

Uptown News Beat

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Words from our President

What a wonderful year I have had serving as your president. I can hardly believe it is almost over. If re-elected, I look forward to working with each of you again next year.

We have made much progress in getting our bylaws updated and we will continue that again in May. We have had great events with both our National Business Women's Week and Style Show events. We continued to give generously to the M D Anderson fund through the BPW Texas Foundation. Our club has continued to grow and several of those new members have stepped right up to serve as officers and committee chairs.

I can never thank enough this years officers and committee chairs for all their hard work. Mona, great programs, Bronna, excellent minutes, Jerri, great work on the financials and getting our Tax ID # re instated, and Evie thanks so much for keeping everyone informed of all our functions. Glenna and Martha and Pam, the NBWW week event and the Style show were both the best ever. Debbie, our efforts to be involved and help others in this community have greatly improved thanks to your help. Shirley, the newsletters and the website have been wonderful all year. To everyone else, thank you so much for your participation and support. There will be more work to do so please don't hesitate to volunteer for any job you might be interested in.

I, personally and from the club, extend my deepest sympathy to Delores Schuler on the loss of her mother and to Sherry Ladd on the loss of her father. Please continue to lift them up in your thoughts and prayer along with others in our club to are dealing with personal difficulties.

I hope each of you are having a great spring. Even though the flowers are not blooming and the grass in not very green, we are still so blessed. So as we close our the year 2010-2011 and move into 2011-2012 I wish each of you much happiness and love.

Looking forward to seeing each of you soon and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Hope to see you soon.

Glenda Knox, President 2010–2011



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Upcoming Events:

May 11th—Program Meeting
- Cory Edmundson - V.P. of
Support Services for MMH—

speaking about all the up-
grades at the hospital

May 25th— Election of Officers - meeting is CLOSED to visitors. Members only.

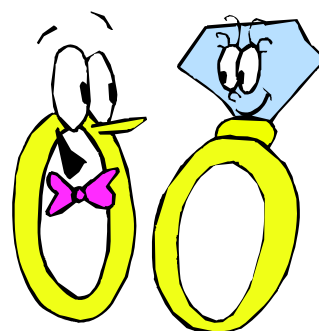
May 30th Memorial Day

Engagement Announcement.....Evie Adams



I want to share a picture of Morgan and meõ he proposed this weekend .

We gave the news to my kids first, they were excitedõ family was next and now friendsõ we havenõ set a date, we are praying for the right time ±]



Old Man in Red Shirt.....Diane Browne

Spring brings numerous opportunities for local artists to easily enter competitive shows without having to risk shipping pieces across the country. Some events allow unlimited entries for the entry fee; others have a designated artist, called a juror, select those that will be shown. Both have a juror or jurors rank the works for awards. This year, I braved the 50mph wind gusts to haul several of my paintings and a couple other artist's to the Andrews Art Guild annual show. Wildfires drew many of the locals away from the event so it didn't seem as well attended as other years. You could smell the smoke and hoped that the fires didn't make it into town or populated areas. It was a shame that more people weren't able to view the plethora of talent that encompassed photography, pastels, oil, watercolor, and 3-dimensional pieces on display. I won second place with my "Old Man in Red Shirt," so I was glad I took the risk and enjoyed seeing what others were creating! Now that I am "retired," I have been trying new techniques and allowing myself a little more freedom to explore and grow in my own talents. Well, on to the next show!

Diane K. Browne

actor, artist and entrepreneur extraordinaire



Lily White.....CASA of West Texas

BPW's Lily White Honored for 10 Years of Service

CASA of West Texas held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Awards Dinner on March 31, 2011 in order to honor the hard work and dedication put forth by its committed volunteers. To add to the evening's festivities, the Honorable Judge Dean Rucker addressed the crowd in order to impart a story honoring the tireless efforts of Lily White who is in her tenth year of service as the Executive Director(ED) of CASA of West Texas.

Judge Rucker was able to paint a picture of a Lily from years past – one of a young woman beginning her career with CPS as a new case worker. He spoke of her devotion to the children whom she served and the extreme amount of heart she threw behind all of her cases. Judge Rucker was able to see Lily grow in her position and ultimately saw her through her career change when she accepted her role as ED with CASA.

Lily's determination, confidence and heart for abused children has been the catalyst behind CASA's continued growth into the organization it is today. Due to her efforts to obtain funding and provide a well-equipped facility and staff, abused children continue to have a voice in the court system.



CASA Board President Jeff Laufer, Lily White and Judge Rucker.

Submitted by Robin Reece, Volunteer Coordinator CASA of West Texas



Welcome

New

Member!!

