

Uptown News Beat

President's Letter

Spring is in the air and man, doesn't it feel good?!? As we jump into spring we have lots of GREAT events coming up for BPW Members and the community. Please mark your calendars to attend the Bunco Fundraiser on April 30th! This fundraiser will be the main event to support our BPW Scholarship Fund at Midland College. For more information about the event please contact BPW Member, Annette Dozier at adozier@reimid.com.

Please mark your calendars for October 19th as this will be the date of our National Business Women's Week event. We did not have an event in 2014, however this will be our primary fundraiser for the organization in 2015. A special thank you to all the members who are helping coordinate both events! We truly have some of the hardest working women as BPW sisters!!!

On other business, Stacy Nelson has volunteered to serve as our nominations chair for this year. If you are in-

terested in serving as an officer or becoming more involved please contact her at Stacy.Nelson@Bosworthco.com. Our new officers will take office in June 2015, leading us into the best year yet!

I also want to let you all know that thanks to the help of Mona Bethany, Shirley Harris, and Deborah Williams we are now working with a CPA to get our non-profit status reinstated!!! This has been an items of business on the to-do's for quite some time (years), and these ladies have done a great job on getting it done! More updates to come on our status at the April business meeting.

Thank you again to all who serve our organization – YOU ARE making other women better!

Steph
President 2014-2015, Uptown

Uptown Midland BPW

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Uptown Officers—
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Calendar

4/8 Networking Meeting—
Petroleum Club - 11:45—1:00 pm

4/14 Equal Pay Day

4/22 Business Meeting -
11:45—1:00 pm— Joyful Party
Planning at the Wall Stree Lofts—

100 N Main St. - Brown Bag
Report of the Nominating Committee

4/30 BUNCO Fundraiser
Flyer emailed to all members
and on our website

5/13 Program Meeting—
Petroleum Club - 11:45—1:00
pm

Member Happenings.....

Update.....Deb Gann

Hi all my BPW family. Thank you for all the cards, prayers and well wishes that have been sent my way. They have boosted my attitude tremendously and I believe my Lord is with me and for me and I can overcome any obstacle.

Update: I am halfway done with the chemo therapy. March 23rd will be my 4th chemo infusion and then 6 more weeks to the last one (6th). After chemo I'll go to my breast surgeon to determine the tumor status, what margins my surgeon will have when removing the cancer impacted area and recovery time.

I'm still not sure I will do reconstruction after my surgeon removes my right breast, but she will prepare me for that option so I can go to a plastic surgeon should I decide to do that.

My breast cancer is both ER- and PR-positive which means it responds to hormonal therapy (ER-estrogen, PR-progesterone) so with each chemo infusion I am getting Trastuzumab and Pertuzumab. Also this cancer is HER2 positive and my oncologist will eventually put me on an ongoing pill to prevent recurrence of the cancer by blocking the effects of hormones.

The chemo I am receiving is Docetaxel and Carboplatin, both used to kill breast cancer.

I have had to get quite a lot of treatment management from my oncology team and I have to admit I have prevented a timely treatment a few times when I would have been better much faster if not for ME. I've learned to discuss everything with my team no matter how tough I think I can be!

I have visited the "look good, feel better" shop represented by American Cancer Society. It has makeup, hats, wigs and help to guide you and make you feel better. Everything is free in fact BPW Community Projects donated wigs of their choice a few years ago, which thrills me to know we've helped ladies like me



before. And I have a new wig but it's not my natural color. I have a photo for you all so you might know me when you see me next time!

I have also found another ministry for women with cancer. Danette Beals and Chris Hughes. They have a room at One Body Salon (across from Big Lots). Danette ordered another style wig for me and I can't wait to get in for the fitting and styling. They also provide hats, eyelashes, brow color, breast forms and most important uplifting ministry!! "Peace in the Journey"

I have also become a lifetime member of "the Young and the Breastless", cute huh? And you don't HAVE to be young or Breastless!! :^) they are a wonderful support group that meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month and Marquita brought me to them. They've been a blessing for me, thank you Marquita.

