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Message from State Director Elsie Perez...



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"Una para Todas Y Todas para Una"
Your State Director 2009-2011

Elsie Perez

My Dear Pan American Sisters:

Thank you for making my first year as your State Director an overwhelming success. I Thank you for allowing me the pleasure of working with admirable, dedicated women as yourself. I would not have had the pleasure of the acquaintance of the table members, if it were not for my traveling throughout the state visiting your tables. Wherever I traveled, I saw many caring women joined by a common circle of friendship and cooperation in building a consensus through communication. So, let us keep those words in our hearts and minds and continue to work together towards further growth of our movement locally as well as through the state and international organization.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Eagle Pass Table members for hosting the state board meeting. The members, Table Director, Esperanza Deutsch and Associate Director Area B, Lana Harper went above and beyond our expectations of hospitality for our meeting. The meeting was held on March 26 and 27, 2010. Thanks to all board members and committee members that attended. A full agenda of reports and business was conducted in a very orderly and timely manner, with a great amount of business accomplished.

The elected nominating committee members for the 2010-2011 year are as follows:

Chairman: Jean Hager (Brownsville II)

Area A : Patricia Rodriguez (Houston)

Area B: Ann Bitel (Del Rio)

Alternate: Maria Inez Garcia (Austin)

Alternate: Ina Pool (Laredo)

Area C: Minnie Martinez (Edinburg)

Area D: Gladys Simpson (Odessa)

Alternate: Mary Lou Trevino (McAllen)

Alternate: Jessica Farrell (Fort Worth I)

Thank you to all of these ladies for agreeing to serve on the committee that will select the next slate of officers to be presented to the membership at the 55th Biennial Convention in McAllen on April 1-3, 2011. More information on the State Convention and registration forms will follow later. I do hope that you will include the convention on your calendars and will make an effort to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn, renew acquaintances, reminisce over past achievements and concentrate on plans for the future of our great organization.

I congratulate you on the many accomplishments achieved in so many endeavors that your table membership have undertaken through this past year. Your dedicated service is an ongoing source of inspiration and gratification for all. BRAVO!

Members of the McAllen, Alamo/San Juan/Pharr, Edinburg and Roma/Rio Grande City Tables are honored and excited about hosting the 55th biennial P.A.R.T.T. State Convention in the beautiful City of McAllen next spring. The Planning Committee which includes Lily Torrez, Chairman; Baudelia Crane and Alma De La Garza, Co Directors; and the four Table Directors are working diligently to make it a memorable experience for all who attend.

The event will take place at the Renaissance Casa de Palmas Hotel, Friday, April 1 thru April 3, 2011. The theme is "It's That Valley Magic", incorporating all that makes our area so unique; its culture, history, industry, flora, fauna and other local attractions.

All members are encouraged to join us for an exciting time next spring. We are eager to show our hospitality to all our Texas Sisters. Registration forms and other information about the convention will be sent out later this year.



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The Pan American Round Tables of Texas

2010-2011 State Scholarships Awarded

"Will provide me with a new lens for working with the American counterparts of these youths back in Austin, Texas, many of whom come from Latin or South American backgrounds"

The Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship Committee awarded two scholarships at the Board of Trustees Meeting in Eagle Pass, Texas on March 27, 2010.

Six qualified applications were received for the FTG Scholarship I. This scholarship, in the amount of \$4000.00 was awarded to Lisiane Saude Shuler of Brazil. Lisiane is a graduate student in the Master's of Science Social Work program at the University of Texas at Austin. Her primary focus and interest lies in the field of international social work. She participated as coordinator of "Progresso" at Casa Brazil Coffees, which is a program of social initiatives aimed at empowering rural coffee communities in Brazil. She is researching placement in a program in Nicaragua, a large coffee producing country. There she would be able to learn while actively participating in programs that educate, train and provide comprehensive services that benefit women, children and families. Through her studies, Lisiane wishes to use her knowledge and expertise gained to provide similar opportunities to others.

Two qualified applications were received for the FTG

Scholarship II. This scholarship in the amount of \$3000.00 was awarded to Alison Fader-Brock. Alison is a graduate student in the Master's of Science Social Work program at the University of Texas at Austin. She wishes to continue to enhance her knowledge of the juvenile justice systems. She has worked in the juvenile justice field in Austin, Texas since 2005 when she started work for a criminal defense law firm. She is currently a research assistant at the Inter-American Institute for Youth Justice, part of the Center for Social Research at the School for Social Work. She is in Porto Alegre, Brazil, this spring semester for her final field social work internship, part of which is studying the Brazilian juvenile justice system. Alison believes this internship in Brazil "Will provide her with a new lens for working with the American counterparts of these youths back in Austin, Texas, many of whom come from Latin or South American backgrounds".

