

## Eagle Pass, Texas PART History

“The Pan American Round Table of Eagle Pass was organized largely through the efforts of Mrs. W.H. Hewett and Mrs. Ellis F. Gates. Mrs. Hewett, who became the first Table Director, held the first meeting at her home in May of 1953, where a group of women from Laredo met with sixteen local ladies. Mrs. Raul Montemayor, Mrs. Frank Roberts, Mrs. S.A. Halbhook, Mrs. Estela S. Cobo, Miss Carolina Cerna, Mrs. Morris Riskind, Mrs. Cecilio Rodriguez, Jr., Mrs. Gerald Becker were among those participating in addition to Mrs. Hewett and Mrs. Gates.”

“The State Charter, dated October 27, 1953, was officially presented to the Eagle Pass Table at the luncheon meeting on November 7, 1953, by the State Director, Mrs. A.B. Pumphry of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mrs. A.R. Hunt of Laredo. Later, the Table received the Alliance Charter, an organization which encompassed all the Tables in the Western Hemisphere.”

“The Eagle Pass Table, is very proud of the fact that Mrs. F.T. Griswold was a native of Eagle Pass, and that being raised in Eagle Pass bordering Mexico, she foresaw the need of unity among the women of Americas. The Table is also proud to be a link of the unbroken chain of friendship reaching the length of the Americas, and binding together the women of the Western Hemisphere in a spirit of understanding as planned by Mrs. Florence Terry Griswold, our Founder.”

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