

Calendar

• **May 9**

Program Meeting -
Jimmy Patterson—
Noon Petroleum Club

• **May 16**

Board Meeting -Noon
- Arcadis

• **May 23**

Business Meeting
Noon— **Closed
members only** -
Election of Officers -
Petroleum Club—
Noon

• **June 6**

Installation of Officers
- Petroleum Club—
Noon (only meeting in
June)

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President's Letter

This BPW year is almost to an end. It seems in some ways, it has been a long year, but then again, it is hard to believe it is almost over.

Our 11th Annual Style Show is over and was a wonderful event. I hope you were able to attend, if not please plan on joining us next year. The committee did a wonderful job and I thank each of you for all your hard work.

The models were so wonderful. Some of those öDriller Dancersö were way to Skinny. But so cute. And the guys!!!!!!!!!!!! Of course our öWomen of Achievementö were outstanding as always.

The clothing was beautiful and Dillard's did a spectacular job.

Our May meeting on the 9th will be a program meeting and we will be having **Jimmy Patterson** come to speak to us about his new book that deals with Midland history. Jimmy is a great and funny

speaker, so bring a friend.

The May 23rd meeting will be our election of new officers and will be for members only. I hope you will come to support the nominees.

The board agreed to have only one meeting per month at the Petroleum Club during the summer. June 6th will be our installation of new officers. We will then meet on July 18 and August 15. It would be wonderful to have a couple of fun evening meetings also, so if you have any ideas, please let us know.

To all the mothers in our group, **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** Being a mom is the best, worst and hardest job I have ever had.



I look forward to seeing you soon.

Glenda Knox
President 2011-2012

*"Take
Time"*

Please
Remember
To
Renew
Your
Membership!

May 29, 2012 is Election Day

Take Time

Take time to DREAM It is Hitching your Wagon to a Star



Member Happenings

...Shirley Harris and Gone Crazee....



Where's Batman??

We missed Matthew's 6th birthday party this year as we had to stay home and "cat sit". Rachel had tickets to Nascar at the Texas Motor Speedway that same weekend. So we sent our "sorry to miss your birthday but we will see you later" call to him. He had a houseful of friends so I don't think he missed us too much.

We have taken our first trip for 2012.

We went south to the hill country hoping to catch some wildflowers and show off our favorite campsite to our neighbors. Cooksey's RV Park just south of Camp Wood—our neighbors loved it. They are looking forward to taking their grandkids there. We stayed a couple of nights and then we headed towards Mason/ Fredericksburg only to discover the park we was closed. Bum-started the calls, which locate a park to spend There were rallies going on everywhere!! Even the county park in (Habitat for Humanity ended



Fredericksburg only planned on staying in mer..... So that became a scramble to a couple of days in. ing on everywhere!! Mason was full had it filled up)!! We up staying in Kerr-

ville. We drove up to Mason and checked out the flowers—lots of Indian Blankets and daisies with a few blue bonnets for accent. My favorite store in Mason had closed so we didn't buy anything there. Shopped just a couple of stores in Fredericksburg. While there we drove thru Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park and viewed the VW's—huge rally going on that would culminate on Sunday. Volkswagons were everywhere.



What fun!!

But the important part of course.....just getting away and relaxing.



Has a water bed-above, left carries around the owner's coffin!!



Carlson Craft Award.....Diane K. Browne

“Diane K. Browne has received a Carlson Craft excellence award for 2011. Each year Carlson Craft, the nation’s leading wholesale printing company, presents only a few select businesses with this prestigious award for outstanding performance and exceptional sales achievements. A lovely plaque comes with this Distinguished Dealer recognition for the Holiday greeting card sales I had orders for last year. If you or your company send cards, I would love to talk with the purchaser anytime now as I have the brochure for 2012 already!

Diane K. Browne
actor, artist and entrepreneur extraordinaire
www.dkbrowne.com



Engaged.....Amanda McCann

I got engaged on Friday, April 13th to Drew Potter! (Have to throw in the Friday the 13th part!)

We are getting married over Labor Day weekend in Baton Rouge. Although, our trip to Vegas on Friday, July 13th - will be tempting! lol! Drew and I will blend families to total 3 boys - Cayden Potter (7), Mitch McCann (11), Clay McCann (13). All go to Midland Christian and love sports - so at least half my job is easier!

Happy Happy Birthday!!

May 11 Glenda Knox - Joined Uptown 1998. She has served on numerous committees, chaired the NBWW event, served as V.P. for Uptown and currently in her 2nd year as Uptown’s President and also served as President of Permian Basin Central

May 11 Yvonne Reyes - Joined Uptown Feb 2009, She has/is serving on several committees: NBWW, Webpage, Issues Management and Represented Uptown at Leadership Midland

May 21 Mona Bethany - Joined Uptown Jan 2001. Currently she is the Scholarship Chair & By-Laws Chair. She has served on the Convention, NBWW, and Style Show Committees, V.P., Secretary, President of Permian Basin Central BPW President to name a few



2012 Uptown BPW—11th Annual Style Show

On Wednesday, April 25, 2012 (Administrative Professionals Day), Uptown Business and Professional Women held their 11th annual BPW in Action Style Show. The event was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Midland Hilton Plaza. The proceeds for the Style Show go toward scholarships for women of non-traditional age, who are going back to college to finish their education, or to further their career. Uptown BPW gives 4 scholarships per semester. Information can be found on our website www.midlandbpw.org.

