

## PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE I OF FORT WORTH



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Established October 1944

## Table report to the Pan American Round Tables of Texas $58^{th}$ Biennial Convention, April 20 - 22, 2017, Houston, Texas

The Fort Worth Table meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September through May. The meeting place is determined by the board of directors and presently is Woodhaven Country Club in Fort Worth. We started this biennium with thirty (30) active members, one (1) sustaining member and one (1) special or non-dues paying member. During the 2015-2017 biennium we had three (3) active members request sustaining status but were fortunate that no members passed away. We gained ten (10) new members which includes three (3) daughters of current members. Three (3) new members joined in 2015 and seven (7) new members joined in 2016, one of which was a reinstatement from FW Table II. Our total membership is now thirty-seven (37) active members, five (5) sustaining members, and one (1) special or non-dues paying member for a total of 41 dues paying members.

The first photo is from our May 2015, meeting where Alliance Treasurer, Martha Stumbo, installed our officers using a "hat-themed" installation. The board met during July 2015 to plan the programs for the year and on August 15, I attended the PARTT Workshop in San Antonio, organized by State Director, Isabel Vezzetti.

The second photo is our September 2016 meeting where we were honored with a visit by State Director Vezzetti, and Alliance Director General, Maria Eva Munoz de Manzarraga, and Fort Worth City Councilman, Sal Espino presented them with a Letter of Recognition by the Mayor and City Council. Councilman Espino presented a plaque to the Table proclaiming October 16, 2016, as Pan American Day in Fort Worth. Pianist, Estuardo Hernandez, a master's level student at Texas Christian University presented a classical music program which included some pieces by Latin American classical pianists.

The third photo was taken at the 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables held October 26-29, in San Antonio, Texas. From left to right is member Leticia Clay and her daughter, Kristina Clay, who is one of our new 2<sup>nd</sup> generation members. One of the highlights for me as Director was to represent the Table at this convention as we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our venerable organization.

The fourth photo is from our annual "P' Party" held at member Billie Dolenz' ranch each year. Family members are encouraged to attend and members bring a dish that starts with the letter "P." This year we played a game called, "Getting to Know You," where the party goers had to interview each other to find someone who matched the criteria on a list. Prizes were awarded and everyone had fun learning new facts about the members and their guests.

In 2015-16 the Fort Worth Table endowed two \$500.00 scholarships to two female students at TCU from El Salvador, and we are endowing to more \$500 scholarships this month at our May 2017 meeting. In December of each year we continued our tradition to collect toiletries and warm clothing for the local battered woman's shelter and also to exchange White Elephant gifts with a value of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). We had musical programs at both Christmas meetings in addition to the gift exchange.

The Fort Worth Table looks forward to increasing our membership and providing quality programs for our members. We extend an open invitation to all PART sisters to visit us in Cowtown for the PARTT 59<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in the Spring of 2019!

Respectfully submitted:

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