

## The Uptown News Beat

### Letter from the President



"Making a Difference"

It is with great pleasure and honor that I begin my term as your President. First I would like to thank Immediate Past President, Mary Ann Brock for her dedication and service to this organization. Mary Ann is a wonderful role model, a mentor to me personally and to all our membership. I give a big thank you to Sandra Elliott and Patti Humphrey for the wonderful installation. I wish to thank everyone that has volunteered to serve as a committee chair or member. And last but not least help me welcome our Board of Directors:

Treasurer – Jo Fite  
Recording Secretary – Evie Adams  
Corresponding Secretary – Debbie Gann  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership – Shirley Harris  
1<sup>st</sup> VP/Programs – Fonda Martin

At our State Convention last month we were honored to install our very own Patti Humphrey, BPW/TX State President. It is going to be a fun and busy year for Patti and Uptown as we plan for next year's convention to be held right here in Midland, Texas.

Patti's theme for 2006-2007 is "Making a Difference." I think this year's theme of "Making a Difference" is right on target because BPW is an organization of Women helping Women. We help women with our Scholarship programs, through legislative education and action, by mentoring and by networking opportunities with other women. Uptown's theme for 2006-2007 will be "Making a Difference - Professional, Political, and Personal." We will focus on the following areas:

- Professional Growth – Individual Development and Young Careerist programs. Offer Scholarships for women.
- Political – Inform membership on Legislative Issues affecting women (pay equity, violence against women, ERA etc.)
- Personal Growth – Membership Orientation – BPW Foundation and the Value of being a BPW member. Helping others through community involvement.

We will continue our successful programs, National Business Women's Week and our annual style show. These programs enable us to fund our scholarships and raise money for MD Anderson. I cannot obtain these goals alone but together "women helping women" we can attain anything. Therefore, I am asking for your help let's make a difference together.

We have a plan of action now let's get started. Our first meeting is July 12, 2006, noon at the Petroleum Club of Midland. Our program will showcase State Convention and Patti's Installation. We will also unveil our new Website courtesy of Jennifer Cochran, Rethink Inc. Hope to see all of you at this important meeting!! Our planning meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm at Sandra Elliott's house. All Committee chairs, Board of Directors and all members are welcome to come to this meeting as we will be setting goals and mapping out our plans for success.

**B**uilding **P**owerful **W**omen,

Glenna Haskell, Uptown BPW President

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#### Special points of interest:

- Program meeting  
July 12, Petroleum Club—Noon
- Planning meeting  
July 20, Sandra Elliott's
- Business meeting  
July 26, Petroleum Club—Noon
- Program meeting  
August 9, Petroleum Club—Noon
- Board meeting,  
August 16, Arcadis Board room
- Business meeting  
August 23, Petroleum Club—Noon

## The Starfish

Once upon a time there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day he was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer.

He smiled to himself to think of someone who would dance to the day. So he began to walk faster to catch up. As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man and the young man wasn't dancing, but instead he was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean.

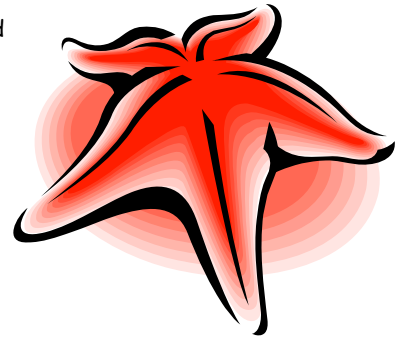
As he got closer he called out "Good morning! What are you doing?" The young man paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish in the ocean."

"I guess I should have asked, why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?"

"The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don't throw them in they'll die"

"But, young man, don't you realize that there are miles and miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely. Then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said...."It made a difference for that one."



## Planning meeting scheduled

President Haskell has asked that each of you mark your calendar's for her planning meeting scheduled July 20th. At this meeting we will exchange information, setup a plan of action for our committee's and network with members. If you have not signed up there are a few committees still in need of a chair woman. If you would like to help with a committee this would be a great time to come and share your ideas. All ideas are valued and welcomed.

This meeting is scheduled to be at the home of Sandra Elliott at 6:00. Her address is 2605 Maxwell.

**Planning Party At Sandra Elliott's**  
2605 Maxwell  
July 20, 2006  
6:00 p.m.



Region 6 ladies at State Convention

## Words of wisdom from BPW/Texas President

July 1<sup>st</sup>, I will be starting on an adventure that began just over ten years ago. Little did I know that when I joined Uptown Midland BPW that this is the road I would be traveling. Five years ago I asked the members of Uptown to support me as I decided to become a state officer. You said YES, and here we are! I say we, because there is absolutely no way that I could even think of doing this if I didn't have the support of this local organization.

Thanks for your friendship. Thanks for being there for me. I know that if I looked up friendship in the dictionary, your group picture would be right there.

Thanks for the computer and printer! OHMYGOSH! What a surprise that was! There is no reason for me ever to be disorganized again.

I love you all so much, and I will work hard to help BPW/Texas make a difference for other women. Thanks for helping me!!

Patti

## Featured committee

The featured committee this month is membership. Shirley Harris is Membership Committee Chairwoman this year. Shirley works for T. Bob Amthor Co., Inc. and has been involved in BPW since August 10, 1993. She is currently the 2nd Vice President as well.

Shirley works very hard to keep members information up to date. Making sure your membership is current and paid up. She also has an on going data base with mailing addresses and email addresses, so it is very important if you change something in your contact information that Shirley be notified. You can email her with any changes or updates at [shirleyd@grandecom.net](mailto:shirleyd@grandecom.net) or [shirley@tbobamthor.com](mailto:shirley@tbobamthor.com)

Remember to send changes or update to Shirley Harris at [Shirley@tbobamthor.com](mailto:Shirley@tbobamthor.com) Or [shirleyd@grandecom.net](mailto:shirleyd@grandecom.net)

## Birthdays and membership renewals

### July Birthdays

Laura Ingram 7/14  
Sherea Myers-Hill 7/18  
Lesley Goeres 7/20  
Glenna Haskell 7/23  
Sherry Ladd 7/31

### Membership renewals

JoAnn Carlton 7/31/06

### Becoming Powerful Women

*Happy Birthday Ladies!!!*



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These are just a few of the photos that I have my hands on from State Convention. The top picture is immediate past President Terri Freer pinning incoming BPW/Texas President Patti Humphrey while past President Tina Garner installed Patti. To the left is past presidents Donette Marble and Chris Hagan presenting Patti with a gift from Uptown Midland BPW. And below is Donette holding a lap top computer and printer and Chris reading the instructions to Patti. They are always willing to lend a helping hand when needed.

Patti we are so very proud of you. We are here to support you in this adventure.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Coming soon to a web site  
near you!