The Scholarship Committee was composed of Sara Jane Wise, Chairman, B.J. Kershaw, Jessica Farrell, Elsie Perez, Sylvia Williams, Martha Stumbo, and Baudelia "BB" Crane.



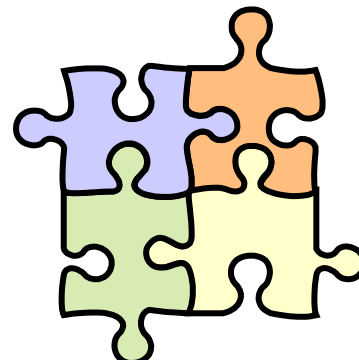
Alison Fader-Brock
FTG Scholarship II

You or your Table can make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. All memorials and honorariums are acknowledged by the Scholarship Committee Chairman to both the donors and those honored.

Please send checks to:

**PART Texas Treasurer,
Baudelia Crane
1729 Frontera Road
McAllen, Texas 78504**

Lisiane Saude Shuler
FTG Scholarship I



2010 Summer Edition "Table Talk"



Austin Table Community Outreach

Ten years ago the Austin Table adopted the Hermelinda Rodriguez Elementary School as its Community Outreach Project. Over the years members of the Table have tutored reading, donated books for the library, and provided financial aid for unmet student needs and school activities. In January, at a meeting with school officials, the committee was told that the most urgent need was for warm coats. When Table members Sylvia Williams and Suzon Kemp discovered the coats were on sale at Wal-Mart, they volunteered to drive to area stores and purchase the coats with funds raised by the committee. Fifty-three coats were purchased and delivered to the school just in time for the cold front that hit the following day.

The Committee is now organizing a Career Week to be held at the school in the Spring. Students will have the opportunity to meet professionals from various fields who will provide information and encouragement.

Pictured at left are (L to R): Suzon Kemp; Monica Villaseñor, Rodriguez Elementary School Principal and Sylvia Williams.

McAllen Celebrates Table's 75th Jubilee

A large gathering of Pan American Round Table members and guests from across the Valley and Mexico shared in the table's anniversary celebration with an afternoon tea at the McAllen Country Club on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009.

Special recognition and certificates were presented to those members with a continual membership of 40 years or more, which included Alice Tavarez, Dardanela Cardenas and Maria Teresa Garza. Additionally, Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Frances Metcalf, who served as 1987-89 State Director, and to Carmen Robinson Guerra, who held the highest honor as Alliance Director General from 1998-2000.

Distinguished guests present were State Director, Elsie Perez of Edinburg and Woman of the Year 2005-07, Delia Perez de Plata of Reynosa.

The program consisted of a Power Point presentation of photographs from the table's archives collected throughout the years and all guests were presented with a 75-Year Commemorative Book, compiled and designed by member Lily Tórrrez.



Pictured L to R: Alice Tavárez, Carmen R. Guerra, Delia Pérez de Plata, Frances Metcalf, Dardanela Cárdenas and Maria Teresa Garza.

Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras Re-Enactment

On Founder's Day, October 3, 2009, The Pan American Round Table of Eagle Pass thoroughly enjoyed the presentation of a skit preformed by members of the sister Table of Piedras Negras, who interpreted an enjoyable re-enactment of the founding of the Pan American Round Tables by our founder, Mrs. Florence Terry Griswold. In attendance was Mrs. Lana Harper, 3rd Associate Director (Area-C), Mrs. Elsie Perez, State Director and Mrs. Esperanza Deutsch, Table Director among table members from both cities.



Texas Tables Are "Called to Duty" Across the State...



Houston Workshop
Crown Plaza Houston - River Oaks
August 22, 2009



PARTT Boot Camp Workshops

Summer really turned up the heat with the Boot Camp Workshops held across the state. Director, Elsie Perez provided much needed and requested information on the daily workings of our tables.

The red clown nose, worn by Elsie during the workshop emphasized the fact that we make mistakes and can learn from them; therefore, we shouldn't take things so seriously.

