

The Uptown News Beat

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Words from our President

Please don't forget to renew your membership!!

What a year we are having so far. For March we had a business meeting and a program meeting with Kimberly Modisett, Director of Volunteers with Midland Memorial Hospital, as our guest speaker. Kimberly presented a Power Point Presentation about the Hospital Auxiliary and other important functions the hospital provides free for patients and family. Thank you Stacy Nelson for our guest speaker.

There has been so much excitement and fun that I am meeting myself coming and going as I'm sure many of us are. One of our two fundraisers for the year is done (Style Show) and now it's time for new officers. Uptown Midland skipped our usual program meeting because April was for the "BPW in Bloom" Style Show. We had one business meeting just before the show to tie up any loose ends. You must come to our May 12th meeting to learn how successful the show was at raising funds for our scholarship program and the Silent Auction for M. D. Anderson seed money. A **GREAT BIG Thank you**, Kuohui Suchecki, for a great style show!! Uptown Midland is so fortunate to have such talented women in action. Where would we be without all of you? Evie Adams, our 2nd VP, did a great job organizing the Silent Auction. There were some very popular items in the show this year...good job, Evie!

Our next meeting will be a business meeting and we will go over the results of the Style Show with our Treasurer (Jerri) and our chair (Kuohui). Additionally, Glenna Haskell, our Nominating Committee Chair, will introduce our new slate of officers for the coming year. Our second meeting for May will be a closed meeting for members only to vote on our new officers.

Please help me welcome a new member to Uptown Midland—*Stacy Allen Jewett with Allen & Allen*, email-stacyjewett@sbcglobal.net. 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.

Our first meeting for May, 5/12, is a business meeting and our second meeting, 5/26, will be a closed meeting for officer elections. 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,

Debrah Gann

Uptown Midland BPW President 2009 - 2010

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...MEMBER HAPPENINGS...

Congratulations to Diane Browne.....

The Hawaiian volcano picture that made it into the juried Odessa show won first place in the Andrews Art Guild show! I have also been asked by the Sibley Center to be the featured artist at the end of May for a month long viewing to celebrate their new trail and renovations. (Anyone want to buy PostNet so that I can devote full-time to my artwork and acting?)

(See Diane's picture in the March Newsletter.)

...STYLE SHOW PHOTOS...



Current scholarship recipient, Christina Granado (on right) and friend enjoy the style show



"Where is that table?" wonders Jerri Ripplinger of Midland Fair Havens (past scholarship recipient) to Ann Forest of Community National Bank



Having a good time at the Production Specialties table—Stephani Knight (current scholarship recipient), Mirna Lujan, Glenna Haskell (past scholarship recipient) and Gayla Trammell



Style Show MC—Karl Rundgren

Current scholarship recipient, and graduate student, Veronica Baker (on left) and friend. Veronica says, "I just want to say thanks to BPW for helping me out with my books and supplies! God bless all of you!"



Scholarships!

Thank you for supporting our scholarship fund!

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. Scholarship recipients continue to receive our support each semester as long as they continue to meet the requirements outlined in the Scholarship Application. As a result, we have had the rewarding experience of seeing many scholarship awardees graduate and fulfill their goals. More information is available on our website at www.midlandbpw.com.

Scholarship Recipients for the Spring 2010 Semester

Veronica Baker – Masters in Special Education

Stephani Knight – Bachelors in Organizational Management

Christina Granado – Bachelors in Sociology

Stacy Nelson – Masters in Accountancy

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!

Jerri Ripplinger

Scholarship Chair 2009/2010



“The BPW Scholarship has given me the incentive to work a lot harder. I feel the ladies with BPW believe in me and I am grateful for the chance to make them proud.”

