

President's Message – December 2009

During the month of November 2009, we had just a business meeting on the 11th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We started with an overview of the results for National Business Women's Week (NBWW) from our Treasurer, Jerri Ripplinger. Jerri handed out a balance sheet of the event with a comparison of last year's numbers and we definitely beat last year's net by approximately \$2,500. The raffle also raised approximately \$1,100 for M. D. Anderson, how wonderful. For Uptown Midland BPW that is astoundingly great work. Every year we get better and better. Way to go NBWW Chair, Glenda Knox, and all of your committee members. And to our honoree, Jane Wolf, you brought out the best in all those that love you and respect you. Thank you. Uptown Midland also honored one of their own at NBWW as our Woman of the Year. Congratulations Sheila Warren!! We are so proud of you and all of the many accomplishments you have successfully achieved in your life. Bravo!

Our Leadership Midland participant, Yvonne Reyes, gave us a summary of the Midland activities and the projects they have voted to undertake for this season. You can see more details of her adventure in the October newsletter. Thank you, Yvonne.

We also put the vote before the membership for increased local dues and passed the amendment of the **Appendix – Dues** to the Uptown Midland bylaws. For new members and members who are renewing, the annual dues for Uptown will be \$20 each starting with December 1, 2009. New membership or renewal of membership will soon be available on the website (www.midlandbpw.com). If you have any questions, just send them in to the Board and we will try to answer them or we will find someone who can.

For December, we will only have our Christmas Party, December 10, 2009. There is more information regarding the Christmas Party on our website, so save the date. I hope you all 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 party is \$8.50 per person.

For January, we will return to our regularly scheduled meetings of the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Our program meeting will be January 13th and the business meeting will be January 27th. Perhaps we can try a new venue with the business meeting. Your board and committee members look forward to your suggestions and ideas for future meetings and 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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Uptown Midland BPW President 2009 - 2010

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