

## Pan American Round Table of McAllen Alliance Convention - October, 2016

October, 2016 proved to be an exciting month for PART of McAllen, especially in anticipation and preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pan American Movement, in conjunction with the Alliance Convention. Eleven table members traveled to San Antonio, where five of the members participated in the parade of flags for the opening ceremony of the convention. Each member represented a member country, wearing the country's native costume and bearing its respective flag.

Members Violette Metz and Lily Torrez accepted the challenge by the Alliance Special Commission of Cultural Diffusion to participate in the poetry contest **"Cien Años De Amor Y Paz"** established in homage to the Centennial of the Foundation of the First Table of the Pan American Movement.

Mrs. Metz received a certificate of participation and a CD containing all the poems submitted in Spanish and in English, for her submission of ***Homage for Florence***. Lily Torrez won ***First Place*** in the English category for her submission entitled ***A Saga of the Pan American Round Table Movement & Tribute to Founder Florence Terry Griswold***. In addition to a CD and a ***"Diploma De Honor,"*** Lily was also awarded a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin and a gift of coasters from the Chilean Table.



Lily Torrez – Trinidad-Tobago, Graciela Cobo – Honduras, Sylvia Alanis – Ecuador,  
Hortencia Pacheco – Belize and Linda Garza – Bolivia

## Second Convention Night in Native Costume



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tanding (L-R) Ana Maria Moon, Linda Garza, Hortencia Pacheco, Raquel Oliva  
Seated: Graciela Cobo, Mandy Pena, Sylvia Alanis, Sandra Brown and Rosario Pop



Poetry Participants



Dolley Flores, Sandra Brown, Sylvia Alanis, Raquel Oliva



Lily Torrez accepting First Place Award in the English category from Alliance Director General Eva Muñoz de Manzárrega



## Gala Night



Lily Torrez, Sylvia Alanis, Raquel Oliva and Ana Maria Moon



On the left is Carmen Guerra with painted portrait of Florence Terry Griswold, and on the right with her grandsons presenting her with yellow roses at the Gala



Rosario Pope, Mary Bard, Carmen Guerra, Sylvia Alanis, Ana Maria Moon, Mandy Pena, Seated is Lily Torrez