

The Uptown News Beat

Striving for Sweet Success

**Uptown
Midland
BPW**

Words from our 2010-2011 President

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STRIVING FOR SWEET SUCCESS, that will be our theme for the year 2010-2011.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your President this year. I hope we can accomplish a lot of good things again.

Debbie and her officers are to be commended for all their good works. They will be a hard act to follow.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the program meeting on July 14, when Vicki Jay will be speaking to us about her trip to Haiti after the earthquake.

We will not have a regular business in July, but instead have our annual "Planning Party". That will be on Tuesday, July 27, starting about 5:30PM. It will be at Mona's house and we will have a cook out and plan our next year. Lots of volunteers are needed so if you wish to serve in any way please let me know. You will be receiving more info about the cook out in the next few days.

Here's wishing each of you a HAPPY JULY 4th week end. Travel safe.

Glenda Knox Uptown Midland BPW President 2010 - 2011

Farewell from our 2009-2010 President

Please don't forget to renew your membership!!

As I write my last President's message, all this year comes flooding back to me with so many special memories. First and foremost was our commitment as Uptown Midland to stay with the BPW Foundation. I hope that our future continues to be bright with BPWF as we continue to explore where we want to be in the next few years. I do know that we have successfully added to the funds for our community services and excelled with our two annual fundraisers this past year, and that is something we should all be proud of as members of Uptown.

Our successes are entirely attributed to our extremely brilliant 2009-2010 Officers (Stacy Nelson, Evie Adams, Mona Bethany, Jerri Ripplinger), Committee Chairs and Committee Members for this past year. This has been a very rewarding experience to serve as President and to be a member of Uptown. These are things I will always cherish. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Our new officers for the 2010-2011 year were installed at our June 23rd meeting and I would like to wish you all the very best and I'm excited with our new mantra "Striving for Sweet Success". Good luck Glenda Knox, Mona Bethany, Laura Gonzales, Bronna Sanders and Jerri Ripplinger!!

Don't forget to support our Camp BPW/Upward Bound program. Yvonne Reyes would like for all of us to attend if we can. There are two more classes, 6/28 and 7/12. See you there!!

Please keep coming back to the website for the calendar updates because very soon Madam President Knox will be scheduling a Planning Meeting for the coming year. Don't miss out on the fun of "Women Helping Women".

Building Powerful Women,

Debrah Gann Uptown Midland BPW President 2009 - 2010

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Scholarship Award Deadline!

“Scholarship Award Deadline for the Fall 2010 Semester is Fast Approaching!”

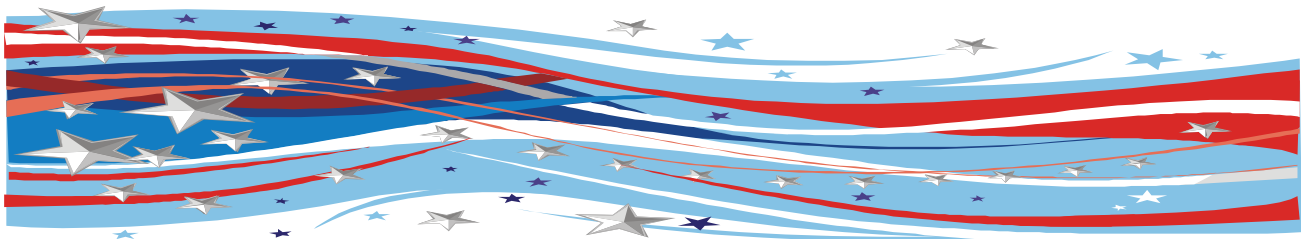
Uptown BPW will be awarding four \$500 scholarships to eligible recipients for the fall semester. Our scholarship recipients are women who are non-traditional students who are returning to school for career advancement. Scholarship funds may be used where the student has the most need such as gas, food, 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 will be available after July 15th on our website.

Application deadline for the Fall 2010 semester is Friday, August 13th.

Questions may be directed to Jerri Ripplinger, Scholarship Committee Chair, at jripplinger@midlandfairhavens.org.



LEADERSHIP
MIDLAND 

IT'S TIME TO CHOOSE ANOTHER BPW REPRESENTATIVE
FOR THIS YEAR'S LEADERSHIP MIDLAND CLASS!

