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UPTOWN NEWS BEAT

Letter from the President

Happy New Year Phenomenal Ladies,

The New Year has started off full steam ahead with lots to celebrate and good news to share! Uptown BPW has accomplished a major goal - Our \$100,000 endowment at Midland College has been met! Many thanks to all of you for your contributions and hard work! What a great accomplishment!

This year in July, BPW will be celebrate 100 years. On July 16, 1919 the National Federation of Business and Professional Women was founded. BPW was the first organization created to focus on the issues of working women and one of the first women's organizations to endorse the Equal Rights Amendment in 1937. Women have certainly came long, long way over the past 100 years! WOMEN ROCK! We are planning to have a celebration party! The date has not yet been decided but it is on the radar.

Currently our membership sits at 61. I am so happy at the growth over the past few years! I would like to make a goal for each one of our phenomenal women to bring a guest to our program meetings and continue to build our membership. Wouldn't it be a super accomplishment if we could reach 100 phenomenal members to add to the accomplishment of the \$100,000 endowment and our 100th year of existence?

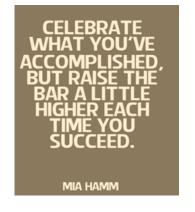
Let's each make it a personal goal to invite potential members so we can add this to our celebration!!!

We have so many great things planned for our phenomenal group and I'm so happy to be part of it! I am truly blessed to be among a great group of women helping women!

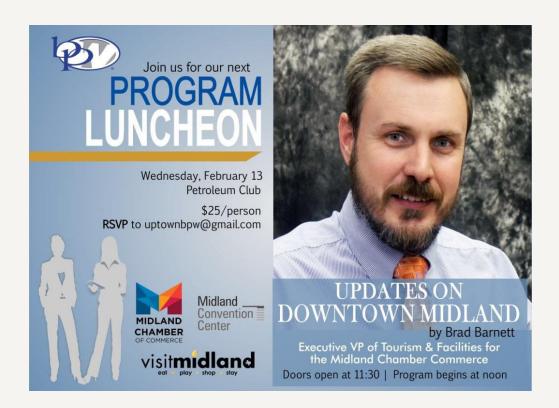
Blessings,

Shellie





UPCOMING BPW MEETINGS



Wednesday, February 27, 2019 Business Meeting:

Time: 11:45 am- 1 pm Location: Rays of Hope



911 W. Texas | Midland, TX 79701 Brown Bag Lunch

Member Highlight Joyce Nally



What were you like growing up?

I was born and raised in Midland, graduated from Midland High School. Our graduating class was the first to be offered a FREE education at Midland College where I later obtained my associate degree. My favorite subject is English – I love to read and write. My family and I started the first African American newspaper in the Permian Basin.

What are some of your interests and hobbies?

I really enjoy time with my 3 grandchildren ages 15, 13 and 4 and I also like to travel. Some of my more exciting trips were a 9-day Mediterranean Cruise, a Disney Cruise with the grands, an Alaskan Cruise and a girl's trip to the Big Apple where we saw Denzel Washington on Broadway and was on a morning talk show.

What was your 1st job and what did it teach you?

My first job was as a VOE (Vocational Office Education) student where students went to school ½ day and worked ½ day. I worked at Sears in their Business Office where you deal with all types of people. It was a great learning experience but if anything, it helped me to decided what I "didn't" want to do. From there I went to work for Superior Oil as a Geotech which started my oil and gas career almost 40 years ago.

Have you always been interested in Integrated Office Control?

No – It was not a position I would have gravitated towards, but our geoscience department moved to Houston and I opted not to go. I was placed in a new department and I've really enjoyed learning a new aspect of the oil industry. Our department is like a secure control center for all of our data. I guess you CAN teach an old dog new tricks!

What advice would you give to college graduates entering the workforce for the first time?

(1) Don't be afraid to ask questions, no one expects you to know everything just because you have a degree. (2) Always put more in your 401k than you think you can afford. It will pay off enormously later when you need it most. My best avice: "Plan ahead... it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark!"

What is the best piece of career advice you've been given?

It's important to show up early and look better than you feel. If you look good, you'll feel good and if you feel good, chances are you'll do good. Be the best YOU!

What quote captures the way you set about achieving your personal and professional goals?

"I try to treat everyone with respect and dignity. "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel". ~ Maya Angelou

Member News and Events!

From Stacy Nelson:

Marian Taylor Nelson, daughter of long-time club member, Stacy Nelson, married her love, Jeremy Cain Broussard, on September 1, 2018. Theirs was a gorgeous destination wedding. This was all Taylor's idea, because her mom would have greatly preferred an enormous affair close by, to share with all her friends and BPW sisters. AS it were, she will have to settle with sharing the day in this newsletter!

The ceremony was held at the beautiful Henry Smith House in picturesque Picayune, MS, about 45 minutes outside New Orleans.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Kaitlin Fender, Maid of Honor and best friend since 2nd grade; as well as bridesmaids Natalie Berko and Rebecca Cross.

The best man was John Abbott and Austin Nelson served as groomsman. The couple resides in Coos Bay, Oregon, where Jeremy serves in the Coast Guard.











From one of BPW's newest members, Dr. Shelley Blancett:

I have been hired full time at UTPB to teach graduate and undergraduate psychology courses. I will continue to have a private practice as a Licensed Psychologist in Midland with flexible hours.







