

# Uptown News Beat

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## 2013-2014: A NEW YEAR FOR UPTOWN

What a great meeting we had. If you missed the June meeting, you missed a fun and entertaining meeting. Glenna Haskell and her assistant Mary Ann Brock performed the installation of officers for the 2013—2014 year.

Glenna had fun props which were relevant to the job of the person being installed and were presented to each of the officers as each was given the oath of office and sworn in.

Welcome to the new year for Uptown Midland BPW. We are off to a great start.. President Gann held a planning meeting in July and has



Tiffany Blakely, Shirley Harris – Directors, Kuohui Suchecki—Treasurer, Evie Gandy—Secretary, Stacy Nelson— Issues Management/Programs and Debbie Gann—President along with Glenna Haskell and assistant Mary Ann Brock who did the Installation

started contacting members to fill the committees with a Chair and members. So please be sure to look at the list on our website or ask President Gann how you can help and what committee you can chair or join as a member. If you see a

committee you want to chair please let Debbie know! If you see a committee you want to “put in your 2 cents worth” please let that committee chair know you want to help. This is a great way to get involved and learn about our organization

Stacy Nelson our Program Chair has gotten us off to a great start. She has contacted two of the Mayoral candidates and they will be our speakers at the August meetings. (See Calendar below.)

Way to go Stacy!!

Shirley Harris, Editor

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## C A L E N D A R

**Aug 14th - Jerry Morales -** Speaker and Mayoral Candidate—Program Meeting— Noon—Petroleum Club

**Aug 21st - Board Meeting**

**Aug 28th - John James -** speaker and Mayoral Candidate - Business Meeting— Noon—Petroleum Club

**Sep 11th - Program—** Noon—Petroleum Club.

**Sep 18th - Board Meeting**

**Sep 25th - Business Meeting—**Noon—Petroleum Club



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.

# Discovery Camp.....Evie Gandy

We have an amazing youth group and out of 36 young men and women, we took 31 to camp this summer! Our road trip there was fun, blessed and exciting, we had a Total of five vehicles, we all followed our youth Pastor Morgan Gandy to Columbus, TX. (1 hr & 15 min from Houston). We had great weather, awesome expectations and a big hunger in GOD's ways for all that Discovery Camp had to offer. We had amazing worship, games, swimming, good FOOD and a REVIVAL just outside Ambassadors Hall!!! Our youth was and is on fire for the Lord!

GOD had an amazing plan before and after these glorious days for all our youth, especially for those that accepted CHRIST into there hearts this weekend. GOD is so good!



Here are some pictures to show you about our trip to Discovery Camp and a small idea about how much fun we had.

"For with GOD, nothing shall be impossible" Luke 1:37



# FUN IN THE FLORIDA KEYS.....EVIE GANDY

We spent a great vacation in Florida this year...Fun in the SUN! Our road trip to Florida was an excursion full of kids from 4-18 years of age. We took our 5 kids, a niece and Mom (Morgan's mom) . So many great stories to tell for years to come.



Yes, you guessed we drove!! We stopped in Shreveport Louisiana, Vicksburg Mississippi (re-enactment of Civil War), Mobile Alabama was awesome, and we spent 4<sup>th</sup> of July there!

We then drove to Pensacola Florida to spend the night; we were excited about the progress we made



when we drove thru four different States in one day! Our next stop was Orlando and the Outlets, we went SHOPPING and had dinner!! That was fun...

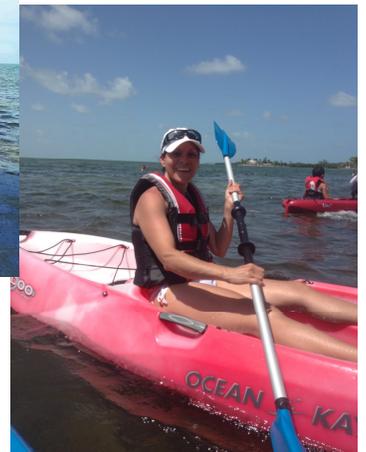
The next day we were too excited about heading to Ft. Lauderdale because we were going to the beach that day. Once we made it



there, we had a blast for several hours! The next day our destination was The Florida Keyes...here are some pics to share with you...be blessed.



“And we know that for those who love GOD all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” Romans 8:28



# ALAMOSA CO.....AND.....DIANE BROWNE

Over the 4th of July, Geoff and I went to Alamosa, CO. One thing we did was visit an alligator farm. Yes, alligators in Colorado. There is a natural hot spring that enables them to survive. The farm really is supposed to raise Tilapia fish, but has become a refuge for numerous critters that need a new home. A couple large tortoises roam around and a peacock seemed to have open range. While we were there, they were catching medium sized gators for some reason—what a scary sight! I asked the main handler how many times he had been bitten. He said only twice and that was from babies. Anyway, there were plenty of really mean looking gators in the ponds. Inside housed the only albino alligator in the US. We also visited the Sand Dunes National Park there. These

dunes are the tallest in North America! Add in a visit to a local museum, a relax-



ing train ride, and a concert with Suzie Boggess on the mountain top, and we had a very interesting, fun-filled trip. We

are trying to travel as much as possible before our bodies give out. For the second time, we will travel to Dallas so Geoff can have an ablation of his esophagus. This is a surgical procedure to get rid of the pre-cancerous cells near the opening to the stomach. When we get back, I have to have a surgical biopsy (more like a lumpectomy) of my left breast. It has atypical ductal dysplasia: pre-cancerous cells in the breast. Hopefully, they won't find any that have actually turned to cancer. If they do, we'll worry about the next step. Otherwise, you'll have to hear about our California trip next!!!

