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# UPTOWN NEWS BEAT

## Letter from the President

*What a wonderful year 2018 has been for our BPW group! Together we have grown our membership, had a phenomenal National Business Women's Week honoring Ms. Cathy Eastham, and provided a little something extra to various non-profits in our community!*

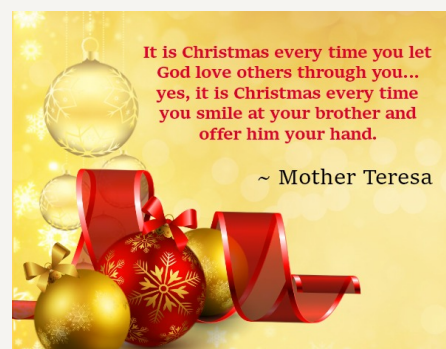
*Our hearts are full of goodwill and I could not be prouder to be a part of something as special the BPW Sisterhood! Thanks to each and everyone of you ladies for your part in this amazing and phenomenal group! Together we have been able to accomplish so much!*

*I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with your family and friends!*

*2019 is right around the corner and I look forward to the events we have on our calendar for the New Year.*

*Blessings,*

*Shellie*



# UPCOMING BPW MEETINGS

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

***Program Meeting***

**IMPACT IN EDUCATION: KIDS COLLEGE**

**Speaker:** Brenda Cordero, Director Community Programs &  
Continuing Education, Midland College



Location: Petroleum Club Time: 11:30am-1pm

Cost \$25 per person

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**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

***Business Meeting:***

Time: 11:45 am- 1 pm

Location: Centers for Children and Families



3701 Andrews Highway | Midland, TX 79703

Brown Bag Lunch

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# Member Highlight

## Avery Klunick

### What were you like growing up?

Grew up in Midland, TX with two older brothers. I was an extreme tom boy and refused to wear pink. As a 5 year old, I randomly asked to take horse riding lessons and it was all downhill from there... Ever since, I have ridden 6-7 days a week (almost 20 years). This took up most of my time, but when I wasn't riding I enjoyed calculus in school and running track.

### What was your 1st job and what did it teach you?

My first job was working for former Olympians Bea and Derek di Grazia in Carmel, CA. I spent my days cleaning stalls, riding 4-6 horses, feeding them, cleaning tack, cleaning the barn, feeding and then cleaning more. I learned how people who are exceptionally good at something get to be that good. I learned that you have to put your head down and work when given the opportunity to work under someone you greatly admire and I learned that I had to push myself because no one else was going to do it.

### What do you like about your job as a Financial Advisor?

I enjoy helping my clients make their dreams a reality. I am blessed to have a job that revolves around building and maintaining relationships, something I find very fulfilling.

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

That perseverance is much more important than talent. If you are willing to work hard and put your head down you will beat someone who is more "talented" or "smarter" than you. Hard work always wins.

### What quote captures the way you set about achieving your personal and professional goals?

"You will be lost and unlost over and over again. You were meant to be this glorious, epic story."

I think being in my late 20's I always thought that "older people" had it all figured out. The older I get the more I realize that very few people have it "figured out" and it's all about the journey and not the destination.



## Welcome Newest Members

### Laura Collins

The Hennessey Group

Director

[laura@corp-rental.com](mailto:laura@corp-rental.com)

### Misty Stewart

The Hennessey Group

Account Manager

[misty@corp-rental.com](mailto:misty@corp-rental.com)

