



**PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE
OF
McALLEN**

TO: Isabel Vezzetti

FROM: Sylvia S. Alanis, McAllen Pan American Round Table Director

RE: McAllen Pan American Round Table Report

During my tenure as Table Director from June 2015 to April 2017, and ending May 2017, our Table has moved forth with the following accomplishments and activities.

In July 2015, we had a successful transition meeting between the outgoing elected and appointed officers and the new incoming elected and appointed officers (the importance of roles and responsibilities was the focus, the expectations versus the reality). A message conveyed from the exiting elected and appointed officers was "we are here to assist as needed".

Our Table transitioned into the 21st Century electronically. When a call/special meeting is required, our members may now vote electronically. (added to By-Law)

We modified our Constitution allowing for a broader area to draw members from and making it readily available for prospective members to attend our monthly meetings.

Two of our members, Raquel Oliva and Lilly Torrez scanned all PART Yearbooks going back to 1934. As of this report we have not delivered the scrapbooks to UTSA.

Our Table inducted 7 new members.

A card is sent and an email goes out to members asking for prayers and positive thoughts, when a member or immediate family is seriously ill. Members are kept updated on the progress. Our Corresponding Secretary, Adelina Garza, is credited with this idea. This has resulted in strengthened relationships and consecutiveness among our members. The feedback from members has been very positive. Birthday cards distributed include a personal thank you statement recognizing the member's individual contributions to the Table.

Our Second Associate Director, Carola Chapa, created a form which collects data such as individual's hobbies, skills, talents, travels and contacts. This will help members in preparing for a program presentation.

As Director I made a conscious effort to recognize those members who have assisted in some way in our Table activities as they occurred. During our December meeting, all members holding an office or committee position were presented with a small token of appreciation. I focused on their duties and the team work that transpired. (setting the stage for the election of new officers)

An effort was made to have our Table/Organization recognized in our newspaper. Consequently, we have been featured in our town paper several times per year. (Founder's Day, inductee of new members, election of new officers and special event) Our Publicity Chairperson, Berry Fritz, does a great job and always includes a brief history and the purpose for our Organization. One of the occasions that recognized our organization was when two of our members were recognized for their poetry entry at the Alliance Convention, 2016.

Photo 1

Lily Torrez and Violette Metz were featured in our town paper with a discussion of the history and purpose of Pan American Round Table.

For two years, we have engaged in a humanitarian effort. We provided over \$2000.00 and dry goods to the Humanitarian Refugee Center in McAllen, Texas.

Photo 2

Sister Pimentel with McAllen Table Officers. The two members on the first row starting at the left are Sylvia Cardenas and Alma Rosa Reverz who volunteer at the Humanitarian Refugee Center in McAllen, Texas. Next to Sister Norma Pimentel, Center Director, is Jane Hereford, Historian and Maria Hernandez, Assistant Recording Secretary. On the back row from left to right is Irma Zavaleta, Treasurer; Mariella Gorena, First Associate Director; Carmen Guerra, Sylvia S. Alanis, Director; Raquel Oliva, Secretary and Carola Chapa, Second Associate Director.

Photo 3 The 2016 Scholarship winners and Scholarship Committee members. From left to right our members are Deanna R. Longoria, our two of three scholarship winners, Graciela Cobo, and Maria Hernandez.

We provided \$12,000.00 in scholarship monies to 6 high school students, one from each of our high schools. Scholarships are for \$2000.00 per student.

Missing is one of our scholarship winners who was taking an AP examination that day. Our missing winner was Marsha Attwood's granddaughter (unbeknown to us) until we saw her and her son-in-law at the presentation meeting. As you all know Marsha Attwood is Past Director of the Edinburg Pan American Round Table.

Photo 4 Director General with Upper and Lower Valley Table Directors

With the Upper and Lower Valley Pan American Tables (a first) we had a very successful Observance Day Celebration (Pan American Day) in April 2016 honoring Maria Eva de Manzarraga, Director General. Since it was the McAllen Table turn to Host, I became the group facilitator. For nine months, the 7 Table Directors worked to put aside their differences. Some of the Tables had to give up their yearly scholarship money raising event. We moved forward effectively with a mutual goal. Working together a meeting per month, we produced a successful Observance Day. Every Table Director had a part in the scheduled program. Another success of working together resulted in friendship building among the Directors and learning and gaining knowledge how other Tables operate.

On the front row from left to right we have Virginia Hale, Brownsville I, Criseyda Rio, Zone I, Eva Manzarraga, Director General; Bersave Salazar, Rio Grande/Roma, and Lupita Garcia de Sarabia, Miguel Aleman. On the back row from left to right we have Angie Gonzales, San Benito; Sylvia S. Alanis, McAllen; Gloria Cantu, Alamo/San Juan/Pharr, and Herminia Martinez, Edinburg. Not shown is Rachel Perez, Brownsville II who had to leave early to attend a family funeral.

Respectfully Submitted,

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