

Uptown News beat

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BPW just completed some important business including revisions to our Bylaws and moving scholarship money into the Midland College Endowment Fund. Soon all members will receive a final version of the Bylaws and I hope you all will take time to review them and get to know more about our parliamentary process. If you want more information on Robert's Rules of Order go to [http: www.rulesonline.com](http://www.rulesonline.com).

Another decision has been reached focusing on the annual Style Show. Because the show is so labor intense and support of this event has relied quite heavily on our core membership over and over again, plus we are all so busy with our lives, work, etc., it has been decided to cancel this year's event. The Style Show is a primary Uptown BPW fundraising event for scholarship money which helps women who fall into a non-traditional category. There is no monetary aid for these women under education assistance. It is critical that Uptown BPW continues to raise these funds therefore, our Style Show Chair (temporarily retitled Special Events), Amanda McCann Potter, is working on two alternatives to raise these funds for scholarships. Amanda will soon be asking for your participation in these activities and I hope you can give a few hours of your time to help with these fundraising operations. They sound like fun so watch your email and potentially some updates on our Facebook page concerning these operations.

Of course you don't have to wait until you are asked to help or participate in any event for Uptown BPW. We are all here for the same reason "**Women Helping Women**". I encourage you to call or email any other member and ask how you can contribute to your area of interest (phone numbers and email addresses are available by request through our Membership Committee). There are committees and Committee Chairs that always need more connections and participation.

Uptown BPW has added 13 new members this season and I want to welcome you all to Uptown BPW. Check out our website for important links and information on Uptown BPW. And don't forget to be alert for the new fundraising activities coming soon plus we have 2 meetings each month (2nd and 4th Wednesdays).

Respectfully

Debrah Gann
Uptown President 2013-2014

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Mar 12th— Business Meeting—Noon—
Petroleum Club

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Mar 26th **Hermann Eben, Trim Tab Solutions**
- Executive and Leadership Coach - Program

Apr 9th Business Meeting—Petroleum
Club—Noon

C A L E N D A R

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.

GREAT THINGS.....AMANDA MCCANN

.Two great things are happening (well probably more, but I am not counting that high)!

First, my husband – Drew is kicking off his new career with The Retirement & Investment Council (TRIC). I am very excited and proud of him making a decision to go the hard road instead of the easy path. More information on his strategies can be found at www.goldstandardinvestment.com if you are curious to see what is out there. I started investments with them a couple of years ago and found them to be much more to my style of platforms.

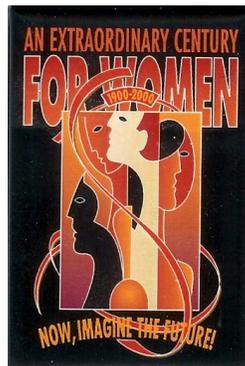
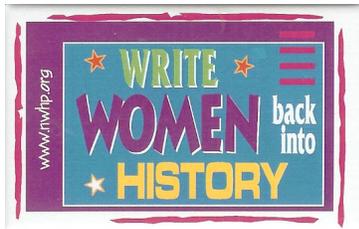
The second great thing is that as we know business is booming locally. I am excited to say not only am I in a position where I am always looking for the right candidate – but before Summer – I need to find 5 quality agents to help us get a jump start on the growth in our industry and local economy. These positions offer flexibility in schedule and location – plus no experience required. Working with The Duck provides excellent training opportunities and business resources. Thanks for helping find the right people for our team – I appreciate you keeping your ears open for anyone needing p/t or f/t or just having a thread of discontent in their current situation; and if you see my hubby – just tell him Congrats!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Joy Maraio
Joyful Party Planning
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Birthday—April 10th



Laura Edge
Medical Spa of Midland / Concierge MD
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Birthday— January 12th



MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Find resources at:

<http://www.nwhp.org/whm/index.php>

<http://nwhp.org/resourcecenter/whistoryday.php>

March Highlights in US Women's History

- **March 1, 1978** – Women's History Week is first observed in Sonoma County, California
 - **March 1, 1987** – Congress passes a resolution designating March as Women's History Month
 - **March 4, 1917** – Jeannette Rankin (R-MT) took her seat as the first female member of Congress
 - **March 8** – International Women's Day, whose origins trace back to protests in the U.S. and Europe to honor and fight for the political rights for working women
 - **March 11, 1993** – Janet Reno is confirmed as the first woman U.S. Attorney General
 - **March 12, 1912** – Juliette Gordon Low assembled 18 girls together in Savannah, Georgia, for the first-ever Girl Scout meeting
 - **March 13, 1986** – Susan Butcher won the first of 3 straight and 4 total Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in Alaska
 - **March 17, 1910** – Camp Fire Girls is established as the first interracial, non-sectarian American organization for girls
 - **March 20, 1852** – Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is published and becomes the best-selling book of the 19th century
 - **March 21, 1986** – Debi Thomas becomes first African American woman to win the World Figure Skating Championship
 - **March 23, 1917** – Virginia Woolf establishes the Hogarth Press with her husband, Leonard Woolf
 - **March 31, 1888** – The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe, and Sojourner Truth, among others, the oldest non-sectarian women's organization in the U.S.
- March 31, 1776** – Abigail Adams writes to her husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence and cautions, "Remember the ladies..."

