

# The Uptown News Beat

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## Letter from our President:

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Oh my where did 2007 go? It just flew out the window, I suppose. I do feel it was a productive year for the most part. We had NBWW (National Business Women's Week) in October that was very productive. In December we had our Annual Christmas Auction for M.D. Anderson which was another big event for us. Uptown has always been very blessed with big hearts and lots of generosity. Thank you to everyone that shared their time, talents and money.

Mid Year Board is fast approaching and will be held in College Station Texas on January 18-20, 2008. The contact person is Pearl Bolding. Her email address is [pearl78602@cs.com](mailto:pearl78602@cs.com). Reservation can still be made if anyone is interested. There is a late fee of \$10.00 for those who would like to go if you missed the December 17<sup>th</sup> deadline. There is a group of Uptown ladies going and I am sure they would

Now we move on to 2008. In our coming months we will have Midland College and Rebecca Bell presenting the program on Upward Bound. This is a program that MC does with at risk girls who are in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Uptown BPW worked with MC to bring Camp BPW to the area during BPW/Texas State Convention this past June. What a tremendous success it was. The young ladies that joined us for the President's Dinner really learned many valuable lessons through the course. So it will be interesting to hear what Midland College has in store for us.

February will be HEALTH SOUTH Rehab giving us insight on staying healthy and what to do if something happens that requires rehab, be it physical or occupational.

Somewhere in between these programs we will take a look at the By-Laws. Make suggestions and vote on changes as they have occurred or will occur.

So the long and short of it all is I hope to see each of you as we get back to the swing of Uptown.

Building Powerful Women,

*Sheila Warren*

### Our Web Site

I don't know if any of you have checked out our web site lately, but Shirley has done an outstanding job updating it. It looks so much better and has a lot more information on it. We had a guest at our meeting January 9, 2008 that found us by going on the web site. I think it is so important that we support keeping it up in this age of electronics. The link is [midlandbpw.com](http://midlandbpw.com). Please go look at it and give Shirley the input and compliments she has earned.

### Let it Snow

"Let it Snow" was the theme for this years MD Anderson Blind Auction held on December 12, 2007. It was "awesome". Everyone was so generous with their donations. An array of beautifully wrapped gifts was displayed for all to shop from. We had Ron Hanway as a guest and auctioneer for the bidding. He added a lot of fun as well as keeping us organized during the auction.

The Petroleum Club provided a very attractive, as well as, delicious display of food that was enjoyed by all the members and their guest. We raised around \$2800.00 for MD Anderson Cancer Research. Following, are some pictures that were taken by Shirley Harris on that day.

Photos from Uptown's  
M D Anderson "Hidden"  
Auction Dec 12, 2007



"Artware" pieces designed by Carrington Marzette which she donated to the hidden auction benefiting MD Anderson



Kuohui Lian, Debbie Gann and ladies showing their support for the Auction....Look at all those bows!!



Winners of the "Artware" Auction items  
Chris Hagan, Glenda Knox, Artist  
Carrington Marzette and Donette Marble



Carrington's Mom, Uptown President  
Sheila Warren and MD Anderson Artist  
Carrington Marzette.



Auctioneer Ron Hanway



Table of Goodies waiting to be Auctioned!

## High Sky Children's Ranch

I just wanted to take a moment to thank Stacy Nelson and her committee for another job well done for the family and kids at High Sky Children's

Ranch. For those of you who didn't know, we sponsored a family this year that had 4 teenage girls and 2 young boys and 1 biological child age 2. Stacy and her family did an outstanding job of shopping for the kids. We got the teens iPods and the 2 boy's bikes. We had enough money left over to get some smaller items and pizza, along with a couple of cookie trays. We also got a tour of the home by one of the young ladies who was excited to have us take a peek into their home. Those kids are certainly lucky to have the house parents they have. They were very caring and supportive. Again, a big Thank You to Stacy Nelson, Mark Nelson, Taylor Nelson, Austin Nelson, Evie Adams and her daughter and Fonda Martin for going out to High Sky Ranch and letting these kids know that we are in some small way here to support them. This is truly a Christmas spirit of giving.

Sheila Warren

January 9, 2008 was the regular meeting for Uptown BPW. Our guests were Rebecca Bell and Jaclyn Gaona of Midland College. They spoke to us regarding "Upward Bound" which was established by Midland College for Boys and Girls in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade who are "at risk". Midland College is offering the opportunity for Uptown BPW to partner with them. It is a summer leadership program designed to teach life skills to "at risk" students. This topic will be thoroughly researched and discussed at a later date. Following are some pictures from the meeting and, "before" and "after" pictures of the young ladies that participated in the Camp BPW during the state convention.

We listened to some touching stories regarding the outfits they were given at the end of the program. It made it all worthwhile.



Speaker Rebecca Bell (left), Sheila Warren, Donette Marble, Guest, and Speaker Jaclyn Gaona - both ladies are from Midland College.



Camp BPW "Before" June 2007 at BPW/TX State Convention



Camp BPW "After" Photo



**No birthdays in Dec or Jan**

**January Renewals**

Glenda Knox  
Mona Bethany  
Diane Browne  
Lilly White  
Danielle Edwards

**February Renewals**

Tiffany Blakely  
Penny Crosson  
Joe Fite  
Cynthia Maes  
Fonda Martin  
Stacy Nelson  
Nancy Plunk