I just wrapped up my 2009-2010 LM year this June and am very grateful to BPW for sponsoring me for this great program! We were able to raise \$20,000.00 for 4 great non-profit organizations. Our class finished with renovations to the patient waiting room at the Children's Advocacy Center and replaced/installed fencing at Midland Fairhavens. The Hope House will also use a portion of the funds to furnish one client room in their new building and will name the building after our class. (What an honor!) Lastly, The MLK center will get their badly needed furniture and play equipment. What a successful year! What a great class!

Now it's time for someone else to step up to the plate. For those who haven't heard of the program, please see the link below. Each month the class participates in a full day of activities designed to teach citizens/business people about our great city! If you are interested in the program, please see the information below and return your application to me ASAP. Let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything further I can do. (Application link on home page of Uptown's website.)

http://www.midlandtxchamber.com/lm_general_information

A heart-felt “Thank You” for all your support!

.....Yvonne Reyes

January thru June 2010 Speakers



January 10th— Michael Trost with the Midland City Council spoke

Stacy Nelson 1st VP Uptown, Michael Trost and Uptown President Debbie Gann



February 10th— Delma Diaz with St. Joseph Health Care (and husband) spoke to us—Testament to Determination and Devotion



March 20th— Kimberly Modisett Director of Volunteers with Midland Memorial Hospital - gave a Power Point Presentation about the Hospital Auxiliary.

Stacy Nelson 1st VP Uptown, Kimberly Modisett and Laura

April 20th— Uptown held our 9th Annual BPW in Bloom Style Show - Funds our Scholarship Program

See May Newsletter For article

May 12th— reviewed Community Projects and the Nominating Committee Chair announced the Slate of Officers for 2010-2011

May 26th— Uptown held election of Offices

June 9th—Michael Melson with Melson and Associates spoke about Estate and Medicaid Planning—their firm works under the direction of attorneys.

Stacy Nelson 1st VP Uptown and Michael Melson



June 23rd— Uptown held Installation of Officers

2010—2011 Officers:

President	Glenda Knox
1st Vice President	Mona Bethany
2nd Vice President	Laura Gonzalez
Treasurer	Jerri Ripplinger
Secretary	Bronna Sanders

and Events.....

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

Below are two more wildflowers from our April trip to Mason and Fredericksburg and Willow City Loop sight seeing trip.



041210 Texas Flag flying in the field of wildflowers on Willow City Loop



041110 Windmill and wild flowers on Art Hedwig Road outside of Mason

Hello to All!!! Hope you are having fun!

We finally got out of town. Early June we loaded up the motor home and travelled to Camp Wood. Smitty and I stayed at Cooksey RV Park just south of there. It is a county park along the banks of the Nueces River. The trees were huge and the shade was plentiful. Lots of fun in the sun and water!



Parked under the huge trees



Standing in front of one of the huge multi-branched trees



Sitting on one of the large branches on the tree



Spillway on the Nueces Lake at Cooksey RV Park

RENEWALS for May:
Barbara Elliott

Renewal for August:
Martha Adams
Kimberly Duncan
Evie Adams
Jerri Ripplinger

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

THANK YOU to those who have renewed!!

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Upcoming Events:

July 12th—Last Upward Bound Meeting—contact Yvonne Reyes for more information

July 14th Program Meeting:

Vicki Jay with Rays of Hope Children’s Grief Centre will come speak to us about her trip to Haiti following the earthquake that devastated so much and so many.

July 27th Planning meeting for Uptown’s new year—all members welcome and requested to attend! Place and time announced soon—get ready for hamburgers!.



Happy Birthday

- 7/4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!!
- 7/12 Delores Schuler
- 7/23 Glenna Haskell
- 7/30 Patti Humphrey
- 7/31 Sherry Ladd

Women in History

- 7/12 Anne Moore 1871—1961 Children’s librarian, initiated story-telling hours
- 7/23 Harriett Strong 1844-1929 Agriculturist, patented water storage dams
- 7/30 Emma Gillett 1852-1927 Co-Founder of Washington College of Law, 1896
- 7/31 Marion Talbot 1858-1948 One of founders of Assoc. of Collegiate Alumnae, 1861—now American Association of University Women