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Letter from the President

Hello BPW Sisters,

Happy Spring! March certainly has been a whirlwind, both weather wise and busyness! I think most of us are ready for April showers and May flowers.

Our scholarship program meeting on the 13th was quite eventful! The high winds knocked the power out at the Petroleum Club and caused the smoke alarm to beep loudly until the fire department arrived. Despite the setback, the meeting was still very special. A few of our present scholarship recipients spoke about what the scholarship has meant to them and how it has impacted their career goals as well as some of our very own BPW members who have received scholarships in the past. Abby Moreau, BPW Scholarship Chair, gave a brief history of how the scholarship program began and where we are today. It's been a journey and major accomplishment for the legacy of the Uptown BPW. When I say I am incredibly blessed to be a part of this group, I truly mean that!

As a group we are actively working on building our membership and I think we are doing a super job.

As mentioned at our Program meeting, the Membership Committee is putting together a Membership Drive & Party! We have set a goal to build our membership this year to 100 or more Fabulously Phenomenal Women! A very special Thank you to Donna Bruno for facilitating this event & fabulous location! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

SAVE THE DATE - Cocktail Soiree & Membership Party

May 7th @ 5:30 - 7:30 at the Kelly D Kennedy Fine Art , 100 N. Main, Ste 102

Drinks, lite bites, fabulous art & phenomenal women ~

Please, please, please plan to attend and invite your friends. BPW is too phenomenal not to share!

Bunco is right around the corner! April 12th is the big day at Ranchland Hills. PLEASE contact Stacy for your raffle tickets. We really need for each member to grab a few to sell. It takes a Village! Let's make this our best year ever!

We have several awesome things on the horizon so keep a watch on your inbox.

Blessings,

Shellie



UPCOMING BPW MEETINGS AND SOCIALS

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Business Meeting

Time: 11:45 am- 1 pm

Location: Permian Basin Area Foundation



3312 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703

Brown Bag Lunch

Membership Drive Mixer

Please go to our BPW Facebook Page and share the invitation to this Membership Drive Mixer. Ask your friends and business associates to join you at this event. What a wonderful way to meet new people, network for your business and help women with scholarships!

The party is free and you are invited to also bring your husband or date. You'll enjoy complimentary libations and lite bites as well as delight in viewing original works of art by over 30 artists. We will have a sign up table for members to renew their membership and new members to join us.

The cost is only \$50 for a year! See you at the party!

**NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
THE POWER OF WOMEN
HELPING WOMEN**

Membership Drive Mixer
Tuesday, May 7th, 5-7pm
Complimentary Wine & Lite Bites
Kelly D. Kennedy Fine Art
100 N. Main St, Ste. 102 Midland
(Free Parking Behind The Wall St. Lofts)



Uptown Midland Business
and Professional Women
www.MidlandBPW.com



Member Highlight

Lesley Donnell



Where did you grow up and what was your family like?

I grew up in Southern Illinois in a little town, Olney. I made my way to Texas after graduating from the University of Illinois. My parents celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary last year and live in Virginia. I have one sister that is 8 years older than me that lives in North Carolina. I have been married to my husband, Jeff for 9 years. We have one son together, Judson (4) and I have 3 step children, Jordyn (25), Reese (21), Cole (17), two grandchildren- Harper (5), Camden (2), and one grandchild on the way! We also have two Golden Retrievers that are our “fur-babies”.

What was your first job? What did you learn about yourself?

My first job was a lifeguard at the local Country Club in my hometown. I also helped work at my mom’s place of work- a travel agency. In the lifeguarding job, I learned how to work with multiple people and personalities as well as being willing to do anything. Including cleaning the bathrooms/bath house. Not a glamorous part of that job, but it had to be done. Working in the travel agency I recall learning a lot about staying organized as well as providing excellent customer service to clients.

What is the best piece of career advice you’ve been given?

Hire people that are “better” than you... I always look to hire people on my team that bring more to the team—different/new ideas and that will stretch me to be better as well. This makes the whole team and organization stronger when everyone brings something to the group, and we can play to each other’s strengths.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Helping people! I love helping people find jobs that become a career. Making the perfect match is what drives me!

What do you love to do?

I love spending time with my family and my friends. I also enjoy cooking! Cooking is my wind-down time at the end of the work day.

