

# Uptown News Beat

## Update from the President

Happy "Turkey" Month!!!

I know many of you are gearing up for the busiest season of the year – the "holidays!?!". I always remembered Thanksgiving and Christmas being such fun and exciting breaks from school, but as I grow older I realize how stressful they can become as an adult. As I write I think about the fact that it's not just holidays, its life! Life is more stressful because you have to juggle family, and other peoples families – shopping – cooking – not gaining 20lbs – oh and **WORK!** How many of you are looking at your schedules with sheer panic because of all the things you have to get done at work between now and the end of the year....it's terrifying! I catch myself taking long deep breaths as I prepare to not only take on November and December, but to tell my family and friends I'm booked every weekend for work.

Now that you're all wide-eyed and bushy tailed thinking about your own schedules I want to say this – **YOU'RE NOT ALONE.** As professional women we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of life and we forget to stop and enjoy it. I want to challenge all of you this month to focus on enjoying this time and not forget why we're celebrating through the holidays. I want each of you to try and find peace within all the chaos because the truth is – work is always there when you come back. Right?? I wanted to share a quote I once received from a dear friend sent to me when all I did was work all the time, literally all the time (I was asked to leave by the security at 3am), and it

says "behind every successful woman is herself." Think about it – behind all the craziness – you are there! I have to say it makes me proud to be a part of BPW where I am surrounded by like-minded women who are themselves, and as a member I want to make others feel welcomed, supported, and loved. Isn't that what all of us busy women really want at the end of each day?

All that being said – let's ban together and say that we're not going to let life take over this season, but enjoy! If you have an event or activity your needing help with please contact Laura Edge about asking the membership for assistance – although we're all very busy we do want to help each member succeed!

Steph

P.S.

I also want to ask you all to please mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas Party on December 6<sup>th</sup> – and if you've not bought your ticket to the BPW Art Party on November 15<sup>th</sup> please do so asap! We have several members who are working so hard and diligently to help our organization raise money and support our membership.

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# Member Happenings.....

## Grandchild .....Annette Dozier

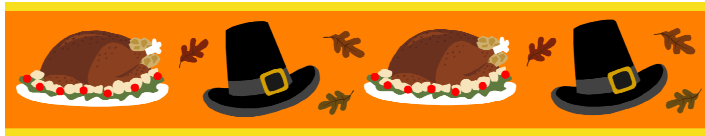
BPW member Annette Dozier (Reliance Energy Inc) and husband Martin Dozier (Probity Energy) welcomed their 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in Oklahoma city, Oklahoma. She weighed 8 lbs 7 oz.

Martin and Annette have 6 children in their blended family ( 1 girl and 5 boys). Granddaughter Riley (6 yrs)

and Grandson Hunter (8 yrs) live in Littleton, Colorado. Grandson Xavier (2 yrs) lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

They are ecstatic and looking forward to the “quiver full” they will have by the time their 6 children are done having babies.

At right Annette holding Emily Brooklyn Dozier who was born to Jodi and Andrew Dozier.



## Program Meeting 10/08/14



At Left—Misty Stewart

Below—William Bess

At Right—Evie Gandy— Vice President/Programs Chair with Misty Stewart and WilliamBess our 2 speakers for October.

They were entertaining and informative!

Misty Stewart is the wife of David Stewart for 21 years and the mom to 2 of the best looking boys in Midland TX—Chris 21 and Brent 18. Misty teaches Leadership, Communication, Team Building and CPR. She also works part time at the Midland Life Center as coordinator of their teen mom program.



William Bess is a Trainer, Speaker and Coach with REAL Leadership and The John Maxwell Team. Will is a veteran of the United States Army and was previously a State and Federal Probation Officer for 18 years. Will is also Adjunct Instructor of Criminal Justice at UTPB. Will is married to Tanya for 20 years this Dec. and they have one son Nicholas who just completed his freshman year at Midland College. Will’s burning desire is to simply leave people better than when he found them and to leave a legacy of being a person who added value to others.

