

# Uptown News Beat

## From Our President

Good Day, ladies! I hope this letter finds you all having a wonderful summer. I don't know about you but this summer has been a whirlwind for me. My son graduated from high school in May. He is getting ready to join his big sister at Texas Tech, in less than a month. Mark and I already have plans to purchase season tickets as we are certain the kids will miss us like crazy and want to spend most weekends with us this fall. Not! Seriously, I don't know where the time has gone; Taylor and Austin should definitely still be little kids.

We had a very nice program meeting last Wednesday, with Guest Speaker Ryder Warren. Thank you to all who were able to attend. We are looking forward to our program meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> with Guest Speaker Karen Nicholson. Your invitation, along with her Bio, will be going out soon and I hope you can all make it. Soon school will have started back and we can transition back into our regular meeting schedule. I sincerely hope you each have an opportunity to relax and enjoy the rest of the summer break.

*Stacy Nelson*  
 Uptown President  
 2012—2013

### Dr. Ryder Warren, our speaker on July 25th.



At left, Stacy Nelson, President of Uptown BPW, Dr. Ryder Warren, Superintendent of MISD, Debrah Gann, V.P. Uptown BPW and Tony - Dr. Warren's technology assistant.

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## Calendar

- > Aug 15—Karen Nicholson—League of Women Voters—Program Meeting—Noon—Petroleum Club
- > Sep 18—Sgt. Chris Fuentes—Self Defense Program Meeting—Noon—Petroleum Club
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### Baby Reece.....Jessica Breiten



Well I'm finally back at work after the birth of my son. Reece was born March 13 and weighed 7lb 5oz. I was fortunate to be able to spend the first 4 months at home with him before returning to work. Reece is already a frequent flier and has made multiple trips to visit family in Houston. We also just returned from his first out of state trip to Vail, Colorado. The weather was amazing!



Reece's mom Jessica is a Client Coordinator with Preferred Personnel, Inc.



### Mary Kay Seminar

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### Jo Fite

This is me at the Dallas Convention Center on stage (and on the big screen) accepting my prize for achieving the "Sales Directors Queen's Court of Personal Sales", The event was held July 25-28, 2012. It was so exciting!!

Prizes and Awards Jo received at the Mary Kay Seminar

Jo at the Dallas Convention Center (and on the big screen) accepting her prize



### Mom and Babes Love Story.....Elizabeth Balderrama

On July 7, 2012, Lucio and Felicia Balderrama were finally able to have the wedding that they had dreamed of for 38 years. The couple has been married for 38 years through the Justice of the Peace but had been unable to marry in the Catholic Church due to a previous marriage. Lucio and Felicia both have a deeply rooted Catholic faith and were delighted to share this very special moment with their children, Veronica, Victor, Adrian, and Elizabeth and their spouses. Also present to share in the celebration were their grandchildren, great grand children, siblings, aunts, uncles and Felicia's 94 year old mother. This was certainly a moment that was cherished by all especially their children.

The entire family has been witness to the couple's faith, through sickness and health, through hardships and heart-ache. In 1991, Felicia was in an auto accident that left her unable to care for her family for nearly a year. As a working mother, this took a toll on the family emotionally and financially. With the help and support of family and friends, the family recovered in no time. Lucio, a retired federal agent, had instilled in his children principles of strength and endurance that he learned throughout his military career. He is a role model to his children and his example encouraged the couple's sons to join the military and follow in their father's footsteps. Little did the family know that these values would be put to the test when they found out August 14, 1993 that Lucio had complete kidney failure and would need to begin dialysis immediately? After a year and a half of dialysis treatment, the couple's oldest son, Victor discovered that he was a tissue and blood type match. Veronica, Victor and Adrian are Felicia's children from a previous marriage and when the children were all very young, Lucio adopted them and gave them his name. The 3 children never saw Lucio as a step father; they knew him simply as

Dad. So when Victor was found to be a match, there was no other explanation other than it was a miracle. It has been 17 years since the transplant and the miracle continues to inspire strength and endurance in all that hear their story.



Elizabeth Balderrama and fiancé Edgar Ramirez



L to R Daniel Jackson, Victor Balderrama, Adrian Balderrama, Edgar Ramirez, Leonard Galan, Bride Felicia Balderrama, Groom Lucio Balderrama, Joanna Galan, Elizabeth Balderrama, Hope Diaz, Niki Balderrama, Desiree Morales (my daughter) Emily Balderrama Jackson and Julie Balderrama

Welcome  
New  
Member!!

Shellie Robbins  
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Birthday: May 29

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Happy Happy  
Birthday !!

- 8/3 Jo Fite
- 8/4 Elizabeth Balderrama
- 8/15 Barbara Elliott
- 8/25 Elena Levario
- 8/28 Angie Wilson



## Women's Equality Day.....



**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*

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**GO VOTE. GO RUN. GO LEAD. GO GIRL.™**

**A Browne Summer .....Diane K. Browne**

The first part of July, my husband Geoff and I headed to Massachusetts to visit family and enjoy the hilltown celebration of July 4<sup>th</sup> and Chesterfield's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The town always involves the surrounding communities with a nice parade of numerous floats and dignitaries. This one was an expanded version considering the milestone. The townhall/grange housed historical peeks into the past and the town ladies had created a commemorative quilt. There was even a petting zoo for the youngsters. A chicken BBQ lunch was available, too, but first we had a pancake breakfast at the firehouse. Of course, only REAL maple syrup was served!



it, was a museum; only the grounds had over twenty buildings with assorted vintage themes. Geoff has been amassing blacksmith tools for some time now, and came across a couple of things he just couldn't do without, so, then the hunt was on for packing materials. The thing weighed 65 pounds! Good thing one of us is a former packing and shipping expert. 😊 It got shipped and arrived safely, and we checked the other as baggage. We always fly up with one bag going and invariably come home with two.

3197. My website has also been updated so you can visit [www.dkbrowne.com](http://www.dkbrowne.com) and see them there if you can't make it by. Now I am planning my fall show entries and getting ready for the Art Council's Studio tour fundraiser. It will be the first or third weekend in November so watch for more information. In the meantime, we are meeting my sister and her husband in Yellowstone so I will have plenty of stories and pictures for the next newsletter!



Dad was recuperating from another stay at the hospital. At 88, he tends to go in and out, but still kept up with us and keeps golfing on his agenda. Geoff's brother and his wife also live in the same town so we had meal with them and a nice visit including their two Pugs.



"Here's to Ears"

Geoff enjoying lobster

Besides eating, (I had lazy lobster, a lobster roll, rhubarb cake, real sweet corn on the cob, and other things Mom remembered that I LOVE!) I had some time to help Mom with tricks and tips on her computer; we took a nice stroll on a walking bridge across the Connecticut River, and attended a piano concert with big brother. A VERY musical family shares their talents every summer and this event included four on the keyboards at various times with a cello player giving a preview of his upcoming solo show. The guys focus this trip was on blacksmith stuff. My hometown houses a blacksmith museum, but they had found a showcase commercial enterprise to visit and just down the street from



Back home, my ear art piece, "Here's to Ears" was accepted into the Watercolor Horizon Groups juried watercolor show. It hangs at the Cardozer Art Building at UTPB thru the end of July. I've also been very productive and have the gallery wall covered with my newest works at The Whistle Stop Art Studios, 700 D Andrews Hwy. I would love to have everyone visit, but it would probably be best to call me first. 664-



**Renewals for August**

Martha Adams  
Heidi Dobey  
Evie Gandy  
Elena Levario  
Amanda McCann  
Jerri Rangel

**Renewals for September**

Jan Crumpton  
Shirley Harris  
Demetra Johns  
Angie Wilson

Please check your email for your renewal invoice/notice.  
Any questions, please let me know.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

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**Women  
Helping  
Women**

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

We made another 4 day trip to our favorite spot at Camp Wood—Cookseys RV Park. We enjoyed the huge shade trees and grilled steaks , baked potatoes and ate hotdogs. Went to town and had pulled pork. Yum....Yum....

converted into a resort/retirement center. Brackettville was originally founded as Las Moras ( the name of a nearby spring and creek it feeds ) as a supply stop between San Antonio and El Paso.



We went south and then west to Brackettville. I did not know that the US Army 's Fort Clark was located there. It was home to the famous Buffalo Soldiers and demographically, Brackettville had a larger proportion of Black Seminoles than the rest of West Texas. It was used extensively during WWI and WWII. In 1943 the US Army activated the Second Cavalry, which was to be the Army 's last horse-mounted unit. Fort Clark was officially closed in 1946. In 1971 it was

Just a bit south we turned and went to Park Chalk Bluff— another Uvalde County Park. I was looking at the high bluff and wondered how they could be so high when the land across the river was so flat. It had primi-



tive camping, camping, cabins and lots of beach along the river. Lots of folks in the water with their pop-ups and chairs and coolers sitting in the river taking cover from the heat. We 'll have to go back and check out the beach on a weekday when it is not so crowded.

