

The Uptown News Beat

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Letter from our President:



Isn't it beautiful spring time in West Texas, dry windy days when we have the occasional thunderstorm or tornado threat? Spring time also brings forth new growth and the prospect of renewed spirits. If you have been a part of Uptown BPW for any length of time you know that spring is when we have our only scholarship fund raiser. We have had great success with this event for the last eight years. This year was no different. Jo Fite, Style Show Committee Chair led us to greatness on Wednesday, April 23. Our silent auction, with proceeds to go to MD Anderson raised over \$2,700.00. The greatest news is that we will be able to fund our four scholarships for the upcoming year. Ladies that is what Uptown BPW is all about....Women Helping Women! The community has seen Uptown BPW as a strong influence giving back to the Midland community with businesses willingness to sponsor our events. This partnership is something we have worked hard to achieve. That is something to be very

proud of, and I believe we are proud of everything we do as an organization.

As we move into May, we will have another busy month preparing for By-Law Amendments at the program meeting on May 14th and election of new officers on May 28th at our business meeting. Mary Ann Brock has worked very hard on bringing our Uptown BPW By-Laws up to speed with the BPW/Texas State By-Laws amendments that passed at the 2007 State Convention. These will be going out to the membership by the upcoming weekend and we will have our new by laws amendments to move forward in line with TFBPW By-Laws. At the business meeting on May 28th it will be our closed election meeting. Nominations were announced at our March program meeting. They are as follows: Sheila Warren for President; Glenda Knox for 1st Vice President, Lesley Goeres for 2nd Vice President, Angie Wilson for Treasurer, Shirley Harris for Secretary and Debbie Gann for Corresponding Secretary. When the elections start there will be time for nominations from the floor. We would love to have each of you join us for lunch and make your vote heard. Remember every person counts.

We are also firming up the Upward Bound Program with Midland College. Committee Chair, Jennifer Birkla and her committee are working on the project itemized budget to present to the board for approval. They have a month long program planned with a different

event/program each week for the young ladies in the Upward Bound Program. The dates for the programs are June 9th, June 16th, June 23rd, and June 30th. There will be many opportunities to lend a helping hand each week. One of the goals was not have everyone committed to every program. So if Jennifer or someone from the committee contacts you to help, please consider what gifts and talents you have to share with these girls. I think another important thing we can show them is how woman from many different work backgrounds come together for a great cause. Again, that cause is....Women Helping Women.

BPW/Texas State Convention is June 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Austin. Registration deadline is May 9th. You can register late but there will be a late fee of \$15.00. Reservations can be made at the Renaissance at 512-343-2626. We have several members leaving at different times and I am sure they would love to have another travel partner. Contact Glenda Knox if you are interested in going at 686-2819.

Building Powerful Women,

Sheila Warren

Notable Quote



"Our duty, as men and women, is to proceed as if limits to our ability did not exist. We are collaborators in creation." "Pierre Teilhard dehardin (1881-1955) French philosopher, paleontologist"



"BPW in BLOOM"

For those of you who attended the annual "BPW in Bloom" Style Show, we appreciate your support and attendance. It was a roaring success, especially when you consider the number of style shows scheduled with in a three day time span in our fair city. The scholarship program is funded one more time, thanks to everyone that participated and the ones who worked hard to make it a success. Jo Fite and her committee did a great job and even when challenges arose everyone stepped up to the plate and hit a home run. Her committee was as follows:

Jo Fite- Chair

Glenda Knox - Decorations

Mona Bethany - Decorations

Shirley Harris - Signage

Sheila Warren - Signage

Debbie Gann - Programs/Silent Auction

Kuohui Lian - Programs/Silent Auction

Angie Wilson - PR and Communications

Fonda Martin - PR/Model Search

A profound thank-you goes out to all the greeters, decorators, and those who did all the things that brought us great success. "Women helping Women" is a wonderful thing to see in action. (see featured photos)



Recycle News

Hi Everyone:

BPW TEXAS is offering everyone the opportunity to recycle their used ink and toner cartridges AND get the money sent to the BPW Texas State Office. The money raised will go into the general fund.

I have boxes and prepaid labels for shipping them to the recycler and will be glad to pick up your cartridges or you can bring them to me at my work (1007 N. Fairgrounds Rd – T Bob Amthor Co., Inc.) or my home (3312 W. Kansas – big covered front porch) and I will send them off for recycling.

If you come to the Uptown BPW meetings on Wednesday, you can bring them to me at the meeting.

My THANKS to Jerri Ripplinger, Becky Bouck and Glenda Knox for getting those cartridges to me for recycling. I am sending off a big box of laser cartridges!!

Thanks *Shirley Harris*

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.

MARGARET FULLER, *Woman's Day Magazine*

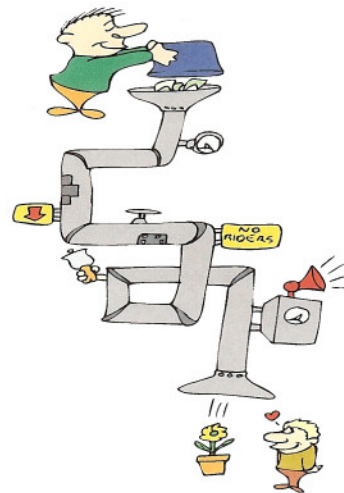
A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort

Herm Albright



Birthdays in May

Jennifer Birkla	5/10
Glenda Knox	5/11
Kristine Ashley	5/20
Mona Bethany	5/21



Renewals Due

Chris Hagan
Jennifer Birkla
Kuohui Lian
Lindsey Burroughs
Lesley Goeres

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