

PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE
FOUNDER
Florence Terry Griswold
May 29, 1879 - 1941

Mrs. Florence Terry Griswold was the founder of the Pan American Round Tables.

Mrs. Griswold grew up on the border between the United States and Mexico. She became bilingual and became acutely aware of the need for better understanding among the people of the Americas. She opened her home to women and children refugees during Mexico's turbulent political period of 1910-1916. It was while she lived in San Antonio, Texas that she organized the Pan American Round Tables in October 16, 1916.

She was keenly interested in the work of the Pan American Union and endorsed wholeheartedly the goals of the Union:

Achieving an order of peace and justice. Promoting American solidarity. Strengthening collaboration among member States. Defending the sovereignty, independence and international integrity of the nations of the Americas.

Mrs. Griswold felt the work of the Pan American Union could well be advanced by the women of the Americas. She asked: "Who can resist an America united in heart in accordance with human and divine law, following the torch of liberty?"

Through the working together of women in Pan American Round Tables throughout the Americas, Mrs. Griswold foresaw an "unbroken chain of friendship reaching the length of the Americas."

The first Pan American Round Table was founded in the United States. Today the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables, founded in 1944 has 190 Tables throughout the Pan American Nations. Truly, Mrs. Griswold's vision has come true and continues to grow.

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE!

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