

Uptown News Beat

President's Letter

Calendar

May 10, 2017— Donette Marble Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, BPW Scholarship Update—Program— 11:45 am—1 pm Petroleum Club

May 10, 2017—Uptown Midland BPW Endowed Scholarship—Check Presentation—Midland College, Chaparral Center Green Room—6 pm

May 24, 2017 - Business Meeting—Wagner & Brown Conference Room Suite 500 - Election of Officers— Members Only 11:45—1 pm

June 8, 2017 - Installation of 2017-2018 Officers— 11:45 am—1 pm Petroleum Club

Tentative Date

July 1, 2017—Start of the New Year for Uptown BPW

The 3rd Annual Bunco Scholarship Fundraiser was a HUGE success! I want to start by saying that Tyna Gober and her committee: Shellie Robbins, Krysti Vickers, Candis Carter, Jonna Smoot, Annette Dozier, and Emily Weinberg, did an AWESOME job! Between the \$5,000 in raffle tickets sold, \$1,000 raised by the dollar drop items, table sponsorships, and individual ticket sales, Uptown BPW raised a little over \$10,000 for our scholarship endowment at Midland College. The money raised will help support non-traditional female college students, so that they can complete their degrees quicker and with less debt. It's all about "women helping women"!

As I mentioned last month, Uptown BPW will be donating an additional \$20,000 towards our scholarship endowment this month. I would like to invite you all to a check presentation at Midland College on May 10th at 6pm, located in the Chaparral Center's green room. It would be great to have a huge turnout from our members, as this is something that we have been working towards for years.

We will be voting on the 2017-2018 officers at the May 24th business meeting, so I encourage all members to attend. This meeting will only be open to BPW members. We will have our installation ceremony in June and will let you know that date as soon as it's finalized.

This has been a great year for Uptown BPW and I am thrilled that we are able to increase our scholarship endowment by \$30,000 this year! I want to thank each of you for helping make this generous gift possible.

Best Personal Wishes

Katie Presley
Uptown BPW
President 2016-2017



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Memorial Day Monday May 29th
Remember Our Vets



".....A woman who teaches by being."

2017 Board Member of the Year for Big Brothers Big Sisters.....Jennifer Conner

On April 27th I was honored as the 2017 Board Member of the Year for Big Brothers Big Sisters. I dedicate this to my "Big" Sister Cara Hendrickson and to my "Little" Sister Letty Reyes Saenz who have inspired me to serve this wonderful organization the last 12 years on the board. Collectively I have lived and breathed this organization for over 25 years. The love and dedication the staff has is also a testament to why it is the most amazing non-profit in Midland! Thank you Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland Texas!



Jennifer Conner—center

Short History of Mother's Day

Given the following possibilities, how many of us could pick the right answer?

Mother's Day began:

In 1858, when Anna Jarvis, a young Appalachian homemaker, organized "Mother's Work Days" to improve the sanitation and avert deaths from disease-bearing insects and seepage of polluted water.

In 1872, when Boston poet, pacifist and women's suffragist Julia Ward Howe established a special day for mothers --and for peace-- not long after the bloody Franco-Prussian War.

In 1905, when Anna Jarvis died. Her daughter, also named Anna, decided to memorialize her mother's lifelong activism, and began a campaign that culminated in 1914 when Congress passed a Mother's Day resolution.

The correct answer: All of the above. Each woman and all of these events have contributed to the present occasion now celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

National Women's Historic Project - www.nwhp.org

May Birthdays!!

Happy Happy Birthday

5/20 Caline Martinez

5/21 Mona Bethany

5/29 Shellie Robbins



Women in History

5/20 Antoinette Brown Blackwell 1825-1921
First woman ordained minister of a major denomination in America.

5/21 Grace Dodge 1856-1914
Financed Teachers College, Columbia University

5/29 Elizabeth Pringle 1845-1921
South Carolina Plantation Owner, Author

Welcome New Members!

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April 12th Program Meeting



Above: Midland Police Officer John Kerrigan speaking about Self Defense, and Being Aware of Your Surroundings. He mixed facts with humor.

