

# Uptown News Beat

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## President's Letter

Happy June everyone! It's hard to believe we're nearly half way through the year?!? Where does time go these days?? I guess it is true – "time flies when you're having fun!" I have no doubt that the next six month will be a BLAST for Uptown BPW! We have some extremely exciting news – since April we have had 7 new members join the organization!!! How incredible?!? Not only do we have eager women wanting to carry our mission forward but our leadership for the next year is going to be outstanding!

Congratulations to our new officers (Stephanie Murphree – Pres.; Stacy Nelson – Vice Pres.; Shirley Harris – Secretary; Marquita Potter – Treasurer; Mona Bethany – Director; Deborah Williams – Director), and an even greater thank you to volunteering your time to lead this organization!

The officer team has set the date for our annual "Strategic Planning Meeting" on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm at Stacy Nelson's home. I would strongly encourage all members to make plans to attend! We will be discussing committees, future events, and community projects! Not to mention, it is a great way to get to know one another. Oh – and if that isn't enough to convince you, Stacy has a pool?!? Lots of fun will be planned, so please make plans to join us!

One last note - our National Business Women's Week (NBWW) Event is slated for October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Petroleum Club. Joy Maraio will be leading the planning committee, and is still look for volunteers! If interested please email her at [joymaraio@yahoo.com](mailto:joymaraio@yahoo.com). For those of you wondering what is NBWW – here is a link for more information <http://womeninbusiness.about.com/od/womeninbusinessnew1/a/nbw-week.htm> Our NBWW event recognizes a female leader in the community who has made a significant impact, our 2013 recipient was Cookie Wetendorf. Along with recognizing a community leader, we'll also honor our organization, Uptown BPW, woman of the year as well. The event not only recognizes two deserving individuals, but also helps raise money for our general operating budget. It truly is a wonderful event to attend and participate in – so be sure and save the date TODAY!

*Stephanie Murphree*  
President 2014-2015  
Uptown BPW

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## Member Payment Option

Uptown now has the ability to accept “e-checks” and/or credit cards—VISA and MASTERCARD on our website. We are using IPN (intuit network). (I had trouble using my VISA card because I was using Internet Explorer—but as soon as I used a different browser the credit card worked.) Safari or Google—on your Smart Device.

Click the PAY button on our homepage and it takes you to the “pay / sign-in” page and you don’t have to sign in, you just select “Make a payment without creating an account”. Next page asks Invoice # (membership, lunch, scholarships, donation, whatever you are paying for). Enter \$ amount. Select payment Method—Credit Card or Bank Account. Type in your EMAIL address (can create an account if you want). Next Enter Credit card or Bank account info. This info is not shared with Uptown. I believe you are also given the opportunity to add a comment or description. IPN will only send Uptown the description typed in the Invoice box, your name/email, amount, comment if any and date. You will receive an email from IPN about the payment you made.

Credit Card and Bank statements will show IPN/PAYMENTNETWORK and not Uptown BPW. It’s easy to use!

We also have a QRCODE!

## Welcome New Members!!

Beki Cook  
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Orlando FL.....Marquita Potter



### Visiting Orlando FL

Here is a pic of me, my hubby, my twin sister and her hubby while we were visiting in Orlando May 4-8th. We took in Epcot Center, Disney Downtown, lots of eating places and stayed in a beautiful home I booked through vrbo.co

Who is the REAL Marquita?

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**WELCOME  
 New Members!!**

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## Class of '64 Reunion,,,,,,.....,,Mona Bethany



This summer started off fast and furious. I attended my Class of "1964" 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in Rockwall, TX. April 1-4, 2015. It gives new meaning to "Senior Trip". I graduated in a small town called Floyd New Mexico. There were 18 people in my graduating class. This is the few of us who got to go breakfasting at the Yacht Club in Rockwall. We were hosted by the Romo family and spent several days visiting on the "Heaven Sent" Ranch. The house and grounds were beautiful. They breed and raise exotic horses.

We also made a trip to Canton the giant garage sale, Uh, I mean Canton trade days. I have never seen such a variety of "stuff" and so many people in my life. We had foot long corn dogs and homemade ice cream for lunch. LOL

While I was there I visited with Mary Ann Brock and Family and we spent several days power shopping and exploring East Texas. Mary Ann had been an active member of BPW-Midland for 30 years.

When we returned home I had eye surgery and for the first time in my life I have perfect far off vision.

Life is good.

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Happy **Happy** Birthday!!

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## Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin

.....Melinda Henderson

With this school year having come to a close, that also means Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin will be wrapping up its fiscal year on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and we would love to share our end of year results with all of you.

JA implemented 114 programs in Midland, Odessa, and McCamey schools this year. This is big increase over the 60 programs implemented last year. This adds up to approximately 2300-2400 students reached (as of this writing there are still a few classes that we needed completion forms to know exact numbers). Last year's total was 1,187 students so that a great increase. We utilized 97 volunteers, some of which were repeat volunteers in the spring after teaching for the first time in the fall. Our own Stacy Nelson volunteered at Midland Freshman (bless her heart) and did a great job despite the challenges of students of that age.

We have added 8 new members to our board of directors, many of which have great influence in our community, including our own Deborah Williams whom will start with us in July for our new year. One of the acquisitions we are most proud of is the addition of city councilman J.Ross Lacy. We feel he can really advance the name of JA in our area.

We have also been able to turn around our financial situation and are looking forward to next year. We have many schools already asking us to come back next year and many volunteers who want to come back. We foresee a great demand for more volunteers next year so I hope some of you will consider volunteering or getting your company involved with financial commitments or volunteers or both.

Our final numbers show that we ended up reaching 2,502 students!!

Thank you for allowing Junior Achievement to be a part of this organization.

# Calendar of Events

**6/10 Stephen Jordan—LAN Solutions—Program Meeting—Petroleum Club - 11:45—1:00 pm - Remember to bring guests!!**

**6/23—Installation of Newly Elected Officers - Petroleum Club—11:45—1:00 pm - Remember to bring guests!!**

## 2015-2016 year

**7/4 Independence Day**

**7/11 - Planning meeting** for new year. Stacy Nelson's home - 10:00—1:00 - all members are invited to attend - let us know your thoughts for speakers and activities for the coming year

**7/14 Flag Day**

**\*\* new meeting dates will be posted to [www.midlandbpw.org](http://www.midlandbpw.org) Calendar page shortly**



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