Is there a quote or saying that captures how you set about achieving your personal and/or professional goals?

If you keep reaching outside of your comfort zone, you will make it!

Member News!

From Abby Moreau:

Another win! My daughter, Isabelle Moreau place 13th in Heavy Weight Fine Wool at the Houston Stock Show!



From Tammy Brewer:

"My exciting news: I'm on the Board for Midland Teen Court, Rays of Hope and will be the 2019-2020 Co-Chair for Volunteers In Midland Committee for the Junior League of Midland. I am also working with Permian Basin Area Foundation on their Scholarship Committee.

With all the Boards and Committee's I sit on, I try to pass on all events that BPW is sponsoring! Networking is important!!!!"

From Donna Bruno:

Steven Palma and Donna Bruno with Juliet Kennedy and her husband, Kelly Kennedy, owners of Kelly D. Kennedy Fine Art at the gallery's First Thursday Wine & Art Soirée.



Donna Bruno(center) celebrating with friends at Brooke and Brad Smith's Mardi Gras "Let The Good Times Roll" Party.



Pic above: Steven Palma, Donna Bruno and Clayton Black at Lone Star State Bank's 4th Anniversary Party at Dinero Plaza in Midland. Donna did the invitation and party planning for the event.

Pic below: Donna Bruno and Steven Palma at the Junior League Shotguns & Stilettos Buckshot Bash Charity Event.



BPW members Annette Dozier, Donna Bruno and Lesley Donnell with a great group of friends at "Working Woman's Wednesday" event at Texas Sun Winery



Member News !

From Donette Marble:

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Donette Marble Attends Women's Conference

The conference recognizes top female Edward Jones financial advisors and provides attendees with the opportunity to network, hear from internationally recognized speakers, participate in elective sessions that explore performance excellence best practices and interact with firm leadership.

"We are thrilled to be bringing together our most successful women financial advisors to recognize their contributions and facilitate mentorship," said Alan Kindsvater of Edward Jones Branch Training. "The success of women financial advisors is a firm priority because it will enable us to serve more diverse clients and have greater choices for future leaders."

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company headquartered in St. Louis, provides financial services in the U.S. and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the investments its financial advisors offer to the location of its branch offices, caters to individual investors. The firm's 17,000-plus financial advisors serve more than 7 million clients and care for \$1 trillion in assets under management. Visit our website at edwardjones.com and recruiting website at careers.edwardjones.com. Member SIPC.



Donette with attendees & host



"Sisters First" Jenna Bush Hager
& Barbara Pierce Bush



Inspiring Tammie Jo Shults, Southwest
Airlines pilot

Marquita Potter has a new work address!

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Phone remains the same: 432-686-6477 (work) or cell is 432-559-1024.

BPW FUNDRAISER!

IT'S BUNCO TIME!



Benefitting the Uptown Midland Business and Professional
Women's Scholarship Fund:
Providing scholarships to women of a non-traditional college age

Friday, April 12, 2019
Ranchland Hills Golf Club
1600 E. Wadley, Midland, TX
6pm-9pm

Sponsor tables: \$500

Includes seating for 4, hors d'oeuvres, 2 drinks per person,
& advertisement acknowledgement

Individual Tickets: \$50

Includes reserved seat & hors d'oeuvres

**You don't want to miss our Raffle Items & Dollar Drop!
A Louis Vuitton Bag and more!**

Contact Stacy Nelson: snelson@bosworthco.com or
Shellie Robbins: (432)557-9336 to purchase a table, tickets, or for more info

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

From Lisa Grissom:

Since announcing the line-up of 22 performers coming to Tall City Blues Fest this summer, we are making available the opportunity to "adopt a performer." Performer adoption sponsorships start at \$500 and include Fest VIP day passes, plus a meet-and-greet with the performer you help sponsor in our Visit Midland Hospitality Suite, as well as acknowledgment on the Fest website and on signage at the Fest.

VIP Passes include priority check-in, valet parking, a catered meal, private host bar, best-in-the-house outdoor seating and a private outdoor luxury restroom, all in addition to more than 20 concerts over the course of the weekend.

Additionally, we are very pleased to announce the launch of our charity gift program this year, where we will donate six general admission Fest day passes (valued at \$300) to our non-profit partner, Senior Life Midland, or another charity of your choosing for any sponsor participating at a \$1500 level or higher.

