

# Uptown News Beat

## Calendar

### From Our President

Sadly, our summer break has come to an end. We must remember to be extra careful and drive extra slowly in the school zones. So many of you are having to get back into the routine of getting little ones up and dressed and out the door in the mornings. I wish you all the best with that!

How about all this rain we have received over the last few weeks? What a welcome surprise! I am so thankful for the moisture and also hopeful that we will get lots more.

We learned a lot at our August program meeting, with Speaker Karen Nicholson. Karen is an advocate with the National League of Women Voters. She spoke to us about the upcoming bond election and also educated us about voting, in general. She gave us many examples of how “just one vote” made a huge difference in several historical elections. That was very interesting. May we never believe that our votes do not count.



We have a great program to look forward to next month. Sergeant Chris Fuentes with the Midland County Sherriff Department will be speaking to us about Self Defense. His program is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 18 at noon at the Petroleum Club. He is sure to make an impression on us. I look forward to seeing you all there. Until then, stay safe and healthy. And enjoy your long Labor Day weekend.

*Stacy Nelson*

Uptown President  
2012—2013

Glenda Knox, Membership Chair with Uptown President Stacy Nelson and our Speaker Karen Nicholson, League of Women Voters at our Aug 15th Meeting.



- > Sep 18—Sgt. Chris Fuentes—Self Defense Program Meeting— Noon—Petroleum Club
- > Sep 26—Business Meeting 5:30-6:30 at Johnny Carinos followed by a Networking Meeting from 6:30-7:30
- > Oct 10—Business Meeting 5:30-6:30 followed by a Networking Meeting from 6:30—7:30 pm
- > Oct 22—National Business Women’s Week Celebration—Petroleum Club 6:00-8:00 pm
- > Nov 14—Program Meeting—Noon—Petroleum Club

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# What I did on my summer vacation: ALASKA.....Patti Humphrey



My sister and I had been talking about taking a cruise to Alaska for about 2 years. It finally was a reality, and in July we sailed from Seattle. This is our 'boat'

The first day at sea, we went through the Tracy Arms Fjords. The water is just this green. There is a scientific reason, but I can't remember what it is.



This is the Mendenhall Glacier. There is an information center (and gift shop!) and so we were very close to the glacier. Very impressive. The vegetation in the area was unbelievable. I could not get over how green everything is and the flowers were gorgeous. This waterfall was just over from the glacier.



One of our excursions was whale watching. We were not disappointed. We found many. You may have seen pictures of several whales coming straight up out of the water at one time. This is part of their bubble net feeding. Our guide said it is very rare to see it happen. We saw it twice! I have since bought a camera with more zoom!

This is Ketchikan. The picture was taken from our balcony. Would you look at that!! A shopping Mecca right across from the ship. I did feel obligated to drop a couple of coins there.

On our last evening, we stopped in Victoria, British Columbia. What a beautiful city. This is the Empress Hotel. Named for royalty that stays there. It was Bob Hope's favorite hotel. Notice the flower baskets in the corner. There are over 1400 of those baskets downtown Victoria on the light posts. Apparently they get rain.

**Granddaughter's Wedding**..... Pamela Sanchez



Above—This is a picture from the honeymoon in Bora Bora. Alexandra and Arthur Hernandez .

Left— My granddaughter got married in Las Vegas at Cesar's Palace on July 14, 2012. They honeymooned in BoraBora for a week

**Engaged**..... Amanda McCann

Drew and I will get married September 1st in Baton Rouge LA (if the hurricane doesn't hit too hard!). I have two boys, Clay (13—7th grade) and Mitch (11—5th grade) and Drew's son is Cayden (7—1st grade). They all attend Midland Christian. We met at a Rockhounds game.



## *From the Membership Committee.....*

*The membership committee is working to improve and retain members and we would like your help.*

*Please let us know what your interest are and what you would like to be involved in. We are beginning to plan our NBWW event and have even discussed the 2013 style show. We need many volunteers for these functions so if you can help in any way please let Patti Humphrey or Mona Bethany know.*

*Starting in September, we are going to try to have a couple of meetings in the evenings. These will be business meeting/networking events. We will hold the first one on Sept. 26, at Carino's. The business meeting will start at 5:30 and we will have some light snacks and tea/water. Afterwards, we will network and you will be able to order drinks if you wish to.*

*The following memberships expire at the end of September. You will be receiving an invoice shortly:*

