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Dear PARTT Officers, PART Table Directors and Members of the Pan American Round Tables in Texas,

It is indeed a privilege to be able to welcome all our members to a new biennium and the great possibilities that it brings. As you browse our first edition of the Texana for this biennium, you will note all of the wonderful activities hosted by the various Tables from across the State. These activities mirror the ideals of the Pan American movement and the way in which our predecessors chose to celebrate the objectives of the organization.

The mission of the Pan American Round Table which is centered on learning about our neighboring countries so as to build understanding and knowledge, is reflected in the photo displays captured on the pages of the issue. This is to remind us what our organization is all about and why we exist. We, current members, continue to carry the torch ignited by our foundress Florence Terry Griswold and which was passed to us and are charged to carry forward.

With this in mind, I would like to point out that I have chosen a theme for the 24-26 biennium, *"Women and Children, a Gift to the World"*. I am urging all the Texas Tables that their projects and activities be focused on this theme. Much is already being done to address the needs of women and children in our communities. We award scholarships to deserving young women in need as well as help children with school supplies and school projects but I feel that we can accomplish so much more. Reflect on how and why our beloved organization was founded by Mrs. Griswold, it was to address the needs of the immigrant women and children who were suffering. And while I am not suggesting we do exactly that, I do want to encourage you to be creative in your community projects that are aimed at providing people with assistance. I hope that you will give this idea some thought. Please enjoy this our first edition.

One for All and All for One

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Alliance of Pan American Round Tables 38th Biennial Convention, Cancun, Mexico

The Texas delegation to the Alliance Convention consisted of 26 Table members. Congratulations to Kathy Kathy Ehmann-Clardy Clardy who was elected as Zone 1 Director and to Texas State Director Rosa Maria Vida who was appointed as official translator.



Rosa Maria Vida
Official Translator
State Director
PART Laredo



Kathy Ehmann-Clardy
Zone 1 Director
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2024 - 2025 Table Directors



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Austin-A



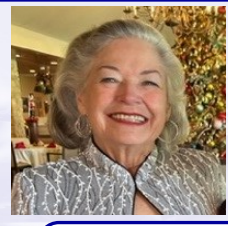
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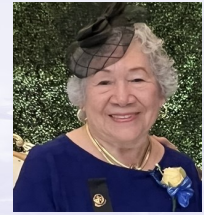
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El Paso-D



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Fort Worth - D



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Alamo-San Juan-Pharr - C



Installation of Officers

61st State Convention, Laredo, Texas

Austin-A

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Christmas meeting.



(L to r). Past PART of Austin Directors Sylvia Williams, Nidia Salamanca-Spears, and Janet Roberts.

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Pan American Day Celebration

Kathi Thomas (masked) and Gloria Munguia "cut a rug" to celebrate.



Saturday, May 4, 2024 New Member Orientation

(Right to Left) Membership Chair Carmen Guerra with new members Marianne McKim, Susana Castillo, Karen Michie, Ruth Rubio, and Director Marian Barber.

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 Scholarship Committee members

Deloise Vasquez and Joni Ragle joined scholarship recipients Maria Fernanda Gonzalez Lopez and Maria Elena Cortez. Scholarship Chair is Mary Gawron.



Monday, May 20, 2024

YMCA - Our version (L to R) Rosie Reyna, Rachel Ruiz, Julia Subervi, Deloise Vasquez, Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza, and Angelita Mendoza-Waterhouse peeking from corner.

Conroe-A

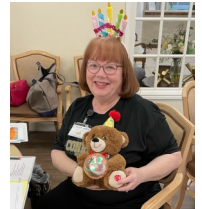
Conroe PART September 2024 meeting.

Jean Heasley, Gloria Riddle, Annette Ferrell



September Meeting-

Marilyn Sommers, the birthday girl!



October Meeting Hostesses Paula Alexander and Jo Chesney.



