



“One for All and All for One”

PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS

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STATE DIRECTOR’S REPORT



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APRIL, 2015

My tenure as PARTT State Director began on Sunday, April 12, 2015 when I was installed by Sarah Jane Wise, Past PARTT State Director. The first order of business was to appoint the following committee chairs:

**Laura Uzdavines chair of the Archives Committee
Lily Torrez chair of the Electronic Communications Committee
Ann Beitel chair of the Long Range and Planning Committee
Ana P. Flores chair of the Publications Committee
Lisa Romero chair of the Resolutions Committee**

I then appointed committee members to each of these committees:

**Scholarship Committee: Anita Williams and Susan Matthews
Archives Committee: Saundra Paine and Mary Catherine Miller
Electronic Communications Committee: All table ECC Chairs
Long Range and Planning: Martha Stumbo and Jean Heasley
Publications Committee: Patricia Rodriguez, Leticia Aber, and Lupita Muniz
Resolutions Committee: Gloria Munguia and Lucy Mancha
Revisions Committee: Woody Hearn and Frances Rodriguez**

The two Ad-Hoc Committees from the previous administration continued with:

**Ruth Kulesa: PARTT Book with committee members Yollie Calley and Ahia Shabaaz
Janet Roberts: PARTT Historical with committee members Deena Bird and Toni Ruiz**

**I then created a new Ad-Hoc Committee: Membership Committee with the purpose of seeking ways to increase and maintain our membership in the PART.
Carmen R. Guerra was appointed the chair with committee members Gloria Riddle, Carmen Guerra, Jessica Farrell, and Espernza Deutsch.**

Once the committees were in place, I reached out to the Tables across Texas to get a listing of the new Table Directors for the year 2015-2016 and began communications with them. I invited them and the PARTT Board and Committees to a PARTT workshop at the Marriott NW on Saturday, August 15, 2015. The purpose of the workshop was for orientation and a chance for committee members to meet and join in a dialogue. I contacted the Marriott NW and set up the arrangements.

I sent out to the PARTT Board and the Table Directors all the contact information I had received.

On April 25, 2015, I attended the lower Valley Pan American Observance Day held in Harlingen. After the celebration, I met with Lana Harper, Immediate Past State Director, to receive her binder and box of information.

MAY, 2015

On May 12, 2015, I filed the nonprofit periodic report with the Texas Secretary of State (Form 802) and paid the \$5.00 fee.

May 14, 2015, I installed the new executive board of Alamo/San Juan/Pharr PART using a birthday theme to encourage everyone to begin the 100th celebration of the Pan American Round Table.

I continued to negotiate with the Marriott NW for the summer workshop. I reserved 15 hotel rooms and the meeting room for the workshop.

JUNE, 2015

On June 1, 2015 I filed the PARTT 990N e-postcard and wrote to the Table Directors to do the same.

During the month of June & July, I began preparations for the summer PARTT workshop. I ordered name badges for the entire PARTT Board and completed binders with all the information needed by the Table Directors and board members. Many of the Board and Table Directors were in attendance. State Committee members had a chance to meet each other and to meet as a group.

I was approached by Louise Actkinson about the restoration and re-dedication of the tablet (marker) on the Laredo International Bridge #1. The marker was in very bad condition. Louise had hoped to restore the marker as a Convention project but was advised that it needed the blessing of the PARTT Board and that it should be a project for them. I began my research and decided to bring the project to the PARTT Board at a special meeting to be held at the start of the summer workshop in San Antonio.

JULY, 2015

On July 27, 2015 I contacted the City Manager of Laredo to find out who indeed owned the Laredo International Bridge #1.

On July, 30, 2015, I received a letter from the City Manager of Laredo, Jesus M. Olivares, stating that the City of Laredo owned the bridge and that we had permission to remove, restore, and re-install the PARTT marker on the Laredo International Bridge #1.

AUGUST 15, 2015

The summer workshop was held in San Antonio on August 15, 2015. PARTT Board members and committee members as well as Table Directors and Table ECC Chairs were in attendance. Prior to the workshop, a special PARTT Board meeting was called to discuss the restoration of the PARTT Tablet on the Laredo International Bridge #1. The

PARTT Board unanimously voted to proceed with the project. Donations were collected for the restoration project.

OCTOBER, 2015

On October 6, 2015, I attended Founder's Day in McAllen. Many of the ladies from across the Rio Grande valley were in attendance.

On October 21, 2015, I attended Founder's Day in Edinburg.

On October 24, 2015, I wrote the IRS for a determination letter.

