

## Calendar

June 14, 2016

**Flag Day—Fly the Stars and Stripes!**

June 15, 2016

**Installation of 2016-2017**

**Officers** —11:45 am—1 pm  
Petroleum Club

June 16, 2016

Officer handoff—outgoing to incoming

July—Start of our New Year

July 13, 2016

**Program Meeting**—11:45 am—1 pm Petroleum Club

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Sunshine and summertime ladies!!! It's that time of year again – swimming, triple digit weather, and the end of another "fiscal year" for BPW. Wow, what an amazing year we've had! I know we have a number of new members, so I wanted to give you a quick recap of the HUGE successes we've had in the last twelve months. So here goes...one of the greatest achievements thanks to members Mona Bethany, Shirley Harris, Marquita Potter, and Deborah Williams who collectively worked together to have our non-profit status reinstated!!! This project has been on the organization's "to do" list for a number of years, and I'm proud to say it is DONE! For those of you who have never done this, it's quite taxing pulling together historical information and filling out federal forms. So, thank you ladies for all your hard work!

Not only are we "officially" non-profit, but we are some mean lean fundraising machines!!! Our National Business Women's Week (NBWW) fundraiser last October raised over \$15,000 for our organization! We had a committee of 14 who put in hours and hours to make that event such a huge success – Mona Bethany, Diane Browne, Annette Dozier, Evie Gandy, Tyna Gober, Shirley Harris, Joy Maraio, Stacy Nelson, Amanda Potter, Marquita Potter, Katherine Presley, Emily Weinberg, and Deborah Williams. I do believe NBWW has left a lasting impression on our community – and is now one of the premier "go to" events in Midland!

In addition to NBWW, we had a stellar "Beer and Bunco" fundraising event that raised over \$5,000 for our scholarship program!!! This event is led by volunteers – who have an amazing volunteer leader, Annette Dozier! Thank you to Tyna Gober, Jean Jones, Stacy Nelson, Marquita Potter, Shellie Robbins, Jonna Smoot, Emily Weinberg, and Deborah Williams for all of your hard work to make this event a success. This year's event had a new silent auction – which was a hit! Not only did we raise enough money to give away scholarship money this year, but also contribute to our endowment fund at Midland College. Our BPW ladies continue to step up and create an even more fun event than the last!

Along with raising money, we're giving it away! Our mission "**women helping women**," is why we're all here and we are so grateful to be awarding \$1,000 to both Buckner and the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center. Both of these organizations are so deserving, and fill a bigger need in our community      cont'd pg 2

Behind every successful woman is HERSELF!



## President's letter cont'd

then we could ever reach. We are so grateful to our members and sponsors who make it financially possible for us to give to those women and children in need. Thank you to EVERYONE who has contributed in one form or another – we will leave a legacy for generations to come!

It's hard to believe another year is over, and sadly, so is my term as BPW President. In closing, I want to say that I am EXTREMELY proud of the accomplishments we've made as an organization. I came to BPW four years ago looking to meet like-minded women, who wanted to make a difference in the community and I got so much more – I made sisters. I cannot thank each of you enough for the impact you've made on my life, and my family's life. Many of you met me as a newcomer eager to get started – and now I am at my most rewarding job as a mom, and I couldn't be more grateful. I want to say thank you to a few folks in particular who've made my BPW Presidency memorable – Stacy, I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and overall mentorship during my tenure as an officer! Mona and Shirley, you are angels! The two of you have saved me and this organization more times than not! Marquita, thanks for being my learning partner! We did it! Annette, thank you for believing in me enough to ask me to be an officer. Not only that, but thank you for all you've done – you are the reason Bunco is a success! Deborah W. – thank you for your mentorship and guidance the last year! Amanda P., thank you for not only being a "do-er" but a friend. Kuohui, thanks is an understatement for your mad Excel/budget skills! Thank you for putting up with mine and Marquita's millions of questions! Evie, your smile is contagious – your faith shines bright, and always makes me feel so good. Last, but not in the least - Diane K. Browne – you're so kind. Diane is ALWAYS willing to support members in their endeavors, and I can't thank you enough for the countless Red Cross events you've attended in support of me. I could go on and on about everyone, but Shirley may cut me out of the newsletter!

The point is this, THANK YOU. Thank you to everyone for serving this organization and taking pride in making Uptown BPW better than it was before! God bless each of you and best of luck to the new officers as they continue the momentum of success in 2016-2017! Go get'em Katie! 😊

Sincerely,

**Stephanie Murphree**  
President 2015-2016  
Uptown BPW

### 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.

## Welcome New Members!!

Ginger Aylor  
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verlene.fults@lonestarservices.us  
Birth Day: Jan 14



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Birth Day: June 19

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Birth Day: April 13



- Go to [MidlandBPW.com](http://MidlandBPW.com)
- Select "Pay Uptown BPW", Pay \$60/yr membership
- Select "Membership", go to "Download a membership enrollment form". Fill out form completely.
- Email before next Program mtg. to [adozier@reimid.com](mailto:adozier@reimid.com).
- One time use only.