May meeting: Celebrating the Conroe Table's 75th anniversary and installation of the new board. (L-R) Marilyn Sommers, Janet Iden, Vickie Stewart, Jo Chesney, Mary Lou Sartore, Jean Heasley, Paula Alexander, Riki Dewey, and Gloria Riddle.



Houston-A



PART Houston honored Janice Mayorga, who has been a PART member for 40+ years and has held many important positions with PART and different Texas Tables. Her two daughters and granddaughters are members of PART Houston.



On May 18th, PART Houston held a soirée at Brannan's in Midtown. From Left to Right: Susan Mayorga Huston, Janet Mayorga, Grace Kaplow, Josie Mayorga Kaplow, and Lucero Santos .



The 2024-2025 PART-Houston Table Officers Installation took place on October 23, 2024 at Erbe's in Uptown Park. (L-R)Kathleen T Gabriele, Secretary; Kaye Fraser, Treasurer; Mary Closner, Parliamentarian; Janice Greco, Historian; Judge Esmeralda Garcia-Peña, Table Director; Susan Huston, Scholarship Director; Julissa Alcantar-Martinez, Communications; Ena Puder and Vangie Ziegler, Co-Directors of Programs and Events; and A. Catherine Louvier, Alumni Director.

Judge Raul Rodriguez with Judge Esmeralda Garcia Peña. Judge Rodriguez conducted the installation of officers.



Beeville-B



PART Beeville members celebrated the holidays.



Shirley Wyatt,
Table Director



Anne Dehnisch gave a presentation on the Mexican Revolution to a large turnout to PART Beeville members and guests.



Josephine Miller presented a committee report.

PART members attended a local South Texas Artist exhibit. The artist sells his paintings to raise funds to bring bibles and comfort to male prisoners in South American countries.



Corpus Christi-B



The Pan American Round Table – Corpus Christi began the year with a planning retreat on June 12th where eight directors gathered at the board room of Coastal Bend Community Foundation. Diana Broyles was welcomed as the incoming Second Associate Director.



On August 31st, a New Member Orientation Luncheon for 15, including new member sponsors and the directors, was hosted at the home of Fourth Associate Director Karen Selim . A directors meeting held on September 10th at the conference room of Table Director Susanne Harrold's law office.

On September 17th, the first meeting of PART-CC year was held at The Roughian, the new meeting location.



Members enjoyed a chef prepared lunch and learned more about Natalie Trevino, the chef and owner of The Roughian.

Eagle Pass - B



Eagle Pass Pan American Round Table Members at the September meeting.



The Eagle Pass Pan American Round Table sponsored a breakfast for 14 year old World Series Baseball players from New Hampshire. Lana Harper, Past State Director and Elva Benavidez, Eagle Pass Director passing out bags to all the Little League Players and Parents.

In August, Table members attended the PARTT Leadership Seminar in San Antonio.



L-R: Lana Harper, Past State Director, Dr. Rosa Maria Vida, State Director, Elva Benavides, Table Director, Lucy Mancha, Publications Committee and Belinda Benavides.

Laredo-B



On July 31, 2024, PART-Laredo Board members held a new member orientation. Pictured from left to right: Raquel San Miguel, Rosina M. Silva, Gabriella Cigarroa, Elisa G. Trevino, Olga A. Cantu, Irma del Barrio, Patricia Coble, and Director Kimberly J. Alexander.



On August 9, 2024, PART Laredo donated 20 back packs filled with school supplies to El Cenizo Community Library. This project expanded the reach of PART Laredo's Mission to serve the Laredo Community.



On September 11, 2024, PART Laredo held the first business meeting and induction ceremony. Pictured from left to right: State Director Dr. Rosa Maria Vida, Rocio Jacaman, Olga A. Cantu, Gabriella Cigarroa, Irma del Barrio, Raquel San Miguel, Rosina M. Silva, Elisa G. Trevino, and Director Kimberly Alexander.

