



Annual Report of the Austin Pan-American Round Table
1942-43

The Austin Pan-American Round Table held regular monthly luncheon meetings from November to April, and regular business meetings in October and April.

In November the Austin Table observed the twenty-first anniversary of its founding with a program on "Bases of Hemispheric Solidarity" given by Dr. C. W. Hackett, director of the Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas and an honorary member of the Austin Pan-American Round Table. A review of Lowenstein's "Brazil Under Vargas" by Dr. S. L. Joekel of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary featured the December meeting. In January Dr. Pablo Max Ynsfran of Paraguay, now a member of the faculty of the University of Texas, spoke on "Economic and Political Aspects of Pan-American Problems." The February program on "Songs and Dances of Latin America" was presented by Mrs. Raymond Hill, assisted by a group of students from Latin American countries. In March Dr. Carlos Castañeda, Latin American Librarian at the University of Texas, spoke on "Guatemala, Her History and Her Culture."

In lieu of the annual Pan-American tea, a program was presented over a local radio station on Pan-American Day. The members were asked to donate the amount that would have been expended on the tea to the Scholarship Fund. Fifty dollars from the club treasury were transferred to the Scholarship Fund, as was the amount usually spent for decorations for the monthly luncheons. Scholarships amounting to two hundred and fifty dollars, collected last year by the Scholarship Committee with Miss Lillian Wester as chairman, have been awarded to three students at the University of Texas this year.

The War Work Committee, with Mrs. C. T. McCormick as chairman, has been very active and has announced that the sale of war bonds and stamps to date totals over seventeen thousand dollars.

At the annual business meeting on April 5, the director, Mrs. J. Merlin Brochette, presented her resignation as director for next year because of heavy professional duties at the University of Texas. Mrs. Rex Hopper was elected to fill the unexpired term.

The Austin Table was very pleased to have as its honor guest at the February meeting the National and State Director-General, Mrs. Stone J. Robinson of Dallas.

The 1942-43 season will close with a luncheon on May 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Merlin Brochette
Director

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - PAA PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE
April 27, 1943

The PAA Pan American Round Table of Brownsville met for the first time on December 9, 1942, at the home of Mrs. Royal D. Sundell to form an organization patterned after Pan American Round Table No. 1 of Brownsville. We are very grateful to the members of the "Mother" Club for sponsoring us, for their very real help, and we are especially grateful to Mrs. R. D. Sundell, Mrs. J. Worthington and Mrs. G. Perkins.

Mrs. Stone J. Robinson, Director General of the Texas Pan American Round Tables, on March 1, 1943, presented the PAA Pan American Round Table their charter. Since these are war times our installation became an informal meeting held at the Airport Restaurant at the Brownsville Municipal Airport; this was particularly fitting since the entire membership of our newly formed group are employees of Pan American Airways Inc. In presenting the charter Mrs. Robinson told of the great benefit of co-operation between the countries of the Americas as fostered by the various Pan American Round Tables and which has become a dominant issue in hemisphere defense. She also emphasized the fact that the Round Table Groups should direct their studies along constructive lines - it is important for the groups to stress things which the countries have in common. We greatly appreciated the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Robinson personally - she was able to explain the purpose and meaning of the Organization, the ideal and the reality, so that the members of the new group felt more than proud of the privilege of belonging and being given a chance to share in this great work.

For our first great adventure in Pan Americanism we had the honor of entertaining Dr. Jose Crespo, Assistant to the Minister of Education for the Republic of Panama and in charge of the exchange of students from that Republic to the United States. Dr. Crespo, who was on his way to Washington, having been called there by our State Department, gave a very full and informative talk on his work.

Our first program, "launching" a country, will be given in May in order to give Argentina more time to gather her material. At our April meeting Mr. Guy Bevil, Traffic Manager of Pan American Airways Inc. at Brownsville, talked on Pan American Relations, outlining for us the value of our "Good Neighbor" policy. Since this is Pan American month, our table was decorated in the Pan American colors, white, gold and purple.

