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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Happy New Year!! I hope that each of you had a Blessed and Merry Christmas surrounded by your family and friends. Now, is the time to make your New Year's Resolutions, not just for yourself but also for your PARTT Table. How can we make our Tables better? Sometimes I think that each of us is very rigid in our way of thinking and find it hard to bend. Maybe we just need to be more pliable and bend just a little, to be ready to move and not just to stay in place. Maybe we need to ask ourselves what we need to do to help bring about peace. When we decrease anxiety in ourselves, when we choose to forgive someone, and when we make an effort to create a just world we are building PEACE in our community and in the world.

I believe that we have all been afraid these past two years and the idea of being unafraid seems absurd. Maybe we all need to forget about the dark days we have experienced during these past two years and start looking for the bright new days of this brand new year. My friend, María Elena Arana, Alliance Pan American Woman 2021-2024, reminded me of some "*dichos*" (sayings) that are appropriate for these times: "*Nothing is forever in this world, not even our problems.*" So, this pandemic shall pass - it is not forever. "*The worst day in my life is the day when I have not laughed.*" Make time in your day to find things that make you laugh. "*Life is to enjoy what you have - keep on enjoying life.*" Find something that brings you joy, and give yourself over to it. Read a children's book to yourself or to a child. Take a walk in the park. Spend the afternoon with a jigsaw puzzle. Say a prayer. Call your best friend. Slow dance with your sweetie to that one song that always sets the mood. Breathe. And most importantly - HAVE FUN!

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at our 60th State Convention, this summer in McAllen, Texas, where we will be able to share a laugh or two.

Annual Executive State Board Meeting Beeville, Texas, June 11th & 12th, 2021



Area A -Austin



Austin Table members, Carmen Cortes-Harms, Marian Barber, and Mary Aldrich mask up for the first meeting, "cara a cara", since the pandemic began.



Zone 1 Director Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza and Director Esther Diaz met on October 5th to work on how to coordinate a combination in-person meeting with a Zoom meeting.

Lucinda Hutson invited PART of Austin members to her home and garden to enjoy Día de los Muertos altars. Here she is with a photo of her mother.



Lucinda Hutson and Rose Ann Reeser are in Lucinda's garden which is decorated for el Día de los Muertos.



Gloria Munguía is dressed up to celebrate el Día de los Muertos.



Carmen Guerra had the lucky number for a book drawing. The book features traditional recipes for el Día de los Muertos. Cynthia Sánchez looks on.

Area A -Austin



Due to high Covid levels, we were back in Zoom format for our January meeting. Our guest speaker, Chris Tomlinson, spoke to us about the history of the Alamo.



Rosalia Castañeda is ready for the holidays!



Ann Finch and Annette Jarmon supervise a fundraiser at the Austin Table December meeting.

Area A - Conroe



John Hearn presented a very moving and memorable "History of the Star Spangled Banner" during the November meeting. Members learned that it was actually a poem of several verses written by Frances Scott Key and shared by many people before the first verse became our National Anthem.



Table members celebrated Christmas together and played a fun game directed by Paula Alexander. Gloria Riddle read a Christmas poem with certain words in Spanish, so we could learn or guess what they were in English. Members present were (front row, l-r): Marilyn Sommers, Woody Hearn, Paula Alexander, Riki Dewey, Director Janet Emmons, Annette Ferrell, Marcia Reagan, Jo Chesney, and Becky Judah,. (back row l-r): Jean Heasley, Gloria Riddle, Mary Lou Sartore, Paula Schoppe, Cheryl Fullen, Karen Baughman, Mary Margaret Coyle, and Jewel Manders.

Area A - Houston



The PART Houston Scholarship Recipients:

- Muñoz Family Scholarship-Margaret Munoz
- Vivar Family Scholarship-Art Vivar
- Fraga Family Scholarship-Nelly & Felix Fraga
- Francisca Sarabia Memorial Scholarship- PART Houston members & Belinda Kaylani
- Daniel Lechón Scholarship- Catherine Louvier & Janice Greco
- Mayorga Family Scholarship-Susan Huston & Janet Mayorga
- Anclamar Family Scholarship-Anibeth Turcios & family
- Sepulveda Scholarships-Maria Sepulveda
- Allan Shepherd Scholarship-Martha & Carl Inskeep
- Belarmino Castellanos Memorial Scholarship- PART Houston members & Yvonamor Palix
- Maude Cashin Scholarship-PART Houston members

Judge Julia Maldonado was the speaker during the PART-H Distinguished Latina Lunch Series.



