

# Uptown News Beat

## President's Letter

### Calendar

**Apr 12, 2017— John Kerri-gan, Midland Police Of-ficer—April is Sexual As-sault Awareness Month —**  
Program Meeting — 11:45—1 pm Petroleum Club

**Apr 4, 2017—Equal Pay Day**

**Apr 24, 2017—Bunco—Scholarship Fundraiser—**  
Beer Garden

**Apr 26, 2017 - Business Meeting—Wagner & Brown**  
Conference Room Suite 500 - 11:45—1 pm

**May 10, 2017—Donette Marble** Financial Advisor,  
Edward Jones, BPW Scholar-ship Update—Program—  
11:45 am—1 pm Petroleum Club

**May 24, 2017 - Business Meeting—Wagner & Brown**  
Conference Room Suite 500 -  
Election of Officers—  
Members Only 11:45—1 pm

Spring is my favorite time of year! Flowers are blooming, warmer temperatures, spring break, baseball, and of course our scholarship fundraiser, BUNCO! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bunco Fundraiser will be on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Beer Garden here in Midland. Sponsorships are still available at \$450 and individual tickets are available for \$60. If you have not already received raffle tickets to sell, please contact Tyna Gober at 432-425-7377. The raffle includes a Louis Vuitton purse, Tiffany & Co. necklace & bracelet, and Yeti Hopper & 2 - Rambler Cups! Raffle tickets are \$10 and you do not need to be present to win. The money raised will go towards our scholarship at Midland College. I hope you can all come out for what will be an awesome night!

As most of you know, March was National Women's History Month and at our program meeting we welcomed Ms. Pat Jasso, Former President of the Texas BPW. What a fantastic and truly inspiring woman! I want to thank Ms. Jasso for coming from San Antonio to speak with us about many of the amazing things that women in Texas have accomplished. After leaving the meeting, I was so excited about the opportunities BPW has to help more women in our community.

One of the ways that we have discussed helping more women is increasing our endowment at Midland College, so that it is an ongoing source of income towards scholarships. At our March Business Meeting, it was voted on and passed that we donate \$20,000 towards our Midland College Scholarship Endowment. Scholarship recipients in the past have had families and found it necessary to hold jobs outside of their school environment. As this endowment continues to grow, these scholarships will help relieve a portion of the burden so these women may graduate more quickly and with less debt. A check presentation is in the works and I hope every BPW member can attend. More information about the check presentation will follow.

I am so proud that I am BPW member and that this year we are able to make such a large gift that fulfills our mission of "women helping women". We would not have been able to make this gift without each of you and all of your hard work during National Business Women's Week.

I want to leave you with a former tradition that BPW members had, but was brought back to life by Ms. Jasso and a tradition that I would like to continue moving forward. At the close of each program meeting, members would recite what is known as The Collect. Below is the history and the actual words of The Collect

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#### HISTORY OF THE COLLECT

Mary Stewart wrote the collect in 1904 as a member of the Fortnightly clubs, the forerunner of the Longmont, Colorado BPW Club. The collect was written as a prayer to instill a sense of unity among women working together with wide interests and important goals.

Mary Stewart worked for women's suffrage nationally and attended the meeting in St. Louis in 1919 at which the national federation was launched. She was elected its first corresponding secretary and thereafter took an active part in the growth of the young organization by service as chairman or member of a number of national committees.

The collect was reprinted in many forms around the world. Miss Stewart, who until 1910 signed the collect with her pen name. "Mary Stuart" remained involved in BPW until her death in 1943.