We, of the baby chapter of Pan American Round Table, feel that possibly we hold a unique position among the tables as a whole - for besides "being the baby" and having a Pan American Round Table standard to live up to socially and educationally - as other tables do, we live under a Pan American influence day in and day out in our working lives. The great badge of Pan American Airways Inc. has long set a workable standard for practical Pan Americanism that is constantly before us in all our dealings as business women first and Pan American Round Table workers secondly.

*Respectfully submitted, E. V. Todd, Director,
Rachel Wyatt, Secy -*

Pan American Round Table No. 1 of Brownsville, Texas

Highlights of the year were a special program by Mrs. I. N. Winans of the McAllen Round Table; an invitation from the Brownsville Rotary Club to put on their July 4th program at which time costumes of the countries were worn by the members; the gift and presentation of a large Mexican flag to the Round Table by the Mexican consul, Senor Francisco Perez Torres; a visit from the Minister of Education of the Republic of Panama, Senor Daniel Crespo; and the visit of the president of Mexico, Senor Avila Camacho to our neighboring city of H. Matamoros, Mexico; and the formation of the new Round Table.

Programs for the year were as follows: Honduras, Women of the Americas, Mexico, Haiti, Nicaragua, United States and Pan Americanism. In November the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Round Table was celebrated with a barbecue in the garden of the home of the Director with Mrs. E. V. Todd and Mrs. Jack Bailey, who were interested in the formation of a new Round Table, as special guests. In April Pan American Day was celebrated by the presentation of the winners of the annual essay contest. The winning essays were entitled: Christ of the Andes, first prize; A Visit to Guadalajara, second prize; and Legends of Mexico, third prize. Not only were the essays adjudged as well-done by the Round Table but were so much discussed that the Rotary Club asked permission to have them read at a recent meeting and the school authorities considered them of such value as to have them read to a number of classes in the different schools of the city.

Extra activities consisted of: the continuation of classes in Spanish for the benefit of the members of the Round Table. These classes meet twice each week, are conducted by Mrs. K. G. Buckley. Members who attend contribute ten cents for each lesson. The money thus collected is used for buying War Bonds and the club now owns two bonds. Mrs. Buckley does not ~~charge~~ accept payment for her services. 2. meeting students from Pan American countries, and more particularly of Panama, who arrive in Brownsville en route to colleges in various parts of the United States of North America. 3. Pan American Round Table morning at the Red Cross surgical dressing rooms. Mrs. J. G. Perkins is in charge every Monday morning. Individual members are contributing many hours to Red Cross work. One member, Mrs. R. H. Eisaman teaches classes in Nurse's Aide, Home Nursing and First Aid. One member is serving daily as a Nurse's Aide at the hospital.

Membership: Resignations of three members were caused by changes of residence from the city. Leave of absence was granted Mrs. G. W. Johnson who is employed by Pan American Airways to beautify the airports of Mexico. The return of a former director, Mrs. J. W. Worthington, was welcomed. Three new members were also added. Mrs. Juan Campos Celis, wife of the general at Matamoros, is a new honorary member and attends all meetings. Departure of the Senor and Senora Francisco Perez Torres of the Mexican consulate to Havana, Cuba, recently meant the loss of two honorary members who had perfect attendance records. The arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Park at the U. S. consulate in Matamoros has added two enthusiastic members to the Round Table. Mr. Park gave a splendid talk on the United States diplomatic services. Mrs. Park and Mrs. Celis with the wife of the mayor of Matamoros comprised a committee of three to welcome the wife of the president of Mexico a few days ago.

Respectfully submitted:

Alma G. Torres
Director

The Pan-American Round Table of Corsicana, Texas held eight meetings during the year 1942 - 43. The following countries were presented: Canada, Costa Rica, Colombia, Panama, Bolivia, Cuba, and Mexico.

