



Pan American Round Table of McAllen

2009-2011 History

The McAllen Table embarked on a very busy biennium with the planning and preparation for the State Convention slated in that city for March, 2011. It was hosted by the four upper Valley tables of ASJP, Edinburg, McAllen and RGC/Roma. Meetings with members of the four tables started very early in December of 2009, with Elsie Perez, State Director, and continued regularly throughout the two years. Lily Torrez volunteered to serve as Convention Chairman, with Baudelia Crane as Co-Chairman. Other members of the Planning Committee from McAllen were: Table Director Charlene Hertz, and Marlou Levine, who was Table Treasurer and who also served as Convention Treasurer. Each of the four Tables shared in the proceeds of the convention, to be used for additional scholarships.

The convention turned out to be a great success with 220 registered members and 80 guests, who attended the different events. Baudelia Crane, outgoing Treasurer was elected PARTT Scholarship Chairman for 2011-2013 and Lily Torrez, outgoing Area C Director was appointed Publications Chairman by Director Sarah Jane Wise.

The 2011 traditional Mother-Daughter luncheon, held in December featured a style show of vintage clothing, modeled by table members. In April, Dr. Yvonne Quintanilla, Director of the International Programs at UTPA, and a McAllen Table member, hosted the luncheon at UTPA. Members from the four upper Valley tables were represented. Lily Torrez presented a book of photos and articles from the McAllen Table's archives of the past 75 years, compiled for the Table's 75th Jubilee, to Dr. Farzaneh Razzaghi, UTPA Library Director. The book will be available at the library's archives for research.

The Table acquired 10 new members during the biennium: Irma Zavaleta (May, 2009), Ambarina Barrera and Jane Hereford Nov. 2009), Mary Pena and Ernestina Guerra (March 2010), Dr. Yvonne Quintanilla (May, 2010), Dorothy Egger and Victoria Guerra (Sept. 10), and Rosario Grajales and Maria Elena Martinez (May, 2011).

New officers were installed in May by outgoing Area C Director, Lily Torrez. Alma De La Garza was elected as Director, Mandy Pena as 1st Associate Director, Becky Strong- 2nd Associate Director, Diana L. Ramirez-Recording Secretary, and Yolanda McCarty-Treasurer.

Three scholarships, in the amount of \$2000 each, were awarded in May to Eduardo Rodriguez from McAllen High School, Gabriella Castillo from Nikki Rowe High School and Gabriel Jorge Torres from Memorial High School.

In June a business luncheon was held, which concluded the meetings for the year.

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