

Uptown News Beat

Calendar

**Oct 10, 2016—
NBWW—Laura Roman** — Uptown's
2016 Woman of
Achievement 6—8
pm — Petroleum
Club

Oct 26, 2016 - Business Meeting
11:45—1 PM— 5th
Floor, Wagner &
Brown, 300 N. Ma-
rienfeld, Brown Bag

**Nov 9, 2016— Pro-
gram Meeting —**
11:45—1 pm Petro-
leum Club

President's Letter

It is an honor to be accepted into the Midland Magazine's inaugural class of 20 Under 40, presented by My Community Federal Credit Union. I was thrilled to represent BPW and this was a great opportunity to get our name out there and hopefully increase our membership. Jonna Smoot, PR Chair, was able to get us a two page ad in the magazine that promotes BPW and our NBWW event, as well as a quarter page ad! A big Thank You to Jonna! We will also have ads promoting our event in the MRT, so keep an eye out for those.

This year's National Business Women's Week is really coming together! The NBWW committee has worked so hard on this year's event and I cannot thank them enough. I would like to encourage all BPW members to join us - tickets are still available, \$50 for BPW members, and can easily be purchased on our website. As a reminder, we are still collecting gift cards (any amount) and lottery tickets for our raffle. All of the proceeds from this raffle are donated to MD Anderson. If you or your company would like to donate to our raffle tree, please mail them to P.O. Box 3895, Midland TX 79702 or I would be happy to swing by and pick them up. We will need all of the donations by Saturday, October 8th.

Thank all of you that have purchased your tickets or helped sponsor the event. The evening is going to be a "Perfect 10" and I hope to see each of you there!

Best Personal Wishes

Katie Presley

Uptown BPW
President 2016-2017



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2016-2017 Officers — From Left: Jonna Smoot, Director; Emily Weinberg, Treasurer; Shirley Harris, Secretary; Katie Presley, President; Deborah Williams, Vice President and Tyna Gober, Director

".....A woman who teaches by being."

Midland Magazine's Inaugural Class of 20 Under 40

Katie Presley, 29

Nursing Development Officer,
University of Texas of the Permian Basin



Posted: Friday, September 23, 2016 5:10 pm | *Updated: 9:10 pm, Sun Sep 25, 2016.*

Education is a top priority for Katie Presley, who has made a career out of working in higher education.

In her role as UT Permian Basin's nursing development officer, Presley's main goal is to identify, cultivate, and solicit philanthropic nursing support by developing and maintaining relationships with assigned prospects and donors to the University.

Presley earned her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech in 2008 and master's in higher education from Angelo State University in 2015. Before joining UTPB, she held roles at Texas Tech and Odessa College.

Presley holds leadership roles in the Junior League of Midland Inc. and Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women. She has also served on the Permian Basin Area

Health Education Center Advisory Board, Permian Basin Health Career Consortium, Ector County Health Care Coalition and the Medical Center Hospital Faith & Health Network Advisory Board

Presley and her husband, Asa, moved to Midland in 2011 and have a sweet dog named Bear.

What sets you apart from other professionals in your industry/ field?

I had the opportunity to join the College of Nursing not long after it began, which gave me a great deal of knowledge of the program and how it operates. The development officer was a new position; therefore I have had the opportunity to really find what works and doesn't work when trying to obtain support for the college. Many individuals do not know that UTPB has a College of Nursing, so it has been such a pleasure educating our community and seeing how supportive the Permian Basin is. I have also been able to witness the inception of the RN to BSN program that began a year and a half ago, which allows me to speak on why this program is so important to our community.

What has been your greatest professional challenge and how have you overcome it?

The greatest professional challenge that I have had to overcome is public speaking. While working as the director of Health Sciences at Odessa College I gave monthly orientations with sometimes close to 100 people. As the months continued, speaking in public became less intimidating. In my current role, I am able to confidently speak about our programs and seek the support we need.

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What is your biggest accomplishment?