Every attending member came away with the understanding that we all play a vital role and are an essential "Piece of the Puzzle".

"You are an Essential Piece of the Puzzle"

Fort Worth Workshop • Courtyard by Marriott • August 15, 2009



San Antonio Workshop • La Quinta Convention Center • August 29, 2009



McAllen Workshop
Embassy Suites Hotel
Sept. 12, 2009



Table Travels Via Programs and Projects



Laredo PART Hosts Guest Judge

The Pan American Round Table of Laredo held it's Founder's Day Meeting at the Embassy Suite Hotel. The November Program was on Uruguay and the Guest Speaker was U.S. Magistrate Judge J. Scott Hacker.

Pictured from L to R: Ana Flores, 1st Associate Director; Alicia V. Cantu, Director; Sheila Glassford and Julia Jones, Co-Chairman Decorations; Carol Berler and Diana Czar, Directors of the Day.

Brownsville PART I NEWS

We had a very adventurous year. In September, Frances Weathered taught us about the real estate market in Brazil during her report. We visited a fishing camp in Canada with Nancy Hodgson and in December Joan McNeil took us on a trip to the wondrous Chile. In November, we celebrated our Birthday with Maria V. Garza as chair of the committee, which did a wonderful job planning and executing the project. In February, we were escorted by Isabel Vezzetti on a tour in a "Chivas" bus to Cartagena, Columbia. Sabrina Brashear took us on a cruise to Costa Rica. In May, we experienced the Dominican Republic with Normalinda Castellano and in June, Delma Tercero took us on an informative visit to Cuba.

We were fortunate to have our Area-C Associate Director, Lily Torrez, visit our Table in March. We were honored to have Alliance Director General Martha M. de Calderon, our State Director Elsie Perez, and Gloria Riddle, Alliance Protocol Chair at our May meeting.



Pictured from L to R: Guillermina Galonsky, Suzanne Champion, Mary Staves, Isabel Vezzetti, Event Chair Maria V. Garza, Birdie Welker, Millie Esser and Nancy Hodgson are the members of the PART I Birthday Party Committee.

ALLIANCE ZONE I DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"One for All and All for One"
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The Tables in Zone I have all, except 2 tables, applied to the Special Alliance Commission of the Banner of Peace for their Peace Flag. The Tables of Laredo, Edinburg and Corpus Christi already have the banner. I want to thank all of the Table Directors for following the required process for submitting the letter requested by Dr. Alicia Rodriguez, Chairman of the Banner of Peace Committee.

I have traveled throughout many states and countries representing Zone I and presenting the workshop "Boot Camp". Included in these are New Mexico, Florida, California, and in Spanish in Costa Rica. I received a very positive response by all attendees.

My tenure as Alliance Zone I Director will come to an end at the 32nd Alliance Convention in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico on October 13 - 17, 2010. It has been a very rewarding experience. I have had the opportunity to visit with members from all the Tables in Zone I, which consist of Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, and Washington, D.C. All of my goals for Zone I have been accomplished above and beyond my expectations for all of the Tables. Thanks to all of you, my Pan American sisters for giving so much of yourselves to me, especially your friendship. These past two years have shown me how inspiring and dedicated all of our Pan American women are to our cause.

Remember what is so true in this universe:

In our Hands we hold Today,
In our Dreams we hold Tomorrow,
In our Faith we hold Forever.

Respectfully I remain your Pan American Sister,

Elsie Perez



Congratulations to Ms. Mary Helen Berlanga, PART member of the Corpus Christi Table who also represents this region on the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Berlanga has long fought for the fair and honest depiction of the citizens of this state. For her valiant efforts on the board and because of her contributions to the public schools in Corpus Christi, Texas, the CCISD Voted on May 10, 2010 to name a new elementary school in her honor.

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 "Happy Birthday to You!"

The Brownsville I Table proudly acknowledged Mrs. Judith Calderoni Champion's 102nd birthday during their tables 77th Anniversary celebration in November. Mrs. Champion was born in Brownsville, Texas on November 27, 1907. She later married Mr. Richard Champion in 1939 and has lived in Brownsville all of her life.

Joining Part I of Brownsville in 1956, she had very good advice for all.



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#### Important Dates to Remember:

October 13 -17,  
2010 Alliance  
 PART Convention  
 Merida, Yucatan  
 (MEXICO)

April 1 - 3, 2011

**PARTT**  
 State Convention  
 McAllen, Texas

To: