

## Calendar

### • Aug 12, 2015

Program Meeting—  
11:45—1:00 Petroleum  
Club—Speaker—**Brad  
Bennet** with Midland  
Chamber—Update on  
Midland Center / Court-  
house / Etc

### • Aug 26, 2015

Business Meeting - 11:45-  
1:00 - 300 N Marienfeld -  
Suite 900—Reliance Ener-  
gy—BYOL

### • Sep 9, 2015

Program Meeting—  
Speakers—Recipients of  
prior Community Projects  
donations—**MRCCAC**—  
Petroleum Club 11:45

### • Sep 23, 2015

Business Meeting -- 11:45-  
1:00 - 300 N Marienfeld -  
Suite 900—Reliance Ener-  
gy—BYOL

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# UPTOWN NEWS BEAT

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## President's Letter

August, is here. Wow. As a child I couldn't wait for August to be here, as it is my birthday month, and always seemed like an eternity to get here. However, as I realize I'm getting older – the Big 30 this year – I would give anything, absolutely anything, to make time slow down. I don't know what it is but every year time seems to fly by faster and faster. So as I'm in denial that we are approaching the eighth month of the year, or 158 days till Christmas, I thought I'd dig in deeper to find out what August really means. According to online the word August, an adjective, means "inspiring reverence or admiration; of supreme dignity or grandeur; majestic: an **august** performance of a religious drama." Hmm... interesting? I always knew I was born with supreme dignity – however no matter the amount of glitter I had on me, my parents didn't buy it!

All joking aside – August is OUR month! As women of Uptown BPW we should challenge ourselves to INSPIRE other women during the month of August. We need to go out and share the mission of BPW, the

amazing women who are our membership, and most importantly make a difference in the lives of other women. We have so many amazing members, who we all admire, but the reason we admire them is because they have inspired us as individuals. YOU are a leader, all women in BPW are leaders – why don't you challenge yourself to inspire someone? I don't mean demanding admiration of others but more like leading by example. You all have your own leadership gifts, and while it may not be standing and speaking to a group of people, it may be your kind notecards or smiling face to greet someone. These are all ways to impact others and it is our job as women to encourage others to do the same.

So ladies, go out and be majestic! Let your light shine among others....

Steph

*Stephanie Murphree  
President  
Uptown BPW*

Please  
Remember  
To  
Renew  
Your  
Membership!



Behind every successful woman is HERSELF!

**American  
Women  
Before 1970's**  
.....  
**Mona Bethany**

## 10 Things That American Women Could Not do Before the 1970s



In the 1970s, Irish Women could not own their own home or even go to a pub. They could not sit on a jury or refuse to have sex with their husbands. We learned all this in Irish Central's charming post, "[How things have changed – ten things that Irish women could not do in 1970s.](#)" And that made us wonder, what were things like for women in America before the '70s?

So while we still have a long way to go to secure total equality for women, let's take a moment to celebrate how far we've come. Before the 1970s, an American woman could not:

**1. Keep her job if she was pregnant.**

Until the [Pregnancy Discrimination Act in 1978](#), women could be fired from their workplace for being pregnant.

**2. Report cases of sexual harassment in the workplace.**

The first time that a court recognized sexual harassment in the workplace was in [1977](#) and it wasn't until 1980 that sexual harassment was officially defined by the [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#).

**3. Be acknowledged in the Boston Marathon.**

Women could not don their running shoes until [1972!](#)

**4. Get a credit card.**

Until the [Equal Credit Opportunity Act](#) in 1974, women were not able to apply for credit. In 1975, the first [women's bank](#) was opened.

**5. Refuse to have sex with her husband.**

The mid 70s saw most states recognize marital rape and in 1993 it became [criminalized](#) in all 50 states. Nevertheless, marital rape is still often treated differently to other forms of rape in some states even today.

**6. Compete as a boxer in the Olympics.**

It wasn't until the 2012 London Olympics that women could compete in boxing in the Olympics. This was marked with the amazing victory by [Britain's Nicola Adams](#).