## FREE LUNCH AT THE PETROLEUM CLUB

Good for one lunch with proof of paid membership for the next BPW Program Mtg at the Petroleum Club.

**\$25 value**

## Gone Craze

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By  
Shirley  
Harris

We loaded up the RV and headed out west!! Yep, set sail for the Grand Canyon via our daughter Laura and Lee's home. We had a great visit and they have a wonderful new place. Saw our grandson— Jacob who has grown up. Over six feet and the spitting image of his dad!! Smart as a whip and on the quiet side. Friday we went to Sedona and walked the streets checking out numerous shops and all of the statues lining the streets. Sunday we drove to Williams and checked into the RV campground and Monday we joined Laura and Lee on the Grand Canyon Train. The ride was fun and very relaxing. Arrived at the south rim and spent a few hours sight seeing and got back on the train and headed back south. No driving involved. We ate at the Italian Bistro in Williams AZ—FAB-U-LOUS!!



Guide Peeps showing the way!! (sitting on the dash of our motorhome..)

Right—Laura photo bombing Sacajawea and me on the streets of Sedona AZ



Smitty, Laura and Lee in front of Snoopy Rock —Sedona AZ



Below—Smitty reclining on the Reclining Boy statue. Beautiful Art Gallery with lots of bronze statues in their garden



Sign outside a Shop at Sedona

Smitty and me at Red Canyon

Below—  
Smitty, Laura  
and Lee at the  
Grand Canyon



Our Jeep on Route 66 !!

Looking out at the Grand Canyon! That is a HUGE hole!! It was raining across the canyon. Pretty cool!





Me at the Petrified Forest (first stop)



One of multiple rocks with petroglyphs on them at Rio Puerco Village

Fattest crows we have ever seen!!

Agate Bridge—  
Fossilized Tree Bridge  
—Petrified ForestNewspaper Rock—Pet-  
roglyphs

Wednesday Smitty and I then traveled to the Petrified Forest (where we experienced several seasons in one day)

and then down to Silver City NM and the Gila Cliff Dwellings and the longest constantly mined open pit copper mine in the U.S. and the City of Rocks. Then on Saturday the 21st we loaded up and headed back to Midland. Great trip!! Even better visiting with family!



Smitty &amp; Jeep parked in the City of Rocks State Monument (NM)



Me checking out the Gila Cliff Dwelling North of Silver City NM. The path had several switchbacks and steep steps to get up to the dwellings! Well worth the walk.

Glad we drove the Jeep the 35 miles, don't think our 38' rv would have made the turns!!



Hundreds of Rocks jut up out of the ground

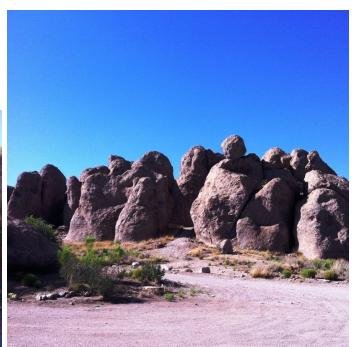


Smitty in tire at copper mine

Left  
Santa Rita—  
Open Pit Copper Mine



Below  
Me at City of Rocks



# OFFICER INSTALLATION

**Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women  
Requests your presence at the  
Installation of the 2016-2017 Officers**

**President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Director  
Director**

**Katherine Presley  
Deborah Williams  
Shirley Harris  
Emily Weinberg  
Tyna Gober  
Jonna Smoot**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016  
Petroleum Club of Midland                            11:45 a.m.**

**We will have a sit-down meal, so RSVP is required.**

**Please RSVP to Shirley Harris at [shirley@tbobamthor.com](mailto:shirley@tbobamthor.com)  
prior to 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 13, 2016.**

Deadline for submitting articles for the July Newsletter is Friday June 24th!!  
Never too early to submit an article or photos or both!

## MAY PROGRAM

Guest speaker, Mr. Steve Davidson, came to share with Uptown BPW information about the new "Chris Davidson Opportunity Park" that will be located near the Bush Tennis Center.

Much to his surprise, we witnessed the gift of giving as Evie Gandy from Bosworth presented Mr. Davidson with a check of \$10,000 to help with the fundraising campaign for the park!!!! Thank you Bosworth for your continued support of our community - and letting us be a part of a such a special moment!



Evie Gandy, Uptown President Stephanie Murphree and Speaker Steve Davidson



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### Happy Birthday

5/29 Shellie Robbins

5/30 Ginger Aylor

6/11 Kuohui Suchecki

6/18 Kellie Withrow

6/19 Jennifer Conner



### Women in History

5/29 Elizabeth Pringle 1845-1921  
South Carolina Plantation owner, author

5/30 Dorothy Eustis 1866-1946  
Founder of "The Seeing Eye" School

6/11 Anne Royall 1769-1854  
Wrote sharp editorials and gossip in her Washington, D.C. newspapers

6/18 Carolyn Wells 1862-1942  
Author of more than 170 titles

6/19 Anna Hoffman 1902-1983  
Assistant Secretary of Defense, 1950-1953