*Jan Crumpton  
Shirley Harris  
Demetra Johns  
Angie Wilson*

*Thanks,  
Glenda Knox,  
Membership Committee Chair  
2012-2013*

- 9/9 Donette Marble
- 9/10 Judy Galbraith
- 9/21 Chris Hagan
- 9/25 Tracie J. Cherry
- 9/25 Jessica Breiten



**Happy Happy  
Birthday !!**

## Supporting Midland Fair Havens with College Supplies

Once again the members of Uptown Midland BPW wholeheartedly chose to support the determined, college bound single mothers at Midland Fair Havens with college supplies to start the 2012 Fall Semester. These moms were the



*Pictured are Stacy Nelson (BPW President), DiAnn Koehl (Executive Director for Fair Havens), Debbie Gann (BPW Vice-President), Kuohui Suhecki (BPW Community Services Committee).*

beneficiaries of much needed items such as flash drives, notebooks, folders, mechanical pencils, copy paper, pens, sticky pads and flags, erasers, highlighters, binder clips, staplers, organizer bins and much more!

The partnership that exists between the women of BPW and the women at Fair Havens is a working example of BPW’s mission of **“Women Helping Women Achieve Success”**. While at Fair Havens, each mother is attending college or a vocational school and working towards becoming independent and self-sufficient. Fair Havens moms have completed 2,264 college hours since its first resident 15 years ago! They have earned 17 associate’s degrees, 7 bachelor degrees, and certifications that include cosmetology, pharmacy technician, aviation mechanics, CNA certificates, respiratory therapy, dental hygienist, and Montessori Teacher certification.

Beyond the educational accomplishments of Fair Havens hard working moms, there are innumerable blessings that come from the moms as they grow in self-confidence and self-sufficiency often resulting in generational changes. They also attend Life Skills classes with lessons on parenting, financial management, health and nutrition, home and time management, boundaries, Bible studies and job readiness. They meet weekly with the Program Staff to account for goals and for counsel.

BPW’s commitment to America’s working women is reflected in our Signature Events, programs and work that benefit local communities, aid in the personal and professional development of women, and raise awareness of issues affecting working women among business leaders and legislators. Signature Events and Programs sponsored by BPW Foundation are important tools for communicating the core values of BPW and connecting women across the country as they learn from each other, support each other, network, improve working conditions, and create lifelong friendships.



If you would like more information on BPW and our upcoming Community Service Projects, please contact Jerri Rangel at [jrangel@mfh.org](mailto:jrangel@mfh.org) or (432) 689-3411, or visit our website at [www.midlandbpw.org](http://www.midlandbpw.org).

.....submitted by Jerri Rangel, Chair, Community Projects

**Renewals for August**

Martha Adams  
Heidi Dobey  
Elena Levario

**Renewals for September**

Jan Crumpton  
Shirley Harris  
Demetra Johns  
Angie Wilson

**Please check your email for your renewal invoice/notice.  
Any questions, please let me know.**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP!**

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**Women  
Helping  
Women**

**Gone Crazee.....Shirley Harris**

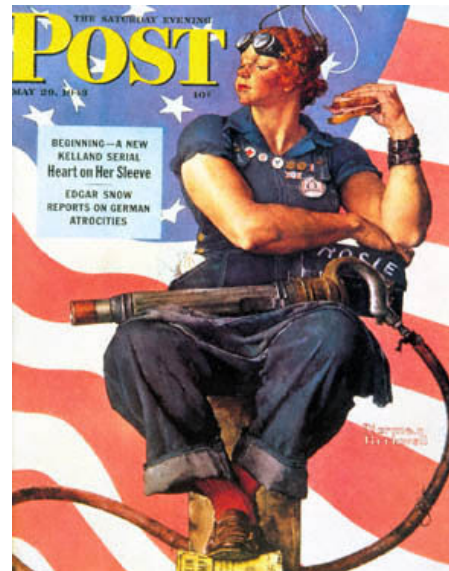


Above—cheesing it up. Matthew lost his first tooth this summer. It was loose for weeks before it finally fell out. He wouldn't let anyone pull it.

About 2 weeks later the tooth beside it fell out also.

Right—Cheesing It Up for the first day of school. Matthew is ready for the First Grade! My oh My how time flies!!

Well summer has sailed away into the sunset but it has certainly left unseasonably warm weather in its wake. School has started. There are even more crazy people on the roads. So drive carefully and defensively everyone!! Stay Safe!!



*Norman Rockwell's Saturday Evening Post Cover featuring Rosie the Riveter*