Women Who Dare.....Shirley Harris (from Knowledge Cards from Library of Congress)



Jeannette Rankin

American, 1880-1973

One of the more far-seeing feminists and social reformers of her time, Jeannette Rankin rose to prominence in her native Montana with

the state campaign she waged for woman suffrage, which secured the vote for Montana women in 1915. Two years later she became the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

An unrelenting pacifist, Rankin demonstrated her passionate belief that "You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake" by casting 1 of only 49 votes against U.S. entry into WWI—an act that cost her the 1918 election. After working as a lobbyist, social worker and lecturer, she was again elected to the House in 1940. On Dec. 8, 1941, she sacrificed her congressional career yet again when she cast the only-vote against U.S. declaration of war on Japan.

Rankin's devotion to her beliefs and her commitment to acting on them stayed with her all her life.

Elizabeth Cochrane Seaman, who took her pen name, Nellie Bly, from a popular Stephen Foster song, was the best-known "girl reporter" of her day. She was famous not only for her colorful exploits—most notably an 1888-1889 solo around-the-world voyage in seven-two days—but also for her skill and resourcefulness as an investigative journalist. Largely self-educated, Bly embarked on her reporting career in her early twenties, quickly taking on such volatile subjects as political corruption and problems of working women. To gain employment at the *New York World* in 1887, Bly finagled admission as a patient to Blackwell's Island, a notorious mental institution; her articles exposing its inhumane conditions led to a grand jury investigation and several million dollars' worth of improvements. Similar journalistic exploits revealed abominable conditions in sweatshops, jails, and other institutions—not to mention bribery in the New York legislature. After Bly's death, the *Evening Journal* eulogized her as having been "the best reporter in America."



Nellie Bly

American, B. Moravia
1867-1920

Women Who Dare.....Shirley Harris (continued from page 3)



Grace Murray Hopper

American, 1906-1992
A foremother of the information age, Grace Hopper was instrumental in creating and standardizing many of its raw materials—most notable COBOL (Common Business Oriented Language), the business programming language of choice from the earliest computers into the age of the microchip.

Hopper was a professor of mathematics at Vassar when the navy recruited her in 1943 to work on the first computer in the United States, the Mark I, at Harvard. There she built the first compiler to translate mathematical notation into machine code. The later development of COBOL arose from her realization that most people communicate better with prose than with mathematical symbols—and that future computer use would not be limited to scientific applications.

Hopper directed data-processing development at Univac for many years before being called back into service the navy, at age sixty-one, to standardize its computer programs and languages.

Mourning Dove

American, 1882-1936
Mourning Dove grew up during the last years that her people, the Okanogan Indians of the Northwest coast, migrated annually from Kettle-Falls, WA S to British Columbia; she remembered packing parfleche bags, being sent out in the evening to gain spirit powers and learning about Coyote from the storytellers. Okanogan culture had begun to erode even

by the time of her birth, however, and when a priest told Mourning Star's mother that the little girl had to go to a mission school her mother complied..

Mourning Dove got her mission education to use in the service of her native culture by becoming a writer. She proved an important chronicler of the life ways of her people, thus preserving a great deal of knowledge that might otherwise have been lost. Her first novel, *Cogewea, the Half-Blood* (1927), explored the difficulties of being biracial and examined Native American perspectives on religion. Her best-known book, *Coyote Stories*, first published in



Josephine Baker

American, 1906-1975

From the time she was a little girl, Josephine Baker was drawn to the glamour of the theater. Despite living in the slums of St. Louis and being pulled out of school before she turned 10, she found the courage—and had enough talent—to follow her dreams. Baker danced in vaudeville houses and joined a traveling

dance troupe when she was 16. In 1923, she landed a chorus line spot in the Broadway show *Shuffle Along*. But it was in Paris two years later that she stepped fully into the spotlight, in *La Revue Nègre*. Baker fell in love with Paris, and the city responded in kind. She was irreverent and exotic, known for her magnetic stage presence, lush body, deep red lipstick, and outrageous promotional antics, including her famous walk with a leopard down the Champs Elysees. A politically courageous woman, Baker spoke and acted against racism through out her life and was a member of the French Resistance in World War II, for which she earned both the Medal of the Resistance and later, the Legion of Honor.

