

Uptown News Beat

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Midland BPW

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Scholarship Presentation to Midland College

Business & Professional Women was founded in 1919 and Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women was chartered in 1976. The programs and focus has changed and evolved over the years, the faces have come and gone, but the one constant has been “Women helping Women.”

Uptown has worked very hard over those years to provide scholarships to women who might be considered “non-traditional students.” There have been single Moms trying to change their family’s situation in life. There have been women who needed to make career changes and needed additional education to pursue those new opportunities. Some have just needed special training to obtain professional designations in their careers. No matter what the need, the constant was “Women helping Women.”

Midland is blessed to have such giving citizens and organizations to assist those that need scholarships. Uptown found that sometimes it wasn’t the cost of the tuition or books that kept some of these women from pursuing their dreams; it might be the cost of a sitter two nights a week for small children or even the cost of gas to get to class. As a result, we found that the unrestricted nature of our scholarship was sometimes what made the difference between success or failure. “Women helping Women”

In the early years, we struggled to raise funds, but everyone pulled together for such an important cause. There have been garage sales, style shows, and even the sale of the infamous “chicken lips” at September Fest. In recent history, because of your support, Uptown Midland has been much more successful in raising money with our annual BPW in Bloom style show. A few years ago, we began to dream and discussed the possibility of raising enough money to endow our scholarship. This would create a lasting legacy of the Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women of “Women helping Women.”

Uptown formed a committee to explore the possibilities available to form an endowment. We started with a list of criteria we were searching for; First, we wanted someone who could give us access to more individuals that could most use our help. Although we had become quite good at raising money, we didn’t have the exposure to where much of the true need exists. We knew we needed help in screening the candidates and assisting in the selection process. We wanted a partner who had experience managing both the investments as well as the administrative duties of monitoring and funding the recipients. We wanted to make sure that our scholarship could also be used to further advanced education. And last, but certainly not least, we wanted a partnership that would provide additional exposure and marketing information about the Uptown Midland BPW Endowment to promote the giving of tax free gifts within our community.

I am tickled to say the hard work and dedication has paid off and the day is here. Because this was truly a group effort and a labor of love over many years, I would ask that all Uptown Midland BPW members, both past and present join me up-front to make this presentation to Dr. Steve Thomas and the Midland College Foundation.

Dr. Thomas, please accept this check from Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women in the amount of \$35,000.



Presentation by Donette Marble

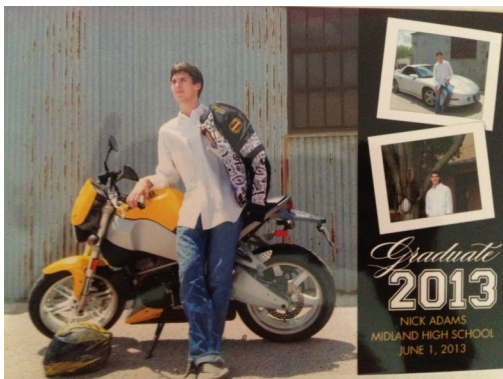
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Graduate 2013...NICHOLAS RYAN ADAMS.....Evie Gandy



Evie, Nick & daughter Natalie



The Graduate.....

We want to thank GOD for Nick's accomplishments, his faithfulness and favor through out his life. On Saturday, June 1 2013 we had a very special celebration, my son Nick R. Adams graduated from Midland High School which took place at Midland College Chaparral Center at 4:00 pm. Nick was awarded a Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarship to Midland College and UTPB this year. Nick has several ideas for his future, joining the military or staying close to home but nothing concrete.



Beautiful (Mother-in-law) and Nick



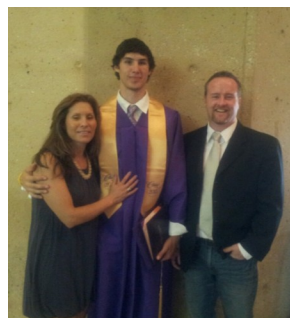
My Dad Felix Neri (89), Nick & Daughter Natalie

We celebrated with The Neri's, The Robertson's, The Gandy's and our church family the very same day, we are blessed indeed!

We are all very proud of Nick!!
CONGRATULATIONS SON!!!



Cake! Yum.....



Evie, Nick & Hubby Morgan

Results of Election of Officers at May Business Meeting.....Glenda Knox

- Director.....Tiffany Blakely
- Director.....Shirley Harris
- Secretary.....Evie Gandy
- Treasurer.....Kuohui Suchecki
- Vice President.....Stacy Nelson
- President.....Debrah Gann

At the Closed Business meeting on May 24th the officers listed on the left were duly elected to serve the 2013-2014 Year.



2013 "BPW in Bloom" 12th Annual Style Show

May 8, 2013 Crystal Ballroom, Double Tree by Hilton Fashions by Dillard's
Silent Auction Benefitting MD Anderson Cancer Research



Krista showing the chick ring she is wearing



Gone Crazee.....Shirley Harris



At left is me, Smitty, Grandson Blake Nicholas and Smitty's sister Liz at Blake's graduation at Elbert High School, Elbert CO. Class of 18 students. Following the ceremony we retired to the cafeteria/gym for cake and punch and to see the photo boards that were displayed for each of the Seniors showing their life in photos. It was really neat to attend such a small graduation and to see the close friendships between the parents and the students. Blake received 2 scholarships (Olkjer Family Memorial Scholarship and Masonic Scholarship) and is going to attend Colorado School of Mines in Golden CO.

Smitty and I traveled to Colorado on Sat., 5/19 in the RV and stayed at Jellystone Park at Larkspur Co. It is a family oriented park with tons of activities for families with kids. (It went down to 39 degrees while we were there...brrr) We left on Monday and headed to Kerrville. We stayed at the Guadalupe River RV Resort. Very nice park with great river frontage and lots of walking paths. Lots of motorhome, fifth wheel and bumper spots!

They had a big Memorial Day blowout Saturday night while we were there. Great band and lots of dancing. Free beer and bar-b-que.

It was good to get away for a week and relax.



Band and the Texas Trailer Trash in yellow t-shirts dancing



Smitty's truck all shined up parked under the flags at The Bar on 4/20. We celebrated T-Bob's life.

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Happy Happy
Birthday !!

- 5/11 Kuohui Suchecki
- 6/14 Pam Sanchez