



# PANAMERICANA TEXANA

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### “Embarking On Our Next Centennial”

Dear Pan American Sisters,



**Dee Moore,  
State Director**

As we draw near to the end of another wonderful year, I want to thank each and every one of you for a year full of great memories. Traveling the great state of Texas and visiting as many Tables as possible has been such a joy. So many times driving down the highway at 75 miles an hour, Ann Beitel and I thought about Florence Griswold in her horse drawn wagon going 3 miles a day and rejoice in the fact that my air conditioned Yukon was way more comfortable. Although times have changed, our vision today is the same as one-hundred years ago, and we are so very proud to share it with each of the Tables we visited. If I have not been to your Table yet, rest assured I will be there in the near future.

I want to thank the Alliance Director General, Nhury Gutierrez Vilchez, for coming to Texas and presenting a very enlightening training session on leadership and sharing with us the vision of Florence Terry Griswold throughout the Americas. It is through dedication such as hers that we continue to flourish.

The Planning Committee of Rose Ann Reeser, Mary Aldrich, Sylvia William, and Janet Roberts along with The Austin Table deserve a “Thank You” as big as the State of Texas for the wonderful job they did organizing and implementing the logistics and hosting the State Board Meeting in San Marcos in March. The hotel accommodations were lovely, and the meeting was very successful with many issues addressed. We were pleased to present scholarships to two very deserving women, Patricia Andrea Lozano of Mexico and Grace Kathleen Neven of the USA. The Fort Worth Table also presented a proposed agenda for the State Convention in Fort Worth on March 28-31, 2019. So save the Date!

Being able to celebrate Pan American Day with several Tables this spring was a memorable experience. We started with The Upper Valley celebration where Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, Superintendent of the Brownsville Independent School District, their guest speaker, shared heart-warming stories of her life, and the contributions she made to save soldiers. The Lower Valley Pan American Day Luncheon was delightful with the mariachi band and the delicious meal. Going to the El Paso Table was a real whirl-wind trip. I was so thrilled to finally meet some of our sisters there and share in their celebration held at the Southwest University Ballpark. The parade of flags in center field with the strong winds holding them out straight was awesome. It is so inspiring to visit each Table and celebrate the meaning of our organization.

There are only a couple of Tables changing their leadership this year and without a doubt El Paso and Conroe Boards have done an outstanding job in 2017-2018. They will be handing over a valued working Table to the new 2018-2019 Boards. Congratulations!!!!

Just want to remind you that October is coming fast, and I hope many of you will be joining us in Cochabamba, Bolivia for the Alliance Convention.

In closing today, I wish y'all a wonderful summer full of family, friends and lots of good food. Looking forward to an exciting Fall with lots of great PARTT activities to keep Florence Terry Griswold's dream alive.

“One for All and All for One”

Hugs,

*Dee*

PARTT State Director

## Alliance Leadership Meeting

March 10, 2018



A brunch was held in honor of the Alliance Director General Nhury Gutierrez Vilchez, it was hosted at the home of Isabel Vezzetti, PARTT Immediate Past State Director. (L-R) Raquel Garcia, PART of Alamo/San Juan/Pharr Director, Elsie Perez, Past Alliance Director General, Past PARTT State Director and PART of Edinburg Director, Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre, PART of Brownsville I member, Nhury Gutierrez Vilchez, Alliance Director General.



Alliance Director General Nhury Gutierrez Vilchez gave a presentation on "Leadership" to an audience of 60 Pan American members on March 10, 2018, at the Brownsville Historic Museum. She stressed the importance of following the Pan American mission at our individual Tables. She was able to meet in a small group setting with the Table Directors of Area C, discussing many issues and challenges facing many Tables today and in the future.



PART Brownsville I Executive Board in attendance at the Brunch honoring Alliance Director General Nhury Gutierrez Vilchez, (L-R) Sandra Maxwell, Associate Director, Karen Peña Protocol Committee, Normalinda Castellano, Recording Secretary for PARTT and her Table, Amelia Yznaga, Historian and Rachel Ayala, Corresponding Secretary.



Ladies in attendance at the Alliance "Leadership" meeting .



(L-R) Lupita Sarabia, PART of Miguel Aleman, Elka Jaross, PART Brownsville I Treasurer, and Suzanne Champion, PART Brownsville I Director, attend the Brunch honoring Director General Nhury Gutierrez Vilchez at the home of Past PARTT State Director Isabel Vezzetti.