If any of you want to ask questions please do. You can call or email me. If I don't answer right away I'll eventually reply. Don't give up!!

Love you all so dearly!!
Deb



HAPPY EASTER



Navy Graduation.....Evie Gandy

NAVY GRADUATION and TOURING GREAT LAKES and CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I am so proud of my son Nick Adams, we flew to Great Lakes to see him Graduate from the Navy as a sailor on March 13, 2015. The Ceremony was unbelievable, amazing and very patriotic! We had never seen anything like this, It was very emotional, exciting and honoring for us as a family, a very special day and moments that we will never forget! There was seven Divisions total, five hundred and forty seven sailors graduated that day. Nick was in Division One Hundred and seven, his Division won First Place over all seven Divisions for the eight weeks in Boot Camp, we were so proud!!! We spent all day with Nick because his curfew was 9:00 pm that day so we took advantage of every minute. It was hard to say goodbye that night.

Nick, along with fourteen other sailors was flown to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio the next day. We were able to visit Nick two days later in San Antonio to deliver most of his belongings. He will be there for four months as he goes to school to become a Coreman (medic). GOD has been so good, to Nick and us as a family, we are so proud of Nick and are excited to see what GOD has in store after his stay at Fort Sam Houston. We also toured Chicago for the weekend and had a blast! Some of the places we visited were Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Millenium Park, Grant Park and Giordano's Deep Dish Pizza in the Downtown Chicago area. GOD IS GOOD!!

Thank you for your continuous prayers for my son Nick. . HOOYAH! GO NAVY

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Uptown Midland BPW Vice President,
Evie Gandy



Ft. Sam Houston
3/17/15



Left—Graduation
3/13/2015

Below— Navy
Graduation
3/13/15



Chicago—03/14/2015 -



Happy Happy Birthday!!



4/9 Debrah Gann

4/10 Joy Maraio



Who Was She?.....Shirley Harris (from Notable Women in Politics Knowledge Cards from Library of Congress)

She ran for the presidency of the United States on the Equal Rights ticket before women could even vote.

Victoria Woodhull
American, 1838—1927

Although women could not vote in the latter half of the nineteenth century, nothing stopped them from running for office. In 1872, the Equal Rights Party named publisher and radical thinker Victoria Woodhull its presidential nominee. Unfortunately, Woodhull's campaign—calling for woman suffrage, civil rights, and an end to capital punishment—turned messy when supporters of her opponent, Ulysses S. Grant, made offensive alle-

gations about her character. Woodhull responded in kind, and election day found her jailed for libel. Whether or not there was any validity to the rumors, Woodhull's life was anything but mundane. She was one of ten children, and her family earned money traveling the country selling medicines and offering spiritual advice. She eventually moved to New York, where she and her sister became the first female stockbrokers, known as the "Bewitching Brokers." They used their newfound wealth to publish a journal calling for political, economic, and social reform. After her unsuccessful campaign, Woodhull reestablished herself in England and began another newspaper.

Known for her eloquence, she was the first African American woman elected to represent a previously Confederate state.

Barbara Jordan
American, 1934—1996

Barbara Jordan was a strong proponent of those disadvantaged by social and economic conditions. Her belief in the political system stemmed from personal experience. "I felt somehow for many years that George Washington and Alexander Hamilton just left me out by mistake. But through the process of amendment, interpretation, and court decision, I have finally been included in : "We, the people" Jordan earned a

law degree from Boston University in 1959. In 1966 she became the first African American woman elected to the Texas state senate, her subsequent election as president, pro tempore made her the first African American to preside over a US legislative body. She was elected to the US Congress in 1972

Jordan was the first black keynote speaker at a major political convention—the Democratic National Convention—in 1976. She retired in 1978 because of multiple sclerosis and died of pneumonia in 1996. In her last "first" Jordan was the first African American woman buried in the Texas State Cemetery, a resting place reserved for heroes.

The mission of this organization is to equip all women for success in the workplace through education and Information

And to recognize and honor the accomplishments of working women.



National Committee on Pay Equity

The next Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 14, 2015. This symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year.