Above right: Officer Kerrigan standing by the door before the meeting started.

Right: Officer Kerrigan and V.P. Mona Bethany



Report of the Nominating Committee,,,,,,

President	Annette Dozier
Vice President	Tyna Gober
Treasurer	Emily Weinberg
Secretary	Ingrid Burton
Director	Mona Bethany
Director	Shirley Harris

These ladies have graciously agreed to serve if elected.

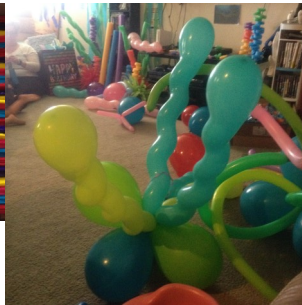
Nominations will be accepted from the floor on the day of the elections at our Closed Meeting (Members Only) on May 24, 2017.

Committee Chair.....
Katie Presley

Reminder Ladies

If you want to vote —your membership dues must be paid before our meeting .

Gone Crazee.....Shirley Harris



Hi....I was just peeping at you.

Big Eye Fish

Smitty and I went to Killeen for Matthew's 11th Birthday! It was a Subnautica themed party. Alice bought lots of different kinds of balloons and blew up coral reefs, octopus, big eye fish, made jelly fish out of paper lanterns and crepe paper. Used pool noodles for various plants found in coral reefs. It was pretty cool. She has really gotten twisting those balloons down to a fine art.



We left Killeen on Sunday and headed to Fredericksburg. We went to look at wildflowers, but by the middle of April they were almost all gone. Guess Spring came early this year. We stayed at the KOA campground this year. Our first time there. Nice park. Made it convenient to go to Luckenbach! Pull out of the park and turn left! We stopped at the newly opened Texas Ranger Memorial. Very nice. Has a huge outdoor pavilion that people can rent for events. Beautiful larger than life size Rangers and horses.

The detail—mane, guns, hats, clothes, gloves—incredible!! You can't miss the Texas Ranger Bell Tower. Middle picture below in front of the tower is a huge Texas Ranger Badge facing up with plaques around the base with the names of Rangers and the dates they served.

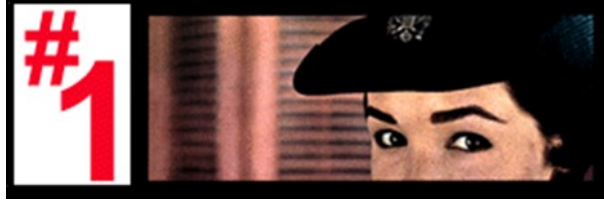


Below The Guardhouse at Fort Martin Scott and the far right door goes into the jail part, Smitty is standing and leaning on one wall with his hand on the other wall of the cell. Super narrow with 1 window.



Guardhouse walls are 18" thick. Original Bldg.





Military Women “Firsts”

The First to Receive Pensions for Military Service

Contrary to slanted opinions about women there is a long historical precedent for women in some form of warfare - though not always in a uniform. For the early pioneer women "home defense" was as routine as drawing well water. And in the Revolutionary decade the first known woman to serve was awarded the first pension for her service.

Margaret Corbin fought with her husband at Fort Mifflin and in 1779 Congress voted her a disability pension of one half a soldier's pay and one suit of clothes or the equivalent in cash.

Years later, another Revolutionary heroine, **Deborah Samson**, was granted a pension by the Massachusetts legislature in 1804 and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania awarded **Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley** a pension in 1822 of forty dollars a year "for services rendered" during the war.

During the Mexican War, **Elizabeth C. Newcume**, in male attire, was mustered into military service at Fort Leavenworth in September 1847. She served ten months and spent time fighting Indians at Dodge City until her sex was discovered and she was discharged. It took a private act of Congress to pay Elizabeth Newcume who received a bounty land warrant for 160 acres and full payment for ten months service, plus three months extra pay, as provided in the 5th section of the act of 19 July 1848.

Our Mission

The mission of this organization is to equip all women for success in the workplace through education and information, and to recognize and honor the accomplishments of working women.



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