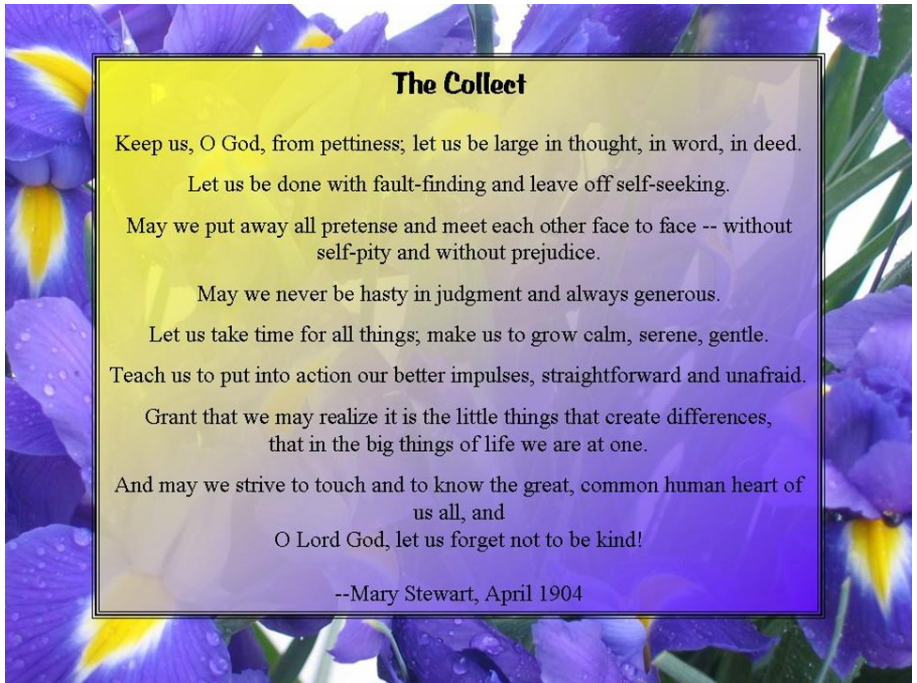


".....A woman who teaches by being."

## Best Personal Wishes

*Katie Presley*

*Uptown BPW  
President 2016-2017*



**The Collect**

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face -- without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common human heart of us all, and

O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!

--Mary Stewart, April 1904



**Equal Pay Day:  
Tuesday,  
April 4, 2017**



This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year.

[www.pay-equity.org](http://www.pay-equity.org)

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 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 next 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.

## Membership Renewals

### February 2017

Ginger Aylor

### March 2017

Annette Dozier

### April 2017

Kuohui Suchecki

Check your e-mail for your renewal notice from Membership Chair Debbie Gann.

You can pay by check or online at [www.midlandbpw.org](http://www.midlandbpw.org) using your credit card or bank account. Dues are \$60.

**Please renew your membership today!!**

## April Birthday Birthdays!!

### Happy Happy Birthday

- 4/2 Jonna Smoot
- 4/9 Debbie Gann
- 4/9 Katie Presley
- 4/9 Ingrid Burton
- 4/12 Tyna Gober
- 4/13 Nicole Wiseman
- 4/18 Abby Moreau
- 4/21 Krysti Vickers



### Women in History

- 4/2 Soia Mentschikoff 1915-1984  
Attorney, one of the first women partners in a large Wall Street law firm (1945), worked on Uniform Commercial Code (1941) University of Chicago Law School professor (1952), candidate for Supreme Court
- 4/9 Mary Winston-Jackson 1921-2005  
one of a small group of African-American women who worked as aero nautical engineers, called "human computers," at NASA during the Space Age. The story of her life at NASA is depicted in the 2016 film *Hidden Figures*
- 4/9 Florence B Price 1887-1953  
Award winning pianist and composer who became the first African-American woman to have her work performed by a major symphony, Songwriter
- 4/9 Ellen Tupper 1822-c-1888  
Leading authority on culture of bees, 1866-1888
- 4/12 Justine Polier, daughter of rabbi Stephen Wise, first woman in New York Workmen's Compensation Division, Domestic Relations Court Judge (1935-73),
- 4/13 Lucy Craft Laney 1854-1933  
School teacher and educator, opened school for African-American students in the South in the late 1800s. Also opened a training center so that black women could train as nurses
- 4/18 Ruth Bunzel 1898-1990  
Anthropologist, with Ruth Benedict studied the art and culture of south west Indian women starting in 1924, learned Zuni language, pottery and sewing to understand and preserve the culture
- 4/21 Elizabeth II 1926-  
Queen of England, longest reigning monarch in British history. She celebrated 65 years on the throne in February 2017 with her Sapphire Jubilee (became queen 2/6/1952). She has tried to make her reign more modern and sensitive, while maintaining traditions associated with the crown.



