

President's Message – August 2009

For the month of August 2009 we had a business meeting, a board meeting and a program meeting. During our business meeting August 12, 2009, our National Business Women's Week (NBWW) Chair, Glenda Knox, gave us an update on the committee meetings. It was decided by the NBWW committee that we honor Jane Wolf who is a prominent real estate agent in our community. Honoring Ms. Wolf will hopefully be a big boost, accentuating our Uptown Midland BPW organization helping us attract new membership. We also reviewed the BPWF webinar from August 4, 2009 with the meeting attendees and the benefits of local affiliation with BPWF. I read a letter from Texas Business Women which conveyed their best regards to us for the future we have chosen with BPWF.

During our Board Meeting on August 19, 2009, Stacy, Evie, Jerri, Mona, Shirley and I discussed the committees, the respective Chairs and their members to finalize those responsible for a Plan of Action. We also reviewed the plans we have received and discussed the budget. Our Treasurer, Jerri Ripplinger, will present the budget for this coming year at our next business meeting September 23rd. The Board also decided that a motion will be presented to the membership at the next business meeting to revise our local dues. Additionally, the Board checked the calendar through December and our next program and business meetings have been determined. We hope you can come to all of the meetings but please be sure to check our website periodically for any updates. Our Board Meetings are opened to all Uptown members so join us when you can.

Stacy Nelson, our 1st Vice President, put our program meeting together for August 26, 2009. Our guest was Jani Davis and her talk consisted of how important it is that we never forget the cost we paid for women winning the right to vote. The program day was the actual anniversary of winning the right to vote and Jani reminded us of all the supporters we have surrounding us everyday such as our employers, friends, family and politicians that will always fight for us. Thank you, Jani for a wonderful talk and Stacy, for a fine program.

The license agreement has been signed, a check written and sent in to BPWF to continue our association with BPW. We will be entering new territory now and we will have many questions. Just send your questions in and the Board will try to answer your questions or find someone who can. Several of our members have already decided to take their previous Texas State dues and transfer them to San Angelo Local with TBW. There will be more information on the website as soon as we have instructions on that process.

Our next program meeting is scheduled for September 9 and our business meeting is September 23, 2009, at noon at The Petroleum Club of Midland. I hope each of you can attend. Please RSVP to Evie Adams, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair at 570-5233 (evie.adams@bosworthco.com), or Shirley Harris, Webpage and Telephone/Email Chair at 684-4692 (shirley@tbobamthor.com). The cost of the luncheon is \$17.00 unless otherwise noted for special events. Please connect with us as we trek through this new adventure for Uptown and continue the spirit of BPW for others in our futures.

Building Powerful Women,

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