

# Uptown News Beat

## President's Letter

### Calendar

**Jan 11, 2017— Dorothy Jackson, PhD, RN, Dean of Nursing, UTPB—Women's Heart Health—Program Meeting — 11:45—1 pm**  
Petroleum Club

**Jan 25, 2017 - Business Meeting—Wagner & Brown Conference Room Suite 500 - 11:45—1 pm**

**Feb 3, 2017 National Wear RED Day**

**Feb 8, 2017— Steven Gates, LSW, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, Workforce Education and Development "Mindsets That Feed and Foster Success — Program Meeting — 11:45—1 pm**  
Petroleum Club

Happy New Year Ladies of BPW! What a year we have had and I know that 2017 will be even better! I wanted to give a brief recap of last year- we raised over \$5,500 at our Bunco fundraiser for our Midland College Scholarship Endowment, we collected items for Safe Place and Mission Agape, we donated \$1,000 to both Buckner Children & Family Services and Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, we raised \$1,668 for MD Anderson, and we raised a little over \$18,000 for our operational budget during our "National Business Women's Week" Celebration, honoring Laura Roman. This year we also increased our membership and our visibility in the community. We have been busy! I want to thank each of you for making this year so wonderful.

We will hit the ground running in 2017 by planning our 3rd Annual Bunco Fundraiser. Tyna Gober will chair the bunco committee and will keep us all posted on the planning process. I know that this will be another fabulous event that you will not want to miss. I would like to encourage each of you to begin thinking about how you can help our organization continue to grow this year. If you are interested in a leadership position I would love to speak with you! Please call me at 806-786-6906 or email me at [katherinempresley@gmail.com](mailto:katherinempresley@gmail.com). This is my second year as a member and I have learned so much about our organization and the community by serving as the Community Projects Chair and now President. This is an amazing group of women and I am thankful for each of you!

I would like to leave you with a short New Year's Poem:

Ring out the old,  
ring in the new,  
With heaps of luck  
and joy for you,  
May all the months  
roll swiftly by,  
And bring success  
what e'er you try.

-Anonymous

Wishing each of you and your families a very Happy New Year!

**Best Personal Wishes**

*Katie Presley*  
Uptown BPW  
President 2016-2017



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".....A woman who teaches by being."

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**Welcome**  
  
**New**  
  
**Members**

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**Uptown Donates to Safe Place.....Community Projects**



From Left: Lady in Pink Top is Leanne, Lesley Donnell, Uptown BPW Community Projects Chair and Tyna Gober, Uptown BPW Director

December 13th Lesley Donnell, Chair and Tyna Gober took the items donated by members and collected at our Christmas party to Safe Place for the residents.



Tree with some of the items donated by members.

## Membership Renewals

### September 2016

Daila Guss  
 Janet Hall  
 Demetra Johns

### October 2016

Julie Faulkner  
 Victoria Printz  
 Delores Schuler  
 Kellie Withrow  
 Sylvia Young

Check your e-mail for your renewal notice from Membership Chair Debbie Gann. You can pay by check or online at [www.midlandbpw.org](http://www.midlandbpw.org) using your credit card or bank account. Dues are \$60.

Please renew your membership today!!

*Happy New Year!!*

## Happy Birthday

1/14 Verlene Fults

1/27 Deborah Williams



## Women in History

1/14 Marion Martin 1900–1987  
 Elected to Maine House of Representatives, (1930-34), Maine Senate ( 1937-38), first woman to head Department of Labor and Industry (1947-62), worked for minimum living wage, industrial safety and child labor laws

1/27 Nancy Dickerson 1937-1997  
 Producer of “Face the Nation” (1960), first woman on NBC to go on assignment worldwide (1986-91)

## Greetings from Wichita Falls.....Stephanie Murphree

Greetings from Wichita Falls! December 30th marks six months since we moved from Midland to the hottest place in Texas, and yet we still miss "home." As you can imagine living in a new city and home, you start to think A LOT about the places you've left. While reflecting, I started to wonder just what made Midland so special, I mean it is like any other big/little city, isn't it?