To download our sponsorship brochure or to adopt a performer on this year's Fest line-up, go to tallcitybluesfest.com.



The mission of Senior Life Midland is to improve the quality of life for seniors in Midland while helping them maintain their health, dignity and independence as they grow older. Through their homebound services, Senior Life provides Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors, as well as handyman services such as installing wheelchair ramps, grab bars and carbon monoxide alarms for low-income elderly home owners. Through their activities programs, Senior Life offers opportunities to help seniors become mentors and companions, foster a child in school and even connect with volunteer opportunities in the community through RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). They also maintain two senior centers for active seniors to socialize and participate in group activities.



From Jonna Smoot:

Don't miss Clint Harp!

Presenting Sponsor is Concho!
Please buy your Sponsor Table or
Tickets today.

The Grand Opening in the early part of
the day is open and free to EVERYONE
and truly, the more the merrier.



On April 27, Tall City Blues Fest will be pitching a Wang Dang Doodle featuring Gracie Curran & The High Falutin Band.

To hear her latest single, "Come Undone", go to www.graciecurran.com.

This Wang Dang Doodle is presented in part by

For co-presenting sponsorship or
underwriting opportunities for this

Wang Dang Doodle, please contact Lisa Grissom
at 432-559-7172 or lisa@promisingprojects.com.

Tickets are available online at <https://april27wdd.eventbrite.com> and are
\$20 in advance/\$25 at the door.



Be there, be fabulous!

Plan now to attend the Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Event to be held at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Wine tasting, designer shopping, charming shoe guys, culinary delights, key-to-the-closet raffle, live and silent auctions and more to benefit Midland's Rape Crisis Center. Tickets are \$125 each or \$400 for a Package of 4 tickets.

Visit www.winewomenandshoes.com to get yours today!

Many of you may not know that Promising Projects, the parent company for Tall City Blues Fest, also produces events for area non-profits. One such event is coming up on Friday, May 3 at the Horseshoe Amphitheater for the Aphasia Center of West Texas. They will host a FREE concert to promote awareness about aphasia and the resources they offer to the West Texas Community. The concert will feature performers paying tribute to Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash. As we all know, Elvis tribute acts are a dime a dozen, many of them being very poor, so when it was determined that the Center wanted to bring in tributes to these three legendary musicians in celebration of their 10-year anniversary for this awareness concert, we searched far and wide for the best of the best Elvis tributes finally finding exactly what we were looking for in a Vegas show act, who also performed as Elvis in the Broadway musical Million Dollar Quartet.

So please plan to join us for this event spectaculare on Friday, May 3. Sponsorships are available by contacting the Aphasia Center at 432-699-1261 and the concert is FREE to attend.



Who We Are, What We Do

Scholarships

Uptown Midland BPW awards 4 - \$500.00 scholarships to women both Spring and Fall semesters. Our scholarship recipients are "non-traditional students" women returning to school for career advancement. Many of our scholarship recipients are single moms.

The great thing about our scholarship program is the money can be used for anything. Some recipients use the money for babysitting while they are at school. We allow our scholarships to continue to receive money each semester as long as they maintain a 2.5 grade point average. As a result we have seen many scholarship awardees graduate and fulfill their goals.

Please contact Abby Moreau, Scholarship Chair for application details abby@probityswd.com

At our March Program Meeting, the Uptown Midland BPW scholarship recipients, Evie Gandy and Veronica Zamudio received their checks. Evie Gandy, Shellie Robbins (both BPW members) Ramona Fontes and Vanessa Payan spoke about how the scholarship has affected them directly.

Never underestimate the power of women helping women!



Scholarship recipient and BPW Member Evie Gandy
and Scholarship Chair Abby Moreau



Veronica Zamudio and Abby Moreau

Who We Are. What We Do

Our Mission

To equip all women for success in the
workplace through education and
information;

To recognize and honor the
accomplishments of working women

Welcome Newest Members

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Happy Birthday!!

4/2 Jonna Smoot
4/3 Rebecca Young
4/9 Katie Presley
4/9 Ingrid Burton
4/9 Debrah Gann
4/12 Tyna Gober
4/13 Nicole Wiseman
4/18 Abby Moreau
4/21 Kelly Stegall
4/29 Victoria Printz

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