San Antonio-B



Hosting the PARTT Leadership Seminar in September, San Antonio Table members wore T-shirts to advertise their new website, PARTSATX.com. From left, Mary Lanoue, Sybil Howell, Sharon Gee, Director Sandra Brown, Agatha Wade, Sonia Morton and Sylvia Bolado.



San Antonio Director Sandra Brown, left, celebrates during the Table's Summer Social with members Mary Lanoue, Cara Jensen

and Yvonne Kylstra. The festive August get-together was hosted by the Board of Directors at Kiki's Coffee and Spirits downtown.

Enjoying mimosas at San Antonio Summer Social are Sharon Gee, left, Jeanne Koplan and Cindy Brewer, a prospective member.



Sandra Brown, center, greets visitors Vic Gonzalez, left, and Sophie Zook at San Antonio Summer Social.

Alamo/San Juan/Pharr - C

The three cities of Alamo, San Juan and Pharr proclaimed September 27, 2024, as Pan American Round Table of Alamo-San Juan-Pharr Day. This Table was organized on September 27, 1949. (L-R) Gloria Cantu, Gela Garcia, Director and Maria Elena Corona.



Members from the Pan American Round Table of Alamo-San Juan-Pharr pose for a group picture during their celebration of their 75th Anniversary. Seating far left is our current State Director Dr. Rosa Maria Vida and seating far right is our immediate past State Director Margot A. Gonzalez who were able to attend our 75th Anniversary Celebration.



May of 2024 the Pan American Round Table of Alamo-San Juan-Pharr awards two P.S.J.A. Southwest High School students, scholarships. Pictured standing from left area: Victoria Loreda, Scholarship Committee member; Gela Garcia, Table Director; Delia Soza, Scholarship Chair; Khrysalin Lopez, Financial Aid Officer; D'banhy Ocanas, student; Karla Mascorro, student; and Corinne Conquest, Scholarship Committee member.

Brownsville I - C

Pan American Observance Day was hosted by PART Brownsville 1 and PART San Benito on April 20, 2024 held at the historic Alonso Building in downtown Brownsville. Featured was a presentation on *"The Huipil", Woven with the Spirit of Love*. The Invitation designed by local artist Don Breedon.



Left to right Dr. Lourdes Deytz-Gamez, PART Brownsville Dir., Margot Arevalo Gonzalez, Immediate Past State Dir., Sandra Maxwell, Area C Assoc. Dir., Dr. Rosa Maria R.

Rosa Maria Vida, PARTT State Director and Elva Morales past PART San Benito Director. Guests wore costumes and festive attire. A presentation on *"The History of the Huipil"* by Marsha Betancourt. The program included an informative presentation, models, and a poetry reading. The Table decorations, program and food all celebrated the Mexican culture.



Newly installed officers for 2024-2026 left to right Amelia Yznaga (standing in for Dr. Myrna Garcia), Ethel Cantu, Marie Ramirez, Bertha Elizondo, Marsha Betancourt, Bertha Pena, Dr. Darlene Trevino-Diaz, Dr. Lourdes Deytz-Gamez. The ceremony occurred at the June 7th meeting and each officer received a candle that symbolized their new role.

New member installation: Yliana Trevino-Guzman, Belinda Campirano and Frances Mata. May 3, 2024 at La Escondida.



Edinburg - C



The Edinburg Table celebrated its 65th Anniversary on March 9, 2024. Joining the festivities were PART Members from Texas and Northern Mexico. Leticia Ramon, Director, as well as Table member and State Director Margot Arevalo Gonzalez greeted those in attendance. The keynote speaker was and Dr. Francisco Guajardo.



Edinburg Table members attended the PARTT Convention Gala in Laredo.



Scholarship awards banquet.



El Salvador Country Program



Table members attended the A-SJ-P 75th Anniversary



Edinburg Table Members attended PART McAllen's 90th Anniversary Luncheon

McAllen - C



PARTT McAllen celebrated its 90th Anniversary on October 1st. Over 150 members and guests attended. Joining the festivities were PART members from Texas Tables and Tables from Northern Mexico.