Head Table ladies at the "Leadership Meeting" (L-R) Carmen Guerra, Past Alliance Director General, Sylvia Williams, Alliance Associate Director and Past PARTT State Director, Nhury Gutierrez Vilchez, Alliance Director General.



Lana Harper, Mistress of Ceremony and Alliance Zone I Director begins the meeting with the recitation of the "Collect", the National Anthem of the United States, and the National Anthem of Chile.



(L-R) Sylvia Williams, Alliance Associate Director and Past PARTT State Director, Peggy Clark, Past Alliance Director and Past PARTT State Director, Carmen Guerra, Past Alliance Director General



State Board Meeting

March 23-24, 2018



(L-R) Rosalinda Peterson and Belinda Postman-Kaylani from Houston at Friday night social.



Austin members at Registration (L-R) Mary Aldrich, Janet Roberts, Rosalia Castañeda.



PARTT Associate Directors who attended the State Board Meeting where, (L-R) Gloria Munguia, Area A, Alicia Cantu, Area B, Dee Moore, PARTT State Director, Martha Stumbo, Area D, Herminia Martinez, Area C.

The State Board meeting hosted by the Austin Table met at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. Executive Board members and Committee chairs gave their end of the year reports. The Proposed Budget and a few Constitution amendments were presented and revised.



Past State Directors in attendance were (L-R) Peggy Clark, Geri Rice, Sylvia Williams, Sarah Jane Wise, Lana Harper and Isabel Vezzetti.



(L-R) Mary Alice Ramos from Odessa, Becky Judah and Paula Alexander from Conroe



Sylvia Williams and Martha Stumbo enjoy dancing at the Friday night social.



From Beeville (L-R) Johana Quiñones, Anne Dihnisch, Beeville Director, and Cecile O'Connor



(L-R) Past State Director Isabel Vezzetti and 1st Associate Director Area B, Alicia Cantu



State Electronic Committee members: (L-R) Lucy Mancha and Gricelda Becker-Perez from Eagle Pass enjoy Friday night social.



State Historian Carmen Guerra presenting her report at the meeting.



### Conroe



Conroe Table was honored to have special guests for Pan American Day. (L-R) Gloria Munquía, Area A Director and Sylvia Williams, Alliance Associate Director.

### Houston



In April, Associate Director Area A, Gloria Munquía attends Houston Table Pan American Day event.

### Conroe



Conroe Table celebrate Pan American Day at their April meeting

### McAllen



About 200 members and guests of the four Upper Valley Tables of the Rio Grande Valley (McAllen, Edinburg, Rio Grande City-Roma, Alamo/San Juan/Pharr) attend Pan American Observance event at McAllen Country Club. Dignitaries present were State Director Dee Moore, Corresponding Secretary Anne Beitel, Zone I Director, Lana Harper, Area C Director Herminia Martinez, Past State Director, Isabel Vezzetti and Past Alliance Director General Elsie Perez. Picture on the left, are the McAllen Table members who were in charge of the Parade of Flags.



(L-R) Ann Beitel, PARTT Corresponding Secretary, Elsie Perez, Past Alliance Director General, Past PARTT State Director, and Part of Edinburg Director, (standing) Delma Tecero, PART I of Brownsville, Mariella Gorena, Part of McAllen Director, Linda Garza, PART of McAllen

### Lower Valley Tables



Members of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Tables (Brownsville I, Brownsville II, San Benito) hosted their Pan American Observance Day celebration on April 7th, with many Pan American State Officers and members in attendance. Here, the ladies are listening to Dr. Knopp speak on "Mexico".



(L-R) Gracie Uhles, PART I of Brownsville, Ruth Kulesa, PART II of Brownsville, Mary Ann Boehl, PART II of Brownsville, enjoy the Pan American Observance Day held in Brownsville

### Upper Valley Tables



(L-R) Standing-Dee Moore, State Director, Ann Beitel, State Corresponding Secretary, Herminia Martinez, Area C Director, Lana Harper, Zone I Director, and Isabel Vezzetti, Past PARTT State Director—Sitting-Marilla Gorena, McAllen Director, Elsie Perez, Edinburg Director, Maria D. Cavazos, Rio Grande City-Roma Director, Raquel Garcia, Alamo-San Juan-Pharr Director attend Pan American Observance Day event in McAllen.



