

# Uptown News Beat

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## Words from our President

It seems like it was just yesterday that I was writing a January letter and here it is February already. February, the month of Love. Not only is it Valentines, but also National Heart Awareness month, so remember to wear Red, watch your fats and somehow find a little time to exercise and relax. It is also the month, my CPA wishes I would bring my taxes instead of waiting until April 1<sup>st</sup> or after. Oh well????

Our first meeting in February will be on the 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be a program meeting, Our speaker will be Sonja McKeska and she is with the Athletic Department at Midland College. She also works with the Nursing Program. We will have a business meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and we will also have a Board meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at noon at Arcadis. Bring a lunch if you want to eat.

Martha Adams and Pam Sanchez are busy getting the Style Show going. Please say yes to them when they ask for you help. Also, if you know of someone who would be a good model, please give them that name and also if you wish them to invite someone, please get that information to them asap. The date is April 13, at noon at the Hilton, so mark your calendars. They will be having a committee meeting on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Last night I listened to the State of the Union Speech. I am proud to say that Uptown is well on it's way to meeting all our goals for this year. We have had great programs, are making great headway with our revised bylaws, had a great NBWW event and have given back to our community with our money and works. I thank you all for your help and support this past 6 months.

Please to remember our members, our city, our state, our country and especially those young men and women who are protecting us so we can have all these great freedoms.

We are truly a blessed nation.

I am really looking forward to seeing each of you in this New Year.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to any one.

Hope to see you soon.

*Glenda Knox, President 2010–2011*



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## Upcoming Events:

February 9th—Program Meeting—Sonja McKeska with Midland College

February 23rd—Business Meeting

March 9th - Program Meeting  
Paula Marshal Gray—presents a program about the Mesquero Apache women  
March 23rd—Business Meeting

**NEW CONTACT** Info for Diane Browne- Home phone 432-697-2965, Cell 432-664-3197, Address: 4315 Mercedes Dr. 79703 and Email [diane@dkbrowne.com](mailto:diane@dkbrowne.com). As soon as I have some time, I will get my artist website up at [dkbrowne.com](http://dkbrowne.com) so everyone can keep up with my latest works.

I am closing **POSTNET**. I have a list of items that are for sale that will be available after February 12th, the last day of operation for the store. Two of the main items of equipment are the guillotine paper cutter and drill press. Please contact me for a list. Thanks!! Diane

Diane K. Browne

**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**




First Time New Mom— Tiffany Blakely gave birth to her son just before Thanksgiving. Mace Michael McPherson came into the world on Nov. 21, 2010 at 7:51 pm and weighing 10 pounds. He is a cutie!!

At the present time she takes him to work with her and he sits on her desk in his carrier or he is in his playpen on the floor. She is so glad that she is able to take him with her, but she knows one day soon she will have to find day care for him. That will be tough!!



Scholarship and Graduation -

Scholarship Recipients for the Spring 2011 Semester Announced

Uptown BPW is proud and honored to support these awesome women in their ceaseless efforts to make a better future for themselves and often a better future for their families. Way to go ladies!

Stephani Knight – Bachelors in Organizational Management

Stacy Nelson – Masters in Accountancy

Congratulations to former scholarship recipient, Christina Granado. As a group, we have had the rewarding experience of assisting Christina in fulfilling her goals. She graduated from UTPB this past December with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a minor in Child and Family Studies. She also attended Midland College and earned an Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies in 2008. Christina learned about BPW when she was invited as a guest to our Spring Style Show in 2009 – an annual fundraising event to raise money for our scholarship fund. We wish Christina all the best as she embarks on the next part of her journey. May God richly bless you as you go forth and continue to fulfill your goals!



Jerri Ripplinger  
Scholarship Chair 2010/2011



Glenda Knox, President with January Speaker Mitchell Moore with PDAP and Mona Bethany, Program Chair



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### Women helping Women



Check out our website—calendar, meeting info, newsletters, photos, etc.

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

Well here it is February already. Wasn't it just January?

Smitty has been to the storage place to check on the motor home. Making sure no critters have attacked it - wires chewed, uninvited guests, etc.

He has been scouring the park

campgrounds information directory and planning our first trip for 2011.

We are itching to get out of town, but have decided it needs to warm up a bit before we hit the road again.....brrrr!!

Happy Valentine's Day to all!!!

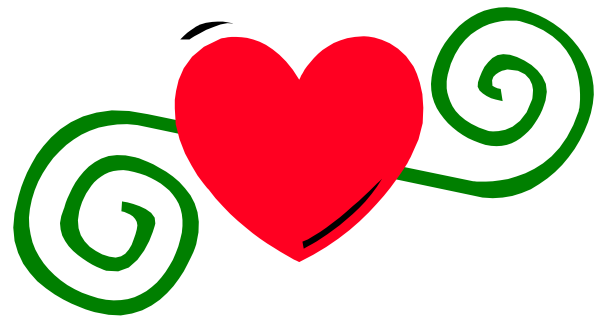
**RENEWALS for October/November:**  
Jeanette Porter  
Cecily Shull  
Patti Humphrey

**RENEWAL for December:**  
Sherry Ladd

**RENEWAL for January:**  
Lily White

**RENEWALS for February:**  
Tiffany Blakely  
Tracie Cherry  
Jo Fite  
Stacy Nelson  
Yvonne Reyes

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



### Happy Birthday

### Women in History



2/4 Diane Riggs

2/14 Diane Browne

2/20 Mary Ann Brock

2/23 Evie Adams

2/23 Jillian Lellis

2/24 Stacy Nelson

2/4 Betty Friedman - 1921—  
Author—*The Feminine Mystique* - First President Now

2/14 Anna Howard Shaw - 1847—1919  
First woman ordained in Methodist Protestant Church, 1880, suffragist

2/20 Angelina Grimke Weld - 1805—1879  
Abolitionist writer and lecturer

2/23 Emma Willard 1787—1870  
Established Troy (NY) Female Seminary, 1821

2/23 Ruth Nichols - 1901—1960  
Aviator: set women's records for speed and altitude, 1958

2/24 Anna Morgan 1851—1936  
Chicago drama coach and innovative producer