Annette Dozier
Reliance Energy, Inc. (REI)
500 W Illinois, Ste 1200
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Email: adozier@reimid.com
Birth Day: March 10

Nominating Committee Report.....Stacy Nelson, Chair

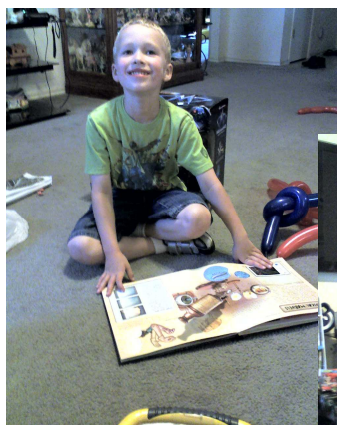
Secretary.....Annette Dozier
 Treasurer.....Pamela Sanchez
 Vice President.....Bronna Sanders
 President.....Glenda Knox

These ladies have graciously agreed to serve if elected. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on the day of elections at our closed meeting (for members only) on May 25, 2011..

....Shirley Harris and *Gone Crazee.....*

April showers bring May flowers.....not!!

We took our first trip for 2011 in April. Matthew turned 5 so we stopped in Killeen first and celebrated with him and about 15 other kids. Then the 4 of us (Alice, Matthew and us) went to Texas Land and Cattle Co. for dinner. Yum... Yum... Sunday we drove down to Quintana Beach County Park just south of Freeport on the Gulf. It was



Matthew and Birthday Pop-Up Book, (l) and WHEELS book (r).



so quiet down there. No crowds. Just hang around and enjoy the quiet, read, play in the gulf, watch movies. Very nice.

The campground is beside the shipping channel so it was incredible to see those huge cargo ships being driven up the channel and then off load at the dock be-



Smitty standing beside our Motorhome, background is a ship being unloaded.

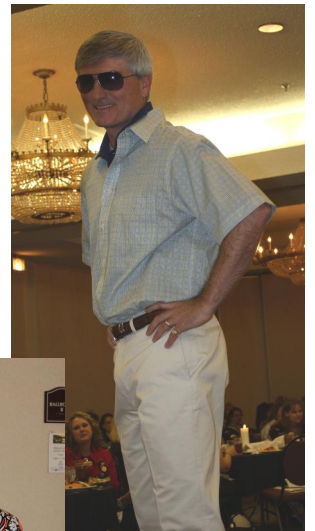
hind us or one of the chemical plants around the bend. We also saw a huge store of unassembled windmills. They are incredibly HUGE!

When we got back had to scrub everything down and get the salt spray removed. Wow—who would have thought everything could get so dirty!!



Rows and Stacks of Windmill Blades—can almost compare their size to the utility poles beside them.

BPW in Bloom Annual Style Show.....photos by Shirley Harris



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Check out our website—
calendar, meeting info,
newsletters, photos, etc.

Short History of Mother's Day

Given the following possibilities, how many of us could pick the right answer?
Mother's Day began:

- In 1858, when Anna Jarvis, a young Appalachian homemaker, organized "Mother's Work Days" to improve the sanitation and avert deaths from disease-bearing insects and seepage of polluted water.
- In 1872, when Boston poet, pacifist and women's suffragist Julia Ward Howe established a special day for mothers --and for peace-- not long after the bloody Franco-Prussian War.
- In 1905, when Anna Jarvis died. Her daughter, also named Anna, decided to memorialize her mother's lifelong activism, and began a campaign that culminated in 1914 when Congress passed a Mother's Day resolution.

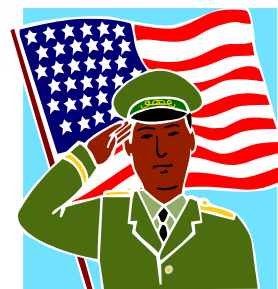
The correct answer: All of the above. Each woman and all of these events have contributed to the present occasion now celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

National Women's Historic Project - www.nwhp.org

RENEWALS for April:
Stacy Allen Jewett

RENEWALS for May:
Chris Hagan
Mary Ann Brock)
Barbara Elliott

Please check your e-mail for your Renewal Invoice/
Notice. Any questions, please let me know.
Thanks Shirley Harris—shirley@tbobamthor.com



Memorial Day

Monday

May 30th

Remember

Our Vets

Happy Birthday Women in History



5/11 Glenda Knox

5/11 Yvonne Reyes

5/21 Mona Bethany

5/11 Harriet Quimby 1875-1912
First American woman licensed air pilot
(1911), first woman to fly across the English
channel (1912)
5/11 Lt. Ethel Weed 1906-1975
Military officer in the Women's Army Corp.,
promoted women's rights and suffrage in Ja-
pan
5/21 Frances Densmore 1867-1957
Ethnomusicologist, recorded songs of Native
Americans