Suzanne Champion, PART I Brownsville, Director, begins Pan American Observance Lower Valley Celebration





### **Rio Grande City-Roma**

Rio Grande City-Roma Table members attended the Upper Valley Pan American Observance Day celebration on April 14, 2018, in McAllen. (L-R) Standing: Teresa Perez, Hortadelia Barrera, Ramoncita Guerra, Elvia Guerrero, Yolanda Gonzalez, Leticia Peña-Garza, Debbie Delano, Nelda Laurel, Elia Ramos and Soila Perez. Sitting: Iliana Peña, Nydia Benitez, Dalinda Peña, Rio Grande City-Roma Director Maria D. Cavazos, PeeWee Guerra, and Alma Gloria Gonzalez.



(L-R) Carol Berler and Diana Lecuona



### **Laredo**

Laredo members viewing scrapbooks at Texas A&M International University (L-R) Magdalena Sanchez, Teresa Barker, Gigi Cabellero, Lilia De la Miyar, Anna Haynes and Elia Norma Barrera



(L-R) Magdalena Sanchez, Amelia Ramirez and Angeles Elizaldi



On April 14, 2018 the Pan American Round Table of Laredo commemorated the 128th Pan American Day by revisiting their 97 year old history. Jeanette Hatcher, Head of Special Collections and Archives at Texas A&M International University, worked closely with Table Director, Nora V. Peña, to present highlights of the archived material in an effort to engage the membership with the Table's rich and long history. Laredo's archive is one of the few in existence from the greater Rio Grande Valley, recording the engagement and impact of a wholly woman run organization in its community and in transnational matters. The members in attendance left with a sense of the importance of the daily and sometime routine tasks we embark on as modern Pan American Women, and how history is indeed being written as we carry on the mission of All for One and One for All, "Una Para Todas y Todas Para Una". As members of the Pan American movement, we are all historians of our wonderful organization, and we define the legacy we choose to leave behind. (L-R) Standing: University Staff member, Jeanette Hatcher, Alicia Valdez, Lilia De la Miyar, Mary Ann Garcia, Cecilia Z. Vela, Anna Haynes, Magdalena Sanchez, Teresa Barker, Diana Lecuona, Mary Helen Cantu, Elia Norma Barrera, Thelma Nance, Angie Ruiz and University Staff member. Sitting: Angeles Elizaldi, Diana Czar, Nora Varela de Peña, Bettina Muñoz and Eva Porras.



### Houston



March was all about women's history month. Houston Table members took a tour of Houston on the Houston History Bus. Members held up pictures of historic women of Houston.

### Houston



After a history speech, (L-R) Rosalinda Peterson, Kaye Fraser and Judge Esmeralda Peña Garcia enjoy themselves at the Pan American Day event in April.

### Conroe



At the March meeting Jean Heasley (left) holds the Western Hemisphere map as one of our newest members, Victoria Schrock, highlights some areas of interest to visit in Mexico.

### Beeville



Beeville welcomed two new members to the Table. (L-R) First Associate Director Josephine Miller, new member Madeline Madden, Table members, Louise Hall and Jane Wicker and new member Cissy Beasley.

### Beeville



The scholarship recipient was introduced to the Beeville Table. (L-R) Lucy Williams, Reva Salazar, scholarship recipient, and Table Director Anne Dehnisch.

### McAllen



McAllen Table awards scholarships at their May meeting. (L-R) Table Director Mariella Goren, Scholarship Committee members, Deanna Ramirez and Graciela Cobo, Scholarship recipients: Samantha Alvarado, future music major, Alejandra Sanchez, will pursue a Medical degree, Latifah Kuffesh, future Business degree, and Committee members, Mary Hernandez and Elizabeth Cardenas.

### McAllen



McAllen member Carol Chapa, cleverly devised an engaging program where members were quizzed regarding historical facts about the United States for the February program followed by a video about our Nation's Capitol.

### Eagle Pass



In Eagle Pass a successful Fashion Show and Silent Auction took place April 14th, at IBC Bank. Our "Spring into Fashion" Show surpassed our goals of raising funds for awarding scholarships to our graduating seniors. We attribute its success to a concerted community effort and for that, the Pan American Round Table of Eagle Pass would like to thank IBC Bank, our corporate sponsor.