NOVEMBER, 2015

On November 7, 2015, I presented the history of PARTT to the South Texas Historical Meeting held at the Brownsville Historical Heritage Complex. The presentation was well received. On that same day, I attended the birthday celebration of PART I of Brownsville.

On November 23, IRS issued PART a determination letter. I made copies and tried to hand deliver to every Table Director.

DECEMBER, 2015

On December 5, 2015, I traveled to Rio Grande City to attend the Christmas Posada presented by the PART of Rio Grande City /Roma.

On December 6, 2015 I attended and worked at the PART I of Brownsville Tamalada. Funds raised were used for scholarships for students graduating from Brownsville High Schools.

On December 12, 2015, I attended the Silver Tea hosted by the PART of San Benito. Funds raised were used for scholarships for graduating seniors from San Benito and Harlingen High Schools.

On December 30, 2015, I traveled to McAllen to meet and have lunch with Ana Maria Hodges, Director of the Dallas III PART.

JANUARY, 2016

On January 8, 2016, I met with Senator Eddie Lucio about the resolution he would like to present to PART.

On January 9, 2016, I traveled to San Benito to visit with PART of San Benito. After their meeting, we had an enjoyable lunch at The Oyster Bar in Harlingen.

On January 16, 2016, I attended the Area C Pan American Observance Day Planning committee to insure that proper protocol procedures were being followed since the Alliance Director General would be attending.

On January 19, 2016, I traveled to visit the El Paso Table. I was greeted at the airport by the Table Director Leticia Aber and other Table members. In the evening, I was taken to dinner at the home of Josefina "Fifi" Heller-Kaim. A lovely evening was spent with ladies

from the El Paso Table. They expressed concerns about the security on the PARTT website. We also spoke about the restoration project occurring on the Laredo International Bridge #1.

On January 20, 2016, I attended the noon meeting of the PART of El Paso. I addressed the ladies at the meeting. After the meeting I traveled to Odessa to visit with that Table. I was received at the Midland Odessa Airport by a member of the Odessa PART and taken to the home of the Table Director where I spent the night. I was taken to dinner by the executive board of the Odessa PART.

On January 21, 2016, I visited with the PART of Odessa. The meeting was held at the home of one of the members. Lunch was served. After the meeting and lunch, I was taken to the airport for my flight back to Brownsville.

On January 27, 2016, I hosted a luncheon-meeting with several ladies of the Pan American Round Table and Andy Rhodes, editor of The Medallion, the Texas Historical Commission Magazine. In attendance were Peggy Clark, past PARTT State Director and past Alliance Director General, Elsie Perez, past PARTT State Director and past Alliance Director General, Diana Rodriguez, PART of Laredo Director, Ana P. Flores, PARTT Publications Chair, Normalinda Castellano, PARTT Parliamentarian, Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre, PARTT Corresponding Secretary, Sandra Maxwell, member of PART I of Brownsville, Andy Rhodes, editor of The Medallion, and myself. It was a very productive meeting. The article "Dames of the Round Table" was featured in the Spring 2016 issue of the magazine.

On January 30, 2016, I filed the subsidiary report with the Internal Revenue Service

FEBRUARY, 2016

On February 3, 2016, I hosted a meeting with Area C Table Directors and Louise Actkinson, Alliance Convention Chair, for the purpose of helping Louise with the Alliance Convention being held in San Antonio in October, 2016. Some Tables in Area C voted to assemble white corsages that would be used at the Alliance Convention's "Hour of Memory". Other Tables decided to work on a fan that would contain the logo of the Alliance. These were to be used as decorations and souvenirs.

During the month of February, I prepared for the PARTT Board Meeting to be held in Del Rio on March 5, 2016.

MARCH, 2016

On March 4, 2016, PART of Del Rio hosted the PARTT Board Dinner. It was held at the Ramada Inn in Del Rio. It was delightful and full of comradery.

On March 5, 2016, the PARTT Board met at the Ramada Inn in Del Rio. The meeting ran very smoothly and was well attended.

The rest of the month was spent in preparation for the visit of the Alliance Director General, Eva Munoz de Manzarraga, during the month of April. I check and confirmed with all the Tables that we would be visiting together.

Time was also spent confirming with the Laredo PART Director, Diana C. Rodriguez and solidifying plans for the re-dedication of the PARTT Tablet on the Laredo International Bridge #1 and the reception to be held immediately after the re-dedication. There was also much correspondence with the office of the Texas Secretary of State, The Honorable Carlos H. Cascos, who would be the keynote speaker at the re-dedication of the PARTT Tablet.