Moving pictures of scenes in the countries of Cuba and Mexico were shown. A former resident of the Panama Canal Zone brought the lesson on Panama. All programs were interesting and worthwhile.

The outstanding project for the club year was the assistance of a "Soldiers' Hospitality Center" in Guatemala City, Guatemala, which had been started by Mrs. Clifton Townsend Glass, wife of an army officer and a former resident of Corsicana. Following her death the Round Table voted to give its assistance as a memorial to her. Money, magazines, writing materials, and a radio have been presented during the year. The response from the soldiers has been most gratifying.

Other important things done by the club are: (1) Donating to the Free Food Fund; (2) Giving assistance to the local "Soldiers Hospitality Center"; and (3) Sponsoring an Essay Contest in the Public Schools with prizes of war stamps for the best essays on Pan-Americanism.

On the night of April twelfth the Round Table marked the opening of Pan American week by a dinner given at Kinsloe House with seventy members and guests in attendance. Honor guests were Mrs. Stone J. Robinson, Director General, and Señor Luis Perez Abreau, Mexican Consul at Dallas, who were our speakers for the evening.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Will Miller
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Mrs. Earl Boyd
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ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY FOR
1942-1943

The Dallas Pan American Round Tables have nearly completed one of the most interesting and profitable years since the organization was founded; interesting because of the varied and timely character of our programs and profitable because of the well-planned projects undertaken. This not only benefited ourselves but others also. *And all this was done in a very short time.*

Mayor Rodgers was kind enough to give us a first hand story of his trip to Mexico.

Senor *Garcia* from Mexico talked in Spanish, leaving with us some stirring thoughts on the cultures of our two countries.

Senor Balbana explained Peru to us from a historical view point.

Doctor Pablo Max Ynsfran, Paraguayan Cabinet Member, President of his countries federal banking system and former diplomat to Washington, whose home is in Assuncion in the heart of South America, discussed the development of a partnership diplomacy that is much more pleasing to Latin Americans than the Monroe Doctrine.

Dean Kyle of A & M College told about his trip around the South American Continent

A most interesting, illustrated talk on her recent trip to Costa Rica was given by Mrs. Nancy ~~Ruby~~ *Ransome*

Our Christmas program was given by Mrs. T. B. Griffith, and our Christmas gifts were to Mexican families in the city of Dallas.

The geography of the countries to the south of us was brought before us clearly by Dr. Fosque.

Our Round Table has started collecting good books from each Latin American Republic - getting their best literary productions as they are translated into English and become available.

~~The~~ Pan American Round Tables in Dallas furnished a solarium for the Ferry Command at Love Field, and have recently started operating a branch of the U.S.O. in the Mexican District of the city for our mexican soldiers and sailors.

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We also are sponsoring the Mexican Housing beautification project. Our mexican friends who moved into the new houses of the project last fall see possibilities of great improvement in the grounds around their houses. Many plants and shrubs and seeds have been donated. Some planning for landscaping and improving the grounds over a period of years is being done under competent direction. It is expected that the mexican housing project some day will be one of the most beautiful spots in our city.

Mrs. Ernest L Tutt
Secretary.

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April 27th, 1943.

Report of Mrs. E. M. Guest, Director, Pan American Round Table No.2, Dallas, Tex.

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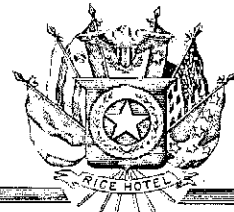
Mrs. William Dwight Dill,

Dallas, Texas.

More widespread recognition of the importance of American solidarity has been the spur in Dallas to a greater interest in Pan Americanism. More and more avenues of approach have been opened, and many new friends have been added.

During Pan American week every large department store in the city cooperated in advertising, displaying and promoting good-neighborliness. The public schools paid especial attention to the enlargement of their educational programs along Latin-American lines. The radio and civic leaders paid tribute publicly to the policy of better understanding among the peoples of the Americas. After the mayor's proclamation declaring Pan American Week in Dallas, many clubs and societies used their program time for lectures and talks on Pan-Americanism.

