



## FORT WORTH PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE I History

What follows is an excerpt from *The Pan American Round Table*, Lois Terry Marchbanks, Avon Behren Press, 1983, (pg. 120).

In September, 1944, twenty-four charter members organized Pan American Round Table I of Fort Worth, Texas, with H.V. Shank, founder and Director, and Miss Evelyn L. Green, Associate Director. It affiliated with Pan American Round Tables of Texas and the Alliance the following month. From the beginning, Dean Jerome Moore of Texas Christian University has been a staunch supporter. Table I hosted the Twenty-sixth Biennial State Convention in 1953.

Members of Table I made four-by-six-foot flags representing the twenty-four nations of the O.A.S. in 1970 and have continued this project as new nations have been admitted.

These flags were part of the ceremony in the "Massing of the Colors of the Americas" when Fort Worth Tables I and II hosted the Thirty-fifth Biennial State Convention in April, 1971. Each participant, in authentic costume, bore the flag of a particular nation. In October, 1978, the two Tables hosted the Sixteenth Biennial Alliance Convention and repeated the colorful flag ceremony. Mrs. Troy C. Crenshaw was Chairman of the "Hour of Memory."

Table I Past State Directors are Mmes. A.J. Wylie, A.B. Pumphrey, and Charles Mecaskey. Mrs. Wylie is also Past Zone I Alliance Director and Past Editorial and Information Committee Chairman of the Alliance.

The following are Past Directors: Mmes. H.V. Shank, Margaret Yarborough, Ray D. Lindley, A.B. Pumphrey, Samuel Jagoda, Luther A. Prescott, Mary E. Ferguson, G.H. Michalk, A.J. Wylie, Jack Daly, R.B. Dunbar, H.E. Reigle, M.O. Livingston, Dan Matheson, Charles Harris II, Miss Clara Harvey, Mmes. W.B. Streetman, J.R. Wallils, Jack T. Holmes, Troy C. (L. Mallow) Crenshaw, John Tarter, John A. Maxwell, Ellis Moore, Miss Esther Williams, Mmes. A.J. Wylie, William V. Wilson, John L. Clardy, Raymond Scott. Recent Directors include Mmes. Col. Dwight Wilson, Rick Farrell, Richard Ueckert, and Sandro Jensen.

Fort Worth Table I was chartered in 1944 by 24 members with Mrs. H.V. Shank as Founder and Director. Today we meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Woodhaven Country Club in Fort Worth to promote the ideals of Pan Americanism -- primarily to acquaint members with the language, geography, history, literature, arts, culture and customs of the republics of the western hemisphere; for through knowledge, understanding is gained, and understanding leads to friendship.

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