

## PART of MCALLEN

### A Brief Organizational History and Charter Members

The Pan American Round Table of McAllen was founded on October 10, 1934. A group of women from McAllen met at the home of Mrs. A.F. Vannoy and invited Mrs. G.W. Johnson of Brownsville, who acted in the capacity of organizer. Mrs. Henry C. Krausse, wife of the vice-consul at Matamoros and member of the Brownsville Table, met with them.

The PART of McAllen in carrying out its Purpose of coordinating the efforts of the Pan American Round Tables in the furthering of knowledge, understanding and friendship between the peoples of the Americas, has sponsored the Pan American Student Forum; helped organize the Alamo-San Juan-Pharr Table and the Reynosa, Mexico Table; invites and visits other Tables, both in the US and Mexico when special meetings and functions are held; and it has established a scholarship program to award a scholarship to a graduate of a McAllen High School to attend accredited colleges or universities in the immediate geographical area.

**Charter Members** of the PART of McAllen were: Mesdames A.F. Vannoy, J.A. Hawkins, L.B. Weed, F.E. Osborn, Lauro Yzaguirre, L.A. Francis, C.P. Samson, W.W. Dees, Gordon Griffin, Paul Vickers, W.G. Stewart, J.N. Goodwin, J.W. Davis, Joe Faust and June C. Bixby. Some are shown in this photo.

### 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee at Casa De Palmas – November 16, 1959



Seated (l-r): Mrs. G.W. Johnson of Brownsville-Table organizer and Mrs. Mike Groom-Director. Standing: Mrs. Orville Cox-State Historian, **Mrs. A.F. Vannoy**-past director & **charter member**, **Mrs. J.A. Hawkins-First Director** and **charter member**, Mrs. F.W. De Stafano-State Parliamentarian, **Mrs. Paul Vickers charter member**, **Mrs. L.B. Weed** and **Mrs. H.J. Houser, charter members** and past directors.

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