# HAWAII WAS WONDERFUL!.....MONA BETHANY

Observatories  
At Mauna Kea



Our hotel view from the front balcony

Airport (arrival in Hawaii)

Photo bomber (my grand nephew)

## HAWAII WAS WONDERFUL!.....MONA BETHANY

Hawaii was a wonderful trip. We celebrated the one year anniversary of my niece Jessica's lifesaving kidney transplant. There were 17 family members there. It was like herding cats when we went somewhere, but, a great adventure.

We spent almost two weeks straight running all over the island. We experienced four eco-systems on the Big Island. First was the dry, freezing 32 degree weather on Mauna Kea, at 14,000 ft. We had to crawl up a mountain in a four-wheel drive diesel van with a LOW grandma gear. It took two hours and an hour stop to acclimate half way up, to drive straight up the mountain. I did not enjoy the drop ooooooffs. At last... above the cloud line it was starkly beautiful. At night the scientist and astronomers live in these domes to observe the terrestrial events. If you disobey the rules and are stuck on the mountain, don't bother to knock. They will not open the door (it is not allowed) and the likely hood is that you will freeze that night, no matter what time of year it is. It was interesting; we did get to see the sun setting, as they hauled me off the mountain on oxygen, for altitude sickness.

Two others in our party also had issues. We did get to gaze at the beautiful, huge stars that we had missed in the clouds when we stopped to let someone throw up. It was wildly exhilarating like you were floating in space and time, and looked as if you could reach at arm's length and pluck diamonds from the sky. The dark was pitch black in that atmosphere. Nothing lives out there but a few hearty souls and many goats. I mean NOTHING!!!



Beach  
on a  
rainy  
day



We also went to the south where all the best beaches (Rainforest Area) for snorkeling are. On one foray, we got to watch all the beautiful fish. I swear Dory was there! We came back to the dock and overheard someone say, "I don't know why he (the captain) took them there. It is infested with tiger sharks". The next day when they went back to the same place, I went to the International Market instead.

We spent the Fourth of July in a private beach house. We had our own private place to shoot fireworks off. The beaches except the two that are typical with imported sand were pitch black lava rock. We watched whales play in one cove, manta rays feed after dark, and they are like underwater butterflies, They are gentle giants. The lights are turned on in the water after dark and the plankton will rise to the light. The manta rays will do barrel roll, after barrel roll to gather the plankton. Some of the people who were snorkeling hanging from the underwater bars, counted 64 barrel rolls that one manta ray did while feeding.

On Sunday we attended a church service done by locals. The music was awesome. The Choir was in traditional dress and the music typical ukulele, steel guitar, guitars. A lot of the music was sung in the traditional Hawaiian language. The hand movements were so graceful and you easily got caught up in the rhythm and the message.

We attended a luau with 350 other individuals. It was a full dress historical presentation of the islands history. The dancers were awesome. Their hands were so graceful and expressive. The costumes were beautiful.

Things, I loved: Greenery and flowers. The WHALES! The giant turtles. The natives were wonderful polite, gentle, graceful people. Everything is kept immaculate at all times, even down to the plumeria flowers that shed onto the ground at night. Anything on the ground magically disappeared during the night. Everyone recycles religiously. The beauty, everywhere. The luau. It was cooler than here. Maui Divers Jewlery stores. WOW! Ukulele music. The heavenly smell of plumeria. Fish and chips and a drink called Mo O', (Mojito). The hotel and everyone around was serious about recycling.

Thinks I did not like: POI, bleckkkk. They always overcook the beef and disguise it with sauces, except in high end restaurants. Food was seriously expensive. The 9 hours total on a plane. Flying over the ocean.

Things I learned: The Hawaiian alphabet only has twelve letters, a-e-i-o-u-h-k-l-m-n-p-w. Hence, the odd names of things. Only the foreigners and continental people are rude and insensitive. Now I understand the 20-25 mile speed limits everywhere in Hawaii. It is up and down all over the island.

3 more photos at the bottom of the page on the left.

# CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES WINNING THE RIGHT TO VOTE



**WOMEN'S  
Equality  
Day**

**August 26**

**Celebrating  
Women's  
Right To  
Vote**

## WOMEN'S Equality Day

On August 26, 1920, women's right to vote was affirmed with the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Since 1971, this anniversary has been celebrated by Congressional Resolution as Women's Equality Day.

Women's Equality Day recognizes this historic anniversary and women's continuing efforts toward full equality.

Join the Celebration!



National Women's  
History Project  
[www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org)

On **August 26, 1920**, after three generations of an unrelenting, brilliant, courageous, political campaign, women in the United States won the right to vote. To honor and commemorate the historic date of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, Congresswoman Bella Abzug introduced a Congressional Resolution to ensure that this date would be commemorated with the designation of **Women's Equality Day**, which is celebrated on August 26th each year

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**Women  
Helping  
Women**

**Happy Happy Birthday!!**

### July Birthdays

- 7/11 Tara Seegers
- 7/12 Delores Schuler
- 7/23 Glenna Haskell
- 7/30 Patti Humphrey



### August Birthdays

- 8/3 Stephanie Murphree
- 8/3 Jo Fite
- 8/15 Barbara Elliott