# Happy Birthday!!

**12/1 Brooke Smith**

**12/13 Alisa Moreau**

**1/1 Lisa Mansell**

**1/11 Samantha Clark**

**1/14 Verlene Fults**

**1/26 Kayce Hyatt**

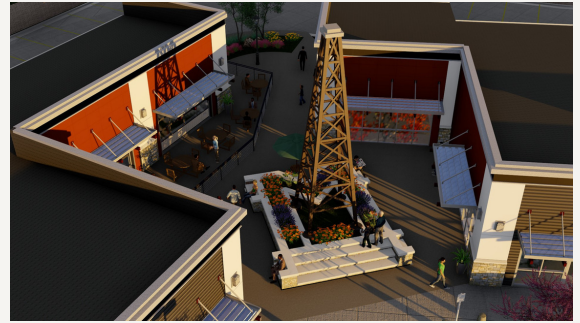
**1/27 Deborah Williams**

**1/29 Nidia Alba**

# Member News and Events!

## From Lucy Sisniega:

"Update on Project Development: Kimber-Lea Project is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. It's an approximately 28,000 sq ft high-end retail neighborhood center done in a contemporary architectural design infused with Permian Basin imagery. The three-acre site was formerly a tennis and swimming pool center. This redevelopment project will create a nice environment for people to come and visit. Amaworth Partners and Shinall Group Real Estate are working together to bring a new concept and new businesses to Midland area. Our team has more than 20 years of experience in developments and commercial real estate through Texas.



I am also happy to announce to be part of Dress for Success Permian Basin's Board of Directors".

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## From Jonna Smoot, PBWIEC Event Chair:

After a wildly successful and sold-out 1st Annual Water in Energy Conference, we are thrilled to announce our 2nd Annual Permian Basin Water In Energy Conference (PBWIEC) that will be held in the most active and premiere part of the world's oil patch: The Permian Basin February 19-22, 2019

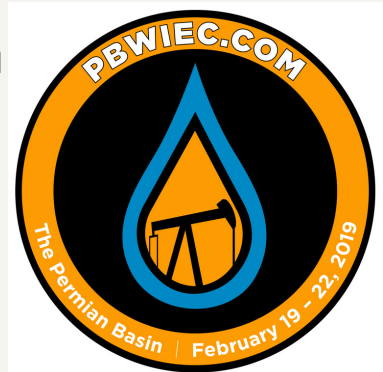
Topics are generally planned as follows: Landowners and Water; Source and Supply; Reuse and Recycle; Gathering and Disposal, including Seismology Issues; Midstream Today; Legal and Regulatory and New Technologies and Opportunities along with Ethics Credit-available sessions. PBWIEC has gathered some of the most insightful water and water-related experts who will be speaking on both Texas and New Mexico water-related legal and regulatory issues; private and public partnerships, new and exciting technologies along with best practices for today and tomorrow.

### KEYNOTES:

Day One Dinner: Dr. Scott W. Tinker, Director, UT Austin Bureau of Economic Geology

Day Two Lunch: Ben Shepperd, Permian Basin Petroleum Association

Panels: Gabe Collins, Baker Institute | Speaker TBD, McKinsey & Company



### SPEAKERS AND PANELS:

Michael Anderson, Layne; Kirby Andrews, Guitar Water Services; Richard Brantley, University Lands;

Dr. Todd Davidson, UT Austin, Energy Group; Malachi Elliott, Parsley Energy; Mark Engle, USGS;

Nick Hines, OWL; David Holt, CRMWD; Kathleen Jackson, Texas Water Board;

Monica Jacobs, Kelly Hart Hallman, LLC; George King, Apache; Ken McQueen, New Mexico Secretary of Energy;

Dan Mueller, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF); Naggs Naghappan, Veolia; Dr. Bridget Scanlon, UT Austin, BEG;

Gary Schien, Pioneer; Tommy Taylor, Fasken Ranch; Tommy Thompson, Goodnight Midstream;

Dr. Aaron Velasco, UT El Paso; Speaker TBD, Mabee Ranch; Speaker TBD, XTO



# Member News and Events!

## From Donette Marble:

Edward Jones Named among 2018 Best Workplaces for Women by Great Place to Work® and FORTUNE  
Financial-services firm Edward Jones ranks No. 4 on the newly released 2018 Best Workplaces for Women by Great Place to Work and FORTUNE, according to Donette Marble and Kim Johnson, Edward Jones financial advisors in Midland. The firm is the highest-ranking financial-services firm on the list. The ranking considered more than 540,000 employee surveys from Great Place to Work-Certified companies.

