

Uptown News Beat

President's Letter

May – What do I think of when I think of May....Mother’s Day! It’s funny because as I think of it, “Mom” can be defined in so many ways. I had a birth mother, a step-mom, and my “adopted” moms. How many of us have found ourselves as children being taken under the wings of our friends moms and/or now you take in children under your own wings as your own. Regardless, of how you may “mother” others I want to wish each and every one of you the happiest of Mother’s Day this year! It truly is the most thankless job, but yet the most rewarding. So thank YOU for being a mom, while juggling all other parts of life – cleaning house, laundry, volunteering, work deadlines, etc.

Steph
President 2014-2015, Uptown

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Uptown Officers—
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May is “Mental Health Month”

Calendar of Events

5/13 Speaker from Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR Program Meeting— Petroleum Club - 11:45—1:00 pm

5/26 (Tuesday) Business Meeting - 11:45—1:00 pm— Joyful Party Planning at the Wall Street Lofts—100 N Main St. - Brown Bag - Election of Officers for the 2015-2016 Year - Members Only

6/10 Stephen Jordan—LAN Solutions—Program Meeting—Petroleum Club - 11:45—1:00 pm

7/23—Installation of Newly Elected Officers

July will be the start of Uptown BPW's new year

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Member Payment Option

Uptown now has the ability to accept “e-checks” and/or credit cards—VISA and MASTERCARD on our website. We are using IPN (intuit network). (I had trouble using my VISA card because I was using Internet Explorer—but as soon as I used a different browser the credit card worked.) Safari or Google—on your Smart Device.

Click the PAY button on our homepage and it takes you to the “pay / sign-in” page and you don’t have to sign in, you just select “Make a payment without creating an account”. Next page asks Invoice # (membership, lunch, scholarships, donation, whatever you are paying for). Enter \$ amount. Select payment Method—Credit Card or Bank Account. Type in your EMAIL address (can create an account if you want). Next Enter Credit card or Bank account info. This info is not shared with Uptown. I believe you are also given the opportunity to add a comment or description. IPN will only send Uptown the description typed in the Invoice box, your name/email, amount, comment if any and date. You will receive an email from IPN about the payment you made.

Credit Card and Bank statements will show IPN/PAYMENTNETWORK and not Uptown BPW.
It's easy to use!

We also have a QR CODE!)

Report of the Nominating Committee,,,,,,

President	Stephanie Murphree
Vice President	Stacy Nelson
Treasurer	Marquita Potter
Secretary	Shirley Harris
Director	Mona Bethany
Director	Deborah Williams

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 26, 2015

Committee Chair....
Evie Gandy

Bunco FundraiserAnnette Dozier, Chair

We had an absolutely fabulous time at our first ever Bunco Fundraiser on April 30th!

We had 6 sponsored tables and additional individual tickets sales. Our income was \$3700 and after our expenses of \$300 in cash prizes and drink ticket reimbursement (this is a rough estimate at time of this article) we will be able to submit approximately \$3200 to our scholarship fund. That is only \$800 shy of the \$4000 we need for our fund this year. SO...If you or your business wants to get an early start on your charitable contributions for the year, you can go online to www.midlandbpw.com and submit your contribution online.



The response from our participants was absolutely wonderful. We had 6 men in attendance who are now hooked on Bunco!

We awarded 3 prizes.

Most Buncos prize of \$200 went to Claudia Hightower who is anticipated to become a new member!

Most Wins prize of \$100 and a bunco set, went to Joy McDougal.



Most Losses prize of a basket assortment went to BPW member Taylor Nelson.

We are expecting several new members and guests to attend our next Program meeting on May 13th. So let's make sure and make them feel welcome.

Thank you to our wonderful bunco committee members who gave so much of their time and resources to help make this event such a huge success. Please thank these ladies at our next meeting:

Marquita Potter
Stacy Nelson
Stephanie Murphree
Deborah Williams
Amanda Potter
Evie Gandy
Mona Bethany
Joy Maraio



~Annette Dozier
BPW 2014/2015 Fundraising Chair



52 FACES

OF COMMUNITY PRESENTED BY
CHEVRON AND MIDLAND REPORTER TELEGRAM

Community Involvement: MRCCAC board member and volunteer advocate; Unlock Ministries board member and volunteer; Junior Achievement volunteer; Uptown Midland BPW Current membership chair and past president, vice president, treasurer and director; This Generation board member; Leadership Midland Alumna.

What have you gained through your volunteer experiences?

I remember hearing a long time ago that offering forgiveness might actually be a selfish act because it benefits the one forgiving even more so than the one being forgiven. Well, likewise, I gain more by volunteering than do those individuals I am trying to help. There is so much to learn through volunteerism—tolerance, compassion, patience, perseverance, the list goes on and on.

