

# Uptown news beat

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## NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK™

The plans for National Business Women's Week are well under way. Invitations have been mailed; We are honoring Cookie Wetendorf and everything is in order.

Please mark the date, Oct. 21st, 6:30 PM (Cocktails 6-6:30) at the Petroleum Club. Tickets are only \$50. and tables are \$600 and \$750. Please contact Mona Bethany or Shirley Harris for tickets.

Reminder Ladies: We will announce Uptown's **Woman Of the Year!!**

Glenda Knox, Chair WOY Committee has reported that

several members have been nominated. This is an opportunity to introduce your business associates to BPW in a manner that highlights BPW members.



Tiffany Blakely, Shirley Harris – Directors, Kuohui Suchecki—Treasurer, Evie Gandy—Secretary, Stacy Nelson—Issues Management/Programs and Debbie Gann—President along with Glenna Haskell and assistant Mary Ann Brock who did the Installation

if you can volunteer to Help, we need our members to help seat guests, take tickets, sell raffle tickets, etc,. We will have a Lottery Tree for our raffle item. Stacy Nelson is putting it together —so get your lottery scratch-off tickets to her or get/buy some restaurant gift cards and donate them to go on the Lottery Tree also. The funds for this go to Chloe Monroe MD Anderson Fund / TX BPW Foundation.

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## C A L E N D A R

**Oct 9th** Business Meeting—Noon Petroleum Club

**Oct 15th** Board Meeting

**Oct 21st** National Business Women's Week Celebration

Uptown will honor our 2013 Woman of Achievement Cookie Wetendorf and name our "Woman of the Year" - Evening—Petroleum Club

**Nov 5th— VOTE** Local Elections

**Nov 13th—**Sherry Rice, FBI—Speaking about Human Trafficking—Program Meeting Noon..



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.

Bobbie Graves  
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 Birthday—January 1



Welcome  
 New  
 Member!

## September Speaker



President Debbie Gann and Programs Chair Stacy Nelson with Ben Wall, Executive Director of Unlock Ministries.

Ben Wall proved to be a very informative and lively speaker. He was so full of enthusiasm and you could easily tell that he really loves the work and the kids!

Unlock Ministries mission is to mentor under-served students with the goal of helping them to live a better story. Unlock Ministries is an equipping ministry that uses high school students to mentor to elementary and junior high aged students. All kinds of amazing stories flow out of this messy exchange! Op Camp is the entry point for relationship and recently added are Op Champs and the FUN Academy.

[Opcamp.com](http://Opcamp.com)

## Happy Happy Birthday!!



### October Birthdays

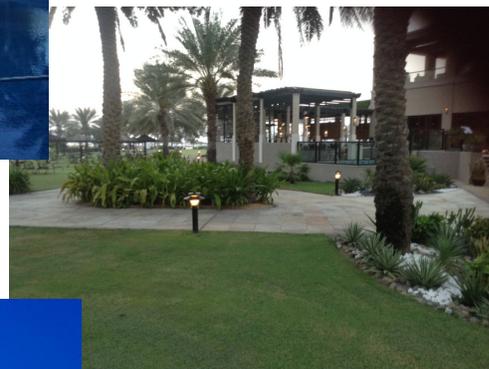
- 10/3 Nellwyn Barnett
- 10/11 Irmalee Ingrham
- 10/29 Ann Forest
- 10/31 Diana Dominguez



# DUBAI.....STACY NELSON



Infinity Pool—one of three great pools at our Hotel Le Royal Meridian



Taken on our way out to eat at Burj Al Arab

Burj Al Arab

View from our Balcony



## BALTIC CRUISE.....GLENNA HASKELL

Some of you may be wondering where is Glenna, I haven't seen her at the monthly meetings – well there has been a few changes in my life. In November, 2012 I was informed that my job of 10 years would be going away as Mr. Crossland sold Production Specialty to McJunkin Red Man Corporation. And McJunkin's accounting department is in Houston, Texas somewhere I was unwilling to move. I worked through the system conversion assisting McJunkin through April, 2013. My intent was to clean my house (you know get rid of all the junk) and start looking for a job in January. But wouldn't you know it I got bored after a month of domestic living. But before I was willing to seek employment my husband and I went on a Baltic Cruise in June.

The cruise was fabulous. We flew to London and stayed a couple of nights pre-cruise to check out the sites. We saw the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, went to the Churchill war rooms and the Tower of London – this is a picture of the Tower Bridge. London is very big and you could stay a week there and not see everything.