**7. Get a divorce with some degree of ease.**

Before the [No Fault Divorce](#) law in 1969, spouses had to show the faults of the other party, such as adultery, and could easily be overturned by recrimination.

**8. Celebrate International Women's Day.**

In 1980 President Carter declared one week in March to be [National Women's History Week](#), including International Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Have a legal abortion in most states.**

The [Roe v. Wade](#) case in 1973 protected a woman's right to abortion until viability.

**10. Read Ms. Magazine!**

[Ms.](#) was launched as a sample inset in New York Magazine in 1971.

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**11. Texas Women.**

*Texas passes the E.R.A.—Equal Rights Amendment in 1972 (added by Shirley Harris) (which is not the law of the land as in the U.S.A.)*

# Program Meetings 2015.....

**AUGUST 12th**

Brad Bennett with the Midland Chamber - He will give us an update on the progress of the Midland Center / Courthouse, Etc.

**SEPTEMBER 9th**

Recipients of prior Community Projects Donations— Jessica Sosa and Shannon Anderson (Miss West Texas 2014) MRCCAC

**OCTOBER 19th**

NBWW—National Business Women's Week - Honoring Sharla Hotchkiss and Uptown's Woman of the Year

**NOVEMBER 11th**

Mini-Training session on Excel & Power Point, etc—Midland College Speakers Bureau—hopefully will have a name soon

**DECEMBER 5th**

Uptown BPW CHRISTMAS PARTY

**JAN—JUN 2016**

Meeting Information Coming Soon!

Stacy Nelson has an exciting year planned for us this year!!

Make plans to attend, bring guests and join us!

## Happy Birthday

Aug 3     Stephanie Murphree

Aug 3     Jo Fite

Aug 8     Marquita Potter

Aug 16    Lindsey Matheus

## Women in History

Aug 3     Sarah Doremus 1802-1877  
Philanthropist; helped rehabilitate women convicts,

Aug 3     Maggie Kuhn 1905-1995  
Elderly rights activist, author  
Founded Gray Panthers

Aug 8     Esther Morris 1814-1902  
Led fight for suffrage in WY, 1869. Her statue represents WY in national Capitol.

Aug 16    Suzanna Farrell 1945-  
Principal Dancer with New York City Ballet, 1965-1976



## Why MD Anderson?

### Chloe Monroe MDA Fund

The Foundation's association with the M. D. Anderson Hospital began with the predecessor organization, the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women, in 1941 when the Texas Legislature approved a bill calling for establishment of a state cancer hospital and research institute.

In 1949, BPW urged passage of State Legislation to appropriate funds for atomic energy-radiological facilities at the Hospital's permanent site in the Texas Medical Center in Houston.

In 1950, Past State President Dora Davis represented the Texas Federation at the groundbreaking ceremonies using a silver spade to turn the first spade of dirt. The silver spade was donated to the Federation and now is displayed in the State Executive Office.

In 1974 while serving as State President, Chloe Monroe designated the M. D. Anderson Fund as a state civic participation project. BPW members and friends contributed a total of \$40,000 during the year with the funds designated towards the cancer care, research and education building program.

At the 1977 Fort Worth State Convention, the fund was designated as a continuing project of the Federation.

At the 1980 San Antonio State Convention, the name was changed to the CHLOE MONROE MDA FUND in honor of past state president Chloe Monroe.

Chloe Monroe cherished BPW's support of the Fund named in her honor until her death on September 15, 1985. Just two months prior to her death, Chloe Monroe attended the Dallas state convention and participated in the presentation of the Federation's contribution of \$60,000 to James Bowen, Ph.D., along with President Lee MacDonald and MDA Chairman Darlene Watson.

Every year the State President appoints, with executive committee approval, a Chloe Monroe MDA chair and committee to promote voluntary donations to the Fund. Contributions in honor of or in memory of special friends and loved ones are encouraged. Local organizations and regions often include this project as a budgetary item and hold special fundraisers such as annual Walk-A-Thon.

Contributions fund various individual programs of the M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute that are recommended by the hospital staff and approved by the now Texas Business Women's organization at the State level.