Perhaps, to us, the most important meeting of the year was the joint meeting of the two Tables in Dallas in a common program featuring Dr. Pablo Max Insfran^{Señor.} of Paraguay. A Mexican flag, the gift of Ezequial Padilla, was presented to the Dallas Round Tables at this time, by the senior Consul in Dallas, Señor Luis Perez-Abreu^g of Mexico.



Mrs. Irene Holland, Sec.

In September a representation from Round Table No. 2 attended the dedication ceremonies at the new Mexican Housing Project on Hines Boulevard.

In December, instead of a regular meeting, a membership tea was held at Mrs. Geo. Fix's home, each member bringing a contribution of canned goods or money to be used in filling Christmas baskets for needy Mexican families.

On January 5th, 1943, a luncheon was held at the Melrose Hotel, sponsored by both Dallas Round Tables, honoring Senor Manuel Taussand, noted sculptor, a member of the faculty of the University of Mexico.

The April meeting was in the form of a joint luncheon with Round Table No. 1 at the Melrose Hotel celebrating Pan American Day. Featured speaker was Dr. Insfran, exchange Professor from Paraguay at the University of Texas.

Each month articles, written by various members, have been contributed to TABLE TALK.

Also Senora Maria DeHaro, a member of this Table, with Jackie Nabholtz, young son of Mrs. Larry Nabholtz, likewise a member, have taken a prominent part in a Pan American radio program.

The Table at numerous times extended courtesies to Maria Christina Dietel, exchange student from Costa Rica, attending Southern Methodist University.

\$25.00 was contributed in a joint project with Table No. 1, in furnishing a sun room at the hospital at Love Field for the Fifth Ferrying Command.

A new committee was created this year, The Co-ordinating Committee, Mrs. Howard Dailey, Chairman. The purpose of this committee is to introduce Pan-Americanism wherever and whenever possible in every phase of local activity.

Year books for 1942-43 were dedicated to Mrs. L. G. Waltrip, organizer and first Director of Round Table No. 2. The program outlined therein was a continuation of the study of the countries of America, the formal theme being "Pan America Today -- Its Place in World Life". Although there have been one or two exceptions with outside speakers bringing the lectures, and many extemporaneous talks from visitors, the Table has relied chiefly on its own members for research and lectures, believing that in this direction lies development for the individual and for the Table.

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PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES

Houston, Texas

April, 1943

Laredo Pan American Round Table sends cordial greetings to this body and reports that all activities of the past year followed closely an outline prepared by the Year-book Committee, whose foreword was as follows:

"Realizing that never in the history of our Round Table has there been a greater need for the real Pan American spirit of cooperation, sympathy, and understanding, not only among the peoples of the Americas as nations, but toward the natives from these separate nations, who are in our immediate vicinity, and who differ in racial and national backgrounds; and further realizing that although our program meetings may please the passing fancy of those who listen, true Pan Americanism can come only through the earnest efforts of every member to acquaint herself as far as possible with the history and progress of countries represented in our Table, the Program Committee of 1942-1943 has outlined the work of the session into the following units:

1. A practical project to be discussed and reported on during the business hour, the general theme of which is to be Discrimination in Texas against Latin Americans.

2. An individual study of the Pan American Bulletin plus a chairman's report at each program meeting. It is recommended that these reports be in the nature of suggestions as to what is worth-while reading in the bulletin rather than summaries of articles.

3. A program for the pleasure and edification of members and their guests."

Included in this program were six business meetings, four luncheons, and three social events.

Surplus money has been invested in War Bonds, all assessments paid, and a contribution set aside for the "Florence T. Griswold Memorial Fund".

Other annual contributions to worthy causes have been made, and the High School Essay Contest, in which an award is given each year, is now in progress.

