



Uptown Midland
BPW

2014-2015
Annual Reports

June 30, 2015

To all Uptown Midland BPW Members and Board of Directors,

It has been such a prestigious honor and opportunity for me to serve as the Uptown Midland BPW President for the 2014-2015 year. As we all know the past year has been a year of transition and reflection on the where we've been and where we're headed. Without a doubt, despite some of the challenges this year, we all feel a sense of rejuvenation and can see success lying ahead in the 2015-2016.

Our mission statement says as an organization we are to equip all women for success in the workplace through education and information, and to recognize and honor the accomplishments of working women. But our mission is much more than just that, we're women helping women, which is so powerful in the world we live in. We see this not only in the volunteer work of our members within the organization, but outside of BPW. We experience this at our program meetings as we're networking and discussing life's issues. We are strong, powerful, professional, and we're women – incredible.

As many of you may know one of our largest achievements this year include our BUNCO Fundraiser – that raised nearly \$6,000 for scholarships! A HUGE thank you to Annette Dozier and her committee who planned and executed this successful BUNCO event. Not only did it generate donations, but new members! We will be starting our 2015-2016 year with 8 new members!!! Both are huge successes!

Another success for the year is our non-profit status reinstatement. This has been an on-going issue for some time, and thanks to Deborah Williams, Mona Bethany and Shirley Harris we should have that done within the next few months! Nothing like taking care of some much needed unfinished business!!

Our officer team has also worked diligently over the last year to address operational issues (ie. Meeting locations, costs, times, etc.) to try and meet the growing demands of our membership. A HUGE thank you to all the officers – Evie Gandy, Marquita Potter, Shirley Harris for their hard work! Thank you to Mona Bethany and Stacy Nelson for also filling in during vacancies. We are forever grateful for your hard work and leadership!

As we move forward into the 2015-2016 year I do believe more success lies ahead. Our "theme" for the year will be "Behind every successful woman is herself," and that is so true. Despite the demands of work, home, volunteering, BPW, etc. remember yourself. We have to be proud and confident in ourselves in order to help others. I look forward to our upcoming NBWW event, community projects, and overall fellowship with so many successful women!

Here's to a new year!

Respectfully,

Stephanie Murphree

Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women
Fiscal Year 2014-2015
Vice President's Report

Submitted by Evie Gandy

- July 2014 Planning Meeting in the home of Stacy Nelson.
- August 2014 Our guest speaker this month was Vicki Jay with Shared Spaces.
- September 2014 Our speaker this month was Uptown member Melinda Henderson – Executive Director of Junior Achievement. She has held this position since June 2014.
- October 2014 Our guest speakers were William Bess, trainer, speaker and coach with REAL Leadership and the John Maxwell Team and Misty Stewart teaches leadership, communication, team building and CPR.
- November 2014 Honoring our Veterans – Speakers John Brenner – Navy and Jeffrey W. Hughes – Marines – great to hear 2 veterans speaking about their experiences in the US Armed Forces
- December 2014 We celebrated our annual Christmas party at Grassland Estates Club House
- January 2015 Networking - members getting to know each other
- February 2015 Speaker was John Brenner – West Texas IT Consulting
- March 2015 We learned about Midland's Crimes against women from Kay Therwanger, Detective with Midland Police Department.
- April 2015 Pres. Murphree brought a list of questions for each member to answer and then we did a roundtable answering the questions and getting to know each other better. Much laughter! We also had our very successful Scholarship Fundraising event BUNCO at the end of the month!
- May 2015 Leah Vernia-Amend with Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR
- June 2015 Stephen Jordan with LAN Solutions spoke about "Communicating" in particular with the IT guy who comes to work on your computer. We will have our new Officer Installation Program on the 23rd!
- Guest Speakers were given an acrylic paperweight with the BPW logo on it

Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women
Treasurer's Report 2014-2015

Dear Madam President, Stephanie Murphree:

Proceeds of \$5933.55 were generated from three separate fundraising events this past year. This amount was transferred to Edward Jones for the Uptown BPW Scholarship Fund on June 16, 2015.

The following is a breakdown of the revenue:

Art Party	\$ 1,400.00
Becky's Flowers Project	268.85
Bunco Party	<u>4264.70</u>
Total	<u>\$5933.55</u>

This amount will be transferred by Donette Marble, our contact at Edward Jones. We maintain a \$5000.00 balance in the Edward Jones Account for the purpose of maintaining \$2500.00 (minimum balance) and \$2500.00 as needed for any scholarships outside of Midland College.

For our Christmas projects, we donated \$500.00 to Unlock Ministries and \$500.00 to Midland Rape Crisis & Children's Advocacy Center. No donation was made to the Texas BPW Foundation for Chloe Monroe MDA Fund during the year.

As of March, 2015, Citibank, which holds BPW's operating account, became part of Branch Banking and Trust (BB&T).

\$20,945.71 is the Uptown BPW operating account balance as of May 31, 2015. Final reports for the operating year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) will be provided no later than July 10, 2015. In accordance with the Uptown BPW bylaws, all books, records and papers will be delivered to the financial review committee by July 10, 2015. Diane Browne, an Uptown BPW active member in good standing, has volunteered to audit the 2014-2015 finances.

Marquita Potter
Treasurer

Uptown BPW
Secretary Annual Report 2014-2015

RE: Status of Secretarial Position

Dear Madam President and Board of Directors,

I assumed the Secretary Position for the 2014-2015 year and duly recorded the minutes and verified motions and filed them. My last act was to file the nominations for officers as they were elected for the year of 2015-2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona Bethany, Secretary

6/1/2015

Uptown BPW
Fundraising Committee
Annual Report 2014-2015

From: Annette Dozier, Fundraising Committee Chair 2014-2015

RE: End of Year Report

Dear Madam President and Board of Directors,

On April 30th a Bunco Fundraiser was held at Garden view Beer Garden.