Día de los Muertos Parade. (L-R) Elva Alvarez, Kaye Fraser, Flor Hoill, Cecilia Estrada and her husband Jay Estrada.



Christmas Posada



Flor Hoill, Table Director gave a presentation on Cuertlaxochitl Christmas Flower (L-R) Elva Alvarez, Martha Inskeep, Flor Hoill, Teresita Harbord, Rosalinda Peterson , Catherine Louvier, Cinthia Milian.



Houston Police Department Assistant Chief Patricia Cantu was the guest speaker in December for the Table's Distinguished Latina Lunch.

Area B - Beeville



In June, the Beeville Table hosted the reception for the annual board meeting at the historical home of Josephine Miller, past Table Director. L-R, Front Row: Roxane Casas, Table Director, Martha Stumbo, PARTT State Director, Cecile O' Connor, incoming Table Director, Shirley Wyatt, PARTT State Recording Secretary .



Table Reception committee members, L to R: Louise Hall, Johanna Quinones , Roxane Casas, Shirley Wyatt, Martha Stumbo, Cecile O' Connor , Anne Dehnisch, Josephine Miller and Heather Welder.

Area B - Laredo



100th Anniversary



Laredo Past Table Directors



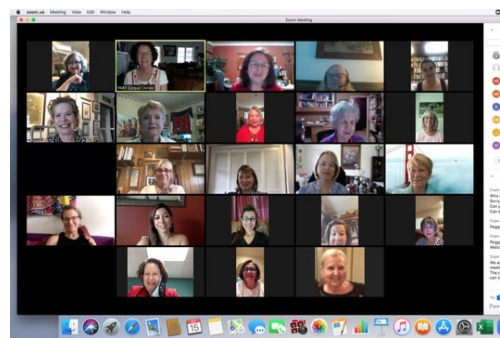
2021 Laredo Table Christmas Tea

Area B - Del Rio



Members of the Del Rio Round Table were asked to wear a hat for the Founders Day meeting. Meetings have been held at the home of Scarlett Elkins, Table Director. Meeting in a private home has allowed the members to feel safe, stay healthy and still be able to see each other. Attending the meeting were Annelies Castro-Rios, Shannon Graham, Enriqueta Easton, Guillermina Stover, Carol Pendergast and Lila Loysa, Deidre Chattler, Martha Mendoza, Lisa Romero, Sallyanne Finkelstein, Dee Moore, Patty Bixby, Jane Moran and Scarlett Elkins.

Area B - Corpus Christi



The Corpus Christi Table has been meeting virtually and added guest speakers to their monthly programs who have addressed different relevant topics. At the October meeting, the topic presented was "*Snakes and Toxins*" by Dr. Elda Sanchez, Director The Natural Toxins Research Center - Texas A&M Kingsville. In November, the topic was "*The Story of Multicolores and the Maya Women Artists' Work*" was presented by Cheryl Conway-Daly, Director of Development, Multicolores. The topic for the January 2022 meeting is "*South Texas Women*" which will be presented by Susan L. Roberson, PhD., Texas A&M University, Kingsville.

Area B - San Antonio



Group shot of some of the picnic attendees:
 Front Row: Lyle Bird (host & one man band entertainment); seated left to right: Deena Bird, Martha Stumbo, Jeanne Koplan and Katie Williams
 Seated Second Row (L-R) Bea Dracoulis, Linda DeHoyos, Agatha Wade and Vilma Howell
 Standing (left to right): Beverly Maurer, Laura Uzdavines, Luz Lasky, Esther Lasky-Mata, Sybil Howell, Diana Durbin, Alice Ball Strunk, Cheryl Carson-Rich, Yvonne Kylstra, Sharon Gee, Sandra Brown and Jamie Bloodsworth.



Hostess Deena Bird welcomes State Director, Martha Stumbo, to her backyard on Sunday, October 17, 2021, for a backyard picnic. This was the first in-person meeting the San Antonio Table held since December 2020.



The San Antonio Table's November field trip was a visit to Mission San Juan Capistrano and a tour of the farming undertaken on-site by the San Antonio Food Bank. The tour was followed by lunch at the neighboring Esmerelda's Mexican Restaurant.
 L-R: Deems Smith, Agatha Wade, Frances Rodriguez, Tom Castanos (park ranger), Diana Durbin, Sharon Gee, Yvonne Kylstra and Jeanne Koplan.

