

## Calendar

Sep 9, 2015

Program Meeting—  
Speakers—**Jessica Sosa**  
and **Shannon Ander-  
son—MRCCAC**— Re-  
cipient of prior Communi-  
ty Projects donations—  
Petroleum Club 11:45 –1

Sep 23, 2015

Business Meeting -- 11:45-  
1:00 - 300 N Marienfeld -  
Suite 900—Reliance Ener-  
gy—BYOL

Oct 19, 2015

**NBWW** Honoring **Shar-  
la Hotchkiss** as our 2015  
Woman of Achievement  
and Honoring Uptown's  
Woman of the Year—6-8  
pm Petroleum Club

Oct 28, 2015

Business Meeting -- 11:45-  
1:00 - 300 N Marienfeld -  
Suite 900—Reliance Ener-  
gy—BYOL

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# UPTOWN NEWS BEAT

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## President's Letter

Ready.....Set.....Go! Uptown BPW is off and running full steam ahead with many GREAT projects and events in our new fiscal year. Many of you probably know we are in full NBWW (National Business Women's Week) mode. 49 days to go!!! So many of our members have been EX-TREMELY busy planning the 2015 NBWW event, honoring Councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss. The NBWW committee has been meeting once a week to plan and execute this year's fundraiser. A HUGE thank you to all those who are serving on the committee!!! Alongside with our NBWW event, we will be honoring a member as our "Woman of the Year," and all the nominations are in! Congrats to all the nominees – and a big thank you to Kuohui and Stacy for organizing this year's nominees and selection process. I do believe this year's event has the potential to be our largest fundraiser in BPW history!

I would like to personally invite ALL of you to attend this year's NBWW event, on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Individual tickets are \$50 each – and sponsorships are available. If you or

your company would be interested in sponsoring, please see our sponsorship form that is included on page six—6 of the Uptown News Beat.

You all may be thinking "wow, one event" but let me just say – we are all Business & Professional Women who know how to MULT-TASK! Alongside the hard work of our NBWW committee a number of our members have been working on other large projects. Our committee chairs have been working collaboratively with committees to create budgets for our organizations operational budget. This is a HUGE responsibility of our members, and ultimately determines our success as a chapter for the current year.

Other OUTSTANDING news – we have submitted our Tax-ID reinstatement paperwork!!! This has been a project that was placed on the back burner for a number of years – but we have checked it off our list!! Thank you to Shirley Harris, Mona Bethany, Deborah Williams, and Marquita Potter in helping to get this done. We CANNOT thank you enough! Why is this important you might ask? Once

reinstated, we can give "tax receipts" for any donations/ sponsorship/tickets/etc. for our events. We do believe this will help increase our financial support for our community projects and scholarships – which will help us in our mission of "women helping women."

One last note – "Behind every SUCCESSFUL woman is herself."

*Stephanie Murphree*  
President  
Uptown BPW



L to R—  
Mona Bethany— Director;  
Marquita Potter—Treasurer;  
Shirley Harris—Secretary;  
Stephanie Murphree—  
President, Stacy Nelson—  
V.P. Programs and Deborah  
Williams—Director

Behind every successful woman is HERSELF!

# Bahamas: 25th Anniversary

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Stacy Nelson

Mark and I celebrated our 25 year wedding anniversary this summer (Yes, I was married when I was 10!) and we commemorated it with a cruise to the Bahamas. We took our whole family – kiddos and parents! Attached are some pictures



Nelson's in the Bahamas

Group: BR: Austin, Nanny (Mark's Mom), Michael (friend), Taylor, Gramps (My Dad) FR: Stacy & Mark



GAME SHOW FUN!

Austin and Mom in Bahamas



Austin and Taylor in Bahamas—Aug 2015

Nassau Bahama



## Welcome New Member!!



Claudia Hightower  
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 Birth Day: Oct 31



### LABOR DAY: WHAT IT MEANS

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

### LABOR DAY LEGISLATION

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

## Happy Birthday

Sep 6 Leana Howell

Sep 9 Donette Marble

Sep 25 Tracie Cherry



## Women in History

Sep 6 Catharine Beecher 1800-1878  
 Lectured and wrote on health, dress reform, child rearing and equal education for women.

Sep 9 Mary Austin 1868-1934  
 Wrote about Indian and Spanish art and culture, women's rights, birth control, socialism

Sep 25 Winnie Ream 1847-1914  
 Sculptor, first woman to win a federal commission for her life size statue of Lincoln, 1866

## Recognizing Women on their Own

BPW  
Foundation  
Blog



# Women in Charge

Posted by espressodog on October 1, 2009omen in Charge

Each year during the third week in October, we stop a moment to honor the contributions of working women and the employers who support them during Business and Professional Women's Foundation's [National Business Women's Week® \(NBWW\)](#). Established in 1928, National Business Women's Week® is an occasion to call attention to women entrepreneurs, facilitate discussions on the needs of working women, share information about

successful workplace policies, and raise awareness of the resources available for working women in their communities.