Alliance Leadership meeting in Brownsville (L-R) Elsie Perez, Past Alliance Director General & Past State Director, Carmen Guerra, Past Alliance Director General, Nhury Gutierrez Vilchez, Alliance Director General, Peggy Clark, Past Alliance Director & Past State Director, Sylvia Williams, Past State Director & Alliance Associate Director General

### Corpus Christi



Peggy Clark, Past Alliance Director General and Past State Director attends Corpus Christi meeting

### El Paso



El Paso Pan American Day celebration (L-R) Sitting: Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott, Ginger Frances from El Paso Standing: Martha Stumbo Area D Associate Director and Dee Moore PARTT State Director



(L-R) Dee Moore, PARTT State Director, Nhury Gutierrez Vilchez, Alliance Director General, Suzanne Champion, Brownsville I Director, attend the Alliance Leadership meeting in Brownsville.



March meeting at Casa de Adobe in Rio Grande City with members from Rio Grande City-Roma, Edinburg, and Miguel Aleman welcoming the Alliance Director General. (L-R) Sitting: Miguel Aleman Director, Amelia Peña de Guerra, Edinburg Director, Past Alliance Director General & Past State Director Elsie Perez, Rio Grande City-Roma Table Director, Maria D. Cavazos, Alliance Director General, Nhury Gutierrez Vilchez, Alliance Director General, Sylvia Williams, Past State Director and Alliance Associate Director General Rio Grande City-Roma Associate Director Dalinda Peña Standing: Rio Grande City-Roma, Edinburg, and Miguel Aleman Tables members.

### Odessa



Martha Stumbo, 2nd Associate Director at Odessa Meeting (L-R) Sitting: Knoxine Clack, Berta Garcia, Iuiselda Castillo, Earlene Smith, Standing: Mary Alice Ramos, Table Director, Jeanene Taylor, Lita Hale, Martha Stumbo, Alliance Associate Director, Nancy Minor, Betty Dale, Sonya Haynie, Yollie Wilkins.

### Brownsville I Celebrate 85th Birthday



(L-R) Benilde Olvera, Celebration Chairman, Suzanne Champion, Table Director, Amelia Yznaga, Table Historian, and Elka Jaross, Table Treasurer greet guests at the door. PARTT State Officers, Pan American Round Table members from the Rio Grande area, along with special guests, attended Brownsville I 85th Birthday celebration.



**Pan American Observance Day**

**Brownsville 85th Birthday**



Ladies attend the Lower Rio Grande, Pan American Observance celebration. (L-R) Past Alliance Director, Carmen Guerra, McAllen Director, Mariella Gorena, Edinburg member, Doriz Lopez, Rio Grande City-Roma Director, Maria D. Cavazos, PARTT State Director Dee Moore, Past Alliance Director General, Past PARTT State Director, Edinburg Director, Elsie Perez, Edinburg member, Dolley Flores, Past PARTT State Director, Alliance Associate Director, Lana Harper, McAllen members, Yolanda Barrera and Linda Garza



Brownsville Table members enjoy celebrating their 85th Birthday event on November 18, 2017. (L-R) Martha Warburton, Virginia Hale, PART I Parliamentarian, Norma McKnight, and Amelia Tindal.

**Conroe**

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**Brownsville I**

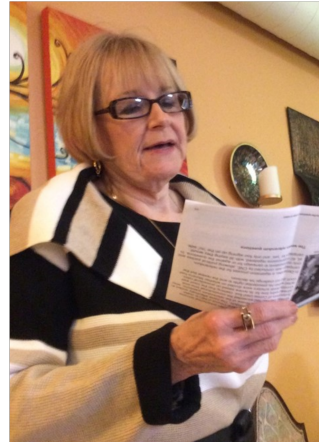
**Brownsville I**



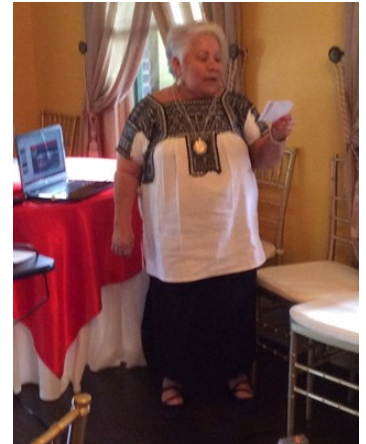
Conroe Treasurer Woody Hearn shows her pleasure at winning the gift given for the scholarship drawing at the February meeting.



Jewel Manders, one of our new members, speaks on Panama at our March meeting



Susan Cowen presented her current event on Ecuador at the February 2, 2018 Brownsville I meeting.



At the March 2, 2018 meeting, Rachel Ayala, PART I Corresponding Secretary, presented her program on Costa Rica.



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