Area B - San Antonio



The San Antonio Table welcomed special visitors from the Austin Table to its Holiday Brunch. Here Frances Rodriguez, retiring Alliance Treasurer, welcomes Sylvia Williams, Alliance Past President, and Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza, new Zone 1 Director. The speaker was Dr. Carey Rote, Corpus Christi Table, who presented on the Virgin of Guadalupe on her feast day, Sunday, December 12, 2021.



Holiday Brunch: Seated (L-R): Sylvia Williams, Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza and Agatha Wade. Standing (L-R) Linda DeHoyos, Dr. Carey Rote (speaker), Katie Williams, Frances Rodriguez, Vilma Howell, Diana Durbin, Jenny Killian Jones (guest), Jamie Bloodsworth, Sybil Howell, and Jeanne Koplan.

Around the State



Area B - Eagle Pass



The Eagle Pass Table commemorated Founder's Day in October. They were joined by Martha Miles Stumbo, State Director.



The November Meeting included a presentation on Argentina.



The Eagle Pass Christmas Party was celebrated with guests from the Piedras Negras, Mexico Table.



Area C - Alamo-San Juan-Pharr



The Alamo-San Juan-Pharr Table did not meet in person due to the pandemic. Aida Lazo, Table Director, conducted the monthly committee meetings and general meetings via telephone conferences, emails, and group texts.



Aida Lazo, resigned as Table Director due to unforeseen circumstances. Gloria Cantu is the new Table Director.



During the January 2021 meeting, Yolanda Ramirez presented a program on the country of Panama.



Table members donated funds to the Rio Grande Food Bank L-R: Maria Elena Corona, CEO, Connie Ramos, Elena Mycue and Gloria Cantu.



As part of the ASJP Table Humanitarian and Community Project, \$240 was donated to Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley - Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen for surgical masks and other supplies needed. Pictured is Sister Norma Pimentel, Executive Director.



The Table awarded two scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to Denise Soto and Gilberto Serna from PSJA North Early College High School. Both students will be attending UT-RGV. Denise will be majoring in Biology; Gilberto will major in Anthropology. L-R: Aida Lazo, Director; Denise Soto and Gilberto Serna, Scholarship Recipients, and Delia Soza, Scholarship

Area C - Brownsville I



At the October 2021 meeting, Amelia Yznaga presents program on Uruguay.



Sagrario Ramirez, Associate Member received the Table pin from Sandra Maxwell, Table Director.



A Special Program on the history of PART I was presented by Isabel Vezzetti.

Attending the October meeting are (L - R) Marsha Betancourt, Guillermina Galonsky, Peggy Klinger, and Lita Pashos .



Attendees dressed in regional dresses of Mexico also attended the celebration! (L-R) Virginia Wood, PART I Historian, Tracie Wickett, and Ethel Cantu.



Attending the 89th birthday luncheon were: Sitting (L-R) : Norma McKnight, Gloria Crixel. Standing (L-R): Rachel Ayala, Bertha Peña.

Area C - Edinburg



The Pan American Round Table of Edinburg held their New Member Induction Ceremony in August. Eight new Associate members were inducted. (L-R) Margot Arevalo-Gonzalez, Parliamentarian, Yolanda C. Eckhardt, Sandra Villarreal, Sandra Lopez, Katherine McAllen, Jaclyn C. Jackson, Mary J. Salas, Helen Santiago, Minga Vela; all new members, and Tula P. Gonzalez, Table Director.



The Edinburg Table awarded scholarships to 3 UTRGV students. They were honored with a Scholarship Luncheon on September 15, 2021.

(L-R) Letty Ramon; 1st Assoc. Dir., Margot Arevalo-Gonzalez; Scholarship Chairperson, Ayramar Cortez; UTRGV recipient, Tula P. Gonzalez; Table Dir., Elma Ayala; Corresponding Sec., and Rosie Stockwell; Finance Committee Chairperson.



Founder's Day Celebration! In October, Table members were given a tour of the new exhibits at the Museum of

South Texas History (MOST). Dr. Francisco Guajardo, MOST CEO, presented the expansion of the Sgt. Freddy Gonzalez, USMC Exhibit which now contains over 200 letters written by the Vietnam hero to his mother.



