

Uptown News Beat

Update from the President

Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet and so are YOU! That's right ladies of BPW, you're all so sweet, beautiful and powerful!!! As we start gearing up for the Valentine's Day holiday I hope that you all know how special you are, not only to your families, your employer, but to US – Uptown BPW. Despite all of the “doom and gloom” talk around town with oil prices as unpredictable as ever, the officers and committee chairs have decided to turn on the heat and push ourselves and the organization to the next level. We WILL empower women, no matter the economic times and we WILL support our community through thick and thin!

The officers and committee chairs met to review, assess, and evaluate our progress on our 2014-2015 goals. During that time the leadership determined that we would start looking to create a calendar of events for 2015 and begin working on what matters the most – our mission. All that being said, our focus in the next few months will be to host a BPW “Bunko” Fundraiser, as well as set the date and begin planning for our National Business Women's Week event (Oct. 2015). We will be looking for volunteers to help with both events – so please be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities via email within the next few weeks. Our membership committee is going to be working on a recruitment and retention program that will include a “challenge” among members to bring guests, as well as

possible orientations for new members!! Lots of exciting things happening with such wonderful women.

Please check FB and our website for updates and event information - if you have any thoughts, comments or ideas about our community projects, fundraisers, program speakers, etc. please feel free to share them with me by email at Stephanie.murphree@redcross.org

Happy February!
Stephanie Murphree

President 2014-2015
Uptown Midland BPW



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Member Happenings.....

Witches' BallDeborah Williams

Burr and me at the 2014 Witches' Ball in New Orleans last Halloween. We had so much FUN – absolutely amazing food and drinks, great band etc., and the costumes were out of this world! Our theme was ravens, but it's hard to make out the sequined raven I had perched on my shoulder. Burr has a matching one on his top hat. What do you think of my wacky wig????? LOL! The Ball was held in the very ornate

Elms Mansion on St. Charles Avenue in the Garden District, and this photo was taken in front of one of the many fireplaces. We met up with an old friend of mine who I hadn't seen in 18 years – and got to meet her lovely English husband for dinner at Emeril's the night before the ball. We can't get enough of NOLA, and are already booked to go back in April for the French Quarter Fest.



Jingle Bell Run.....12/6/14



We had a successful run on a beautiful day with about 100 runners. We raised about \$21,000.

This is the Junior Achievement's Annual Fundraiser. We had Santa Claus and lots of people dressed up in their Christmas attire. Lots of great volunteers that

helped. It's a 5k with a kids fun run before the 5k. It was of course, my first time to be in charge of that event. We are netting about \$15,000 more than was netted last year. And the money raised

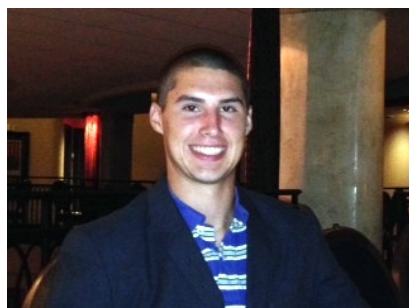


helps us implement our programs in the schools that teach work readiness, financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

We are still looking for volunteers to go into the classrooms this semester. If interested please email me at mhendeson@japermianbasin.org.

Submitted by
Melinda Henderson

Navy Bound.....Evie Gandy



Happy New Year!!! 2014 was blessed and very exciting for our family. We accomplished many of our goals and GOD still continues to prepare us for a favored and victorious 2015. One of the most exciting pieces of news this year was our son Nick Adams leaving to Great Lakes, Illinois to join the NAVY on January 13, 2015. We had a very emotional weekend after having friends and family visit and talk with Nick about this amazing adventure GOD has placed in his heart. Not to mention the heart



wrenching moment when Natalie and I dropped Nick off at the Navy recruiting office here in Midland, Monday morning on Jan. 12, 2015. A Petty Officer drove Nick to San Antonio on Monday and spent the night at a hotel where my son said it was full of new recruits. They were flown the next evening to Great Lakes, Illinois for boot camp where he will be for 8 weeks. I couldn't wait to hear from my son to see how everything went, since they only got one phone call when they ar-



our son Nick, for serving his country and honoring GOD in the plans he has placed in his life. We thank each of you for your prayers and thoughts.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" Jeremiah 29:11



CONGRATULATIONS KUOHUI !!



Stacy Nelson (2013 WOY) announced our 2014 Woman of the Year at our January 28th meeting
—Kuohui Suchecki!!

Kuohui was nominated along with these Uptown members: Diane K. Browne, Evie Gandy, and Melinda Henderson . Congratulations to all of these **Beautiful Powerful Women!!**

Happy Happy Birthday!!

1/12 Laura Edge
1/24 Tiffany Blakely
1/27 Deborah Williams



2/14 Diane Browne
2/23 Evie Gandy
2/24 Stacy Nelson

Community Projects.....Stacy Nelson

The Community Projects Committee donated \$500 to Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center in December.

Uptown donated \$500 to Unlock Ministries in December also.



Membership Renewals.....

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!!!

February Renewals:

Tiffany Blakely
Tracie J Cherry
Stacy Nelson

Please check your "in-box" for your renewal invoice.

Thanks!! Stacy Nelson, Membership Chair

Here's to a song in your Heart!!

Calendar

Feb 6th - National Wear **Red** Day

Feb 11th Program Meeting—
11:45—1 PM at Petroleum Club

Feb 24th Business Meeting
Midland Centennial Library—
Brown Bag—11:45 am — 1 pm

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Mar 11th - Program Meeting—
11:45—1 PM at Petroleum Club

Mar 25th—Business Meeting—
11:45—1 PM at Midland Centennial Library

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