

The Uptown News Beat

Focused on the Future—Honoring the Past

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Words from our President

During the month of November 2009, we had just a business meeting on the 11th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We started with an overview of the results for National Business Women's Week (NBWW) from our Treasurer, Jerri Ripplinger. Jerri handed out a balance sheet of the event with a comparison of last year's numbers and we definitely beat last year's net by approximately \$2,500. The raffle also raised approximately \$1,100 for M. D. Anderson, how wonderful. For Uptown Midland BPW that is astoundingly great work. Every year we get better and better. Way to go NBWW Chair, Glenda Knox, and all of your committee members. And to our honoree, Jane Wolf, you brought out the best in all those that love you and respect you. Thank you. Uptown Midland also honored one of their own at NBWW as our Woman of the Year. Congratulations Sheila Warren!! We are so proud of you and all of the many accomplishments you have successfully achieved in your life. Bravo!

Our Leadership Midland participant, Yvonne Reyes, gave us a summary of the Midland activities and the projects they have voted to undertake for this season. You can see more details of her adventure in the October newsletter. Thank you, Yvonne.

We also put the vote before the membership for increased local dues and passed the amendment of the **Appendix – Dues** to the Uptown Midland bylaws. For new members and members who are renewing, the annual dues for Uptown will be \$20 each starting with December 1, 2009. New membership or renewal of membership will soon be available on the website (www.midlandbpw.com). If you have any questions, just send them in to the Board and we will try to answer them or we will find someone who can.

For December, we will only have our Christmas Party, December 10, 2009. There is more information regarding the Christmas Party on our website, so save the date. I hope you all can attend. Please RSVP to Evie Adams, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair at 570-5233 (evie.adams@bosworthco.com), or Shirley Harris, Webpage and Telephone/Email Chair at 684-4692 (shirley@tbobamthor.com). The cost of the party is \$8.50 per person.

For January, we will return to our regularly scheduled meetings of the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Our program meeting will be January 13th and the business meeting will be January 27th. Perhaps we can try a new venue with the business meeting. Your board and committee members look forward to your suggestions and ideas for future meetings and events.

Please connect with us as we trek through this new adventure for Uptown and continue the spirit of BPW for others in our futures.

Building **P**owerful **W**omen,

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Demetra Johns—Twins!!



We had twin babies on Nov. 20th. A bull calf and heifer. Mom and babies are doing well!

Kat Blackman—Reason for the Season

I took my daughter and granddaughters (14 & 16) to Branson, Mo. For Thanksgiving. I am truly blessed with a wonderful family and dear friends.

I am rethinking lots of things and had decided not to put up a tree this year. The kids are gone and I'll probably be in San Antonio for Christmas. Then late in the night when sleep wouldn't come, a thought came to me. This is Christmas—a time for remembering and celebration and joy. That's why people put up trees. It's not for a day but for a season. I realized Christmas is not about me or dreading the mess putting up and taking down... It's not about who comes or who stops by or whose got the biggest prettiest tree.....it's about sitting in my den and looking at the tree every single day for awhile and remembering what the season is all about...our dear Jesus' birth. Throughout the year, I pray when I need help and even sometimes remember to pray when I'm just thankful. I don't go to church like I should, but I remember all God has done for me and I believe.....It's my turn to show God I remember how we got this far.

So this year, if you stop by my place and see my tree, just pause and remember and share with me what a wonderful world and fantastic God we have in spite of the economy and wars and all the other bad stuff that's around these days. May all your dreams come true this year....

...MEMBER HAPPENINGS...

Glenda Knox — Almost there!

The carpet is ordered and will be down on December 1st. After that we will just have a couple of things to do before we can move. The movers are coming on December 5th.

We have told our bosses and so far, we can continue to work and not live here so we will do that for a little longer.

So things are looking up and I hope to have all of you come by before the end of the year for some "CHEER". (remember in October she told us about being careful what we wish for.)

Merry Christmas!!



Uptown's Christmas Party and Silent Auction to Benefit MD Anderson Cancer Research - see you there:

Bring: Your Spouse, Your Date or a Friend
Unwrapped Auction Item

EMAIL—evie@bosworthco.com to say you are attending and how many guests by Dec7th!

Thursday—December 10, 2009

Starts at 6:00 pm

Grassland Estates Club House—map on our website

Cost is \$8.50 per person—Johnny's BBQ

BYOB

Canned food item for a local food bank

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RENEWALS for December:
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We sent out renewal invoices to members last week. Please check your e-mail. Please e-mail or call me if you have any questions.
Thanks.....Shirley and Evie
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Shirley Harris and Gone Crazee.....

Wow—a full month has gone by. We did not get to make a trip this past month. We have been busy at work and down one driver so no rest for the wicked as they say. (Or is that weary?)

We did however buy a used car dolly so now we can haul the Highlander behind us—works out great as it is front wheel drive. Just drive the front tires onto the dolly, chain her down and away we go.

I hope each of you had a great Thanksgiving! We did. Had a houseful. Rachel, my Mother, Tammy, Lynn, her husband Norm

and their 3 “all” boy boys. It was noisy, plenty of turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes and pie!! (nope—no green bean casserole ...never have liked that dish.)

Alice and Matthew drove up from Killeen. (Brian is currently serving his 3rd tour in Iraq.) They spent Thanksgiving day in Odessa with her Dad’s side of the family. She hadn’t seen them in about 2 years so I was very glad she spent some time with them.

So we had another Thanksgiving meal on Friday evening. Lots of

laughing, remembering. It was fun! So as we move into December and the Christmas Season I want to wish each and every one of you a Joyous Christmas surrounded with and by family and friends.

Making new memories and recalling the old ones.

Sharing great big laughs.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Women in History

12/1/1955 Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person, her arrest sparks the modern civil rights movement in the US

12/7/1941 Capt. Annie Fox receives the first Purple Heart awarded to a woman for her service while under attack at Pearl Harbor

12/10/1869 Wyoming is the first ter-

ritory to give women the right to vote!!

12/14/1961 President’s Commission on the Status of Women is established to examine discrimination against women and ways to eliminate it.

12/14/1985 Wilma Mankiller is sworn in as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma—the first woman in modern history to lead a major Native American Tribe.