Stephani, Scholarship Recipient

SCHOLARSHIP QUOTE

LEADERSHIP MIDLAND

Leadership Midland Update

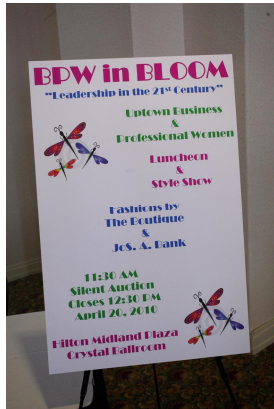
What a great year! And it's not over yet!

Last fall, the 2010 Leadership Midland Class took on the ambitious goal of undertaking four worthwhile community projects – to replace the fencing at Midland Fairhaven, to replace some old equipment at the MLK Jr. Youth Center, to furnish and fix up the patient therapy room at Midland Children's Advocacy Center and provide some furnishing for the new Hope House Building. The group has worked hard throughout the past 9 months; however, we find ourselves just shy of our goal by \$750. The deadline for completing our projects is June 1.

Thank you to all who have contributed thus far! I appreciate all of your support! **Please let me know if anyone is still interested in giving to our causes.** We have a fantastic group of classmates and I have learned so much! I will be sad to see the class end in June.

Yvonne Reyes

9th Annual "BPW in Bloom" Style Show



On Tuesday, April 20, 2010 (during Administrative Professional's Week), Uptown BPW hosted the Ninth Annual "BPW in Bloom" Style Show in the Crystal Ballroom at the Hilton Midland Plaza. We had a wonderful time!!!

This event is the basis for funding scholarships for women (some who are entering school at a nontraditional age and many who are single mothers raising young children).

The food was delightful, not too heavy, just right (with orzo salad stuffed avocado and chicken salad stuffed tomatoes garnished with fresh fruit complimented with rolls and butter) and of course desserts (chocolate turtle and strawberry cream pies yummy).



Along with the "young emcee" Karl Rundgren, the local celebrity models were so much fun, they worked that runway, and included some repeat thrillers (City Councilman John James, Rooster McConaughy "Brother to Matthew McConaughy", Jay Hendricks and Sheriff Gary Painter, just to name a few). The lovely fashions were provided by The Boutique and JoS. A. Bank.

We had fabulous Silent Auction items donated from the local community and our own Uptown BPW members. Based on the final tally we had very generous bidders, with all proceeds to benefit M.D. Anderson Cancer Research.



I would like to give a special thank you to all of our Sponsors, the Style Show Committee Members who dedicated so much time and effort in making this event possible, and all those that lent a diligent helping hand the day of the event!!!

Kuohui Suchecki - 2010 Style Show Committee Chair

RENEWALS for April:
Ann Forest
Kuohui Suchecki

RENEWALS for May:
Mary Ann Brock
Barbara Elliott
Chris Hagan

Renewal for June:
Laura Fowler-Gonzalez

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.....

Happy May Flowers!! They are everywhere!! We have taken our first trip for 2010. Matthew turned 4 in April so we went to Killeen first and celebrated. It is hard to believe that he is already 4 (and only 4—he is so tall)

The wildflowers in the Hill Country were the best I have ever seen!! It

makes ya right Proud to hail from Texas!! We stayed at the Llano River RV Park (south of Mason and north of Fredericksburg) We traveled several back roads there and the flowers were stunning. It would be us and maybe 2 or 3 other vehicles. Awesome!! (I didn't want to return to work...)

At right a couple of flower photos.



Happy Birthday

4/9 Debrah Gann

4/26 Cynthia Morales– Maes

5/11 Glenda Knox

5/11 Yvonne Reyes

5/21 Mona Bethany

Women in History

4/9 Ellen Tupper 1822– c 1888
Leading authority on culture of bees

4/26 Martha Finley 1828-1909 Prolific
Novelist, including 28 Elsie Dinsmore stories

5/11 Mari Sandoz 1896-1966
Author, wrote about the cultural history of the West

5/11 Martha Graham 1893-1991
Modern Dance Innovator

5/21 Grace Dodge 1856-1914 Financed
Teacher's College, Columbia University

