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Words from our President

January is nearly over with, already. Pretty soon we'll be saying "where has the year gone?". That's the way it is, the days grow shorter, the years grow shorter, whoa...stop!! Let me start again. We have had our program meeting this month and Michael Trost from the Midland City Council gave us great insight into the way Midland makes decisions on how and where to prioritize the expenditures each year. If you weren't there you missed out on a great program. Kudos to Madam 1st VP, Stacy!!

Our last meeting for January was a business meeting and we discussed the status of the Style Show planning. Kuohui Suchecki is our chair this year and needs all the help you are willing to give. Kuohui gave us an update—it will be held at the Hilton this year.

Please help me welcome a new member to Uptown Midland BPW – **Tracie Cherry with Energen Resources Corp.** email—tracie.cherry@energen.com – I hope you will join us at any and all of our future meetings, business, program and committee meetings. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated in any way you can provide it. Welcome to Uptown Midland BPW. I hope it will be a rewarding experience and let us know what we can do for you.

February is scheduled for the program meeting on the 10th and 1st VP Stacy has lined up Delma Diaz with St. Joseph Home Health Inc. "testament to determination and devotion" to be our speaker. Our business meeting is on the 24th. I hope each of you can attend. Please RSVP to Evie Adams, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair at 570-5233 (evie.adams@bosworthco.com), or Shirley Harris, Webpage and Telephone/Email Chair at 684-4692 (shirley@tbobamthor.com). The cost of the luncheon is \$18.00 unless otherwise noted for special events.

Please connect with us as we trek through this new adventure for Uptown and continue the spirit of BPW for others in our futures.

Building Powerful Women,

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LAURA AND TUCKER!!



Last year, Judy James with the Midland Rape Crisis Center was a guest speaker at one of BPW's program meetings. After hearing Judy's speech and inspired to help out in some way, Laura Gonzales and her dog "Tucker" took the necessary steps for Tucker to become a "certified therapy dog". Tucker passed the obedience class and the certification test with flying colors and now Laura and Tucker are able to volunteer for the Children's Advocacy Center and will begin so this month.

A Note from Kat!

I am sorry I haven't been more active lately. I am now on the Chamber of Commerce Board, on the PB SHRM (HR group) board and serving on the Crime Prevention Commission. This schedule all began in Sept. and our meeting dates conflict. I also had to give up Republican Women to do all this.

You all have been wonderful to me.

Thanks kat

...MEMBER HAPPENINGS...

Thanks from Jo

To my special Uptown friends...**Thank You!!** The food you sent when my dad passed was such a blessing to us! Special thanks to Evie for coming by with the food!! And to all of you who sent cards, emails and prayers...they were all appreciated! You gals are awesome! Thanks again for making things a little easier for us during that difficult time!
Gratefully yours,

Jo Fite & family

Pine Derby Racing 2010

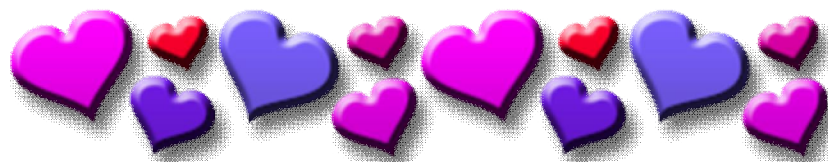
The Boy Scout Den from Midland Christian held their annual Pine Derby Race on Saturday evening January 23, 2010. My grandson, Ryan, belongs to one of the packs. Grandpa and I were invited as special guests.

They had all worked so hard to make very imaginative cars and were very proud of them. We all got the chance to admire them beforehand during the pizza dinner. I was so impressed with the workmanship and teamwork that each pack displayed. They were all different styles and very unique. It was impressive to me that they showed such imagination and precise work. There were in excess of 30 boys from ages 8 to about 12.

When it came time to race, they politely (as young boys can be) lined the pack up and each boy introduced themselves and told what the cars name was. The names were each as unique as the young man who made them. My grandson had a yellow and black replica of the car named Bumblebee from the transformers. There was a spider car, replete with legs (that looked suspiciously like a tarantula to me), a hummer, greased lightning, etc. One of the smaller boys stood up and said his cars name was ALVB. The announcer was somewhat puzzled, but admitted he did not know that that stood for. The young man stated that his car was so fast that it meant **Maasta LaVista Baby**, Of course this brought the house down with laughter. Needless to say he won the prize for the most imaginative name.



My hat is off to the leaders who volunteer so much of their time to this worthwhile organization. It was heartwarming and I was very impressed with the integrity and talent of these young folks. Who says the youth of today is not what it used to be. I walked away feeling pretty good about them
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Mona Bethany



RENEWALS for January:
Peggy Driver

RENEWALS for February:
Tiffany Blakely Jo Fite
Cynthia Maes Fonda Martin
Nancy Plunk

RENEWALS for March
Donette Marble

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

Hello to everyone!!

Brian made it home from Iraq on the 14th as anticipated. He is home on leave for 30 days (as are all soldiers returning from a year overseas). Yippee!!

We are thinking about the options and travel logistics for our next trip. We are getting the itch to get out of town.



Happy Birthday

- 2/8 Kat Blackman
- 2/14 Diane Brown
- 2/20 Mary Ann Brock
- 2/23 Evie Adams
- 2/24 Stacy Nelson

Women in History

- 2/8 Maud Slye 1869-1954
Pathologist, proved cancer is not contagious
- 2/14 Margaret Knight 1838-1914
Inventor, patents include heavy machinery devices
- 2/20 Buffy Saint-Marie 1941-
Cree singer, songwriter, Native American rights activist
- 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