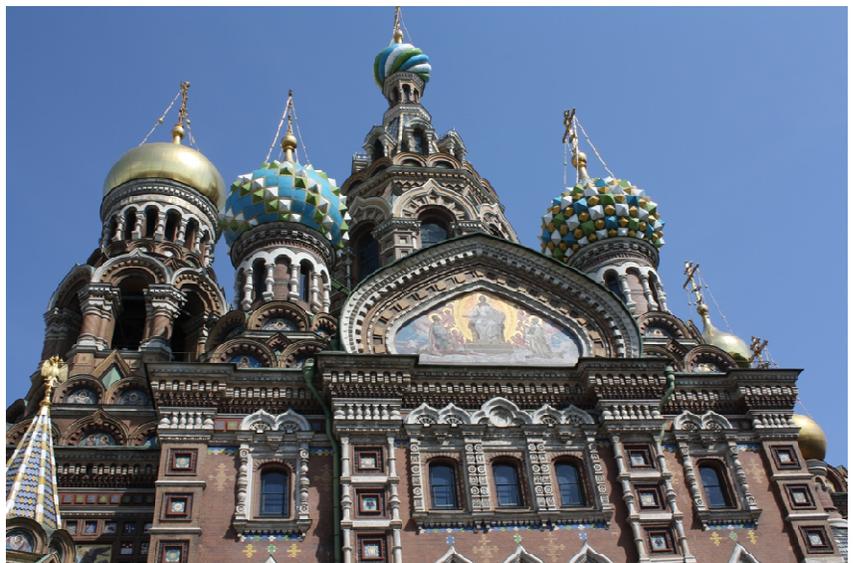
We left out of Harwich, England for our 12 night cruise. We visited Stockholm Sweden where we toured the Vasa Museum which houses the Royal Warship Vasa a 17<sup>th</sup> century warship sunk on its maiden voyage and recovered in 1961, Copenhagen Denmark where we took a canal tour, Helsinki Finland where we visited the Rock Church built into the rocks, St. Petersburg Russia and Tallin Estonia where we toured old town built in 1200's. We saw a lot of interesting old churches, government buildings (for some reason every country is very into their government offices – gilded in gold). The most impressive country was Russia. We stayed in port overnight so we were able to tour for 2-full days. We went to the Winter Palace/Hermitage Museum - most impressive art works by Monet & Rembrandt to name

a few. It would take a week to really see everything in this museum. We toured their subway which is 400 feet below ground and beautiful, Catherine's Palace, Peter and Paul Fortress/Cathedral, St. Isaac's Cathedral, The Fountains of Peterhof and my favorite Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood: Named the spilled blood because Tsar Alexander II was mortally wounded in 1881 in the revolt of the Peoples Will. The last stop in Russia was Yusupov Palace where Rasputin met his grisly end. The Palaces and churches were beautiful and gold gilded so much opulence!!!

After this cruise I decided to start looking for employment and wouldn't you know it I found a job within a week. I now work in Odessa for Jones Brothers Dirt & Paving as their Controller. It has been a big change driving to/from Odessa everyday as Hwy 191 is crazy!!! I really enjoy my job but it has been very challenging as they went without an accountant for over a year. Everything is messed up – but hey I like chaos. (HAHA)

So I am unable to attend most meetings but will continue to support this club that I so dearly love. I hope to see all of you at our annual NBWW meeting honoring Cookie Wetendorf.

OK I saved the best for last, I just found out I am going to be a great grandmother – yikes before I'm 60. Actually I am looking forward to it. Hope to see you guys soon – Love Glenna Haskell



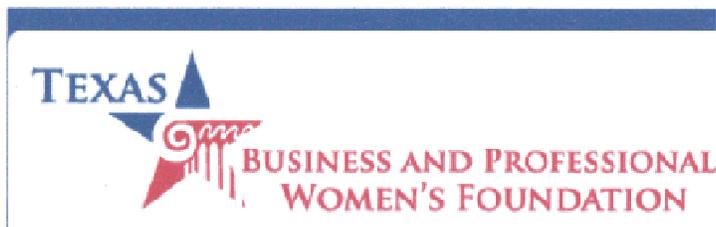
## BRIEF HISTORY—NBWW™

The concept of **National Business Women's Week®** originated with Emma Dot Partridge, Executive Secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs from 1924 to 1927. The first annual observance of **NBWW** was held April 15-22, 1928, when National President Lena Madestin Phillips opened the week with a nationally broadcast speech. She stated that the purpose of the week was "to focus public attention upon a better business woman for a better business world." From this early effort, **NBWW** has grown into a nationwide salute to all working women.

The program for the first observance of **NBWW** included: *Legislative Day* devoted to national, state and local legislation of interest to women; *Education Day* devoted to emphasizing the need for equitable educational opportunities; *Club Rally Day* for prospective new members; *Community Day* honoring leaders in the community; and *Goodwill Day* devoted to working with other women's organizations.

In 1938, **NBWW** was moved to the third full week of October. U.S. President Herbert Hoover was the first president to issue a letter recognizing **NBWW** and the contributions and achievements of working women.

The celebration of **NBWW** has helped to promote leadership roles for women and to increase opportunities for their advancement professionally and personally.



### Chloe Monroe MDA Fund

The Foundation's association with the M. D. Anderson Hospital began with the predecessor organization, the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women, in 1941 when the Texas Legislature approved a bill calling for establishment of a state cancer hospital and research institute.