The endowed BPW Past President's Award was established to encourage women in cancer treatment and research careers. The annual recipient is selected through a review process by a committee appointed by the President of The University of Texas System Cancer Center. Each nominee must have an advanced degree in medicine or science. The purpose of the award is threefold:

- To recognize women who have attained significant achievements in cancer treatment and research;
- To foster professional development of women in the field of oncology;
- To encourage further advancements in cancer treatment and research.

Many hospital programs have benefited from the Chloe Monroe MDA Fund, many of which served as pilot programs. These programs have included: 1) the Nursing Career Development program, designed to expand career options for nurses; 2) a high school student summer program which allowed twenty outstanding Texas high school seniors to experience a research environment first-hand; 3) breast cancer research; 4) nurse screening and detection program; 5) tumor virology research; 6) dental oncology; 7) psycho-social aspects of childhood cancer; 8) fast neutron therapy; 9) patient education; 10) breast prosthesis development program; 11) pediatric recreation program; 12) Volunteer Service Beauty/Barber Shops; 13) Breast cancer clinical care; 14) Cyclotron; 15) Maxiofacial Rehabilitation; 16) Pharmacy Outpatient Chemotherapy, 17) numerous brochures for cancer patients carrying the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women/Texas Business Women's name.

In the early years of the partnership between the Foundation, the Texas Federation, and M.D. Anderson Hospital, it was specified that a plaque would be placed in a prominent location of the hospital to honor the Texas Federation President at the end of her tenure of office. However, when the Lutheran Pavilion was constructed at the Hospital, one plaque was substituted which bears the names of each past State President. In addition, there are several other plaques and honor roll scripts located in the Lutheran Pavilion recognizing individual members, local organizations, and districts for their contributions.

M. D. Anderson Cancer Center has set the pace for advances against cancer. There has been incredible growth in the number of patients cared for and the level of scientific discovery fueling the progress made against cancer.

In 1991, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center celebrated its Golden Jubilee, and its 50-year partnership with the Texas Federation, which began in 1941.

At the 1993 San Angelo State Convention, Dr. James M. Bowen of the MDA Hospital announced that the Texas Federation's total donations had reached over \$805,000 in contributions to the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Also in 1993, the "FULFILL THE PROMISE" plan is announced in order to prepare M. D. Anderson Cancer Center for the challenges of the next century. BPW/Texas committed \$15,000 a year for five years. In 1998, In recognition of the Federation's efforts, a plaque was placed at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center signifying this donation upon completion.

Rather than expand the size of the facility, the goal is to continue the excellence for which the Center has earned a worldwide reputation and to take advantage of every opportunity to eliminate cancer. The five year program incorporated the following elements:

- The Patient Care Building which would house a four-story base of diagnostic and treatment areas with a four-story patient care tower above.
- The Clinical Research Building which would include basic and clinical science laboratories for experimental surgery, medicine, and laboratory medicine, along with shared support services.
- The Clinical Service Building which would consist of ten stories to implement the development of multi-disciplinary disease-site clinics and will house the new Cancer Prevention Center.

## National Business Women's Week—Celebrating 87th Anniversary

The first observance of NBWW was April 15-22, 1928. The first NBWW began with a nationally broadcast speech by Lean Madesin Phillips, the president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs (NFBPWC).

Although Phillips launched the first NBWW event, the idea for NBWW should correctly be attributed to Emma Dot Partridge the executive secretary for NFBPWC (1924 through 1927.) Phillips stated in her speech NBWW was created "to focus public attention upon a better business woman for a better business world."

### NBWW Trivia

U.S. President Herbert Hoover was the first president to issue a letter recognizing NBWW and the contributions and achievements of working women.



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**Renewals for August:**

Evie Gandy  
Marquita Potter  
Amanda McCann-Potter  
Melisa Wynne

**Renewals for September:**

Shirley Harris  
Demetra Johns  
Taylor Nelson

**Renewals for October:**

Diane Riggs  
Delores Schuler

**Please check your email for your renewal invoice/  
notice. Any questions, please let me know.**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

Deadline for articles for the September 2015 newsletter is Friday  
August 28th.

Never too soon to submit an article and/or photos !!