

Uptown News Beat

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Words from our President

July, what a strange month for Midland. We had so much rain and the weather was then so hot and humid. I felt like I was in the Houston area.

Our July program, with Vicki Jay, was outstanding. We realized how truly blessed we are and what great, generous people we have in Midland.

Bob and I are still doing a little work on our house and we have been to the lake a few times. We had our only granddaughter, Hannah, here with us for a week. Boy was I tired and BROKE when she went home. We will be traveling to San Antonio in a couple of weeks for my daughters 40th birthday. How can she be that old? Seems like only yesterday that she was a bratty teenager. Now she has 2 of her own. PAY BACKS!!

Kouhui had her baby, a big boy, Michael. Congrats to her. We have two other members expecting in November, Yvonne Reyes and Tiffany Blakely.

The Planning Party/cookout was a huge success. The food was wonderful. Mona's husband cooked really good burgers. And we had Shirley's cookies. Thanks to everyone who brought food. We have almost all the committee chairs. If you are still looking for a place to work, we can find one for you.

Glenna has begun her work on our National Business Women's Week event. We will be honoring a local woman as our Woman of Achievement and this will be an event not to miss. That event will take place on Monday, Oct 25, at the Petroleum Club in the evening. Glenna will need lots of help so please say yes when she schedules her next meeting.

Debbie Gann, our community projects chair is asking for suggestions for this year, so if you know of a worthy cause you would like to see us get involved with, please let her know.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 11, at noon at the Petroleum Club. This will be our program meeting. Mona has lined up Donna Edney with Family Promise – a new program which is about Midland homeless and she will also speak about starting up a non-profit. We will then have a Board of Directors meeting on the 18th and our business meeting on the 25th. Please mark your calendars for these events.

I hope everyone is having a great summer and that you are getting to take a little R&R. Please travel safely.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Glenda Knox, President



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Upcoming Events:

August 11th—Program Meeting — Donna Edney

August 18th—Board Meeting

August 25st—Business Meeting

August 26th—Women's Equality Day!!

Scholarship Award Deadline for the Fall 2010 Semester is August 13th!

Uptown BPW will be awarding four \$500 scholarships to eligible recipients for the fall semester. Our scholarship recipients are women who are non-traditional students who are returning to school for career advancement. Scholarship funds may be used where the student has the most need such as gas, food, housing, babysitting, books, tuition, etc.

In an effort to assist a broader base of recipients and to meet the increased requests for assistance with college costs, the eligibility requirements to receive a scholarship have changed slightly. Returning recipients who wish to be considered for a scholarship will need to reapply for assistance each semester by filling out a new application less the recommendation letters.

Application forms are available on our website www.midlandbpw.com. Application deadline for the Fall 2010 semester is Friday, August 13th. Please direct questions to Jerri Ripplinger, Scholarship Committee Chair, at jripplinger@midlandfairhavens.org.



Please keep Diane Browne in your thoughts and prayers

She wants to let us know what is going on in her life and why we won't be seeing her for a while.

Patient: Diane Browne

Diagnosis: Acoustic Neuroma

Description: Large, operable, non-cancerous, relatively rare, slow growth, brain tumor

Symptoms: (right side) Loss of hearing, minor/fleeting ear pain, hot/cold/pain sensitivity of cheek, numbness of tongue/taste buds, compromised equilibrium

Corrective action: Brain surgery

When: Sept. 16th (because of complexity, length of surgery, and co-ordination of doctors—could not schedule sooner)

Where: UT Southwestern, Dallas TX

Doctors: Bruce Mickey and Brandon Isaacson

Length of surgery: 6-8 hours

Hospital stay: 4-6 days

Recovery: 6-8 weeks

Prognosis: Excellent (go thru bone, not gray matter)

Explanation/expectation: partially shaved head, 4-5 in crescent shaped scar, complete hearing loss in right ear, poor directional hearing, slight/temporary facial paralysis, normal tongue feeling, restored equilibrium

Requests: Send prayers and well wishes to diane@nts-online.net

Member Happenings....

Livin la Vida Loca.....by Mona Bethany



I know some of you who know me very well, still get a surprise every once in while. Since I was a little girl, I always thought if I could not be a ballerina, I would like to be a race car driver. Now... I can dance, but could never be a formal ballerina because I have bad joints. But, I have driven fast cars and adore it and show up almost every time my grandson races.