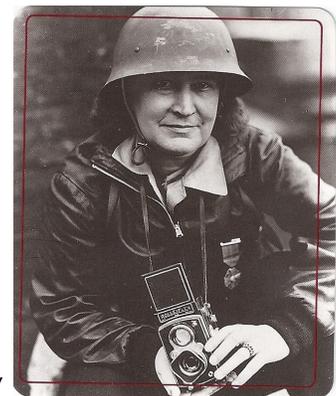
M. Therese Bonney

American, 1894-1978

As an American operating her own news-photo service in Paris between the two world wars, Therese Bonney got so exasperated with the lackluster work of her employees that she took matters into her own hands—or as she put it, "I got me a camera and got to it." With Europe again sliding into war, Bonney proved a canny and intrepid reporter of military events, but her real interest became what she called

"truth-raids" from which she amassed a powerful and unprecedented photographic record of modern warfare's effects on civilians, especially children. Collected in the 1943 book *Europe's Children*, Bonney's photographs jolted even a war-weary world and still attest in both her deep humanity and her skill as a visual communicator..

Following the war Bonney returned to her primary interest, Franco-U.S. cultural exchange, which had first taken her to France. She became a well-known figure in art and literary circles and a noted collector, curator, and exhibitor of art. A film treatment she wrote based on *Europe's Children* inspired the 1947 MGM motion picture *The Search*.



25 MOST POPULAR PASSWORDS

TLDR: For the first time, "password" has lost its title as the most common and therefore worst password in use.

Even though it's 2014 and more people are online than ever before, the prevalence of weak passwords is staggering. Indeed, a recent SplashData study found that millions of people still use what are widely accepted as being weak passwords, those that can be guessed in seconds. For example, "password" has long been the go-to example for a weak password choice since it is easy to remember and contains no numbers or case-sensitive letters. However, according to SplashData's findings, "password" is no longer the most commonly used bad password as "123456" has taken the top spot. In fact, many of the most popular bad passwords found on the list below are what appear to be users simply raking their finger across the keyboard, e.g. "12345678" and "qwerty" which are both in the top five. SplashData continues with suggestions on making passwords more secure, "Use passwords of eight characters or more with mixed types of characters. But even passwords with common substitutions like "dr4mat1c" can be vulnerable to attackers' increasingly sophisticated technology, and random combinations like "j%7K&yPx\$" can be difficult to remember. One way to create more secure passwords that are easy to recall is to use passphrases -- short words with spaces or other characters separating them. It's best to use random words rather than common phrases. For example, "cakes years birthday" or "smiles_light_skip?" Avoid using the same username/password combination for multiple websites. Especially risky is using the same password for entertainment sites that you do for online email, social networking, or financial service sites. Use different passwords for each new website or service you sign up for. Having trouble remembering all those different strong passwords? Try using a password manager application that organizes and protects passwords and can automatically log you into websites. There are numerous applications available, but choose one with a strong track record of reliability and security..."



Rank	Password	Change from 2012
1	123456	Up 1
2	password	Down 1
3	12345678	Unchanged
4	qwerty	Up 1
5	abc123	Down 1
6	123456789	New
7	111111	Up 2
8	1234567	Up 5
9	iloveyou	Up 2
10	adobe123	New
11	123123	Up 5
12	sunshine	Up 2
13	1234567890	New
14	letmein	Down 7
15	photoshop	New
16	1234	New
17	monkey	Down 11
18	shadow	Unchanged
19	sunshine	Down 5
20	12345	New
21	password1	Up 4
22	princess	New
23	azerty	New
24	trustno1	Down 12
25	000000	New

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FEBRUARY 12TH SPEAKER



President Debrah Gann, Speaker Holly B. Williams and Programs Chair Stacy Nelson

Holly B. Williams with Williams Law Firm, P.C. Labor and Employment Law, Texas board of Legal Specialization. A Boutique Law Firm founded in 2013 dedicated in representing companies and individuals in the Permian Basin who want to prevent and resolve workplace legal issues. Holly spoke of several issues and examples of women constituting 59% of the work force. Holly also spoke about women making seventy-seven cents for every dollar men earn. There is sex, race, religion, employment, disability and age discrimination issues Holly handles in the Permian Basin. Federal Court trials can take up to two to four years, depending on the case or circumstances. Holly likes to work best with age discrimination cases because of the legal stands.

Happy
Happy
Birthday!!

March 10th Annette Dozier



Tiffany Blakely, Shirley Harris –Directors, Kuohui Suhecki–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



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