

# Uptown News Beat

## From our President

Well, ladies, here we are again, about to wrap up another fiscal year. Is it just me, or is this year absolutely flying by? It is hard to believe but we are less than one week away from our annual Style Show. We began planning for this event much earlier this year and have just about everything wrapped up. We anticipate a big crowd and a lot of really fun models. We have all our favorites from years past, as well as some new faces we have not seen before. I'm excited to be a part of this incredible event and so proud to share in the special news that will be announced on that day. I cannot spoil the surprise, but you will all be glad you came.

Our next business meeting will be held May 22 at noon at the Petroleum Club. This will be a closed meeting (not open to guests) as we will have our election of new officers.

There will be an Installation Ceremony at our June meeting, tentatively scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup>. Likely, this will be our only meeting in June as summer get so busy. Hopefully, you all have exciting vacation plans. Remember to take plenty of pictures that you can share in upcoming newsletters.

In closing, I would just like to share a funny quote I read:

"Women will never be as successful as men because they have no wives to advise them." – Dick Van Dyke

See you soon,

*Stacy Nelson*

Uptown BPW President 2012-2013

## Report of Nominating Committee.....*Glenda Knox*

Secretary.....Evie Gandy

Treasurer.....Kuohui Suchecki

Vice President.....Stacy Nelson

President.....Debrah Gann

These ladies have graciously agreed to serve if elected. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on the day of the elections at our Closed Meeting (for members only) on May 22, 2013.

Committee Chair  
.....Glenda Knox

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## Calendar

- > May 8–12th Annual BPW in Bloom Style Show - Double Tree by Hilton - 11 am–2 pm
- > May 22–Business Meeting–Election of Officers–Closed to Members Only–Petroleum Club - Noon
- > Jun 12– Office Installation–Noon–Petroleum Club - date subject to change.



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## From the Membership Chair.....Glenda Knox

Happy Spring everyone, or maybe not???? Crazy weather, but you have to love living in Midland. Never a dull moment.

Welcome to new member:

Rexanne Wier- Rexanne started helping the style show committee by designing and making the decorations for our upcoming style show, and she is Debbie Gann's BFF. I just love it when new members jump right in and start helping out.

### April Renewals:

Debbie Gann  
Kuohui Suchecki  
Ann Forest

### May Renewals

Elizabeth Baldarama  
Mary Ann Brock  
Barbara Elliott  
Chris Hagan

Rexanne Wier  
Self Employed  
Phone— 432.366.0066  
Email— [seasonsrex@grandecom.net](mailto:seasonsrex@grandecom.net)  
Birthday— November 1 ( me too!! )

Glenda Knox,  
Membership Chair

Stephanie Murphree  
American Red Cross  
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Birthday: August 3

**Welcome  
New  
Members**

Tara Seegers  
RBC Wealth Management—started 4/15 in Midland  
Phone: 432.687.8950  
Email: [taraseegers@gmail.com](mailto:taraseegers@gmail.com)  
Birthday: July 11



## March Program Speaker

March 13th — Vice President— Debrah Gann and Caroline Shuford with the American Heart Association, Midland TX - and Uptown BPW President Stacy Nelson

### Educate and Advocate for Heart Disease Prevention

Heart disease in women requires more attention, more research and swifter action. That's why, from hitting the books to taking it to the Hill, Go Red for Women provides many opportunities for women everywhere to learn the [facts about heart disease](#).

Knowledge is power, and when you have all of the facts you can become an activist, advocate and educator to spread the word and inspire others to make heart health a No. 1 priority. Read on to find out how you can arm yourself with everything you need to know to teach others how to live a heart-healthy life, and defeat this deadly foe.



## April Program Speakers

April 24th — Bob Rice Executive Director for Communities in Schools Of the Permian Basin, Stacy Nelson, Uptown BPW President, Mike Mills, Head of the XY-Zone and Debrah Gann, Vice President

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Communities in Schools of the Permian Basin helps students stay in school and make the right choices by connecting them with needed community resources.

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The XY-Zone Male Involvement Program is an innovative and effective leadership development peer support program.



