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To: State Director, State Recording Secretary, and Archives Chairman

From: 12nd Associate Director Area D, Martha Miles Stumbo

This first year of my term has been filled with exciting Table visits to all four of the Tables in Area D. I started my year with an invitation from the Fort Worth I Table to be their Installation Officer at their May 10 meeting. The outgoing Director, Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, provided me with the Installation Program. It was a fun installation using different candy bars for each office. I again visited the Fort Worth Table for their November 11 meeting. Table Director, Melissa Rogers, was out sick and Past Director, Kathy Khmann-Clardy, presided over the meeting. Kathy asked me to give an overview of the Pan American Movement to the members and guests present before presenting the program on Day of the Dead customs and altars.

During the months of May, July, August, September, October, November and December, I visited with the Dallas III Table helping the few members in attendance to bring their Table back to life. With Kathy Ehmann-Clardy and Dee Moore, our State Director's help, I am happy to announce the Dallas III Table is up and running once again. On November 18, 2017, I was able to induct twelve new members into the Table. After the induction, I provided old and new members with an orientation on Pan American Round Table, Alliance, State and Dallas III Table. New officers were elected and I am working with the new Board each month. This new board is composed of all new members. You cannot imagine how enthusiastic and dedicated all of the new members are. As a matter of fact, there are five members going to Cochabamba in October! I expect great things will be coming out of the Dallas III Table.

The new year had me traveling to El Paso on January 16, to attend their Founder's Day Meeting honoring Past Directors of the Table. Carolyn Breck, Table Director, had made an angel using antique dollies for each of the Past Directors to wear as a broach. The program was on oral history. Before introducing the speaker, Carolyn played a recording of ten different deceased Past Directors talking about their year as Director of our Table. She asked each of us present to guess the name of the Director speaking. It was a fun activity and, as you can imagine, quite difficult to get all the names correct. I believe that one group of members cheated and got all the names correct! It was a great meeting and helped us all understand the importance of our oral history.

On February 15, I visited the Odessa Table for their regular meeting held at the home of Jeanene Taylor. We enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner before the meeting where I got to visit with old and new friends. After a short business meeting, Table Director, Mary Alice Ramos introduced the speaker, Jeanene Taylor. Jeanene gave an interesting and informative program on the geography and weather patterns of South, Central and North America.

One of the most important roles that I believe that I have played this year is the advice, guidance and counsel that I have been able to give to the restructuring of our Dallas III Table.

It has truly been a pleasure to visit all four Tables and to get to know many more of our sisters in the Pan American movement. I thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area D Director this past year.

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