At the **November meeting** Gloria Coers presented a program in costume dedicated to "La Catrina". She sang and danced to a corrido accompanied by Professor Milton Gomez on the guitar.

In Memory of

Tula P. Gonzalez

PART Edinburg Table Director
1943-2022



Area C - McAllen



2021 McAllen Group Photo

McAllen Table members resumed in-person meetings in September 2021. During the previous year the monthly virtual meetings provided members the opportunity to continue to cherish our friendships and provide interesting programs. Three scholarships were awarded in May.



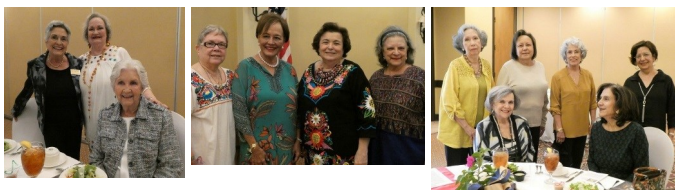
During the September meeting, Lily Torrez was honored with a *despedida* in

recognition of her leadership and many accomplishments on behalf of the McAllen Table. Lily has joined the Austin Table.



Founders Day Loteria	
1. Frances Terry Griswold	10. Mary Villareal
2. Raquel Oliva	11. Elvia Sanchez
3. Martha Miles Stumbo	12. Dora de Leon
4. Glendora de Leon	13. Elvia Morales
5. Elvia Sanchez	14. Dora de Leon
6. Glendora de Leon	15. Elvia Morales
7. Elvia Sanchez	16. Dora de Leon
8. Glendora de Leon	17. Elvia Morales
9. Elvia Sanchez	18. Dora de Leon

The **October meeting** featured a "Día de los Muertos" theme. Decorations were provided by Mary Villareal. Members played "Founders Day Loteria" created by Raquel Oliva, Table Director to highlight the history of PART founder Frances Terry Griswold.



In **November**, the program was on Grenada presented by Elizabeth Garza and Dr. Marla Guerra.



The annual **Christmas Mother & Daughter Luncheon** was a festive occasion with 90 members and guests attending. Alma de la Garza spoke on the History of the Poinsettia plant and the book, *The Legend of the Poinsettia*. The event featured a Scholarship benefit raffle and entertainment.

Area C - San Benito



Installation of Officers during the May meeting. (L-R) Angie Gonzales, Lupita Muniz and Elva Morales, new Table Director.



Christmas Luncheon Group Photo



Christmas Luncheon: Elvia Sanchez and Noelia Davila selling jewelry raffle tickets.



Martha Miles Stumbo, State Director, was the guest speaker.



Scholarship Benefit Raffle Table (L-R) Dora de Leon, Glendora de Leon and Elvia Sanchez.



Elva Morales, Table Director welcomes members and guests to the Christmas Luncheon.

Area C - Rio Grande City - Roma



70th Anniversary In December, the Rio Grande City-Roma Table celebrated their 70th Anniversary of the founding of the Table. A dinner was held at the home of a renown chef in Rio Grande City.



Peewee Guerra, Past Director, spoke about the history of the Rio Grande City - Roma Table.



Dalinda Pena, Past Director, spoke on the challenges experienced during Covid pandemic and how Table members came together to support each other.



Martha Miles Stumbo spoke on the history of the Pan American Round Table.



Special Guests were Angie Gonzalez, Area C Assoc. Dir., Martha Stumbo, State Director and Margot A. Gonzalez, State Treasurer.

Area D - El Paso



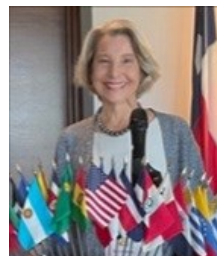
Installation of Officers, May 2021
- Cita Sanders, Carol Johnson, Martha Stumbo, Ginger Francis.



May 2021 Installation Luncheon

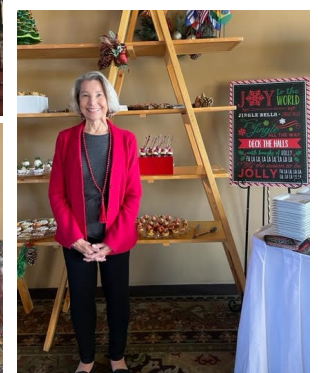


October 2021 Introduction of New Members Luncheon with piano music of Latin America.



