



PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE OF LAREDO

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As I began my two years as Table Director for the Pan American Round Table of Laredo, I realized that not only was I facing a major challenge but an interesting and enjoyable phase of my life. My biggest and most valuable assets helping me to begin this venture were some of my very dear friends as well as my Board and past Table Directors.

My first meeting was held September 9, 2015. This meeting holds a very special place in my heart because we honored four special members at our Memorial Service. These four members included: Gloria Zuniga, Past State Director and Table Director, Connie Kazen, Past Table Director and members Martha Fenstermaker and Karina M. Villarreal. (Slide 1) During my two year term as Table Director, I encouraged the Directors of the Day to include motivational and hands-on activities in the presentations of the countries. The programs presented contained a wealth of information which the members found interesting and worth knowing. As you can see in (Slide 2), the program on Jamaica is being presented by the Director of the Day, Table Member, Leticia Cantu. She had the full participation from those in attendance answering trivia questions about the country.

On April 3, 2017, the Laredo Table hosted the Pan America Round Tables of Texas Re-dedication and Unveiling of the restored marker under the direction of State Director, Isabel Vezzetti. This marker, erected in 1935 on the International Bridge in Laredo is the 1st marker in the history of Pan American Round Tables of Texas. It was dedicated to Women by the Women of the Americas as envisioned by Florence Terry Griswold the founder of the Pan American Movement. (Slide III & IV)

With the cooperation of the City of Laredo, the City of Laredo Bridge Department, US Customs and Border Protection, US Border Patrol, Webb County Heritage Foundation and La Posada Staff, the original 1935 marker was removed restored and reinstalled at its original place prior to the date of the April 3, 2017 ceremony.

The Alliance Director General, Maria Eva Munoz de Manzarraga, and members from various Table throughout the United States were in attendance. In addition, special guests and dignitaries were our City of Laredo Mayor, Pete Saenz, Assistant City Manager, Jesus Olivarez, la Consulada de Mexico, Sra. Carolina Zaragoza, guest speaker, Former Secretary of State, Carlos Cascos.

Sister Rose Mary Welsh, Director of Casa De Misericordia, was the guest speaker at our March 8, 2017, meeting. Casa de Misericordia provides services to women who are victim of domestic violence. They offer battered women the chance to reclaim their lives through comprehensive holistic services and long term support. Just as Florence Terry Griswold began the Pan American Movement by assisting women who were fleeing the Mexican Revolution, our Table, likewise, has offered assistance to Casa de Misericordia by contributing a donation. Some members have given their time as translators and by collecting items needed for the victims. Our special shared the work they do providing help to women and children in need. Like Florence Terry Griswold did when she established this organization. Our special guests at the meeting were our State Director, Isabel Vezzetti, Assistant State Director Area B, Dee Moore and Alliance Zone I Director, Lana Harper. (Slide V & VI) These past two years as Table Director has been a humbling and exciting adventure. As it draws to a close, my offer my complete commitment to next two year term of officers and to the Pan American Movement.

Thank you!

Diana C. Rodriguez
Table Director - 2015-2017





Jamaica Trivia

How much do ya know man???



