

The Uptown News Beat

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Words from our President

For the month of August 2009 we had a business meeting, a board meeting and a program meeting. During our business meeting August 12, 2009, our National Business Women's Week (NBWW) Chair, Glenda Knox, gave us an update on the committee meetings. It was decided by the NBWW committee that we honor Jane Wolf who is a prominent real estate agent in our community. Honoring Ms. Wolf will hopefully be a big boost, accentuating our Uptown Midland BPW organization helping us attract new membership. We also reviewed the BPWF webinar from August 4, 2009 with the meeting attendees and the benefits of local affiliation with BPWF. I read a letter from Texas Business Women which conveyed their best regards to us for the future we have chosen with BPWF.

During our Board Meeting on August 19, 2009, Stacy, Evie, Jerri, Mona, Shirley and I discussed the committees, the respective Chairs and their members to finalize those responsible for a Plan of Action. We also reviewed the plans we have received and discussed the budget. Our Treasurer, Jerri Ripplinger, will present the budget for this coming year at our next business meeting September 23rd. The Board also decided that a motion will be presented to the membership at the next business meeting to revise our local dues. Additionally, the Board checked the calendar through December and our next program and business meetings have been determined. We hope you can come to all of the meetings but please be sure to check our website periodically for any updates. Our Board Meetings are opened to all Uptown members so join us when you can.

Stacy Nelson, our 1st Vice President, put our program meeting together for August 26, 2009. Our guest was Jani Davis and her talk consisted of how important it is that we never forget the cost we paid for women winning the right to vote. The program day was the actual anniversary of winning the right to vote and Jani reminded us of all the supporters we have surrounding us everyday such as our employers, friends, family and politicians that will always fight for us. Thank you, Jani for a wonderful talk and Stacy, for a fine program.

The license agreement has been signed, a check written and sent in to BPWF to continue our association with BPW. We will be entering new territory now and we will have many questions. Just send your questions in and the Board will try to answer your questions or find someone who can. Several of our members have already decided to take their previous Texas State dues and transfer them to San Angelo Local with TBW. There will be more information on the website as soon as we have instructions on that process.

Our next program meeting is scheduled for September 9 and our business meeting is September 23, 2009, at noon at The Petroleum Club of Midland. I hope each of you can attend. Please RSVP to Evie Adams, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair at 570-5233 (evie.adams@bosworthco.com), or Shirley Harris, Webpage and Telephone/Email Chair at 684-4692 (shirley@tbobamthor.com). The cost of the luncheon is \$17.00 unless otherwise noted for special events. Please connect with us as we trek through this new adventure for Uptown and continue the spirit of BPW for others in our futures.

Building Powerful Women,

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Patti & Jamie's Big Adventure!

We took another little trip to see the sights of Texas. We didn't have a lot of time this year, so we decided to go to Dublin (Texas, that is!) Dublin is the home of Dr. Pepper. They bottle the Dr Pepper that is made with real sugar instead of corn syrup.

We stopped in Hico to try one of the hamburgers on the Texas Monthly top 50 hamburgers in Texas. Very tasty. Then we went to Glen Rose to the Fossil Rim Animal Reserve. What a great time we had.

From there, we went to Granbury and had a great meal on the town square and ventured into a few of the wonderful little shops there.

All in all, it was a great time.



...SUMMER HAPPENINGS...

Legislative Update

It seems our legislators are earning at least part of the salary this summer. I don't think I have ever heard of so many town hall meetings as I have this summer. People are really becoming vocal about their opinions. And that is a good thing.

It is our responsibility to take an active part in the politics of our country. There are many ways you can contact our representatives. There are some great websites available. I will list a few, but they are so easy to find.

<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/issues/bills/>

(this site gives you information about all the current bills being considered)

<http://hutchison.senate.gov>

<http://cornyn.senate.gov/>

<http://conaway.house.gov/>

CALL.....

WRITE.....

Let your voice be heard!

The League of Women Voters is also a great resource for information.

Let's all take the time to know what the folks in Washington are doing to us. Then, whether you agree or disagree, let them know. It is so important at this time because of all the changes that are being proposed.

Patti Humphrey, Legislation Chair



Pictured at left, Women's Equality Day speaker Jani Davis, Membership Director for the Midland League of Women Voters, Midland League of Women Voters President Mary Smith who came as moral support and to say a few words about the LWV and Uptown's President Debrah Gann.

**Women's Equality Day
August 26, 2009**

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

Yeppers—we are having fun, fun, fun!!! We went on our second trip in Aug. This time we hauled the trailer and motorcycle behind us. Smitty was so nervous that he kept the rearview camera on most of the trip so he could make certain the trailer hadn't fallen off along side the road somewhere. We went to hot (what were we thinking???) dry, Junction TX. We stayed at the KOA

campground beside the Llano River. We rode the bike to the State Park and they had lots of water. People tubing, kayaking—the Park Ranger said they



have been booked all summer because they have the only running water in the state of Texas! We had fun riding the countryside and it was nice to get out of town and not have any worries! I've decided we're the oddballs—no car—just a motorcycle and no dogs—maybe I'll take the bird with us next time.....

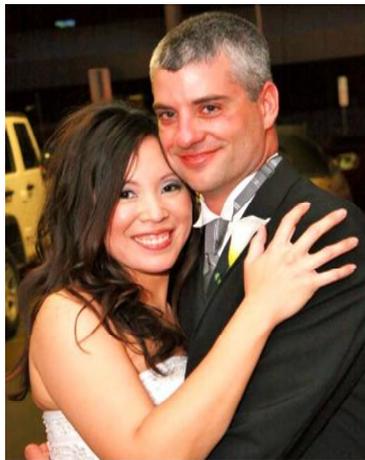
We need a mascot.



Kuohui Lian and James Suchecki got married Saturday, May 30, 2009.



The wedding ceremony took place at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland, Texas



The reception immediately followed in the Ballroom of the Hilton Midland Plaza



The honeymoon included an Alaskan cruise, a sport fishing excursion in Juneau, a scenic train ride on the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad in Skagway, and a tour of the legendary Craigdarroch Castle and beautiful Butchart Gardens in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada... And they live happily ever after

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LEADERSHIP MIDLAND

To Uptown Members:

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to represent our great club in the Leadership Midland Program 2009-2010. Our opening session is scheduled for September 10 at which point we will be discussing opportunities for a community project. I welcome any ideas! Thank you for your support and I look forward to a great year for Leadership Midland and Uptown BPW!

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Remember our National Business Women's Week meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at The Petroleum Club.

We are honoring JANE WOLF as our 2009 Woman of Achievement.

Also—Nominations for Uptown's Woman of the Year are being taken—send them to Shirley Harris.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

9/9 Donette Marble
9/10 Judy Galbraith
9/12 Nancy Plunk
9/21 Chris Hagan
9/25 Fonda Martin

Women in History

9/9 Mary Austin - 1868-1934
Wrote about Women's Rights and Birth Control
9/10 Mabel Vernon - 1883-1975
One of First Suffragist imprisoned for picketing the White House
9/12 Amy Bradley -1823-1904
Civil War Union nurse, land and ship hospital supt.
9/21 Ethel Andrus—1884-1967
Founder Nat'l Retired Teacher Assoc. 1947
9/25 Vinnie Ream - 1847-1914
Sculptor, First woman to win a Federal Commission for her statue of Lincoln. 1866