

PARTT ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AREA A  
REPORT TO  
PARTT STATE BOARD MEETING  
DEL RIO, TEXAS  
March 5, 2016

Since my election as the PARTT Associate Director for Area A the tables which comprise this area have had a good year. The Houston and Conroe tables continue to look for ways to increase membership. With an aging membership there needs to be increased focus on recruiting younger members to carry PART forward into the second century. The Houston table has opted to focus on hosting more evening socials to increase membership and attract young professional women who are unable to attend luncheons on a regular basis. They have also networked with several other organizations in the area by attending some of their functions and have accepted several male associates which they are calling "Padrino's".

The Houston Table celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a luncheon and speaker at Tony's Restaurant in Houston. The featured speaker at the event was local business woman Elaine Turner. She gave a very informative talk where she stressed the importance of giving back through the scholarship program. Her store hosted a table which sold purses and shoes. In December the Houston table hosted a Posada at a local Mexican Restaurant. Mariachi singers from a Jefferson Davis High School performed for the party and a raffle was held. In February a Greek night social and dancing was held at a local restaurant. There are plans for a social at Lucho's exclusive men's clothing store for March 21, Lucho's Lucha Libre & Libations, Pan American day celebration on April 14 and Scholarship presentations in May.

I have not been able to attend meetings yet at the Austin or Conroe tables but do have plans to attend the Austin Pan American day celebration on April 4, 2016 and will plan to attend an event in Conroe in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Huston

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