

PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE OF EAGLE PASS

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2015-2017

Oh my Gosh, what a ride!

My year started in September, 2015. My first meeting was a business meeting held at the Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center at 11:00 AM. There was much to do and much to accomplish. Our State Director Isabel Vezzetti and Alliance Director General Maria Eva Munoz De Manzarraga were going to visit. We were very excited and honored with the planned visit. We also had the XXXV Alliance Convention held in San Antonio to plan on attending. Raising scholarships and our annual Christmas gifts to the elderly were also on the agenda.

October 2015 meeting was our Founder's Day Celebration held at the home of Norma Paniagua, Alicia Charles gave us a delightful program on Florence Terry Griswold.

November 2015 meeting Norma Heredia gave a program on Trinidad/Tobago. There was much discussion on the pending visit from State Director Isabel Vezzeti and Alliance Director General Maria Eva Munoz De Manzarraga. Our local scholarships, Christmas Home Tour, gifts to the elderly, new membership, 100th Year Pan American Celebration, reports, and our own Christmas party. Busy, busy, busy.

In December 2015 we had our Christmas party and hosted some of the ladies that were so generous in lending us their homes. Our Christmas Home Tour consisted of five homes and two businesses. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund. Both events were a success. January 2016 We opened the year with a regular business meeting, but very ceremonial with the induction of two new members. Plans to attend the PARTT Marker Unveiling & Re-dedication in Laredo was discussed as well as the Alliance convention and the visit from our State Director Isabel Vezzetti and Alliance Director General Maria Eva Munoz De Manzarraga. New member nominations needed to be submitted and up for discussion were the Pan American countries.

February 2016 was a business meeting and Lana Harper gave the program on Uruguay. A very festive Marde Gras theme was provided. There was lots of discussion on our Pan American Day Celebration to be held at the Parrilla De San Miguel. Reports from committees on the progress of our 100th Year Pan American Day Celebration were given.

March 2016 meeting Pepita Lopez gave a program on Eagle Pass. Final plans were discussed for our visit from our State Director Isabel Vezzetti and Alliance Director General Maria Eva Munoz De Manzarraga.

In April 2016 we held our Pan American Day Celebration at the Parrilla de San Miguel. Our Distinguished guests were our State Director Isabel Vezzetti and Alliance Director General Maria Eva Munoz De Manzarraga. Our sisters in Pan Americanism from Piedras Negras were also in attendance as well as the Mexican Consulate Lic. Ismael Naveja Macias. We all had a wonderful time.

May 2016 meeting Susan Villanueva gave a program on Venezuela. Updates were given on the scholarships. New assignments of country programs were given out. Progress on the 100th Year Celebration. September 2016 – A business meeting was held, much discussion on finalizing our 100th Day Celebration. The Alliance convention was also discussed and final arrangements were made. The Christmas Home Tour was discussed. As well as donations to the Battered Women's Shelter. Lana Harper gave us an update of the Coalition for Domestic Violence. She informed us that Eagle Pass has the land but is working to seek funds to build a shelter.

We also advised the table of our, (Lucy Mancha, Anita Williams and myself), very interesting visit to UTSA this summer to have our Table scrapbooks, meeting notes, yearbooks and photographs archived. Everyone should visit the UTSA library of archives.

October 2016 The Pan American 100th Year Tea held at the Victorian House in Eagle Pass was a great success. Tables from Del Rio and Piedras Negras were in attendance, as well as our Mayor Ramsey English-Cantu and the Mexican Consulate Lic. Ismael Naveja Macias. Aaron Zamarripa a local fashion designer presented a lovely modeling show which included some our members as models.

November 2016 meeting Lana Harper gave a New Member Committee report. We voted in a new member. Finalization for our Holiday Home Tour was discussed and a program on Argentina given by Anita Williams and Rosa Castillo. Announced was the Christmas Party to be held at one of our member's home.

December 2016 we had our Christmas party where we collected the clothing donations for the women's shelter. And then the next week we had our Holiday Home Tour including four homes, all proceeds are for the scholarship fund. It was a big success.

January 2017 regular business meeting. An update was given on our Holiday home Tour. Bolivia was the program presented by Esperanza Deutsch, Norma Paniagua & Selina Santos. Empanadas were prepared and served as a treat like they would have done in Bolivia. There was discussion on the State convention to be held in Houston. Delegates were assigned. Plans for our Pan American Day was also discussed.

February 2017 business meeting. It was a very busy but productive meeting. Plans on attending the State convention were finalized. Delegates and alternates were assigned for the convention. We had the elections for our new board of officers 2017-2019.

March 2017 Graciela Vargas and Marge Munt gave a program on Chile. The table was informed of the Texas Senate Resolutions to be held April 18, 2016 in Austin, Texas. Two Lifetime Members were proposed and the Table was advised the two members are Magdalena Herrera and Martha Bres. Members were advised that the scholarship applications had come in and were going to be reviewed by the committee.

April 2017 we will hold our Pan American Day celebration at the Corazon Verde for members and guests.

May 2017 will be my last day as Director. We will have the new instillation of officers and continue to instill Pan Americanism to new membership.