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From Evie Gandy:

For New Year's Eve this year we decided to leave town and do something fun and exciting. Traveling to a place we have never been before was totally an awesome adventure. We decided to visit Taos, NM. Boy, was that a lot of FUN! We had a BLAST skiing the slopes, visiting Taos and shopping the cute & friendly boutiques in that area. My son Nick is stationed in Jacksonville, NC and since he doesn't come to visit us but every six months, we try to make sure we make great & wonderful memories as a family! Here are some pictures of our experience in Taos, NM. The snow and the weather were perfect. If anyone would like to visit and ski or just spend some quality time with family, I highly recommend Taos, NM.











From Tina Fields: I love working with passionate, independent-minded entrepreneurs and leaders in the community who need executive-level administrative support.

My goal is to partner and provide the support needed so you can do more of what really matters to create positive results for your business.

I am an executive-level assistant who provides personalized solutions and professional results for busy business owners.

You don't have to sacrifice quality to get the professional support you need.

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From Danielle Faglie:

I was promoted to GM of Four Points!





Celebrating the magic of the season are Steven Palma and Donna Bruno at Victoria's Christmas Party.

Member News and Events!

From Lisa Grissom:

Here's who I met on a recent trip to Memphis for the International Blues Challenge



Lisa Grissom and Big Llou Johnson, the voice of Sirius/XM B.B. King's Bluesville and also the voice of Tall City Blues Fest



Annette Dozier and Lisa a the finals in the Orpheum Theater



Lisa, Ronn Reeger(co-owner of Promising Projects) and The Mississippi Blues Child, Castro Coleman, a.k.a. Mr. Sipp

From Jonna Smoot:



THE PERMIAN BASIN | FEBRUARY 19-22, 2019



After a wildly successful and sold-out attendance at our 1st Annual Water in Energy Conference, we are thrilled to announce our 2nd Annual Permian Basin Water in Energy Conference (PBWIEC) that will be held in the most active and premiere part of the world's oil patch: The Permian Basin.

PBWIEC's Year Two event will begin with a Tuesday evening VIP — Networking Reception at the Petroleum Museum immediately followed by two and a half-days of engaging, informative and industry-relevant Conference presentations, panels and discussions, along with special keynote speakers including a Wednesday evening keynote dinner on Day One of the Conference.

PBWIEC retains its educational and non-commercial focus and continues to work closely with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) and other academic outlets to provide our worldwide audience the most relevant and commercial-free discussions related to **water in energy**.

Topics are generally planned as follows: Landowners and Water; Source and Supply; Reuse and Recycle; Gathering and Disposal; Midstream Today; Legal and Regulatory; Seismic Discussions, New Technologies and Opportunities along with ethics-credit available presentations.

PBWIEC has gathered some of the most insightful water and water-related experts who will be speaking on both Texas and New Mexico water-related legal and regulatory issues; private and public partnerships, new and exciting technologies along with best practices for today and tomorrow.

SPONSORSHIPS AND REGISTRATION AVAILABLE NOW

Conference Only Registration To 02/05/2019 After 02/05/2019

\$595

95 \$6

VIP – Networking Reception and Day One Dinner priced separately
VIP Networking Reception Ticket (Feb 19): \$99 per person
Day One Dinner and pre-Reception (Feb 20): \$150 per person



Sponsor and/or Register today: PBWIEC.com









Upcoming Festivities!

Donna Bruno: Kelly D. Kennedy and Juliet Kennedy, owners of Kelly D. Kennedy Fine Art along with BPW member, Donna Bruno, invite all Midland BPW members to the

Visit Midland 4-6 pm Mixer on Thursday, Feb. 7th at Kelly D. Kennedy Fine Art,

located at 100 North Main Street, Suite 100, next to Which Wich.

There will be free food, drinks, giveaways, networking and of course, fabulous art!







100 Women That Rock the Permian Basin February Impact Awards:

February 12th, 7-9pm at the Midland Beer Garden.

"Join us as we present our January donation check to Dress for Success Permian Basin-Texas! A great opportunity to sip and socialize while seeing what we are all about. Our growing group is always welcoming new members as we continue to help raise money for local nonprofits."





Plan now to attend the Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Event to be held at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Wine tasting, designer shopping, charming shoe guys, culinary delights, key-to-the-closet raffle, live and silent auctions and more to benefit Midland's Rape Crisis Center. Tickets are \$125 each or \$400 for a Package of 4 tickets.

Visit www.winewomenandshoes.com to get yours today!



Left to right: Annette Dozier, Amanda Potter, Donna Bruno and Kelly Withrow enjoying last year's Wine, Women & Shoes Event.

Who We Are, What We Do

Our Mission

To equip all women for success in the workplace through education and information;

To recognize and honor the

accomplishments of working women

Scholarships

Uptown Midland BPW awards 4 - \$500.00 scholarships to women both Spring and Fall semesters. Our scholarship recipients are "non-traditional students" women returning to school for career advancement. Many of our scholarship recipients are single moms.

The great thing about our scholarship program is the money can be used for anything. Some recipients use the money for babysitting while they are at school. We allow our scholarships to continue to receive money each semester as long as they maintain a 2.5 grade point average. As a result we have seen many scholarship awardees graduate and fulfill their goals.

Please contact Abby Moreau, Scholarship Chair for application details abby@probityswd.com

Membership Drive Party (Date and Time TBA Soon!)

Make great friendships, empower women and do amazing things! Please invite interested guests to our lunches and meetings! Start thinking now of who you would like to bring to our upcoming Membership Drive Party, slated for late April or early May.

We'd love to have new members for 2019-2020!



Happy Birthday!!

2/2 Crystal Ramirez
2/2 Kristin Hennessey
2/8 Lee Ann Spurlock
2/14 Diane Browne
2/23 Evie Gandy
2/24 Stacy Nelson

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