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Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 29 - BPW Planning Brunch, 10:00 to 12:00 at the home of Stacy Nelson, 5500 Hathaway in Midland

Saturday, August 26 - Women's Equality Day!! Ideas for ways to celebrate here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9z8a288>

Wednesday, September 13 - Program meeting, 11:45 to 1:00 at Petroleum Club

Wednesday, September 27 - Business/Board meeting, 11:45 to 1:00 at 300 N. Mariendfeld, Wagner and Brown conference room. (Brown bag lunch)

Monday, October 9 - NBWW Program Meeting, 6:00 to 8:00 at Petroleum Club. Honoring Victoria Printz as Uptown's Woman of Achievement. Uptown's Woman of the Year will also be announced

Letter from the President

I would like to say first and foremost, **THANK YOU** for your confidence in electing me your BPW President for 2017-2018. I feel truly humbled and do not take this position lightly.

I am also grateful for the incredible talent you have elected as our new BPW Executive Board. NO President is in it alone and I am blessed by those you've placed to serve alongside of me.

This will be the lengthiest of my articles as I open up and help you to get to know me better. So, sit back, take a break and read on.

I was born and raised in Colorado. I graduated from a Boulder County high school in Lafayette, attended the University of Southern Colorado (now CSU Pueblo) and was married to a Denver Police Officer for 20 years, and raised 3 children. Now divorced, remarried and having moved to the Lone Star State with my husband, I love the life we have built in Midland since 2009.

As a member of BPW since 2011, I have come to know many of you well and many of you, I have yet to really get to know. Many may be wondering - who is this leader that we have chosen to lead this organization this year?

At my age life has taught me much, and I relish in the fact that I have yet so much to learn. But here are a few facets of my life that I feel have molded me into the leader that stands before you today.

One facet of my life that I feel has helped to equip me for this new endeavor was that of my former life as a Residential Property Manager. Beginning as a Leasing Agent in my early 20's, I became a Property Manager of 250+ unit properties within a year and a half.



It was here that I truly learned the importance of working as a team for a common goal - success. I learned that in part, a good leader is there to listen, guide and glean knowledge to further the common goal. I learned that trying to do it all is not in the best interest for either the leader *or* those whom she leads. Leading is so many things including sacrifice, and realizing the importance of training up others to lead in turn.

In another facet of my life, I was home with 3 young children. Not being one to be idle for too long, I dove into the direct selling world. I built teams and reached top performing status quickly, receiving many awards and accolades. Again, learning that it takes a team. Everyone working for a common goal.

As a public speaker in the early 2000's I was able to lead and guide through my life experiences. I never chose public speaking. It chose me, and I loved it. I felt that I was truly a vessel which God could use to help other women, and I believe He did.

So, as we move forward into another year of BPW, I have asked myself how to best guide and lead. I am sure I will be working out the answer to that one all year.

Ya'll have chosen a GREAT Executive Board with so many talents, and experiences of their own to bring into the fold of BPW but, **it will take ALL of us working as a team to achieve the goals we hope to accomplish.** The goal to keep our organization vibrant and productive in reaching out to the women of our great community. WOMEN HELPING WOMEN. Women learning and gleaning from each other as we in turn lead and guide others down a path of success not only in their personal lives but in their chosen professions as well.

We will be holding our annual **BPW PLANNING MEETING** this Saturday **JULY 29TH** from 10:00 to 12:00. It will be a potluck brunch so please RSVP to me today.

It will be held at Stacy Nelson's home @ 5500 Hathaway in Midland. You are a vital part of this organization and we need your input so please plan on attending. Our first PROGRAM MEETING of the year will be on Wednesday September 13th, 11:45 to 1:00 @ the Petroleum Club. So **SAVE THE DATE!**

-Annette



July 1 - Victoria Printz

**August 3 - Stephanie
Murphree**

**August 8 - Marquita
Potter**

**Uptown Midland BPW
-Women Helping Women-**

OUR MISSION

**To equip all women for
success in the
workplace through
education and
information; to
recognize and honor
the accomplishments
of working women.**

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Important Dates in Women's History

- **July 19-20, 1848 - The Seneca Falls Convention, the country's first women's rights convention, is held in Seneca Falls, NY**
- **July 4, 1876 - Suffragists crash the Centennial Celebration in Independence Hall to present the Vice President with the "Declaration of the Rights of Women" written by Matilda Joselyn Gage**
- **July 2, 1964 - President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act; Title VII prohibits sex discrimination in employment**
- **July 2, 1979 - Susan B. Anthony dollar is released**
- **July 7, 1981 - President Reagan nominates Sandra Day O'Connor as the first woman Supreme Court Justice**

Diane Down Under

Diane and Geoff Browne's Australian Adventures by Diane Browne

This year's big trip was to the north-east area of Cairns (pronounced Cannes), in Queensland, Australia – specifically to scuba dive the Great Barrier Reef. And who can resist a chance to hold a soft, furry Koala bear?

The nature center housed pretty birds, a wallaby (a kangaroo-type animal), a large crocodile and other indigenous animals. The area we stayed in had a lovely boardwalk with non-stop, contiguous restaurants and shops on one side and ocean on the other.

Something that continually threw us for a loop was needing to walk on the opposite side of the walk as they drive on the left side of the road there and sidewalk traffic does the same.

Some of our time was in Cairns, then we were on a live-aboard boat for three days and three nights. Our town room overlooked a bay where we could watch the tide turn the ocean into a big mud flat as far as we could see.

At first, we were disappointed that it wasn't a nice beach, but then we found out that it wouldn't have mattered.



Turns out that large salt-water crocodiles (salties) roam the shores in that area and like to feed on anything that gets into or near the water along the shore!!!

