

January 2009

Happy New Year! We are approaching the home stretch of this 2008-2009 year at Uptown. We have many exciting things that will be announced coming up in the next several months. But first a brief look back at our first half of the Uptown year.

We were very busy with plans for NBWW and we started early this year with meetings and ideas. Stacy Nelson and Evie Adams were co-chairs of this signature event, and had many new obstacles to handle. This year was our first evening event. We had it at the Petroleum Club again, but it was reaching a new demographic of the community; the education sector. We haven't been able to get local educators involved because our meetings are at noon. This was very exciting for us to see the turn out. Needless to say it was a success. With the funds Uptown is able to fund the annual budget needs for our community projects.

We ended the 2008 part of our year with a wonderful evening gathering. We had our Christmas Party in the evening this year and we moved it to Grassland Club House and invited spouses and guests to join us. Glenda Knox, 1st Vice President along with Stacy Nelson planned the evening with Johnny's Bar-B- Queue and our famous silent auction to raise funds for MD Anderson. It was a great time had by all. If you haven't heard or noticed we are very fond of MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. We have been the leading contributors for many years.

Now it is on to 2009 and we have more excitement to come. Our program meeting next Wednesday, January 14th at noon will feature Jimmy Patterson. He is a reporter for the Midland Reporter Telegram. The program will be at the Petroleum Club. Remember we need to turn in our reservations to Debbie Gann by Monday morning. She can be reached by email Debbie.gann@arcadis-us.com or phone her at 432-687-5400. The luncheon is at the Petroleum Club and the cost of the meal is \$17.00.

Plans are under way for the Uptown BPW Style show. Kristine Ashley, chair of the event has been making plans for this event, another major fund raiser for Uptown. We will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks. I can tell you it will be at the Midland Center complete with a run way this year. The funds raised from this event go to our scholarship program. Uptown has been very fortunate to give 4 scholarships twice a year to qualified and deserving woman going back to school.

The nominating committee will be getting together soon to get the ball rolling for our nominations in May. Please be mindful if you receive a phone call asking you to serve. It is a great honor and pleasure to serve such a worthwhile community minded organization.

Mid Year Board is fast approaching in the February. Information has been sent out for registration, if you need more information or have misplaced your registration you can contact me at warren@dawson3d.com and I will send it to you.

February's program will be covering women's health issues. March's presenter will be Joan Baskin. April will bring the style show. In May we will be voting on new officers: followed up by June being installation.

Spring Conference is March 7th at 1001 Andrew Hwy (Memorial Christian Church). Region Director Glenda Knox will be sending out more information as it is available from the committee.

So as you can see we have much to offer and welcome guest to our meetings. Buckle up: its going to be a fast and furious pass.

Building Powerful Women,

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