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1966 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages.

Since Census statistics showing the latest wage figures will not be available until late August or September, NCPE leadership decided years ago to select a Tuesday in April as Equal Pay Day (Tuesday was selected to represent how far into the work week women must work to earn what men earned the previous week.) The date also is selected to avoid religious holidays and other significant events.

Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay. The wage gap is even greater for most women of color.

For more information, see NCPE's Equal Pay Day Kit or contact the NCPE. www.Pay-Equity.org

**Next Equal Pay Day:
Tuesday,
April 14, 2015**

She was the United States' first female governor; the state that elected her was also the first to allow women to vote.

Nellie Davis Tayloe Ross
American, 1876—1977

A devoted homemaker and active community member, Nellie Tayloe Ross had no personal interest in politics until 1924, when the sudden death of her husband, the governor of Wyoming, changed her life. Ross was offered the Democratic nomination, and the people of Wyoming, sympathetic to her recent widowhood and eager to carry on their progressive legacy (Wyoming had been the

first state to grant women suffrage, in 1869), elected her despite the state's Republican leanings. Overcoming her initial reluctance, Ross took office hoping to carry on her husband's programs and to live up to expectations as her country's first female governor.

Ross' gubernatorial career ended in 1926, but her broader political career was just beginning. She became involved with the Democratic National Committee, and in 1933 President Franklin Roosevelt appointed her director of the United States Mint; she was the first woman to hold that position. Ross ran the Mint for almost twenty years, significantly improving its efficiency and establishing herself as an effective figure in US politics.

Although she served for just a day, this woman made history as the United States' first female senator.

Nell Rebecca Felton
American, 1835—1930

Rebecca Felton received her congressional appointment in 1922, when a Georgia senator's death created a vacancy. Because the US Senate was in recess and would remain so until after the special election—meaning the appointee would never actually serve—the governor selected a woman, hoping it would endear him to the electorate. Although mostly symbolic, his choice so-

lidified women's place in public office and rewarded Felton for a lifetime of political work. Felton, then eighty-seven, had been an assistant to and ardent supporter of her husband, a US congressman. A newspaperwoman and activist, she enacted effective campaigns in her state for woman suffrage, penal reform, and Prohibition.

The new incumbent postponed his swearing in for one day to allow Felton to take the oath of office. That afternoon, Felton prophesied, "When the women of the country come in and sit with you...you will get ability, you will get integrity of purpose, you will get exalted patriotism, and you will get unstinted usefulness."

Membership Payment Option

Uptown now has the ability to accept “e-checks” and/or credit cards—VISA and MASTERCARD on our website. We are using IPN (intuit network). (I had trouble using my VISA card because I was using Internet Explorer—but as soon as I used a different browser the credit card worked.)

Click the PAY button on our homepage and it takes you to the “pay / sign-in” page and you don’t have to sign in, you just select “Make a payment without creating an account”. Next page asks Invoice # (membership, lunch, BUNCO, donation, whatever you are paying for). Enter \$ amount. Select payment Method—Credit Card or Bank Account. Type in your EMAIL address (can create an account if you want). Next Enter Credit card or Bank account info. This info is not shared with Uptown. I believe you are also given the opportunity to add a comment or description. IPN will only send Uptown the description typed in the Invoice box, your name/email, amount, comment if any and date. You will receive an email from IPN about the payment you made.

Credit Card and Bank statements will show IPN/PAYMENTNETWORK and not Uptown BPW. It’s easy to use!
We also have a QRCODE!)

CALENDAR

5/27 Election of Officers—Closed Meeting/members only—no guests - 11:45—1:00 pm - Petroleum Club

6/10 Stephen Jordan - LAN Solutions Program 11:45 – 1:00 pm - Petroleum Club

6/24—Installation of Newly Elected Officers

July will be the start of Uptown BPW’s new year.

March Speaker



March 11th Program Meeting Speaker Kay Therwanger, Detective with Midland Police Department with Stephanie Murphree, Uptown President (right) and Evie Gandy, Uptown Vice President (left)

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