There were some beautiful and tempting beaches farther north, but signs reminded visitors of the danger lurking nearby.

We spent time at two rain forests learning about their flora and fauna.

There is a big bird (like an emu) called a Cassowary that is crucial to the health of the forest, but very mean. They have beautiful blue necks and talons that can cut a person in two. Fortunately, we only saw statues and one in a sanctuary.

One trip took us to the Kuranda rainforest by scenic railway with stops along the way. This narrow-gauge rail was used extensively in World War II but, has been completely refurbished and a joy to ride as we passed waterfalls, sea vistas, extensive sugarcane fields and a couple meadows full of kangaroos and Wallabies.



The way back was by skyrail which gave us a bird's-eye view of the rainforest. We were so high up that we had to change trams three times to get back. Along the way there were informative trails full of local history and culture.

We explored the Daintree, the oldest rainforest on earth, by van and a short river cruise. Our lunch stop was a lesson on the fruit and vegetables that you can and cannot eat from the rainforest. Much like mushrooms, you better know the difference or find someone who does!

The Tjapukai indigenous culture center was another highlight of our land wanderings.

A personal guide took us to various huts for entertainment, including music with a didgeridoo (an ancient wood wind instrument). And of course, a chance to throw a boomerang and spear.

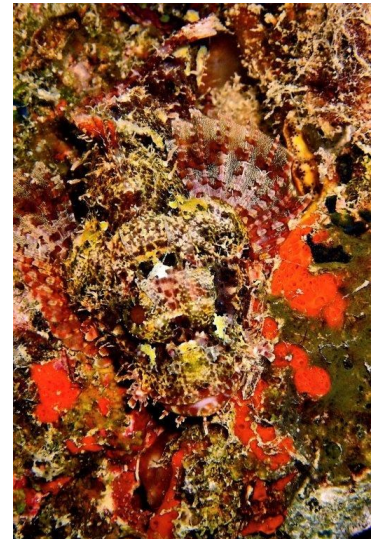
One of our guide's talents was tracking a honeybee to get to his honey. The bee is caught, then a feather is tied to its leg, which slows its flight enough that it can be followed.

On the dive boat, it was almost non-stop eating and diving.

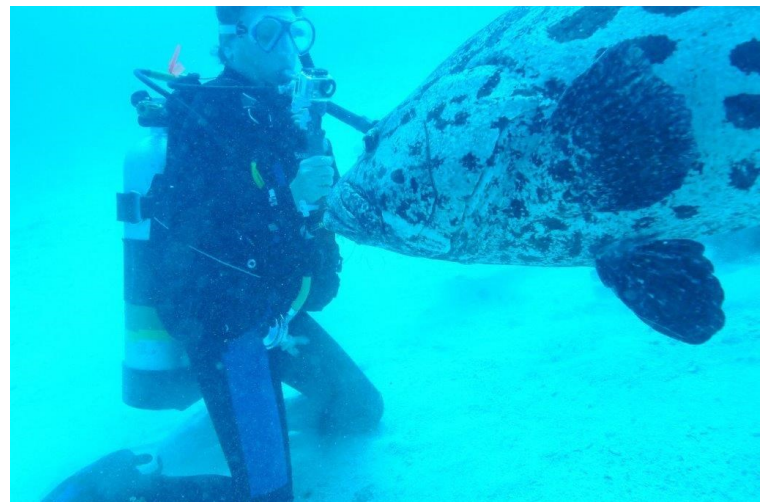
Get up and have a light, cold breakfast—dive; have a large, hot breakfast—dive; lunch buffet—dive; afternoon snack—dive; sit down dinner—dive; snack, then bed.

Food was prepared by a gourmet chef and a dive master accompanied us on our dives so we wouldn't miss as much.

We saw beautiful fish and corals.



They fed the fish at Cod Hole so we could get close-up shots of the large black and white fish all around us.



(Diane swimming with a Cod)

The finale of this adventure was a small plane trip over the reef, coastline and rainforests back to Cairns.

Of course, we still had the 19 hours plus plane trip back to Midland! They fed us well on the plane too, with two full meals and copious snacks. We are still recuperating, but already planning a trip to the Cayman Islands next February.

July Outreach Project

MISSION AGAPE School Supply Drive

July 24-August 18

We need your help! We want to bless students who can't afford school supplies. Together we can equip them for a successful school year! Our goal is to bless 350+ students!!

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Backpacks - boys & girls
- Markers - washable
- Crayons - 24 count
- Highlighters
- Dry-Erase Markers
- # 2 Pencils & pink erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Glue & Glue Sticks
- Ear Buds
- Plastic Supply Box
- Zipper Supply Bag - 3 hole for a binder
- Scissors - blunt & sharp edge
- Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper
- Composition Notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 1 & 3 Subject Spiral Notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 3x3 Post-It Notes (ind. packs)
- 3 x 5 index cards - lined
- 1", 2" & 3" Binders
- Paper & Plastic/Poly Folders with pockets & brads

2 Ways to Donate

Donate Supplies from the above list. We'll pick up or you can call to schedule a drop-off.

Donate Money by mailing a check to PO Box 3419, Midland, TX 79702
OR make a donation online on our website via Paypal -
www.missionagapewtx.org. Average cost per student is \$85.00.

For more info: Contact Stacy Baccus at 432-599-9123 or Ric Baccus at 432-599-9122



Once again we have the opportunity to partner with Mission Agape to support their school supply drive!

Please bring donations to the BPW Planning meeting on July 29th, or deliver to 300 N. Marienfeld Ste. 220 between July 24th and August 18th, or contact Stacy for pick up/drop off at (432) 599-9123.