

Uptown News Beat

Update from the President

Greetings Business & Professional Women!

Many of you are probably asking yourself, “where has the time gone?” We’re now less than 100 days till Christmas, but hey who’s counting?!? Nonetheless, time has surpassed so quickly and we’ve gotten off to a late start in our BPW fiscal year. Many have asked, but due to the lack of time and volunteers the officers have agreed to postpone the NBWW event for 2014. As an alternative solution for a fall fundraiser, Laura Edge and Diane Brown, will be organizing another “painting party” for the fall season.

Many of you also know that there has been numerous discussions about meeting spaces, costs, times, etc. for this current fiscal year, however we finally have a solution. We will continue to meet for our Program Meetings, held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at the Petroleum Club for \$25 per person. We will then move our business meetings, held on the 4th Wednesday of every month during lunch, at the Midland Centennial Library with a “BYOL” (bring your own lunch) to cut down the monthly meeting costs per member. During our strategic planning session in July, many members expressed concern for the monthly expenses and thought that keeping them to a minimum could help with recruiting new members. The officers are also working on booking social activities periodically for us to attend – so please be on the lookout for those dates soon!

I do think 2014-2015 will be a “re-booting” year for our organization as we try to finish up old business that includes policies and procedures, our non-profit status, and fundraising schedule. As we use this year to grow, I do ask for all members to participate in meetings and events. It is crucial for everyone to be engaged and working together to fulfill our mission.

If any of you have questions, concerns, comments, or would like to sign up to help with upcoming events please feel free to call (325) 207-6848 or email me at Stephanie.Murphree@RedCross.org.

BPW President Deploys to Disaster Relief Operation in Pecos, Texas...

On September 20th, Stephanie Murphree – BPW President, was called to respond to flooding in Pecos, Texas where the Pecos River had risen and impacted residential neighborhoods on the Northeast side of town. Upon arriving to Pecos, Stephanie, along with other Red Cross volunteers and staff sprang into action opening a shelter for those who were forced to evacuate. The shelter remained opened for 5 days, sheltering 10 residents at one time. While shelter populations were minimal during the duration of the disaster, the American Red Cross also led feeding operations for all emergency personnel who were on the ground working the disaster relief operations. In total, the American Red Cross served over 825 meals, nearly 1,100 snacks, and offered over 240 clean up supplies (rakes, shovels, trash bags, etc.). The American Red Cross was not only able to challenge their volunteers’ sheltering skills, but strengthened partnerships within within the local community and region. This was Stephanie’s first deployment, and in her words “ a huge success!”

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Installation of Officers
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Member Happenings.....

KRAZYShellie Robbins

Life has been KRAZY for me!

During the past year I have traveled all over the U.S. and I haven't been able to participate in the meetings,

However

I recently graduated from an intense, year long technical training

program with my company. I am now a *certified* **Technical Sales Representative** for Weatherford. In addition to that, I have also graduated with my Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in Business. Needless to say, last year was very busy for me! I am so glad to have the training

behind me and look forward to my new career and to have my somewhat normal life back. I plan to make the meetings more often now.

In the midst of that I have also moved and have a new mailing address:

4204 Irvin Dr., Midland TX

Pecos TX — Photos



Relocated.....Patti Humphrey

As many of you know, the company I work for has relocated to Cleburne, Texas.

I was very fortunate to sell my house in Midland in one day, and put a contract on a house in Cleburne. I closed on both houses the end of July, and moved to Cleburne.

The moving of my house went smoothly, however, the moving of the company, not so much!!!

Cleburne is a great, small town. I am really enjoying the traffic. There is very little!

I live about 4 minutes from our office and I really enjoy that. I actually went home for lunch last week. There is a super WalMart and an HEB, so life is good. There is no mall shopping, but Ft Worth is only about 20 minutes away on the Chisholm Trail Highway. Weatherford is about 30 minutes away, and they have good shopping.

I have joined the local TBW, (formerly BPW) and have gone to a couple of meetings. It was really great seeing several friends I have not seen in several years.

My new address is 707 Hillcrest Dr. Cleburne, Tx 76033

My email has changed to paja6747@gmail.com.

My work email is phumphrey@triangle-pump.com.



Big Announcement.....Amanda McCann-Potter

My big announcement is that as of October 1st, I have been elected the Chair for the Parks & Rec Commission. On October 7th, we will hold a press conference announcing a matching fund donor for the Parks & Rec Endowment Fund. We have one year to raise funds for the endowment. I am very excited about this opportunity to get some permanent maintenance

funding for our parks so that we know as Midland has ups & downs, our parks can be maintained at an acceptable standard regardless of the City budget. Donations starting 10/15/14 will be matched and can be made online at pbaf.org and the fields of interest donation – Midland Community Parks & Rec Endowment. (<http://pbaf.org/funds/>

[category/field-of-interest-or-geographic-affiliate/](#)).

And for our members that are in the insurance and financial industries/positions – our state TDI Commissioner will be in Midland on November 12th, speaking at a WTAHU public event. Go to www.wtahu.com to learn more too!



Evie Gandy , Uptown Program Chair, Speaker Vicki Jay—Midland Sharing Spaces and Stephanie Murphree , Uptown President
Program Meeting Aug. 13, 2014



Uptown Vice President (Programs) Evie Gandy, Speaker and Uptown Member Melinda Henderson with Junior Achievement Permian Basin and Uptown President Stephanie Murphree.
Program Meeting Sep. 10, 2014



Melinda Henderson

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Birthdate: Oct. 13th

WELCOME

NEW

MEMBERS

Deborah Williams

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Birthdate: Jan. 27th

Missed a Few Birthdays!!

June

6/11 Kuohui Suchecki

July

7/8 Kathy White

7/12 Delores Schuler

7/23 Glenna Haskell

7/30 Patti Humphrey

August

8/3 Stephanie Murphree



8/3 Jo Fite

8/8 Marquita Potter

September

9/9 Donette Marble

9/25 Tracie Cherry

October

10/3 Nellwyn Barnett

10/13 Melinda Henderson

Happy Happy Birthday to each of you fabulous ladies!! Hope it was and will be the best birthday ever!! Eat lots of cake and ice cream....YUM!!

Membership Renewals

August 2014

Amanda McCann-Potter

Evie Gandy

Amanda Lozano

Trisha Rangel

September 2014

Bobbie Graves

Demetra Johns

October 2014

Kathy White

Delores Schuler

November 2014

Jillian Lellis

Renewal invoices went out last week. If you need one, please let Chair Stacy Nelson know. stacy.nelson@bosworthco.com



Gone Crazee.....Shirley Harris

We have certainly had some wild weather for West Texas! Loved all of that rain (well.....except for the flooding.) I think we got around 6 inches at our house over about 3 days and we must have gotten over 10 inches at our office. The yard looked like a lake!! Lake Fairgrounds!! Now when the forklifts drive around on the yard they stir up dust, makes it hard to believe we had all of that

standing water. Now it is time to get the Halloween decorations out. WooHoo—love getting all of them out and decorating the inside and outside.

Yeppers! My favorite holiday.

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