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UPTOWN NEWS BEAT

Letter from the President

Hello BPW Sisters,

First, I would like to thank our Vice-President for stepping in during my absence and doing a phenomenal job, as always. Thank you, Lisa, for ALL you do for our organization and being my helping hand not only with BPW business but in friendship too! I am reminded almost daily of the friendships I have developed through the BPW Sisterhood and the phenomenal women that are part of this group; I am so grateful and thankful for each of you! Thank you for your cards, prayers, and continued support.

As previously mentioned, Lisa has been such a help in all circumstances. With that being said, she would have done a much better job writing this letter than I, for many reasons but mainly because of her hands on during my absence. I thought about asking her to write it and report all the things going on with the group, but I know she has a full plate with the Tall City Blues Fest coming up AND I wanted to take the time and opportunity to thank everyone for everything.

No excuses, but I totally realize our May Business Meeting was a little hectic. I apologize. It's temporary (I hope). Since David's passing, I've taken on some things that have added to my already busy life and we are still adjusting and taking care of so much. For those of you who didn't know David well, he has a 28-year-old son, Jonathan. Jonathan is slightly special needs and is currently in my care. By the time the new year kicks off in August I pray we are a little more settled and adjusted. Thank you for electing me as your BPW President for a second term; I will do my absolute best to make it a phenomenal year for BPW.

I had not had the opportunity to thank Stacy Nelson, her committee, and all those who supported our Bunco Fundraiser. It was such a success and I am so proud of this group!

Also, a BIG Thank you to Donna Bruno for ALL her work with our advertisement publications and the super awesome Membership Drive at the Kelly D Kennedy Fine Art Studio. So much fun!

Our Officer Installation luncheon is scheduled for June 11th at 11:30 at the Petroleum Club. I hope to see you all there. If you missed the business meeting, here is the slate of officers for 2019-2020:

Abby Moreau, Director

Stacy Nelson, Treasurer

Lisa Grissom, Vice-President

Deborah Williams, Director

Lesley Donnell, Secretary

Shellie Robbins, President

Hope you all have a fabulous summer making some special memories.

Much Love,



Member Highlight: Deborah Williams



Tell me about your family and where you grew up.

My Dad was from Scranton, PA, and my Mom a tried-and-true third-generation Texan. My father worked for the government, so we moved around a lot, mainly in Texas. We settled in Midland in 1965, where my folks retired.

What was your favorite subject in school?

I LOVED school! Equally split between math and languages, primarily Spanish.

What was your first job? What did you learn about workplace environments?

About yourself?

My first job was at Western United Life Insurance Company, here in Midland, a subsidiary of the defunct First National Bank of Midland. Our old building still stands vacant in downtown Midland. I definitely learned about teamwork there, and not to be too good to do whatever task needs to be undertaken to get the job done.

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

Ironically, the best advice I got was from my Mom: shoot for the stars, but learn some clerical skills because that's how most girls get their feet in the door that leads to opportunity. This was so true when I was a young woman, and I'm glad to see the changes that have come about since then.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

People!!!!

What do you love to do?

I absolutely adore cooking, watching cooking shows, cooking movies – pretty much anything to do with food! But I'm also in love with plants, gardening, etc. And reading!! I read anything and everything, there's just so much out there to learn.

If you could host a dinner party with any five-people living or dead, who would be there and why?

Jack Kerouac, because his writing ignites my soul
John Lennon, because DUH! It's John Lennon!
Fidel Castro, because of Cuba's impact on my childhood
Katie Rose, my bestie in the whole wide world
My Mom, because....

Is there a quote or saying that captures the way you approach your work or how you set about achieving your personal and/or professional goals?

"Be here now!!" –Ram Dass

Coming up!

Program Meeting: Installation of Officers

When: Tuesday, June 11th

Where: Petroleum Club

Time: 11:30am-1pm

From Jenny Cudd:

On June 4th, 5:30-6:30pm, at Brew Street off the Loop. I am having my announcement party where I'll be announcing that I'm running for mayor! I'd love to have as many people there as possible!



From Emily Weinberg:

Kendra Scott is having a Give Back Party! Enjoy Sips, Sweets and Jewels on June 19th from 5-7pm. 20% of all proceeds from that eve will benefit Dress for Success Permian Basin. Please RSVP: dressforsuccesspermianbasin.splashthat.com



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From Melanie Saiz:

Contact for more info: 432.570.1084 or msaiz@centerstx

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Centers Stage

Presents an Evening With

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NFL Hall of Famer &
Former TCU Football Legend

Join us for cocktails, cuisine &



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KENDRA GIVES BACK PARTY!