We were privileged to entertain our Director General, Mrs. Stone J. Robinson, at luncheon on February 22, and greatly enjoyed her address on "Pan Americanism in Action".

On the same occasion we were hosts to six ranking generals of the United States and Mexico; three governors, two from Mexico and our own; one admiral; representatives from seventeen Latin American countries; to Mr. Jack S. Connally, newsreel director and member of Inter-American Affairs of Rockefeller Institute; many consuls and other notables present for our Annual Fiesta.

During the week of April 14, through efforts of our members on the High School Spanish Staff, great stress was laid on all Pan American projects and ideals. A display of drawings of Latin American costumes, copied from the originals of Yolanda Bartos in a recent book, were much admired and were further utilized as table decorations at our latest luncheon.

The program for this luncheon was planned and presented by the Pan American Student Forum and proved most pleasing. *We had a...*

Also during the week of Pan American Day there were numerous window displays of flags, pictures, and articles of historical interest, made possible through the solicitation of a special Pan American Day Committee.

We wish to congratulate the State organization on the movement authorizing the publication of "Table Talk," our monthly bulletin, and to commend Miss Pearle Burr for her able editing and management.

Our monthly radio programs have been given regularly, and we trust were, as the State chairman planned, an instructive and entertaining feature of our year's work.

Throughout this year there has grown deeper within our hearts the inter-dependence between us and our Pan American neighbors.

This makes us doubly proud to be of a body whose founder, Florence Terry Griswold, saw far enough into the future to realize what true Pan Americanism could be and to make her dream a reality.

Signed Bessie J. Rindheim

Director

(Mrs. M. M.)

Mrs. Hazel M. Levin

Delegate

Madame Director General -

As Director of the McAllen Pan American Round Table I present the following report:

Our Round Table has a membership of forty-seven;- twenty-three active members, eighteen associate, four honorary and two non-resident. We have lost four members and gained seven.

We have presented programs dealing with the history, political and economic problems of the Dominican Republic, Panama, Paraguay and Peru; an interesting and unique discussion of the poetry of Nicaragua; an illuminating talk on North America as seen thru the eyes of Latin America, given by a man who has recently returned from Brazil; and a very delightful account of Christmas and Twelfth Night customs of Mexico. The latter program was enriched by a most artistic Holy Night setting, loaned and arranged by a prominent Latin American.

The high light of the past year was the luncheon honoring our Director General. The words of her inspiring talk on the Spirit of Pan Americanism will linger long in our memories, and will act as an incentive to strengthen the bonds of understanding and affection between us and our cousins to the south.

True to Southern hospitality, we have extended honorary membership to the wife of the commanding officer at Moore Field, and non-resident membership to the wife of the commanding officer at Reynosa. The wives of the American Consul to Mexico and the Mexican Consul to the United States were welcomed to town and presented to McAllen friends at a lovely coffee.

Our Round Table takes pride in reporting the success of its radio programs, presented monthly over KRGV by Mrs. I. N. Winans. She has chosen as her theme the legends and customs of the Rio Grande. Favorable comments have poured into the radio station since the inception of these broadcasts, which are becoming an important feature of the KRGV program.

One of the outstanding events of this year was the annual Student Forum Pan American banquet, honoring the members of our Round Table, in appreciation of the assistance rendered the students. The Student Forum was organized at the instigation of the McAllen Round Table, and twice a month our members give fifteen minute talks on the countries they represent. Under the able sponsorship of Miss Dorothea Wilson, this organization has become the most popular club in the Junior High School. The Pan American banquet, held annually on April 14th, is the climax of their year's work, and is a notable event.

As there is an advanced Army Air School near McAllen, our Round Table is doing its share entertaining the soldiers. The members have assisted the recreational program by serving as hostesses at the Soldier Recreation Center and at the dances, and in providing refreshments for the latter.

Notwithstanding war clouds, 1942-43 has been kind to the McAllen Round Table.

Respectfully submitted,

Hell A. Hassen
Director McAllen Pan American
Round Table