

## May 2009 Installation of Officers

### PART of Ft. Worth, Table I

#### A Birthday Party Theme

Presented by Kristen Burnett, Table Director

Welcome to our officer installation! As you can see, it's a Birthday Party theme. We are celebrating another year of successful sharing of mutual knowledge, understanding and friendship among Pan American Round Table members and guests.

Our new **Director** is **JoAnn Jensen**. As Director, JoAnn, you extend many an **invitation**. All good parties have a very special guest list and beautiful invitations. You set the tone of our table and you set the example of the type of woman we want as our guest and ultimately our member. This is your chance to re-live your college years at St. Mary's, you are our new head cheerleader! As stated in Article II section 1, the Director shall preside at all meetings and represent the Table on all occasions. Your gift today is **stationery**. You may use it as invitations or anything else you would like as you lead us.

Our new **Associate Director** is **Billie Dolenz**. Billie, as Associate Director, you make the Director's job *sweeter*, so your gift is **a birthday cake**. You perform the Director's duties in her absence. You accept any assignment by the Director that is for the benefit of our table. The Associate Director shall coordinate with the member responsible for all regular meetings, as stated in Article II section 2. Therefore, you are a delicious piece of every single meeting throughout our PART year.

Our new **Recording Secretary** is **Madonna Willkie**. Your gifts are **napkins and party plates and toilet paper**. The reason you get napkins and party

plates is because all the sweet things we do in this wonderful organization are left behind on the paper you bring and record it on. The toilet paper symbolizes your job of keeping roll. At each meeting you are supposed to record the name and address of each member, her classification of membership and the date of her admission into the organization per Article II section 3.

The **Corresponding Secretary** is **Barbara Quisenberry**. The reason you get **gift bags and gift tags** is your job is to have charge of all correspondence. The gift of membership into our organization is hers to “bag and tag.” She shall notify new members of their election into the organization and dues payable. She shall preserve all papers and letters of importance to PART Table I. This is per article II section 3.

Our new **Treasurer** is **Jackie Schouten**. **Balloons** are her gift. She keeps charge of the funds. We celebrate her position with balloons for several reasons. One is the bank account is the most *celebrated* of our organization; it’s the funds that provide scholarships and help spread the Pan American message to others. Also, the treasurer is often the first person our guests and members meet and greet as they enter the door to our meetings. She is often our organization’s curb appeal – our first impression. She also has a hard job, requiring her to be at every meeting with the treasury or pass it to someone in her absence, so she should stand tall like a balloon and know that her job is very important.

Our new **Custodian** gets **Candles**. The new Custodian is **Paula Levi**. Paula, the reason we chose candles is because they represent the amount of birthdays one is celebrating. As custodian, your job is to be in charge of all the properties belonging to this table for so many years. Each item (particularly each flag) is like a candle – it represents a country, a time, a place that we celebrate together.

Our new **Historian** is **Jan Giles**. Any good party has a good photographer and your gift is a **disposable camera**. As Historian your job is to keep a record of all major activities and you shall keep in organized form yearbooks, programs, newspaper clippings, photos and other significant info pertaining to PART Fort Worth Table I.

Last, but not least, is **Parliamentarian**. **Imogene Mecaskey** is our new Parliamentarian. Since your officer position tends to be listed last, your gift is the **wrapping paper and bow on top**. You are the final touch to our installation today and as Parliamentarian, you get the last word. You get to make sure the business of the organization is conducted according to the Constitution, the By Laws and Roberts Rules of Order.

**Imm. Past Director** is **Kristen Ueckert**. She gets the **party hat** to celebrate a fine two years as Director. Under her hat is knowledge that will help that new team lead with grace and ease. Let lunch be served now and we will continue to the birthday party momentarily.

As your Director, it was an honor to watch the organization flourish with new members, have new places to go for conventions, host our state leadership team and honor new students with well-deserved scholarships. We accomplished a lot! Some of my favorite programs were the opening ceremony at Imelda Castro's home, the visit we shared to the International Translations Center and the self-made documentary of Ivan Mino from his travels around various parts of South and Central America. But this year our Pan American Day was the best one I can remember since I've been a member. Jan Giles, thank you for organizing that; Jessica Farrell, thank you for organizing the hosting of the leadership team; Imogene Mecaskey, thank you for planning the trip to the International Translations Center; and Imelda Castro, you're unbeatable!


In following suit with the birthday party theme, I prepared party bags for the past officers who lead us this year. None of the accomplishments would

have been possible without their dedication. Would all of the officers from 2008-2009 please rise and receive special recognition at this time for your service to PART Ft. Worth Table I?

Now would all of the new members rise, those who are new in 2007-2008-2009? These ladies became members of PART while I lead us as Director. We want to give them a round of applause and hoopla, too, as they have brought much joy to the group as bright new shining faces! These new members are the green on the tip of the old bush. They bring life to our group, enthusiasm and they are the most beautiful part of PART. I would like our newest members and our guests to accept a gift, too, a flower.

As we conclude our party, I would like to bring your attention to the birthday cake and candles. Each member is like a piece of cake. Together, it makes a beautiful and delicious treat! If one piece is missing, the cake is incomplete, not as beautiful to the eye and leaves the piece next to them exposed and lonely. It is picture perfect when all the pieces are together as one; one for all and all for one.

I would like your new Director, JoAnn Jensen, to be our guest of honor at this time and stand here as the birthday girl would. I would like our Spanish speaking members and guests to sing Happy Birthday to us in Spanish as JoAnn blows out the candle and makes a wish for our organization's success!

One, two, three:  Cumpleanos a ti (or whatever version you want to sing...)

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