My greatest professional accomplishment would be writing the grant that was approved for the largest scholarship endowment received by the College of Nursing. We were awarded a \$500,000 scholarship endowment from the James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation. Obtaining the gift from this foundation was an honor that recognized the importance of investing in our community, which will have a lasting effect on the stability and quality of life we provide for ourselves, our children and future residents of the Permian Basin.

What are you most passionate about?

I am very passionate about volunteerism. Initially, I fell in love with helping others when I was required to have volunteer hours during middle and high school. I had the opportunity to volunteer at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas for five years and it was such an amazing experience. My favorite place to volunteer there was with the nurses and I know that this is where the admiration I have for nurses began. It is a joy to be able to help obtain support for our nursing students so that they can continue their education in such an important and rewarding occupation.

Congratulations !!

Happy Birthday

10/31 Diana Dominguez

10/31 Claudia Hightower



Women in History

10/31 Lulah Riggs 1896–1984
Architect of both country estates and modest homes, advocate of preserving historic buildings

10/31 Louise Talma 1906–1996
Composer, First American woman to receive the Sibelius Medal, taught music theory and musicianship at Hunter College for 51 years

GONE CRAZEE.....Shirley Harris

Mt. Rushmore—South Dakota—Sep 2016

The First of Sept we headed north to South Dakota. Wanted to See Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial. Well worth the drive.



No selfie stick so we asked another visitor to take our picture and then we took theirs. Minutes before the pea soup fog rolled in.



TEXAS flag on the Avenue of the Flags

The Meaning of Mount Rushmore

The four American Presidents carved into the granite of Mount Rushmore were chosen by the sculptor to commemorate the founding, growth, preservation, and development of the United States. They symbolize the principles of liberty and freedom on which the nation was founded. George Washington signifies the struggle for independence and the birth of the Republic, Thomas Jefferson the territorial expansion of the country, Abraham Lincoln the permanent union of the States, and equality for all citizens, and Theodore Roosevelt, the 20th century role of the United States in world affairs and

The drilling and blasting on Crazy Horse has certainly changed over the years. Korczak working alone started with a jack hammer and carrying his tools and equipment up every day. Now they have a small work crew, modern technology and big equipment for blasting, moving supplies and earth. Several of his children and grandchildren work on the mountain and in The Indian Museum of North America, gift shops and are on the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation Board. It is privately funded and has been a nonprofit 501(c)3 foundation since November 1949,

Painted buffalo on the streets of Custer, South Dakota



Smitty standing in front of the Avenue of Flags at Mt. Rushmore

Below—Side view Washington from hwy after leaving memorial.





Me at Carved Tree Trunk at Sidney NE Visitor Center



Above—Sign and flowers at the entrance to the campground where we stayed in South Dakota



Me standing next to metal horse sculpture made of various metal tools and parts—Hill City SD.



Sculptor—Korczak Ziolkowski

Left—Driving by the Crazy Horse Memorial—under construction/blasting/sculpting as seen from the highway.



Below Left—Leaving the top—looking at his head and his arm stretched out in front—the outline of his hand is drawn on the side of the mountain.



Below is the 1/34th model of Crazy Horse, with the mountain carving in the distance behind him. The Sculpture in front is Wild Bill Hickock.



Smitty and me at the top of the monument standing in front of, but a long way from Crazy Horse



Above -Fiberglass horse's head and Smitty



Left—Smitty and me standing at the base of Crazy Horse's chin— yep he is pretty darned big!! Seeing is believing.



NBWW Proclamation
Read at
City Council Meeting
9/27/16

From left:
Shirley Harris, Secretary
Katie Presley, President
Sharla Hotchkiss, City
Council Woman and 2015
NBWW Woman of
Achievement
Jonna Smoot, Director
Lesley Smith, Community
Projects Chair

National Business Women's Week—Dinner Event—Petroleum Club—6 pm—8 pm on Ovr. 10th. Honoring Laura Roman as our 2016 Woman of Achievement and Uptown's 2016 Woman of the Year will be announced.

Tickets are still available!! Tables too!! Please contact Stacy Nelson for your tickets OR you can purchase them online using PAYPAL. Click on the PAYPAL link on our homepage.

Our Mission

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.



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