APRIL, 2016

On April 1, 2016, I picked up the Alliance Zone I Director, Crissy Rios, at the airport. She spent the night at my house.

On April 2, 2016, Crissy and I traveled to McAllen to pick up the Alliance Director General, Eva Munoz de Manzarraga. We attended the PARTT Area C Pan American Observance Day Celebration. It was well attended. The Consuls based in McAllen attended the celebration. After the celebration, we traveled to Laredo and spent the night at La Posada Hotel.

On April 3, 2016, the restored PARTT Tablet on the Laredo International Bridge #1 was unveiled and re-dedicated. This historic event was very well attended. The keynote speaker was The Honorable Carlos H. Cascos, Secretary of the State of Texas. The PART of Laredo hosted a reception after the dedication ceremony. All the past PARTT State Directors were presented with a yellow rose boutonniere while the Alliance Director General, the Alliance Zone I Director and the Director of the Laredo PART were presented with a red rose boutonniere. After the reception, we left Laredo and traveled to Austin.

On April 4, 2016, I attended the Pan American Observance Day celebration with the Alliance Director General. After the celebration, we traveled to Del Rio. We spent the night in Del Rio.

On April 5, 2016, I attended the PART of Del Rio meeting with the Alliance Director General. We were joined by the PART of Acuña. It was most enjoyable. After the meeting, we traveled to Eagle Pass and attended the evening meeting of the PART of Eagle Pass where we were joined by the PART of Piedras Negras. The Mexican Consul was in attendance. The evening was full of friendship. We spent the night in Eagle Pass.

On April 6, 2016, I traveled to Beeville with the Alliance Director General. Along the way, we stopped in Carrizo Springs to see the entrance to the Terry's Ranch. Upon arriving in Beeville, the Director of Beeville took us to the Art Museum and to her house, where we were treated to tea and "goodies". That evening we were taken to Shirley O'Neil's ranch for a wonderful, delicious fish fry.

On April 7, 2016, I attended the meeting of the PART of Beeville. I addressed the ladies of the PART of Beeville and enjoyed an excellent program and meeting. After the meeting, we packed up and traveled to Brownsville.

April 11, 2016, I traveled to visit the PART of Conroe. That evening the PART Executive Board of Conroe treated us to a delicious dinner. The evening was most enjoyable.

April 12, 2016, I attended the meeting of the PART of Conroe. The ladies were delightful. After the meeting, I traveled to Houston and spent the night at the home of Martha Innskeep. That evening, Martha hosted a dinner with the executive Board of the PART of Houston. Good conversation with the ladies.

April 14, 2016, I attended the Pan American Day Celebration of the PART of Houston. It was a beautiful event. I met the great granddaughter of Florence Terry Griswald. She is now an active member of the PART of Houston. I also met the first recipient of PART of Houston scholarship. He has been a very successful business man and is very appreciative of the opportunity awarded him by the PART of Houston. PART of Houston has created an Alumni Committee to keep track of the scholarship recipients. They are hoping that it will also act as a feeder program for their Table. After the celebration, I traveled to San Antonio.

April 15, 2017, I attended the Pan American Observance Day Celebration of the San Antonio PART. It was held at "The Veranda". It was nicely attended by the members of the PART of San Antonio. I addressed the ladies during the meeting.

April 19, 2016, I drove to Corpus Christi to attend the Pan American Observance Day Celebration of the Corpus Christi PART. It was held at the home of one of its members, Mrs. Yolanda Canales. I helped welcome the guests, had an enjoyable dinner, and spent the night at the home of Jeanne Adams.

April 20, 2016, Jeanne Adams hosted a brunch with the executive board of the PART of Corpus Christi. I enjoyed spending time with the ladies of the Corpus Christi PART.

MAY, 2016

May 10, 2016, I flew to Fort Worth and was met at the airport by Imogene McCaskey and Kathy Ehmann-Clardy. Kathy presented me with a beautiful corsage of yellow roses. She drove me to the home of Martha Stumbo where I was to spend the night. That evening I was taken to dinner by the executive board of the Fort Worth PART.

May 11, 2016, I attended the meeting of the Fort Worth I PART. I inducted the officers for the 2016-2017 tenure. I also had the opportunity to address the ladies. After the meeting, I was taken to the airport by Jo Ann Jensen, Treasurer of the Fort Worth I PART, for my flight back to Brownsville.

