

2019 PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS

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Corresponding Secretary's Report
June 13, 2020

In early April of 2019, I was honored to be appointed to the position of Pan American Round Tables of Texas Corresponding Secretary for the biennium 2019-2021. In that capacity, I have worked from my home in El Paso, TX. With great help from State Director, Martha Stumbo, I developed an email list of the State Board members and the Texas Tables Directors.

I also developed a working notebook to track correspondence received via email and some by regular postal service mail. This notebook shall serve as a record of correspondence between State Board members, Tables, and Director Stumbo. I was privileged to receive lovely and charming invitations from different Texas Tables to attend various meetings including Pan American Day festivities and holiday gatherings. Receiving such mailings, along with the individual Table Directories, gave me a good insight into our varied but connected Tables.

As so much of our business today is done via email, my job does not afford many occasions to actually write letters or notes. But we were all reminded of how much we do need our connections during trying times. A perfect example presented when I was able to send out notice to the State Board and the Tables Directors of the saddest passing of our Director Martha's beloved stepson, Allen. I felt that my job was more than justified with that simple notification. I, along with the rest of the Board, I feel confident in stating such, appreciated the opportunity to demonstrate our concern and support for each other, especially in a time of sorrow.

Now as we navigate these interesting times, we are making adjustments for meeting and communicating. We are learning new skills in coming together to accomplish tasks and take care of business. A secretary by definition is to help those in charge to accomplish their tasks or to guide the process of meetings. Thus, a corresponding secretary is the guide for communications or understanding of a group's purpose. My role is one of communication and outreach. Even the simple gesture of receiving an invitation and documenting such receipt furthers the task of guiding communication and understanding. For me, I have enjoyed and continue to enjoy the correspondence that comes my way. As I document the receipt of such, I am building a timeline or guide to the actions which occupied this group, the State Board. In this case, the State Board allows for Show our individual Tables are conducting business or meeting in their own communities and how that ties the Tables of Texas within the larger group of the

Alliance of Pan American Round Tables. It has been a learning process and has made me a more informed Pan American woman within our organization and in the spirit of our mission of fostering understanding, knowledge, and friendship particularly among these women of Texas.

With our motto in mind of being there for each other, of being the One and the All, I submit this report to the State Board of Pan American Round Tables of Texas.

Respectfully,

PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS
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“One for all and all for One.” “Una para todas y todas para Una.”

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