

Uptown News Beat

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WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We are starting a new year with Uptown BPW and I am looking forward to an exciting year. First I want to thank the Installation Committee for a fun (and important) installation of our new officers. I hope everyone enjoyed the presentation. Our planning meeting was July 20th. We had a good time and made some important decisions and assignments. Our new officer list and contact information is available to our members as well as a list of committees, Committee Chairs and Committee Members.

The theme I have chosen for this year is "Showing Women the Road to Empowerment". It has always been important to me that all women know and understand that they can do

anything they put their minds to and they should pursue their goals with enthusiasm and confidence. I hope this year Uptown BPW members will make every effort to provide leadership for all women of Midland. That is my vision.



Tiffany Blakely, Shirley Harris – Directors, Kuohui Suchecki – Treasurer, Evie Gandy – Secretary, Stacy Nelson – Issues Management/Programs and Debbie Gann – President along with Glenna Haskell and assistant Mary Ann Brock who did the Installation

Soon we will be making advanced plans for the National Business Women's Week and I encourage everyone to be involved as much as possible. I know we will have a successful event and tons of fun. Please be sure to invite your family, friends, employer and co-workers.

Keep an eye on our calendar of events and be ready for our next meeting. I look forward to seeing you all!! Don't forget "empowerment", to enable oneself.

Debrah Gann – President 2013-2014

"The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud."

— [Coco Chanel](#)

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C A L E N D A R

Sep 11th - Unlock Ministry Program—Noon—Petroleum Club.

Sep 18th - Board Meeting

Sep 25th - Business Meeting—Noon—Petroleum

Oct 9th Business Meeting—Noon Petroleum Club

Oct 15th Board Meeting

Oct 21st National Business Women's Week Celebration
Uptown will honor our 2013 Woman of Achievement and name our "Woman of the Year" - Evening—Petroleum Club

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.

Welcome New Members!!

Amanda Lozano
Pioneer Natural Resources
E-Mail—Amanda.Lozano@pxd.com
Birthday—August 4th



Krystal Theilen
Grande Communications
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Marquita Potter
Wagner & Brown, Ltd
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Trisha Rae Rangel
Saulsbury Industries
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Birthday—August 22nd

Melisa Wynne
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August Speakers



August 8, 2013

Stacy Nelson, Issues Management Chair (Programs), President Debrah Gann and Program Speaker Mayoral Candidate Jerry Morales



August 28, 2013

Debrah Gann, President, Program Speaker Mayoral Candidate John James and Stacy Nelson, Issues Management Chair (Programs)

Thank you Stacy for the great speakers in August. We had two of the mayoral candidates and they provided us with lively meetings. They opened with brief personal histories and then went on to talk about Midland and what they see for our future. This was followed by questions from the floor which ranged from traffic, development downtown and who (company) is thinking about moving to Midland and of course the subject on everyone's mind—the Energy Tower.. They were informative.

National Business Women's Week

Planning Meeting

Money raised from this major event goes to our general fund which in turn is how we fund our Community Projects!

Glenda Knox's House - 3509 W. Michigan
Thursday, Sep 5th - 5:30 ish.

Glenda has agreed to host our NBWW planning meeting on Thursday evening. I promise the meeting will not be long. We need to make a few plans, set up some time tables and then start working on the plan.

I hope you will plan to be there!!

Glenna Haskell & Patti Humphrey - NBWW Co-chairs

GONE CRAZEE.....SHIRLEY HARRIS

Smitty and I went to Kerrville and camped out at the Guadalupe River RV Resort several weeks ago. We just hung out and took it easy, took in the local sites. One we stopped to check out (we had seen it several times but never had the time to stop and check it out) was the giant Cross on Interstate 10, just west of the Fredericksburg Hwy. The Empty Cross is 77.7 feet tall., the center space is exactly 7' wide, weighs 70 tons, is 7 stories tall and the cross arm is exactly 40' wide. It is incredible to stand inside of it.

The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden is located at the same latitude as Israel and approximately halfway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The Prayer Garden is not finished because it is being built using only donated funds and they plan to have many more sculptures, benches, walking paths, etc.. The artwork is truly beautiful.

Their website:

www.thecomingkingfoundation.org

Smitty standing beside nails. Close to the entrance



Here I am standing beside a statue of Jesus with "The Empty Cross" behind us.



He is sitting on the pillar by the gate, but will ultimately be riding a horse.



At left and below (overlooking Kerrville) Jesus washing the feet of one of the disciples—to teach them service and humility



Above—me standing beside the sculpture of a woman. At left is close up of the statue..

LABOR DAY.....

Labor Day in the United States is a holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It is a celebration of the American labor movement and it is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of their country.

Labor Day was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, who organized

the first parade in New York City. After the Haymarket Massacre, US President Grover Cleveland feared that commemorating Labor Day on May 1 could become an opportunity to commemorate the affair. Thus, in 1887, it was established as an official holiday in September to support the Labor Day that the Knights favored.

(In high society, Labor Day is (or was) considered the last day of the year when it is fashionable to wear white or seersucker!!)



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Happy Happy Birthday!!

September Birthdays

9/9 Donette Marble

9/21 Chris Hagan

9/25 Tracie Cherry

9/25 Jessica Breiten

