 recipient. Mayor Cannon issued two Proclamations one for NBWW and one for Susie naming October 26th as Susie Hitchcock-Hall Day. I also want to thank our Public Relations Chair, Penny Crosson for excellent media coverage. We had several Newspaper articles including a letter to the Editor, Advertising for the event and a wonderful 2 page advertisement the Sunday before the event. Jo Fite was in charge of gathering the restaurant gift certificates we raffled. Jo and her committee members really pulled through, we raffled a gift basket worth \$700 and made over \$1,000 for MD Anderson. I know that preparing for NBWW is a big undertaking and want to sing praises for everyone that worked to make this event successful.

During NBWW we also honored and awarded Uptown Midland's Woman of the Year. This year Committee Chair Donette Marble had two very deserving candidates, Sheila Warren and Shirley Harris. Please help me congratulate both women for their achievements. Please help me congratulate Sheila Warren Uptown Midland's 2006 Woman of the Year.

In closing I want to remind everyone that we will only hold one meeting in November and December. I hope to see you all soon and wish you a happy Turkey day.

Building Powerful Women
Glenna Haskell, President

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Special points of interest:

- Mid- Year Board Planning Meeting, Saturday, November 4th, Sandra Elliott's home
- Program meeting November 8th, Petroleum Club—Noon
- No business meeting due to holiday
- Happy Thanksgiving November 23rd
- Program meeting, December 13th, (Special Christmas party & white gift or bottle auction) Petroleum Club, 11:30—1:00
- High Sky Children's Christmas Party TBA
- Merry Christmas December 25th
- Happy New Year January 1, 2007

Starfish Award

"Women Making a Difference"

Penny Crosson - Public Relations for NBWW

Sheila Warren and Committee Members - NBWW

Jo Fite - Gift Basket raffle MD Anderson



NBWW UPDATE

Wow what an event we had this NBWW. I would first like to thank my committee on all their hard and diligent work that made this event a success. On the committee was Sandra Elliott, Chris Hagan, Donette Marble, Shirley Harris, Jo Fite, Penny Crosson, Fonda Martin, Demetra Johns, Debbie Gann, Tiffany Blakely, Jennifer Birkla, Leslie Goers, Glenda Knox. Thank you all very much.

Now on to the event itself, we enjoyed an afternoon with Susie Hitchcock-Hall. She is quite a "Woman of Achievement". Her business career started in 1974 teaching dance lesson to the West Texas area and even some CEO's at Time Warner. She also had a hand in the movie "Waltz Across Texas", she choreographed and danced in the movie as well as holding dance contest in six state for the dancers in the movie.

In 1991 she loved entertaining and cooking which led to the opening of Susie's South Forty Confection, Inc. She went from making candy and muffins in her newly remodeled kitchen to her 20,000 square foot candy factory located in south Midland. She is now in her 15th year and they produce 21 varieties of candy. She has two gift shop locations, one in Midland and one in Odessa. There is also a wholesale showroom in the Dallas Market Center. With the rapid growth of the company she gave up dance lessons. She employees over 30 employees on a full time basis and during the holiday season it is not unusual to have 86 employees. Last year there was twenty four tons of Texas Pecan Toffee made during the holiday season.

Susie went from a stay at home mom and homemaker to a certified woman business owner within 20 years. She has helped and continues to help women achieve their personal and financial goals. Susie believes her talents and blessings are all due to the Lord above. She is very strong of faith and gives thanks through volunteer service in the community. Susie makes every effort to hire women who are new to or re-entering the work force. Many of these women have gone on to full time positions with the new skills they have acquired from Susie. Her hopes are to continue to mentor young men and women in the West Texas area.

Even with all the business and volunteer activities Susie still finds time for family. She is married to Mike Hall. She has two sons, four step children, five grandsons and one granddaughter. She is a deacon at First Presbyterian Church. She enjoys gardening and founded the West Texas Iris Society. She is also an avid dog and cat lover. She rescues stray and abandoned animals along the road to her country home. She has nine dogs and is looking for a good home for a black lab at the moment.



Uptown Midland's President, Glenna Haskell & "Woman of Achievement", Susie Hitchcock-Hall as she received her proclamation from the Mayor of Midland announcing October 26, 2006 as Susie Hitchcock-Hall Day and her Woman of Achievement Award.

Susie was all smiles during the event. She said she owes all her talents to the good Lord above and family.

NBWW 2006 WYO nominees Shirley Harris and Sheila Warren take time for a photo shot after the event. They are standing in front of the sponsor board for the NBWW Luncheon. They are all smiles as well for a job well done. This years NBWW was a big success raising \$1046.00 for M.D. Anderson.

Not to mention its time to move on to the next event. Christmas for a family at High Sky Childs Ranch. Which will be funded by the money raised at NBWW.



Birthdays and membership renewals

October Birthday's

Shirley Harris 11/1
 Demetra Johns 11/18
 Mary Villanueva 11/29

Happy Birthday Ladies!!!

Membership renewals

Sandra Elliott
 Judy Galbraith
 Glenna Haskell
 Patti Humphrey
 Jeanne Larance

Becoming Powerful Women



Happy Thanksgiving



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