“This ranking, based upon feedback from our own associates, confirms that we have a wonderful career opportunity for women. Our family-friendly workplace includes generous leave for caregivers and flexible work arrangements,” says Managing Partner Jim Weddle. “We offer women financial advisors a dedicated network of mentoring and support. Our financial advisors run their own businesses built upon the hard work of developing personal relationships with clients, and our success is measured by helping clients achieve their financial goals.”

Weddle was among the first 150 CEOs to sign the "CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion" pledge, a nationwide initiative to advance diversity and inclusion in the workplace as a means to improve corporate performance, drive growth and enhance employee engagement.

“This year, we pledged to close the employee experience gender gap by 2020, and these winning organizations are leading the way in achieving this mission, proving that all companies, regardless of their industry, size or complexity, can be great workplaces for women,” says Michael Bush, CEO of Great Place to Work. “Empowering women in the workplace isn’t just the right thing to do – it’s a business imperative. Organizations can create their own equitable cultures by learning from the companies on this list, who get women’s buy-in of the mission and inspire them to innovate, driving the entire company forward.”

Edward Jones also was ranked the No. 5 overall Best Company to Work in 2018 and as a Best Workplace for millennials and those in the financial services and insurance industry, among others.

Marble's branch office is located at 2602 West Kansas Ave. Her branch office administrators are Lyn Scott and Eva Bako. Johnson's office is located at 2101 North Midland Drive Ste 2A and her branch office administrator is Margaret Quintela

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## From Shellie Robbins:

2018 has brought so many adventures both professionally as well as personally. Every day seems to open new doors and I am ever so grateful for each opportunity I encounter. To say life is busy is an understatement, but I truly prefer it no other way. I hold near and dear the friendships I have built with my BPW family and sisterhood; such a great group of amazing ladies! I have joined the Victoria Printz Team Realtors and I am beyond excited for what 2019 will bring!

For the first time ever I will truly be an “empty-nester”... My daughter will be leaving in January to the beautiful campus of Texas State University in San Marcos. I am beyond thrilled for her and her new chapter in life! I am looking forward to having the extra closet space (lol) but will miss her terribly! Go Bobcats! My son will continue his education in Waco and will graduate in May. He plans to return to the Permian Basin and mom couldn’t be happier about that!

To end the year, I will be sailing away with my BPW sister Jennifer Conner and her new husband Rowdy. Congrats to Jennifer and Rowdy on the beginning of their new life together! I am looking extremely forward to a few days of R&R and touring Grand Turk, the US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and St. Thomas. A fantastic way to end the year and start 2019!

# Member News and Events!

## From Shirley Harris:

"Let me think.....It has been exciting times around our house for the past year. Smitty retired from T Bob's in May of 2017 after 23 years. He has been asking me when I was going to retire. Which I did at the end of September after 16 ½ years also from T Bob's! After living in the same house for the last 31 years we decided to look for a place to retire to and we bought a house at Lake Brownwood in September and moved there in October. We are still trying unpack and sort things out and figure out what to keep and what to get rid of. (and we already gave lots to Helping Hands and ReStore!!)



On Nov 7th around 10:30 pm, I called 911 as Smitty was pouring sweat and not responding to me. When the paramedics checked him over they said his heart was beating wildly. On the way to the hospital they had to shock him as his heart rate had hit 200 beats per minute and he was having trouble breathing. From the Brownwood hospital they took him to Abilene Regional where Dr Levertton (heart doctor) determined the best treatment was to implant a defibrillator in his chest because we could not determine what caused his heart to go beserk. His heart is now beating steadily at 70 bpm. Yay!!

We went to the Driver's License office here on Nov 14th to change our address and I got mine changed no problem, but we discovered that Mr. Smith had been declared deceased by the State of Texas three years ago in Eastland TX. The lady called the Austin office and said No, he is standing right here in front of me with his license and he looks pretty healthy for a dead guy. Austin had to determine how the wrong person was declared dead and who that was. We rec'd a call from the local office on Friday, Nov 30th stating that Smitty is no longer "dead" and he can come in and change his address. We did have a good laugh over it.