El Paso Table Director at the Introduction of the New Members Luncheon, October 2021.

Holiday Scholarship Tea December 2021



Area D - El Paso

100th Anniversary



The El Paso Table celebrated their **100th Anniversary** on November 2021.



(L-R) Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, Associate Director Area D, Carol Johnson, El Paso Table Director, Mauricio Ibarra Ponce de León, Consul General, Martha Miles Stumbo, PARTT State Director

Area D - Dallas I



Dallas III Table prospective new member meeting. Seated from left to right: Jacque Resendez, Table Director, Martha Stumbo, State Director, Natalia Uceda, Past Director MRP Santiago del Surco Peru Table, Karla Edwards, Associate Director Dallas III. Pictured are prospective new members.

Area D - Fort Worth



Sept 2021 meeting: L-R Grace Villanueva, Belinda Sierra, Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, JoAnn Jensen, Fady Lynn Lewis, Rachel Ortiz, and Beth Dorcas.



October 2021 Founder's Day Meeting: State Director, Martha Stumbo gave the program. Front row: Becky Kolar, Jan Giles, Yaneth Arteaga. Back row: Grace Villanueva, Guest, JoAnn Jensen, Martha Stumbo, Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, Rachel Ortiz, Anelia Banda, Beth Dorcas.



Nov 2021 meeting: Front row: Anna O'Day, Melissa Rogers, Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, Grace Villanueva, Becky Kolar. Back row: Laura Escobedo, Beth Dorcas, Belinda Sierra, JoAnn Jensen, Guest, Yaneth Arteaga



December 2021 Meeting: Christmas Celebration with entertainment by the Dickens Carolers.

Area D - Odessa



In July 2021, the Odessa Table held a Reunion Luncheon. (L-R) Martha Stumbo, PART State Director, Mary Alice Ramos, Odessa PART Director, Sonya Haynie.



(L-R): Edith Libson-Hardy, Catalina García, Berta García and Knoxine Clack



The December meeting was held at the Odessa Country Club.



Paquita Fick and Odessa PART Director Mary Alice Ramos



Margaret Carpenter and Donna Brown



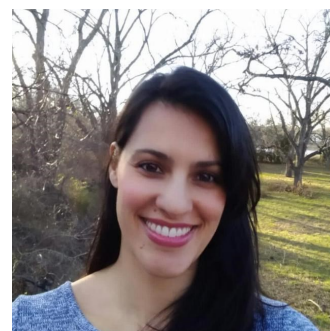
Liliana Ujete, Mary Alice Ramos, and Martha Stumbo

PARTT Scholarship Awards

Stephanie Haugh was awarded the Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship I in January 2020. Haugh is pursuing a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology specializing in Mental Health in Children at Sam Houston State University. She plans to return to Canada to serve in a clinical setting helping the underprivileged due to lack of resources or insurance.

May Helene Plumb from Texas was awarded the Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship II in January 2020. She is a doctoral candidate in Linguistics from the University of Texas at Austin. Her dissertation, funded in part by the PARTT will describe temporal-modal semantics in Tlacoachahuaya Zapotec from Mexico.

Valentina Gonzalez-Morales from Columbia was awarded the 2021-2022 Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship I. She is a doctoral student at the University of North Texas studying Environmental ethics. She plans to graduate in May 2022.



Make plans to attend!

**THE PAN AMERICAN
ROUND TABLE OF TEXAS**

60th Convention
McAllen, Texas
postponed until the
Summer 2022



Martha Miles Stumbo, State Director with Raquel Oliva and Mariella Gorena, Convention Planning Committee Chairpersons

PARTT Executive Board Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the PARTT Executive Board. If you are interested in serving in an elected State leadership position, request a nomination form from your Table Director. The Nomination form should be completed and signed by the person who is seeking the position, signed by the Table Director who will mail it to Isabel Vezzetti, Nominations Committee Chairperson. Elections will be held at the State Convention in McAllen scheduled for this Summer.



SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

- ☒ **State Director**
- ☒ **Associate Director Area A, B, C & D**
- ☒ **Recording Secretary**
- ☒ **Corresponding Secretary**
- ☒ **Treasurer**
- ☒ **Historian**
- ☒ **Parliamentarian**
- ☒ **Scholarship**

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- **Beeville** - Cecile Rochard O'Connor
- **Brownsville I** - Sandra Maxwell
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- **Dallas III** - Jacque Reséndez
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