Chris Hagan, Shirley Harris, Pat Jasso, Demetra Johns, Donette Marble, Mona Bethany and Mary Ann Brock

## March 8th Program Meeting

Pat Jasso, former BPW Texas State President and member of San Antonio Texas Business Women, Volunteer (and in her spare time an uber driver) spoke to us about women's history. In particular she shared BPW history about women who have impacted our lives by their actions whether it is laws changed, medical institutions being founded or scholarships for women.

Below—posters and photos



## TEXAS WARRIOR MUDOUT

.....Amanda Potter

This is an organization I care for a ton and joined their board this quarter!



Come Join us and have some Awesome Mudder Fun! Texas Warrior Mudout is a team event that is sure to challenge your skills and build lasting bonds of friendship. You get to have fun and help make a difference in the lives of our local teens.


All proceeds go to Be The Change Permian Basin, a local non-profit organization,dedicated to creating a positive shift in the culture of the youth in our community. Our mission is to inspire students to be the change they wish to see in the world.

Registration, Volunteer and Sponsorship information is available at [www.texaswariormudout.com](http://www.texaswariormudout.com)



*BPW Scholarship Fundraiser*

**Women Helping Women with non-tradition scholarships each semester!**

ARE YOU READY  
FOR SOME   
**BUNCO?**

REQUIREMENTS:

 Chat  Eat  Laugh  Roll

PARTICULARS:

Time: 6:00 pm - ???

When: Monday April 24th

Where: Beer Garden

7122 W HWY 80 - Midland

Cost: Table Sponsorship - \$450  
Members \$60 per person

*There's prizes to win,  
So let the good times roll ! ! !*

**For any inquiries contact any BPW member.**

You can also contact Tyna Gober 432-425-7377 (Event Chair), Krysti Vickers 432-894-0458 or Ingrid Burton 432-631-1014.

**Visit the website [www.midlandbpw.com](http://www.midlandbpw.com)**



**The First on a U.S. Postage Stamp**

Spanish American War Nurse Clara Maass, who died as a result of yellow fever. Army Contract Nurse Maass volunteered to participate in an experimental treatment program, after having survived the war.



**The First to Have a Building Named for Her**

The First Sergeant Major of the WAC Training Battalion (1954-64) Sgt. Maj. Florence G. Munson was honored by having the headquarters and classroom building for the WAC Training Battalion dedicated in her honor in October 1965. She was the only WAC to have a building named for her at the Ft McClellan WAC Center.

The first military all women band was the Women's Army Band organized at Fort Des Moines in 1942. It was led by then sergeant - **MaryBelle Nissly** - the job called for a warrant officer but there was no legal precedent to appoint her to that rank. As a result of special legislation, early in 1944 WAC Sergeant Nissly became the first woman in military history to win a warrant officer band leader appointment. WO Nissly left the Army in 1946 but returned to the service as a Captain in the Air Force in 1951 to organize the USAF WAF Band. The 50 member concert unit performed all over the world playing everything from classics to rock and roll. Unique to the WAF band was the only woman coach horn soloist in the USA - **Tech Sgt Marty Awkerman**, a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory. For more on military women musicians see: [Musicians](#)

**Olive Hoskins** was the very first woman promoted to Warrant Officer in the Army in 1926.

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The first WAAC Training Center was established at Fort Des Moines, Iowa in 1942. The first WAAC OCS class was at Ft Des Moines from 20 July to 29 August 1942 .

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One of the first WAAC/WAC First Sergeants at Des Moines in '42 was **MSgt Margaret A. Hardy** of South Amboy, New Jersey .

**Our Mission**

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.



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