The phrase I hear most often by loved ones who are frustrated that I may be overcommitting myself is, "Stacy, you cannot save the world." Well, we all know the story about the guy on the beach trying to save the starfish.

"While walking along a beach, one gentleman watched another one in the distance leaning down to pick something up and then throwing it into the ocean. As the first gentleman got closer, he noticed that the second was picking up starfish one by one and tossing each one gently back into the ocean. Finally the one asked the other why he was doing that and the young man replied "The sun is up and the tide is going out, if I don't throw them into the ocean, they will die." The first gentleman scoffed and said, "But there are miles and miles of beach. Surely you do not think you will make a difference"; but the second man simply bent down to pick up another one and replied, as he tossed it into the ocean, "I made a difference to that one."

For someone else looking to make a difference but doesn't know how, what would you recommend?

Contact me Ha..ha.

Seriously, just find your passion and make a call to any related organization. I can assure you that they will be happy to help find you a place to make a difference. The Bible says it best, "The harvest is plenty but the workers are few."

What is your favorite memory from volunteering in Midland?

I have many special memories of volunteering. I love children and have always been zealous about helping them. Now that my own daughter (Taylor) is old enough, she volunteers with me. Watching her mentor young girls at Op Champs on Tuesday nights probably means more to me than anything else.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed?

I moved to Midland from Mississippi, fresh out of school, in the fall of 1993. I was homesick for a while. It is very, very hard to live so far away from your family but I have the best friends, church family, and work family that I could ask for. I feel very blessed to have raised my two children here and it is my hope that they both settle here to raise my future grandchildren.



PHOTO BY JAMES DURBIN

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Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center provides free, confidential services to sexual assault victims and their families.

For more information, visit mrccac.org

Happy Happy Birthday!!



5/11 Yvonne Reyes

5/21 Mona Bethany

5/25 Melisa Wynne



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“She Loves All The Victims”

Stacy Nelson is a volunteer at Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center and accompanies sexual assault victims to the hospital. She has been on call at least once a month, sometimes more, since 2012. This means when she leaves her job at 5 p.m. as the Bosworth Co's chief financial officer, she responds to the hospital if someone has been sexually assaulted. She comforts them during the exam and ensures that they have a safe place and a support system when they leave the hospital. She responds sometimes in the middle of the night and anytime on the weekend. She then gets up and goes to work to her regular job. During a critical time for Midland Rape Crisis, Stacy volunteered to be on call every other week or as needed when many volunteers were limited in their ability to help. What is touching about Stacy is the love she shows victims. She does not know them but loves all of them and cares about them surviving such a traumatic event. When I think of Stacy, I think of a quote from Mother Teresa. “We can do no great things—only small things with great love.” Stacy has added board member to her responsibilities now. Her experience and understanding of the community and individuals we serve help ensure that good decisions are made on behalf of our victims.

Elaine Leonard, *Midland Rape Crisis and Children's advocacy Center* volunteer coordinator

“She Is A Shining Star”

Stacy Nelson has been a volunteer at Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center for more than five years. She is one of our shining stars. She never hesitates to take calls and has spent many nights supporting our clients by taking hotline calls and caring for survivors at the emergency room. Stacy is employed full time, so often she must go to work after volunteering during the night. Stacy never complains. Her kind and caring nature makes her a very compassionate advocate for all of our clients.

Stacy's commitment to Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center goes beyond her advocacy efforts. She became a board member in 2013. Stacy also supports the center's mission through her excellent board participation.

Stacy continues to provide a great deal of our on-call-coverage. She supports the center's fundraising efforts and always volunteers to help with events. Stacy always has a smile on her face and is a joy to have at the center. She brightens our day and is truly one of the finest volunteers I have ever known.

Lori Perales, *Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center* executive director

Gone Crazee.....Shirley Harris

Well.....It was April and time to go to Killeen to help Matthew celebrate his birthday!! Alice had the party at the house this year and she had a houseful.....lots of kids and lots of moms came. Matthew wanted a Plants vs Zombies theme. Alice had jello “brains” and a picture board with a hole cutout in the center of the flower with a zombie munching on it and lots of cupcakes and cake.



The kids took turns putting their head in the hole (center of flower) and getting their photos taken and then they stomped balloons looking for prizes. It got pretty wild and loud!!



Monday, we drove the Willow City Loop (north of Fredericksburg) and enjoyed the flowers and visiting with other flower seekers all out snapping photos!



Some bluebonnets
Art Hedwig Hill
Road, Mason

An old abandoned building



Membership Renewals

May Renewals

Barbara Elliott
Yvonne Reyes
Deborah Williams

Please check your “in-box” for your renewal invoice.

Thank you

Stacy Nelson
Membership Chair



Smitty
And me

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