In 1949, BPW urged passage of State Legislation to appropriate funds for atomic energy-radiological facilities at the Hospital's permanent site in the Texas Medical Center in Houston.

In 1950, Past State President Dora Davis represented the Texas Federation at the groundbreaking ceremonies using a silver spade to turn the first spade of dirt. The silver spade was donated to the Federation and now is displayed in the State Executive Office.

In 1974 while serving as State President, Chloe Monroe designated the M. D. Anderson Fund as a state civic participation project. BPW members and friends contributed a total of \$40,000 during the year with the funds designated towards the cancer care, research and education building program.

At the 1977 Fort Worth State Convention, the fund was designated as a continuing project of the Federation.

At the 1980 San Antonio State Convention, the name was changed to the CHLOE MONROE MDA FUND in honor of past state president Chloe Monroe.

Chloe Monroe cherished BPW's support of the Fund named in her honor until her death on September 15, 1985. Just two months prior to her death, Chloe Monroe attended the Dallas state convention and participated in the presentation of the Federation's contribution of \$60,000 to James Bowen, Ph.D., along with President Lee MacDonald and MDA Chairman Darlene Watson.

Every year the State President appoints, with executive committee approval, a Chloe Monroe MDA chair and committee to promote voluntary donations to the Fund. Contributions in honor of or in memory of special friends and loved ones are encouraged. Local organizations and regions often include this project as a budgetary item and hold special fundraisers such as annual Walk-A-Thon.

Contributions fund various individual programs of the M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute that are recommended by the hospital staff and approved by the now Texas Business Women's organization at the State level.

The endowed BPW Past President's Award was established to encourage women in cancer treatment and research careers. The annual recipient is selected through a review process by a committee appointed by the President of The University of Texas System Cancer Center. Each nominee must have an advanced degree in medicine or science. The purpose of the award is threefold:

- To recognize women who have attained significant achievements in cancer treatment and research;
- To foster professional development of women in the field of oncology;
- To encourage further advancements in cancer treatment and research.

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Many hospital programs have benefited from the Chloe Monroe MDA Fund, many of which served as pilot programs. These programs have included: 1) the Nursing Career Development program, designed to expand career options for nurses; 2) a high school student summer program which allowed twenty outstanding Texas high school seniors to experience a research environment first-hand; 3) breast cancer research; 4) nurse screening and detection program; 5) tumor virology research; 6) dental oncology; 7) psycho-social aspects of childhood cancer; 8) fast neutron therapy; 9) patient education; 10) breast prosthesis development program; 11) pediatric recreation program; 12) Volunteer Service Beauty/Barber Shops; 13) Breast cancer clinical care; 14) Cytotron; 15) Maxiofacial Rehabilitation; 16) Pharmacy Outpatient Chemotherapy, 17) numerous brochures for cancer patients carrying the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women/Texas Business Women's name.

In the early years of the partnership between the Foundation, the Texas Federation, and M.D. Anderson Hospital, it was specified that a plaque would be placed in a prominent location of the hospital to honor the Texas Federation President at the end of her tenure of office. However, when the Lutheran Pavilion was constructed at the Hospital, one plaque was substituted which bears the names of each past State President.

In addition, there are several other plaques and honor roll scripts located in the Lutheran Pavilion recognizing individual members, local organizations, and districts for their contributions.

M. D. Anderson Cancer Center has set the pace for advances against cancer. There has been incredible growth in the number of patients cared for and the level of scientific discovery fueling the progress made against cancer.

In 1991, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center celebrated its Golden Jubilee, and its 50-year partnership with the Texas Federation, which began in 1941.

At the 1993 San Angelo State Convention, Dr. James M. Bowen of the MDA Hospital announced that the Texas Federation's total donations had reached over \$805,000 in contributions to the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Also in 1993, the "FULFILL THE PROMISE" plan is announced in order to prepare M. D. Anderson Cancer Center for the challenges of the next century. BPW/Texas committed \$15,000 a year for five years. In 1998, In recognition of the Federation's efforts, a plaque was placed at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center signifying this donation upon completion.

Rather than expand the size of the facility, the goal is to continue the excellence for which the Center has earned a worldwide reputation and to take advantage of every opportunity to eliminate cancer. The five year program incorporated the following elements:

The Patient Care Building which would house a four-story base of diagnostic and treatment areas with a four-story patient care tower above.

The Clinical Research Building which would include basic and clinical science laboratories for experimental surgery, medicine, and laboratory medicine, along with shared support services.

The Clinical Service Building which would consist of ten stories to implement the development of multi-disciplinary disease-site clinics and will house the new Cancer Prevention Center.

Texas Business and Professional Women's Foundation.....[www.texasbpwfoundation.org](http://www.texasbpwfoundation.org)

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Ladies:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so if you are past 40 or have a history of breast cancer in your family, schedule your mamograms



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