UPTOWN NEWS BEAT

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President's Letter

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Hello,

I want to share with each of you how important I believe Uptown Business and Professional Woman to be. With the help of the women in this organization I stepped out of my comfort zone and was willing to be led by many wonderful and talented mentors. By helping on different committees, co-chairing committees and helping with a BPW Texas State Convention each taught me several things.

I can do anything that I set my mind to.

I have learned to speak in front of large crowds.

I am in the process of learning to be a leader (with the help of my wonderful BPW mentors). Our Local Organization and the company I work for, has offered tremendous support over the years. I know we have many strong, talented and enthusiastic women and it is my vision that with these components and personalities, our organization can grow to be the biggest and best in the state.

Our next big event this month will be the program meeting scheduled for September 26th with Judge Robert Junell and a speaker from the League of Women Voters talk to us about the importance of women and their voting rights. With the elections, locally and nationally, we as women need to appreciate and utilize this great gift our fore mothers fought so courageously for. Many of our younger ladies don't know the issues we used to face in the 50', 60's or event the 70's.

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With our efforts and the League of Women Voters maybe we can light the fire to be the Beacon of BPW.

Don't forget to invite someone to come and see all the amazing things we have in store for the organization and community in the coming months.

October is NBWW (National Business and Professional Women's Week TM). We will be honoring Vicky Jay with Rays of Hope as our Woman of Achievement and Uptown will honor one of our own as Woman of the Year.

So buckle up, it's going to be a busy few months.

Becoming Powerful Women,

Sheila Warren Uptown BPW President 2007-2008

Save the date:

Fall Conference October 13, 2007 NBWW Luncheon October 17, 2007

Notes from Membership

We have had several visitors this summer and I thank all our members for inviting them.

The following ladies have visited and if you know them please contact them and invite them again.

Kimberlea Randolph, Lisa Gandy, Teresa Clingman, Lyn Dillard, Irece Jordan, Nancy Swallow, Brenda Kissko, Jacques Saunders, and Carol Looney.

So far Jennifer is ahead in bringing the most visitors. Way to go Jennifer.

Glenda Knox Membership Chair

The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Birthdays

August

3rd Jo Fite

15th Barbara Elliott

September

9th	Donette Marble
10th	Judy Galbraith
12th	Nancy Plunk
21st	Chris Hagan
23rd	Jamie Alcocer
25th	Fonda Martin

Did You Know??

The official Federation colors of green and gold were selected at the 1927 National Convention. Green was chosen to symbolize victory, growth, activity and strength: gold was chosen to represent the sun, faith and fruitfulness.

PLEASE MAKE PLANS NOW TO BE AT THE LEAGUE IMMIGRATION FORUM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24. IT WILL BE HELD AT MIDLAND COLLEGE IN THE ROADRUNNER ROOM AT 7 PM. THE PANEL WILL CONSIST OF REPRESENTATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, BORLAND AND BORLAND LAW FIRM, AND UTPB PROFESSOR SCOTT CARSON. WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE GATHERED FROM THE AUDIENCE BY LEAGUE MEMBERS FOLLOWING REMARKS BY THE PANELISTS.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND DESERVES THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMUNITY. WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE TO TAKE PART IN BRINGING THIS INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EFFORT BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. Pat Stanley League President

Hello Everyone! (Don't forget to renew your membership!!)

It's time for another BPW meeting! I hope you saved the date! The September 26th program meeting will be led by Vice President Fonda Martin. Our guests will be Pat Stanley from the League of Women Voters and Judge Robert A. Junell United States District Judge. Judge Junell was appointed to his present position by President George W. Bush and previously served 7 terms with the Texas House of Representatives. Please make a note on your calendar to attend this program and bring lots of guests. Lunch will be served at this event. We have the Wildcatter's Room tentatively reserved so we need a big crowd

A voice of our own.

By Nancy Neuman

"Women fought for generations to win the right to vote. Women Now ...make up the majority of voting age population. We can elect Presidents and...Congresses. We have the right and responsibility ... to vote for [those] who will take...seriously the things we believe are important and act on our behalf.

Submitted by Mary Ann Brock

Note from the editor. I apologize for taking so long to get this out. Being out on vacation, and playing catch up at work, BPW upcoming functions and a trip to the hospital has prevented me from finishing it.



Next month will be replete with pictures and article about our functions. I need an easier form to use so it may look different.

Bear with me.

Mona Bethany