

Pan American Round Table of McAllen, Texas
History
1940 to 1949

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State Convention Held in Dallas
April, 1940



Left to right: Dr. Francisco Banda of New Orleans - Consul General of Ecuador and Consul of Paraguay, State Director Mrs. W. W. Dees, Mrs. William St. Clair – wife of the dean of the local consular corps, and Luis Perez Abreu, Consul for Mexico at Dallas.



Distinguished Guests at the Consular Corps reception in Dallas: Luis Perez Abreu; Mexican Consul; Mrs. John Case Griswold; Founder; Dr. Francisco Banda of Ecuador; Consul-General of New Orleans, and Mrs. W.W. Dees, State President

Mrs. Griswold Dies June, 1941

Mrs. Griswold Dies; Founded Pan-American Round Table

Mrs. Florence Terry Griswold, 66, founder of the Pan-American Round Table of San Antonio, died Monday in a San Antonio Hospital.

Mrs. Griswold, who had lived here since 1904, had been in failing health for the past few weeks.

Long prominent in state-wide affairs, Mrs. Griswold was the Republican National Committeewoman of Texas during the administrations of Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover.

She was the daughter of Judge William T. Terry, first judge of Dimmitt County. She lived here at 209 Harrison Street.

Arrangements for services for Mrs. Griswold are pending.

She is survived by her widower, John C. Griswold; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Shaw Fraser of San Antonio, Mrs. Adele Terry Skinner of Pike Creek, and Mrs. Hazel Shaw Mangham of Seguin; a son, Felix M. Shaw of Austin and 12 grandchildren.

Mrs. Griswold spent much of her time in promoting cultural relations between the United States and the Latin American countries and has been actively



MRS. GRISWOLD

working with the Pan-American Round Table since she founded it 25 years ago.

Mrs. John C. Griswold, 66, founder of the Pan American Round Table was the daughter of Judge William T. Terry, first judge of Dimmit County.

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PART Members Start Conversational Spanish Program - Oct. 14, 1943

Members are to set aside a five-minute period of each meeting in which they will converse only in Spanish. The aim is to get a better understanding of, and a closer relationship with the Latin American countries.

**Pan American Day celebrated with an International Tea
April 14, 1949**



Mrs. J.A. Cardenas, Mrs. M.D. Bormann, Director, Mrs. Homer L. Gunn, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. D.V. Guerra

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