For me, the difference was Uptown BPW. I know that sounds cliché, but it's true. For those of you who don't know me, or my story - I was recruited to join BPW by Annette Dozier. What's funny is I signed up for Leadership Midland with intentions to learn about our community, while adding a credential to my resume. From Leadership Midland I met an amazing group of people, including Annette, that welcomed me and encouraged me to meet others. I remember attending my first BPW meeting and being so nervous. Why? Well for starters, I had never been to the Petroleum Club and in my mind I had imagined it being such an "exclusive" place, and was afraid I wouldn't know which fork to use! Secondly, how would I feel in a room full of women - would they judge me for being me? Boy was I COMPLETELY wrong! I was welcomed with open arms, and encouraged from the start to dive in and get involved. I started out as the "photographer/FB page admin," and I'll admit I could've done more - but I did what I could considering I was juggling a new job, new city, new home, etc. What I didn't know is that this group of women, whom I very easily could have passed on because of my nerves believed in me to be more - I was elected President and was honored to serve two terms.

So what's the point of my story? Share your BPW story. In the last three years Uptown BPW has been working diligently to grow their "sisterhood" and mission, and it's shown. So to those both new or veteran members of BPW tell those around you about this great family of women you've met and the impact they are making among other women in West Texas. I am just one of many who have been impacted by the women of BPW, and will cherish my life-long friendships with the strong, hard-working women. I think often times as women we're intimidated by other women, which can limit us from our potentials. But I'm so thankful I took a chance, swallowed my nerves - and attended a meeting. Getting involved was simply the icing on the cake for me.



So why do I really miss Midland? The people. Ok, and Rosa's too. But really it's the people. So thank you to ALL of my BPW sisters who made my experience special! When I left so many of you sent cards of encouragement - which I still read from time to time to remind me of what "home" feels like, so thank you to all those who wrote. Amanda Potter, thank you so much for hosting an amazing "going away" party for me, and for everyone who attended! I definitely felt special, and miss seeing all of you regularly! One last plug - CONGRATS to all who made NBWW a HUGE success this year!!!



Lastly, just a quick update on life. I am currently working for Chanay Aircraft Service, as the office coordinator. My husband Cody is our Branch Manager / Pilot, and our son Cason who isn't on the payroll actively serves as Chief Moral Officer. I'll admit it's a different change of pace for me professionally, but it's been what's best for my family. Cason does accompany me every day to work - and since he's now mobile I'm on my feet ALOT! Cason turned one in November, and I'm more in love with him than I was the day he was born. Overall, life is good - we're blessed more than we deserve. Still adjusting to life in the new city - but we'll get there!

Hugs, Stephanie Murphree

# Christmas Party



# Helping Nonprofits.....Jonna Smoot



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### Our Mission

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.

Members of Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women helped the Salvation Army on Dec. 3 with time at their famous red kettle. The women were joined by the Army’s Advisory Board and University of Texas of the Permian Basin students to help raise donations for the organization as well as for Lone Star Animal Sanctuary and Matt’s Backpacks for the Homeless.

“These three charities are in desperate need of donations, especially during our cold and rainy weather,” BPW director Jonna Smoot said.

As both BPW and Salvation Army Advisory Board members took shifts at the kettle — both inside and outside of the mall — Dillard’s manager Sandra Crain hosted the other organizations at the center of the store’s main entrance. UTPB Enactus students accepted donations to Lone Star Animal Sanctuary and Matt’s BackPack while also talking to shoppers about the missions of each agency.

They really made everyone who gave feel so special and like they really were a part of something larger,” Smoot said.

Enactus is an international nonprofit that works to inspire students to better the world through entrepreneurial action. Matt’s Backpacks provides supplies and packs to the homeless population in Odessa.

UTPB students with Enactus collected donations from Midland Park Mall shoppers for local organizations Lone Star Animal Sanctuary and Matt’s Backpacks for the Homeless

\*\*As a follow-up, our little BPW notice / bell ringing article ended up netting over \$15k in FREE advertising in the MRT for Matt’s Backpacks and Lone Star Animal Rescue. PR Pays!! Our ad rep Valerie House, who has given BPW the free TV Grid Ad, was kind enough to give these organizations these 7 days. [VHouse@MRT.com](mailto:VHouse@MRT.com) is such great ad rep...



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