On May 15, 2016, I hosted a working meeting with some of the ladies from Area C for the purpose of making flower corsages for the Alliance Convention's "Hour of Memory".

JUNE, 2016

June – August, 2016, I worked with Sandra Maxwell on getting a sponsor for Alliance Convention Bags. We met with Eddie Campiano, Director of the Port of Brownsville. He agreed to sponsor the bags. We ordered them from C. H. Harden, here in Brownsville.

June 1, 2017, I filed the 990N e-postcard for PARTT and reminded the Texas Tables to do the same. I helped in-service some of the Table Directors because the filing process had changed.

SEPTEMBER, 2016

September 14, 2016, I flew to Dallas and had dinner with the Director of Fort Worth I PART. I spent the night with Martha Stumbo.

September 15, 2016, I attended the meeting of the PART I of Fort Worth. At the meeting, I was presented with a proclamation from the City of Fort Worth. We celebrated the birthdays of three of the Table's members and had an enjoyable time.

September 17, 2016, I attended the PART III of Dallas Meeting. They had a special program of folkloric dancers. It was most enjoyable. The Dallas Table has struggled to stay afloat. Kathy Ehmann-Clardy is working with them to increase membership and to find new leadership.

On September 23, 2016, I drove to Austin for a viewing of the PARTT documentary. It was excellent. The viewing gave me a chance to thank the editors.

OCTOBER, 2016

October 24, 2016, I drove to San Antonio for the Alliance Convention. On the 26, 2016, I attended the Alliance Board Meeting for the purpose of welcoming the Alliance Board to San Antonio and the Convention. That evening, I welcomed all the delegates and attendees to the Convention.

NOVEMBER, 2016

On November 4, 2016, I attended the Birthday celebration of PART I of Brownsville. I was able to show the PARTT Documentary. It was very well received.

On November 29, 2016, I attended a meeting in Houston for the planning of the 58th PARTT State Convention. Plans are moving along.

DECEMBER, 2016

On December 7, 2016, I attended the PART of Rio Grande City/Roma's Christmas Party.

On December 10, 2016, I attended the Silver Tea for the PART of San Benito. It is a yearly event held for the purpose of raising monies for Scholarships.

On December 13, 2016, I met with Senator Eddie Lucio for the purpose of planning the Senate Resolution that he would present in April, 2017.

On December 14, 2016, I attended the PART of Edinburg's Christmas Party held at the Echo Hotel in Edinburg. It was so nice to see old friends.

JANUARY, 2017

On January 30, 2017, I filed the IRS Subsidiary Report.

On January 31, 2017, I drove to Houston to meet with the Convention Committee Chair, Susan Huston, to finalize plans for the 58th PARTT State Convention. The next day we met with the Westin Oaks Convention consultant to finalize plans for the convention.

MARCH, 2017

On March 8, 2017, I drove to Laredo to attend the meeting of the PART of Laredo. The meeting was well attended. The program was on the shelter for battered women located in Laredo. I spent the night at La Posada Hotel.

On March 9, 2017, I drove from Laredo to Del Rio. That evening I had dinner with the executive board of the PART of Del Rio.

On March 10, 2017, I met with the PART of Del Rio. The meeting was conducted by Dee Moore, Associate Director of the Del Rio PART in the absence of Director Deidre Chattler, who was home recuperating from surgery. Delegates to the State Convention were chosen and we were entertained by Adriana from The Casa Ballet Folklorico.

On March 10, 2017, I drove from Del Rio to Austin to check on the Holiday Midtown Hotel. This is the hotel that the ladies will be staying when they go to Austin to attend the reading of the Senate Resolution #346.

On March 15, 2017, I visited PART II of Brownsville. This Table is struggling for membership. They plan to stay opened one more year and see if their membership can increase. I will be working closely with them. Part of the plan is to recruit retired teachers.

The rest of March and April have been spent planning for the Reading of the Resolution and the 58th PARTT State Convention.

APRIL, 2017

On April 17, 2017, I drove to Austin to spend the night before the reading of the Resolution.

On April 18, 2017, I attended the reception held in our honor and the Reading of Senate Resolution #346.

On April 20, 2017, I attended the PARTT Board Dinner held at Café Lili Lebanese Grill – 5757 Westheimer Rd. #112.

On April 21, 2017, I attended and presided over the PARTT State Board Meeting held at the Westin Oaks Hotel Consulate Room on the 3rd Floor.

On April 21 – 23, 2017, I presided over the 58th PARTT Convention held at the Westin Oaks Hotel at the Houston Galleria.

Respectfully submitted,

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2015-2017**