Alice and Matthew have been to visit twice and grandson Chris is coming up Christmas Eve. Hopefully Rachel will be off Christmas and get to visit. Rachel went to work in the oilfield in April and she is really enjoying the money but is sometimes tired of the hours.

We are certainly enjoying the sunsets and the quiet. It is very peaceful and relaxing on our street. We have nice neighbors and are enjoying the change of pace. Our address: 3121 Shady Oaks Dr. Brownwood TX 76801-0598"

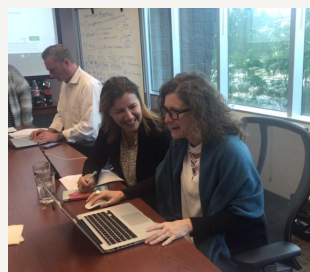
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## From Lisa Grissom:

Promising Projects is excited to announce Tina Fields (BPW Member formerly Tina Torrence) as the newest member of the team. She serves as Executive Assistant to Lisa Grissom, BPW Member and CEO of Promising Projects/Producer Tall City Blues Fest. She is an MBA-holding professional administrator with over 15 years of experience providing senior management and executive level support. Her role will allow her to partner with Lisa in creating and maintaining administrative processes, as well as assist with daily operations and special projects.



BPW member Nidia Alba and I also attended a Facebook Advertiser Incubator Training in Phoenix in early December.





# Festivities!

**BPW Christmas Party and Gift Exchange on Dec 4 at The Ballroom Dance Studio**



Never underestimate the power of women helping women.  
Our Uptown BPW group had an amazing time at our Christmas Party and gift exchange  
Attendees were also encouraged to bring items for donation to Safe Place.



Lesley Donnell and  
Lucy Sisniega



David Medlin and  
Shellie Robbins



Emily Weinberg, Evie Gandy, Lucy Sisniega  
and Crystal Ramirez



Thank you Victoria Printz for hosting the the  
BPW Christmas Party!!



Abby Moreau, Marquita Potter, Shellie  
Robbins



Alisa Moreau



# Festivities!

## Victoria Printz's Christmas Party on Dec 1



Lisa Grissom and Victoria Printz



Shellie Robbins, Lisa Grissom and Donna Bruno



Donna Bruno and Steven Palma rejoicing in the warm hearted generosity of their friends "partying with a purpose" at the 8th Annual Torino's Toy Drive.



Donna Bruno, Shellie Robbins, David Medlin



Steven Palma and Donna Bruno kicked off the Christmas season in festive style while attending the Merry Marketplace Preview Party benefiting the Jr. League of Odessa.

## You're Invited!

Kelly D. Kennedy and his wife Juliet Kennedy, co-owners of Kelly D. Kennedy Fine Art, are Donna Bruno's new advertising, marketing and public relations clients. They wanted Donna to extend an invitation to the BPW members and their guests to their first Christmas party from **6 to 9 pm on Tuesday, December 11th** at their new art gallery located at 100 N. Main Street, Suite 102 in Downtown Midland. There will be live music, libations, lite bites, complimentary valet parking and fabulous art from all over the world. Donna says, "Dress festively. It's Christmas!"



Kelly Kennedy and his wife Juliet Kennedy and Donna Bruno at the Kelly D. Kennedy Fine Art VIP Grand Opening in November.



# Community Involvement



Shellie Robbins, Uptown BPW President and Director, Ingrid Burton, representing our organization by helping support the Salvation Army at Christmas time.



Lisa Grissom and Nidia Alba



Abby and Alisa Moreau



Safe Place is starting a new tradition! The children are going to have the opportunity to shop for their moms this year. They will set up a store for them because the mom's get left out a lot. Also, the teen boys get left out a lot. BPW collected items to contribute to the store.

## 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

## Our Mission

To equip all women for success  
in the workplace through  
education and information;  
To recognize and honor the  
accomplishments of working  
women

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