## 10 Great Reasons to be a BPW Member!!

### 1. Impact

Be part of a national movement and make a difference in the lives of workingwomen as we work together to create the changes needed for equitable work environments and supportive communities. Belong to a nationally recognized organization whose legacy of success opens doors to other leaders and opinion makers.

### 2. Networking

Exchange ideas, explore business opportunities, and share common goals with professional women at the community, state and national level. Connect with mentors, colleagues and friends who can assist you in advancing your career and making the right connection.

### 3. Advocacy

BPW Foundation is headquartered in the Washington, DC metro area for a reason....to provide members effective national representation on issues critical to workingwomen. Learn how to be a successful advocate and lobby your representatives at the annual Policy & Action conference. Keep the workingwoman's agenda - equal pay, worklife balance, better child and elder care, strong social security pension programs and workplace equity - at the forefront. Through BPW Foundation membership you have a powerful voice on small business issues, with corporations and on Capitol Hill, without doing all of the legwork yourself.

### 4. Education/Career Enhancement

Participate in BPW Foundation programs that are specifically designed to provide personal and professional development, growth and opportunities. Through seminars, hands-on workshops and noted experts, BPW Foundation

members are given a vast array of opportunities to gain the skills they need to succeed and be successful.

### 5. Information

Have quick access to relevant up-to-date information about topics essential for workingwomen such as the entrepreneur center via the BPW Foundation website.

### 6. Leadership

Develop leadership skills. Maximize the career-boosting value of your BPW Foundation membership by identifying volunteer opportunities that match your professional goals or strengthen your existing skills. Become a recognized leader by getting involved in programs that benefit your community.

### 7. Visibility

Gain visibility and prominence in your community through involvement in BPW Foundation events.  
[www.bpwfoundation.org](http://www.bpwfoundation.org)

### 8. Helping Others

BPW Foundation has a proud tradition of "women helping women." Work with women veterans,"Joining Forces Mentoring Plus<sup>TM</sup>", and groundbreaking research.

### 9. Member Benefits/Discounts

Affinity Partners - GEICO Insurance and Ed2Go—offers a wide range of highly interactive courses that you can take entirely over the internet.

### 10 Friendships

Membership in BPW Foundation brings many reqards but the most lasting and meaningful are lifelong friendships.

## A little HUMOR & Thought

"What due wee knead a dictionary fore? Theirs plenty too dew without adding moor. Why are wee suppose too learn how two spell now that hour spell-checker dose it sew well?"

O.K., that's a bit of a stretch. But the point is clear: We are ALL capable of misusing and misspelling words, no matter how vast our experience or advanced our degrees. Below are some of the most common ones, excerpted from A Writer's Reference by Diana Hacker, and various grammar sites on the Internet:

Sounds the same, but spelled differently (homonyms):

THEIR/ THERE/ THEY'RE: There is an adverb specifying place; it is also an expletive. Adverb: Jennifer is moving there next month. Expletive: There are two weeks left in the month of April. Their is a possessive pronoun (shows ownership). Jill and Jane finally finished their homework. They're is a contraction of they are. They're presenting the plan tomorrow..

YOUR/ YOU'RE: Your is a possessive pronoun (showing ownership). You're is a contraction of you are. You're going to lose the keys if you don't carry your purse.

ACCEPT/ EXCEPT: Accept is a verb meaning to receive. Except is usually a preposition meaning excluding. I usually accept all your excuses, except this one. Except is also a verb meaning to exclude. Please except that item from the list.

AFFECT/ EFFECT: Affect is usually a verb meaning to influence. Effect is usually a noun meaning result. The drug did not affect the disease, and it had several adverse side effects. Effect can also be a verb meaning to bring about. Only the president can effect such a dramatic change.

THEN/ THAN: Than is a conjunction used in comparisons; then is an adverb denoting time. That project is more than I can handle. We ate dinner, and then we went dancing.



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Happy Happy  
Birthday !!

- 5/11 Glenda Knox
- 5/11 Yvonne Reyes
- 5/21 Mona Bethany
- 5/29 Shellie Robbins