My grandchildren are my pride and joy. That's no secret. We have Ryan who is 9 yrs old and Morgan who is 7 years old. He is the race car driver and she is the ballerina and both of them are in honors classes in school.

These pictures are of Ryan (Flyin' Ryan) at the track. He has had to overcome some pretty tough issues in his short life and we found that he was not particularly good at team sports. However, he is outstanding on his own. This young man can zone in and cut a light like most adults strive to in a lifetime. He is getting a new (more powerful) Jr. Dragster next racing season and his sister will follow in his footsteps. Morgan (Tiny Dancer) will inherit his car and they will both race. His sister's goal in life is to "kick his butt" on the race track. Should be an interesting year!

Dad has his own grown-up dragster and MOM is the pit crew. Their team is called "Peck to the 4th Power". " Motorcycle Grandpa" and I make up part of the team when we can. Keeps life interesting and they keep us young. Maybe someday I can dance point, but I won't count on it. Until then I will let them live my dream.



Welcome

New

Member:

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Correll Family Reunion 2010

(Patti Humphrey)

The reunion was held at my cousin's hunting lodge in Southeast Kansas.

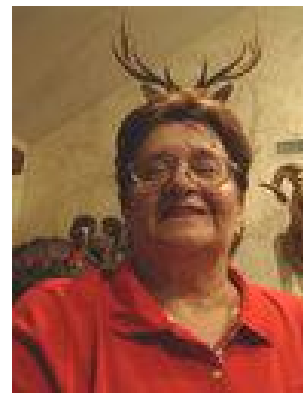
It was great fun, the lodge was wonderful. Jamie Lynne took some shooting lessons, and there are now less skeets in the world!!!!



The Saloon



A trophy room



We all had our pictures taken under the antlers



Jamie Lynne singing her little heart out



Others singing.....



The welcoming committee chair, in the main lodge

We had a great time at the lodge. The weather was good, the grounds were all nice and green, the food was good, but the company was the best. It was the first reunion we have had in years, and it turned out wonderful. No fist fights or nothing!!!!!!

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....Shirley Harris and *Gone Crazee*.....

Hello to all! Where did the month of July go? Didn't we just celebrate July 4th?

Smitty and I have finally made it to a lawyer and are in the process of having each of us a will, medical power of attorney and a directive to physicians drawn up. We have been living pretty good but without those documents the dying part becomes dangerous. We decided to get busy on it so we can do our best to keep the government out of our affairs. They intrude too much already. We still need to get the banking/financial concerns about our money changed and make certain they are worded correctly so that it flows directly to whomever

we want to have it (with no hassles).

It sure does bring everything into focus when you think about what you want to happen to all of your junk, I mean "prized possessions"! Maybe we'll just have a big sale and get rid of all of it. That way we can be certain to spend our children's inheritance. (ha..ha..) Sure would hate for one of the girls to just torch the place because they don't want to deal with it.

Anyway, have a great August and send me those vacation articles, pictures, family news, etc for the next issue!!



Happy Birthday

8/3 Jo Fite

8/15 Barbara Elliott

8/28 Angie Wilson



RENEWALS for August:
Kimberly Duncan
Evie Adams
Jerri Ripplinger

RENEWALS for September:
Shirley Harris
Demetra Johns
Angie Wilson

Please check your e-mail for your Renewal Invoice/ Notice. Any questions, please let me know.
Thanks Shirley Harris—shirley@tbobamthor.com



**WOMEN'S
Equality
Day**

August 26

**Celebrating
Women's
Right To
Vote**

WOMEN'S Equality Day

On August 26, 1920, women's right to vote was affirmed with the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Since 1971, this anniversary has been celebrated by Congressional Resolution as Women's Equality Day.

Women's Equality Day recognizes this historic anniversary and women's continuing efforts toward full equality.

Join the Celebration!



National Women's
History Project
www.nwhp.org

Women in History

8/3 Maggie Kuhn 1905-1995
Elderly rights activist, Author, founded Gray Panthers

8/15 Edna Ferber 1885-1968
Author, Show Boat, Pulitzer Prize for *So Big*

8/28 Elizabeth Seton 1774-1821
First American born roman Catholic Saint
1975