

# The Uptown News Beat

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**Uptown  
Midland  
BPW**

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## Words from our President

December was a busy month for us all but we managed to have a great BPW Christmas party. The silent auction was a great success and we raised a sizable amount of \$\$, way to go Uptown Midland!!! Thank you, Madam 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Stacy, for setting us up at the Grassland Club Building! Johnny's BBQ came through with great food, thank you Glenda Knox for coordinating the delivery. Everyone did a great job of making sure we all had loads of fun. Particularly a little competition ensued during the silent auction over some highly popular items. It's great when we have so many gift items, I almost finished my Christmas shopping during the silent auction. Yeah!!

Because December is such a busy month, we did not have any meetings but we will be back at it in January. Stacy Nelson is already making plans for our program meeting and if anyone has suggestions please let Stacy know as soon as possible.

Please help me welcome two new members— Danni Jenkins-Baker with Community National Bank, email [dbaker@cnbtx.com](mailto:dbaker@cnbtx.com) and Pamela Sanchez with The Bosworth Company, LTD, email: [pam.sanchez@bosworthco.com](mailto:pam.sanchez@bosworthco.com). I hope you ladies 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.

This month, January, we will have a program meeting, January 13, and a business meeting, January 27, 2010. I hope each of you can attend. Please RSVP to Evie Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Membership Chair at 570-5233 ([evie.adams@bosworthco.com](mailto:evie.adams@bosworthco.com)), or Shirley Harris, Webpage and Telephone/Email Chair at 684-4692 ([shirley@tbobamthor.com](mailto: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,**

*Debrah Gann*

*Uptown Midland BPW President 2009 - 2010*

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Debrah Gann—Christmas Vacation at Big Bend!!



Indian Head Mountain Rock



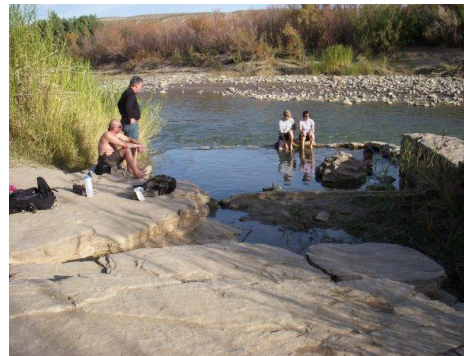
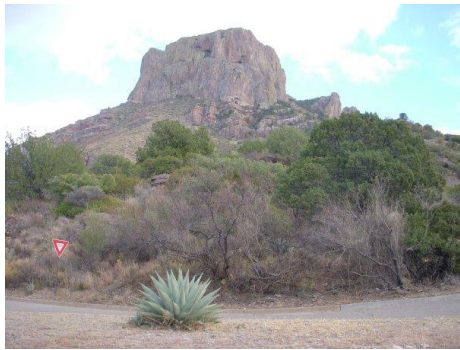
Santa Elena Canyon



Indian Head Mountain—George examining Indian Petroglyphs on the rocks and on the right—drawings



Casa Grande—Big Bend



Relaxing at the Hot Springs

Fossil Exhibit . . . . .



(see shadows of 2 fossils)

...MEMBER HAPPENINGS...



# Uptown's Christmas Party!



Visiting....Johnny's.... Silent Auction Items

## Jerri Ripplinger—Scholarships...

### Scholarship Award Deadline for the Spring 2010 Semester is Coming!

Uptown BPW awards four - \$500 scholarships to women in both the Spring and Fall semesters. 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. We allow our scholarship recipients to continue to receive funding each semester as long as they continue to meet the requirements as outlined in the Scholarship Application. As a result, we have had the rewarding experience of seeing many scholarship awardees graduate and fulfill their goals.

Application deadline for the Spring 2010 semester is Friday, January 15. Applications are available on our website at [www.midlandbpw.com](http://www.midlandbpw.com). Questions may be directed to Jerri Ripplinger, Scholarship Committee Chair, at [jripplinger@midlandfairhavens.org](mailto:jripplinger@midlandfairhavens.org).

### BPW Would Like to Recognize Scholarship Recipients for the Fall 2009 Semester

Veronica Baker – Veronica is a graduate student at UTPB with a Major in Special Education. Uptown had the honor of having Veronica as our guest at our National Business Women's Week (NBWW) event held at the Petroleum Club of Midland this past November.

Christina Granado – Christina is a student at UTPB with a Major in Sociology and a minor in Child and Family Studies. She learned about BPW when she was invited as a guest to our Spring Style Show last year – an annual fundraising event to raise money for our scholarship fund.

Lindsey Keel – Lindsey is a student at UTPB with a Major in Kinesiology. She is a very determined young lady who is working her way through school. Uptown BPW is honored to support her in her effort to set her goals high and go for it!

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!



*Shown in picture: Christina Granado, Fall 2009 Scholarship Recipient, receives scholarship check from Jerri Ripplinger, Scholarship Chair.*

**RENEWALS:**

Sheila Warren  
Judy Galbraith  
Patti Humphrey  
Sherry Ladd

**RENEWALS for January:**

Mona Bethany    Kat Blackman  
Diane Browne    Peggy Driver  
Glenda Knox    Lily White

**RENEWALS for February:**

Tiffany Blakely    Jo Fite  
Cynthia Maes    Fonda Martin  
Stacy Nelson    Nancy Plunk  
Yvonne Reyes

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

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

WOW!!! Where has this past year gone???? It has absolutely flown by.

We had a good Christmas. Together with family—Tammy and her kids came over for Christmas dinner along with Rachel and my Mother. We had meatballs and mashed potatoes..... Yum...Yum... and chased them with brownies.

Saturday, Alice and Matthew came to town. They stayed a week. It was loud and great. Matthew is such a sweetie. He is very excited



because Daddy is coming home from Iraq. He should arrive in Killeen on Jan. 14th. Alice is super ready for him to be home also. She says that Matthew is "Daddy deprived".

He really hung around his Bampa. They did lots of "reading" and transformers.

Smitty went to the storage place and checked on the motorhome. Making certain everything was ok.



.....Thinking about our next trip.....



**Happy Birthday**

1/24 Tiffany Blakely

**Women in History**

1/24 Maria TallChief 1925 - Omaha Indian, Prima Ballerina with Ballet Russe, NY City Ballet, America Ballet Theatre.