We received \$2,400 in Sponsored tables, \$360 on individual ticket sales and \$1,980 in cash donations. For total income of \$4,740. Our expenses were \$467.50.

A net amount of \$4,272.35 was raised for our Scholarship fund.

This was our only fundraiser this year and thanks to the generosity of our members, who used their own money to purchase needed decorations, etc., this fundraiser was a HUGE success.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Dozier Fundraising committee chair

Uptown BPW

2014/2015 Community Projects Committee Report

Madame President Murphree

Dec 2014 - Donated \$500 to Unlock Ministries – mentor to underserved students

Dec 2014 – Donated \$500 to Midland Rape Crisis & Children's Advocacy Center.

Submitted by Stacy Nelson, Membership Chair

Uptown BPW
Annual Report 2014 – 2015
By-Laws and Policies and Procedures

Dear Madam President and Board of Directors,

RE: Status of By-Laws and Policies and Procedures

No Changes were made on the By-Laws or P & P this year. We have many planned for the next year and an in depth re-write of the documents is planned for the coming year. We are changing our focus and many of the items are now obsolete.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona Bethany, By-Laws and Policies and Procedures.

6/1/2015

Uptown Midland BPW

2014/2015 Membership Committee Report

Madame President Murphree

During our fiscal year, 20 sustaining members have renewed their membership, 9 new members joined and 5 members allowed their memberships to expire. We have one existing member up for renewal this month and we hope to receive her check at our next meeting.

Our total number of active members, as of today, June 19, 2015, is 30.

Submitted by Stacy Nelson, Membership Chair

Uptown BPW
Leadership Midland Committee Report 2014-2015

From: Diane Browne, Leadership Midland Committee Chair 2014-2015

RE: Status of program and selection of representative

Dear Madam President and Board of Directors,

The Midland Chamber of Commerce has completely revamped its Leadership Midland program. They now limit inclusion to 12 people with the program continuing over two years. It was decided that if a BPW member applied and was accepted, that we would sponsor that member for \$500 for each of the two years. No one was chosen for the 2014-2015 year. It was further decided that these funds be included in the Community Outreach committee's budget, and made available for other endeavors if no member was accepted into the Leadership Program.

I brought a motion before the members that, because of the changes to the Leadership Program removing the necessity for an application process through us, BPW's Leadership Committee be dissolved. The motion passed, so in the future, any chosen candidates will be sponsored through the Community Outreach committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Browne, Leadership Midland committee chair

Uptown BPW
Nominating Committee Report
April 2015

Madame President Stephanie Murphree:

Recommended Slate of Officers for 2015 – 2016

Stephanie Murphree	President
Stacy Nelson	Vice President
Shirley Harris	Secretary
Marquita Potter	Treasurer
Mona Bethany	Director
Deborah Williams	Director

The above referenced nominees have agreed to serve in the positions designated if elected.

Respectfully submitted

Evie Gandy, Chair

Uptown BPW
Woman of the Year Committee 2014-2015

Madame President Stephanie Murphree:

Kuohui Suchecki was selected as Uptown's Woman of the Year.

Four Uptown members were nominated for the 2014-2015 Woman of the Year. Judges were selected according to Uptown's Policies and Procedures and guidelines to evaluate each nominee.

Kuohui was named as Uptown's Woman of the Year at the Business Meeting January 28, 2015 as we did not have a NBWW event in October 2014.

Respectfully submitted

Stacy Nelson, Chair

Uptown BPW
National Business Women's Week Committee Report
2014 - 2015

Madame President Stephanie Murphree:

There was no NBWW event held during Oct 2014.

Uptown BPW
Newsletter Committee Annual Report
2014 – 2015

Madame President Stephanie Murphree

I hoped to publish an interesting newsletter so I sent out emails each month to the Membership asking them for articles (photos, vacation stories, history pieces, new events, new jobs, moved etc.) to publish in the newsletter. I would also ask the membership at the Business Meeting for articles and remind them that it is never too early to send the information or story.

The newsletter was emailed monthly to our membership.

It was also posted on Uptown's website under the NEWS tab.

I am grateful for the opportunity to publish the newsletter and would like to thank everyone who submitted articles and photos for the newsletters.

Respectfully submitted

Shirley D Harris
Newsletter Chair

Uptown BPW
Webpage Committee Annual Report
2014 – 2015

Madame President Stephanie Murphree

Our Plan for this year:

1. Update website on a regular basis.
2. Get input for what needs to be changed

During this past year we have:

1. Updated www.midlandbpw.org website with current info: newsletters, calendar for our programs and speakers (bio).
2. Renewed our Website Host with Hostgator. Copy of invoice attached.
3. President Stephanie Murphree has done a wonderful job on our FACEBOOK page which members can easily access through the link on Uptown's website. It allows members to go directly to Uptown's Facebook page.
4. Added a PAY UPTOWN BPW button to our homepage so members can pay their dues online by credit card or e-check. Members and guests can also pay for their meals online before a meeting at the Petroleum Club. Last but not least we had numerous donations made and tables and tickets paid for online for our BUNCO Fundraiser! There is a 3.25% fee for credit cards which means if you pay \$60 to Uptown, IPN charges us \$1.95 and we receive a net payment of \$58.05. IPN charges \$.50 for e-check payments which means \$60 paid less \$.50 nets us \$59.50. Members can always add the "fee" to what they are paying so that Uptown receives the full payment.
5. We have spent \$83.40 for 2014-2015.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley D. Harris, Chair

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