NBWW is a great opportunity to recognize and highlight the progress women have made as business owners and entrepreneurs. Today there are 7.2 million majority-owned, privately-held, women-owned businesses in the United States. These firms employ 7.3 million people and generate \$1.1 trillion in sales. Only twenty years ago it was still legal to require a woman to have a male co-signer before receiving a business loan. That changed with the passage of the Women's Business Ownership Act in 1988. The Women's Business Ownership Act not only made the requirement of a male signature illegal it also created [the National Women's Business Council](#), the [Office of Women's Business Ownership](#) and the network of Women's Business Centers around the country.

Currently helmed by Administrator Karen Mills, the Small Business Administration (SBA) is the only federal agency whose primary mission is to be a resource for all small business owners. Created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government, the SBA aids, counsels, assists and protects the interests of small business concerns. The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses through an extensive network of field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. The SBA typically provides \$20 million in loans and loan guarantees annually.

Within the SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership are the Women Business Centers (WBC) that provide training and counseling to thousands of women business owners across the country from 112 centers in nearly every state. Ana Recio Harvey, former president of the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, was recently named head of the Office of Women's Business Ownership. [Find your local WBC >>>](#)

Not all women-owned or run businesses are small. There are currently [13 women running Fortune 500 companies](#). While that is nowhere close to parity, it does represent an increase over the mere 2 in 1998.

At a [press conference](#) in March, President Obama said that small businesses will drive the economic recovery and we know that women-owned business are going to be a major part of that. BPW Foundation hopes you utilize NBWW to promote successful workplaces and the women who make it all happen

**National Business Women’s Week—Celebrating 87th Anniversary**

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October 19-23, 2015 marks the 87th anniversary of National Business Women’s Week® (NBWW). Since its creation in 1928, the event has been sponsored by Business and Professional Women to recognize and honor the achievements of working women throughout history. BPW members and BPW Foundation call attention to local women entrepreneurs, facilitate discussions on the needs of working women, share information about successful workplace policies and raise awareness of resources available for women in their communities.

The concept of National Business Women’s Week originated from Emma Dot Partridge, executive secretary of Business and Professional Women/USA from 1924-1927. The first annual observance of NBWW was held April 15-22, 1928 and National President Lena Madessin Phillips opened it with a nationally broadcast speech. She said 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 to be a nationwide salute to all working women.

NBWW was moved to the third full week of October in 1938. Over the years, NBWW has become an event widely recognized by public and private institutions and local communities. Each U.S. President since Herbert Hoover has acknowledged NBWW with a letter recognizing the contributions and achievements of working women. In addition, on the state and local levels, governors and mayors also issue similar proclamations.

The celebration of National Business Women’s Week has helped to promote leadership roles for women

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

<p><b>Renewals for August:</b>                  Evie Gandy                  Marquita Potter                  Amanda McCann-Potter                  Melisa Wynne</p>	<p><b>Renewals for September</b>                  Shirley Harris                  Demetra Johns                  Taylor Nelson</p>	<p><b>Renewals for October</b>                  Diana Dominguez                  Delores Schuler</p>
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**If you need an invoice for your records or to pay your dues, please contact the membership chair:  
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**REMEMBER—YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE. GO TO OUR HOME PAGE AND SELECT THE PAY UPTOWN BUTTON**



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**SUCCESS**

You can help NBWW be a huge success by sponsoring a table thru your work or friends or buying tickets!!

Please support our event!!

Reminder - -  
You can click on the PAY Uptown button on our homepage and submit an e-check or a credit card payment

**Uptown BPW Presents NBWW—Oct 19, 2015**



*2015 Uptown Midland BPW Woman of Achievement  
October 19, 2015*

Yes, I would like to honor Sharla Hotchkiss by sponsoring (check one):

**\$1,500 Sponsorship** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Premier table for 10, all print & digital adv.)

**\$1,000 Sponsorship** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Preferred table for 8, all print adv.)

**\$50 Individual Ticket (s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
(General Seating)

Company/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend but please accept my donation in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Sponsorship deadline is **September 25, 2015**. Payments may be made online at [www.MidlandBPW.com](http://www.MidlandBPW.com) or by mail. For more information please contact Annette Dozier, [adozier@reimid.com](mailto:adozier@reimid.com) or 432.688.1251*

Deadline for articles for the October 2015 newsletter is Friday September 25th.

Never too soon to submit an article and/or photos !!