This year a sports theme was used, with models from local sports teams and models from various local sports arenas, including football, baseball, racing, running, polo and other activities. Several of the models really worked the runway eliciting whistles and applause from the audience. Dillard graciously provided an array of sports related fashions, and did a wonderful job of coordinating the BPW in Action Style Show. Susie Hitchcock Hall of Susie's South Forty, and Past Woman of Achievement for Uptown BPW, was the Master of Ceremony for the event. We all know how entertaining she is.



The tables were elegantly dressed in black with silver trays, candles and crystals.

We had wonderful silent auction items donated from the local community and our own Uptown BPW members. The silent action was held for MD Anderson Cancer Research. Business and Professional Women provide funding of seed money annually for a number of initial studies by research doctors at MD Anderson. According to the doctors and research professionals their projects have received millions of dollars in subsequent grant monies directly related to the preliminary studies funded by Texas BPW Members. The return on our investment has multiplied many times over and is proof why participation in our silent auction is so vital. Uptown sent \$2,289 to TBPWFoundation on May 2, 2012.

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Community Projects.....Debrah Gann

On April 17th Uptown BPW donated \$750 to the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center to be used for clothing the victims at the hospital and for court appearances. In attendance was the Chair Debrah Gann and BPW Members Evie Gandy, Stacy Nelson and Mona Bethany. Merlene Cox is with Preferred Personnel and BPW member Jillian Lellis came with her. Jamie Poe is the Executive Director at MRCC.



Back row: Mona Bethany, Debrah Gann handing check to Jamie Poe and Merlene Cox. Front row: Evie Gandy, Stacy Nelson and Jillian Lellis

Election Day May 29, 2012.....

Information available:

www.midlandbpw.org

Have you checked out Uptown's website?

Click on the NEWS link at the top of the page then scroll down to the bottom and located there are Links to: Midland County Election Information and Ector County Election Information. Click on either of these links and they take you to the counties homepage for election information. You can find out where to VOTE early and when to VOTE. Early dates are - May 14th to 19th. Sample Ballots, prior election results, voter registration, changing your address, etc.

Benefits of Membership in Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women

Community awareness and involvement

Access to publications and resources on workingwomen

Opportunities to meet and share experiences and knowledge with women of many ages, occupations and backgrounds

Legislative involvement and increased awareness of women's issues, concerns and needs

Affiliation with the oldest and largest working women's organization in the world

BPW Foundation Affinity Program

Friendship

Mentor Relationships

Financial Educational Assistance

Widened horizons beyond the workplace

Increased appreciation and acknowledgement of ourselves and others

Personal and Professional Growth

Enhanced communication and public speaking skills through national programs such as Individual Development Program, Young Careerist Competition, Leadership courses and more



Membership Criteria and Enrollment

Membership in Uptown BPW is open to all individuals who support the objectives of [BPW Foundation](http://www.bpwfoundation.org). For membership information, visit an uptown Midland BPW meeting on the second or fourth Wednesday of each month at the Petroleum Club, 501 West Wall Avenue, Midland TX or contact Jerri Ripplinger Rangel / 432.689.3411 / jrangel@mfh.org

Nominating Committee Report.....Shirley Harris, Chair

Secretary.....Evie Gandy

Treasurer.....Kuohui Suchecki

Vice President.....Debrah Gann

President:.....Stacy Nelson

These ladies have graciously agreed to serve if elected. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on the day of elections at our closed meeting (for members only) on May 23, 2012.

Committee Chair: Shirley Harris
Committee Members: Diane K. Browne
Jo Fite

Leadership Midland Application

The Midland Chamber of Commerce inaugurated Leadership Midland in 1978, as a way for participants to develop a deeper understanding of our community. The Midland Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting applications to Leadership Midland for 2012-2013. The partici-

pants commit to a 10 month course (September-June) of learning that involves one full day each month in the community.

Uptown sponsors one of our members to participate in this wonderful program each year. If you are interested in apply-

ing, the complete application is attached to this email, Please Contact our President Glenda Knox for particulars regarding Uptown sponsoring your attendance.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of Leadership Midland is to acquaint participants with all facets of our unique city and encourage emerging leaders to commit to community service.



Style Show Photos.....leavethecamera.com





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Renewals for April

Lydia Madrigal

Renewals for May

Mary Ann Brock

Barbara Elliott

Chris Hagan

Kelli Mount Crouse

Robin Reece

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

Thanks Jerri Rangel—
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**



Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed annually in the United States on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War. (Southern ladies organizations and southern schoolchildren had decorated Confederate graves in Richmond and other cities during the Civil War, but each region had its own date. Most dates were in May.) By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Flags-in Since the late 40s on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the elite 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags one foot and centered in front of each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each gravesite remains decorated and honored with a flag.