## Program Meeting 11/12/14.....Day after Veterans Day



2010 he opened an IT Service company, West Texas IT Consulting and now has 4 employees and many clients in Midland and Odessa.

Left: John Brenner



Right: Jeffrey W. Hughes

John Brenner served as the Search and Rescue Swimmer on the Battleship, USS Wisconsin (BB 64) for 4 years and then did a tour in Spain as a Military Liaison / translator for 13 Spanish carpenters that were working on the base. So for the time in Spain, he spoke Spanish and learned how to make furniture. :)

He has 2 degrees from Texas Tech. He is married now over 17 yrs and has 2 children. In



Below: John with Evie Gandy, her son Nicholas who is going into the Navy in January 2015 and Jeffrey. Thank you Evie for getting 2 Veterans as speakers for “Veteran’s Day” (ok, the day after....)



Jeffrey served 4 years in the United States 1st Battallion Marine Corp. from 1994-1998 at Camp Pendleton, CA. He was in the Infantry. Jeffrey has 4 girls and 1 boy. He is engaged to Marissa Onsurez and have been employed with Orrex Plastics for 13 years. Marissa and John serve and help in the Children’s Ministry and their teen girls are involved with the Youth Group, Lifeline Youth Ministry at Life House Fellowship Church, Midland TX.



## History of NBWW

October, 2014 marked the 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Business Women’s Week(NBWW). Since its creation in 1928, the event has been sponsored by BPW to recognize and honor the achievements of working women throughout history.

The concept of NBWW was created by Emma Dot Partridge, and first observed in April, 1928. The purpose of the week was “to focus public attention upon a better business women for a better business world”. NBWW has grown to be a nationwide salute to all working women.

NBWW was moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October in 1938. Each US President since Herbert Hoover has acknowledged NBWW with a letter of contributions and achievements of working women.

The celebration of NBWW has helped to promote leadership roles for women and to increase opportunities for their advancement professionally and personally.

Over the past 20 plus years, Uptown Midland has honored many groups of women(Nurses, Lawyers, Law Enforcement and Teachers to name a few). In the past few years, we have had a “Woman of Achievement”, honoring a Midland Woman for her work and generosity.

Submitted by Glenda Knox

# Happy Happy Birthday!!



- 11/1 Shirley Harris
- 11/7 Amanda McCann-Potter
- 11/18 Demetra Johns



## Chloe Monroe MDA Fund

The BPW Foundation and M.D. Anderson Hospital began a partnership in 1941 when the Texas Legislature approved a bill calling for the establishment of a state cancer hospital and research institute.

Since that time, at each years State Convention a fundraiser has been held and the monies have been given to MDA for Cancer Research.

At the 1980 State convention, the Fund was officially named the Chloe Monroe MDA Fund, after past state President Chloe Monroe.

These funds have been designated for use in the advancement of cancer treatment and research. Many programs have benefited from the MDA

Fund, including breast cancer research, childhood cancers, neutron therapy, and outpatient chemotherapy to name a few.

M.D. Anderson Cancer Center has set the pace for advances against cancer . There has been incredible growth in the number of patients cared for and the level of scientific discovery fueling the progress made against cancer.

In this 50+ year partnership, BPW and BPW Foundation have contributed more than \$1,000,000.00 to M.D. Anderson and cancer research.

Let us continue to give and “Fulfill the Promise” to find cures for these deseases.

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## Calendar

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**Dec 6th Uptown’s Annual Christmas Party - Grassland Club House 6:30 pm**

**Jan 14th - Program—11:45 Petroleum Club**

**Jan 28th Business Meeting Midland Centennial Library—Brown Bag—11:45 am — 1 pm**

**/Feb 11th - Program Meeting—11:45—Petroleum Club**

**Women Helping Women**