Dr. Rosa Maria Vida, State Director, was the honored guest. McAllen City Commissioner Pepe Cabeza de Vaca read a proclamation. Dr. Francisco Guajardo was the keynote speaker who spoke on how history and geography had shaped Florence Terry Griswold.



Past Table Directors honored at the McAllen Table's 90th Anniversary. (L-R) Alma Carmen R. Guerra, Annette France (Current Director), Alma de la Garza, Mandy Pena, Darda Cardenas, Sylvia Alanis, Mariella Gorena and Raquel Oliva.

61st State Convention in Laredo (L-R) Mary Villarreal, Mariella Gorena, Edelia H. Guerra, Raquel Oliva, Carmen R. Guerra and Maria del Carmen G. McDermott.



Alamo-San Juan-Pharr Table's 75th Anniversary. (L-R) Irma Garza, State Director Rosa Maria Vida, Annette Franz, Mariella Gorena, Mary Villarreal and Raquel Oliva.



Incoming Table Director Annette Franz pinned by Mariella Gorena.



Three Scholarships were awarded to graduating Seniors.

Rio Grande City-Roma -C



Starr County Student guests and moms were invited to the February Meeting to talk about their high school involvement and future goals. Meeting was held at Jesse's Enchanted Garden in Rio Grande City.



Leida Reyes and Soila Perez proudly represented the Rio Grande City-Roma Table at the State Convention in Laredo.



Installation of new members were held at Jesse's Enchanted Garden in Rio Grande City. The Installation was done by Margo Arevalo and State Recording Secretary, Leticia Ramon.



The first meeting in September was held at Saenz Smoking Meats in Roma, Texas. Zulma Sandoval presented on Costa Rica. Interesting facts and beautiful sites were included in her presentation. Plans for our forthcoming Posada were also discussed.

San Benito - C



Table members attended the 75th Anniversary of the Alamo-San Juan-Pharr Table. (L –R) Sylvia Casares, Corresponding Secretary; Angie Gonzales, Director; Maria Elena Treviño, Treasurer; Margo Arevalo, Past State Director; Noelia Davila; Elvia Sanchez, Secretary and Connie Garza.



Table Officers preparing the 2024 Yearbook.

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El Paso - D

Celebrating Past Directors

Mary Jo Melby
Leticia Aber
Ginger Francis
Cita Sanders
Carol Johnson.



State Director, Margot S Arevalo-Gonzales visits El Paso Pan American Roundtable

L-R Sydney Burton, Lupita Ramirez, Margot S. Arévalo-Gonzales, and Martha Stumbo Miles.



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L-R Ceci Mulvihill, Susan Elias-Assi, Patsy Burdick, Olivia Calderon Hashim, Bert Blackburn, Martha Stumbo.



The El Paso Table attended Hour of Memory. (L-R) Susan Elias -Assi, Olivia Calderon Hashim, Martha Stumbo, Patsy Burdick, and Bert Blackburn.

Ft. Worth - D

Celebrating
80 Years

PART Fort Worth I was founded October 11, 1944, and received their charter at the first Alliance Convention held in Mexico City, Oct. 1944.



The Fort Worth Table celebrated it's 80th Anniversary on October 12th. L-R: JoAnn Jenson, Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, Rosa Paulson, Beth Dorcas, Melida Isern, and Associate Director, Laura Escobedo holding plaque from City of Fort Worth recognizing PART FW 80th Anniversary.



PART FW 80th Anniversary meeting, October 12, 2024, members and guests front row L—R: Egleysa Perez, Corresponding Secy Beth Dorcas, Vivian Alifano, Yaneth Arteaga, Custodian Grace Villanueva, Dianna Cabello (guest), Recording Secy Melida Isern, Associate Director Laura Escobedo, Member-at-Large Rosa Paulson, Leticia Clay, Cheryl Dalton (guest), PART Resolutions Chair Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, Back row: new member Abby Keese, Cecilia Keese (guest), and Treasurer JoAnn Jensen.


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