Enjoy sips, sweets and jewels. 20% of your sale benefits Dress for Success Permian Basin-Texas!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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The Commons at Northpark | 2900 W Loop 250 N, Suite 185 Midland, TX 79705

Unable to attend? You can still contribute! Place a phone order during the event and we will ship your order to you at no additional cost. Call (432) 253-3696



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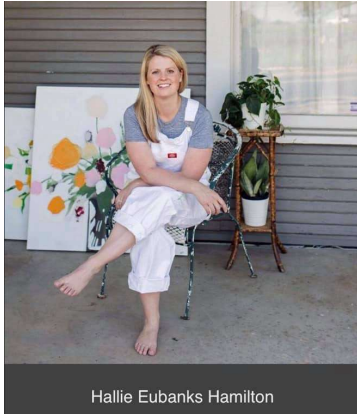
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Coming up!

Kelly D. Kennedy's First Thursday Wine & Art Soirée

on Thursday, June 6th from 5:30-8pm.

Enjoy complimentary wine and lite bites and enjoy beautiful art! Featuring native Midlander, Hallie Eubanks Hamilton, you can meet the artist and view her Energy Series works. Free parking behind the Wall Street Lofts Apts.



TALL CITY BLUES FEST

Best Blues Fest in Texas!
July 12-13, 2019



Co-founded by local entrepreneur and BPW member, Lisa Grissom, Tall City Blues Fest is an original American music festival packed with showcases of award-winning talent and a signature event for downtown Midland, TX.

The Fest is presented by Downtown Midland Management District and draws thousands of people downtown every summer to soak up the sounds of authentic American music.



In addition to a line-up of 22 performers this year, the full festival experience includes educational workshops, a silent art auction, vendors and more.

As a team, we believe in bold ideas and striving to be remarkable. We love creating cool things worth doing that contribute to other people and feel a responsibility to do our part in making the community a better place.

For sponsorships, ticket and more info about our Team, Community Partnerships and Outreach, visit <http://www.tallcitybluesfest.com>.

Would you like to volunteer for the social and cultural event of the summer?

Apply now at tallcitybluesfest.com/teamkindness to be part of



Membership Mixer

The BPW Membership Drive Mixer on May 7th was a great success. We had a fabulous time visiting with BPW members and prospective members surrounded by beautiful art at Kelly D. Kennedy Fine Art.



What's Been Happening!



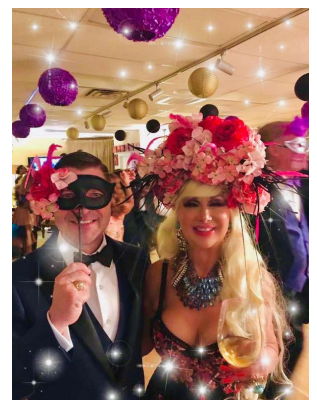
Community Projects Chair, Lesley Donnell and BPW Member, Diane Browne present Wish List Items to Jessi Morgan of Rays of Hope (middle)

Main Street Live benefiting PBS

Celebrating our fearless leader's birthday! Shellie Robbins, BPW President and birthday girl with Lisa Grissom, BPW Vice President and Donna Bruno, BPW P. R. Chairman at Shack in the Back.



Masquerade Ball Hosted by Victoria Printz



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

Newest Members!

Ricka Brown: Owner, Silver Stork Maternity Services
Jenny Cudd: Owner, Becky's Flowers and CYA Flowers
Dana Docherty: Self-employed, Premier Design Jewelry
Leiken Finch: Owner, Finch Media
Amy Hall: Business Development, Baker Hughes
Sandra Javelly: Owner, Taste 508
Joyce Maraio, Owner, Dark Horse Development
Carolyn Marzett, Teacher, MISD
Lesley Owusu, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch
Katherine Prementine, Marketing, Midland College
Sarah Stredic, Business Development, Third Coast Commercial Capital
Catherine Sweaney, Owner, Fit 4 Mom
Becky Wisdom, President/CEO, Members Financial Federal Credit Union

Happy Birthday!!

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

6/11 Kuo Suchecki
6/12 Jess Vestal
6/17 Avery Klunick
6/18 Kellie Withrow
6/19 Joyce Nolly
6/19 Jennifer Connor
6/25 Lucy Sisniega
6/26 Donna Bruno

We are still seeking more members for 2019-2020!
Please bring new guests to our luncheons and/or events who are interested in joining or ask them to contact Abby Moreau, our Membership Chairman. "Never underestimate the power of women helping women!"

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YOUR VIBE**

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