

Convention  
TABLE  
REPORTS  
for  
April 1959 - April 1961

REPORT OF ALAMO-SAN JUAN PAN-AMERICAN ROUND TABLE  
COVERING PERIOD OF APRIL 1959 - APRIL 1961

1. Have held regular luncheon meetings on second Thursday of each month beginning in September and ending in May with exception of December Christmas meeting and Pan-American observance in April. The last two being special guest days with appropriate programs given, with Directors of neighboring Round Tables invited to several of these meetings.
2. Stress "Know Your Pan-American Flag" at each meeting. Some members have made typical costumes of their country and have worn them when giving their programs. National Anthems of different countries have also been used.
3. Have had several outstanding guest speakers, some showing colored slides of a country visited.
4. Sponsored a class in Spanish for our Table members and others interested. This class of 15 lessons was taught by one of our own members who teaches spanish in High School.
5. Ten copies of "Introduction to the 20 Latin American nation members of the O.A.S." were ordered from Pan-American union for use by our new members.
6. Gave one subscription to Spanish Language "Readers Digest" to T.B. Hospital in Harlingen, Texas.
7. Provided a trip to San Antonio and Austin for Mr. Eusebio Cantu of Nogales, Mexico, an exchange student at Pan-American College.

This student and one from Brazil and one from Chili were Table guests at our Christmas Luncheon Party and each made a short talk in English.

8. Voted to contribute \$25.00 toward living expenses of a scholarship student from Chili who attends Pan-American College.
9. Contributed to Federation Scholarship Fund in memory of a departed member of our Table.
10. Maintain a Reference Library. This includes current articles plus Inter-American study kits.
11. A member has written publicity reviewing programs of our Table for four different newspapers each month.
12. A full page "Salute" to the Alamo-San Juan Pan-American Round Table's 10th anniversary was given by a local newspaper in February 1960. This featured a short history of the Table, compiled by two charter members. A copy of this was presented to each Table member.
13. Honored our State Director Mrs. W. W. Hawkins of El Paso at an afternoon tea at home of one of our members in March 1960.
14. Honored Mrs. Richard Singer, third associate director, at a luncheon March 22, 1961. The Round Tables of Alamo-San Juan, Edinburg, McAllen and Rio Grande City acting as Hostesses for this affair.

April 5, 1961

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edna E. Salmon Director  
(Mrs. Leonard Salmon)

**PROGRAMS:** The economics of Latin America provided the theme for study, with emphasis placed on the development of oil and inter-american banking, in 1959-1960. In 1960-1961, the theme for study was chosen from the woman's viewpoint- the architecture, interior decoration, fashions and clothing.

Both Founder's Day and Pan American Day were celebrated with a luncheon or dinner with an outstanding speaker.

**PUBLICATIONS:** The Table publishes a monthly newsletter "La Veccecita", in addition to the yearbook, both of which are mailed to all members of the local Table and officers of the State and Alliance. The newsletter is limited to one page with emphasis on concise and current news.

**SPANISH LANGUAGE PROMOTION:** Prizes totaling \$ 50.00 are awarded winners of the Nena Merris Spanish Contest conducted annually among students of Lamar State College of Technology. This contest established in 1949 is for the purpose of encouraging proficiency in reading, writing and speaking Spanish.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** In observance of Columbus Day, a book was donated to the Lamar Tech Library.

In August 1959, the Table assisted the International Host Family Committee in entertaining 17 Latin American Students and their instructors from Tulane University, New Orleans, La, during a week end visit and tour of Beaumont.

A contribution was made to initiate a Student Loan Fund for International Students- with our contribution earmarked for Latin American students.

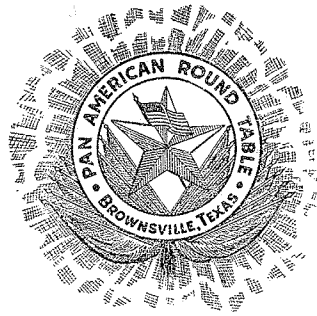
**ALLIANCE PROJECTS:** The Table contributed to the PART Kits. Twenty five books by American Women were sent to the La Paz, Bolivia Table.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** A contribution was sent to the President of Mexico for the Pacific Coast Flood Relief.

Five hundred pounds of woollen clothing was sent to Chile for the earthquake victims.



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REPORT OF PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE I  
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS  
Presented at  
THE STATE CONVENTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS                      APRIL 5,6,7, 1961

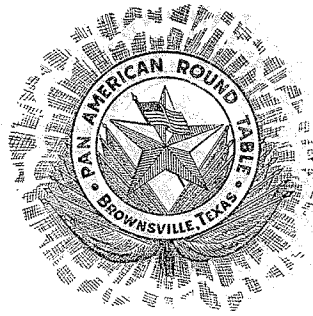
Pan American Round Table I of Brownsville was organized in 1932. The Table will be 29 years old this coming November. The present membership is as follows:

- 31 Active members
- 5 Associate members
- 18 Sustaining members
- 4 Non-resident members
- 1 Member on leave of absence
- 2 Honorary members in addition to the Consuls, and their wives, from the United States and Mexico.

Luncheon meetings are held on the first Friday of each month from October through June, with the exception of November and February. At these luncheon meetings, roll call is answered by each member with a current event pertaining to the country she represents. Programs are given on these countries in turn, alphabetically, either by the member or by a guest speaker who has lived or traveled in the country being honored. Table decorations are planned to carry out the theme of the program in some manner typical of the Country presented.

In November, the Table has a Birthday celebration in the form of a dinner for members, their husbands and guests. The Associate members

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are hostesses for this event and the Consuls, and their wives, from Mexico and the United State are honored guests.

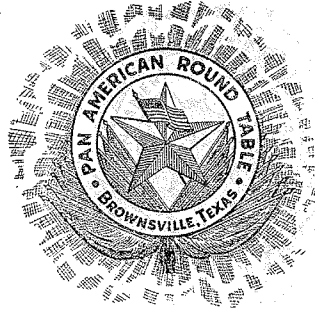
In February, the Table has a Merienda and Costume Review on Wed. before the opening of the Charro Days Fiesta. In 1960 this affair was open to the general public, but in 1961 it was held for winter visitors only. Texas Southmost College presents authentic native dances, at intervals, during the Costume review. After the Review, the Table members serve about 900 guests with pan de dulce and coffee. All members wear authentic costumes and the Pan American theme is carried out.

For several years, the Table has presented Costume Reviews in Northern Mexico and in many parts of Texas. Costumes shown in these reviews represent selections from one of the largest collections of authentic Latin American costumes in the United States. Donations received at these reviews are used for the Tables scholarship fund, which keeps two students at all times in Texas Southmost College.

Each year the Table presents, to a Brownsville High School graduate, a \$300.00 two year Bessie K. Johnson scholarship to Texas Southmost College.

For the past nineteen years, the Table has observed Pan American Day by sponsoring an essay contest for the High School Pan American Student Forum. The essays are written on Pan American subjects and a special committee selects the four best essays from the several

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hundred submitted. The writers, and their mothers, of the winning essays are guests at the April meeting where they read their essays and receive cash awards.

This Table cooperates in many ways with the Tables in Matamoros and Reynosa. At one luncheon meeting each year, all the members of the Matamoros Table are guests of the Brownsville members. Brownsville members are frequent individual guests of the Matamoros Table.

Books on Latin American Subjects are donated to a Memorial shelf in the Zachry Taylor Library of the Civic Center.

Each new director is presented with a Directors pin.

Since October 1959 this Table has been responsible for the publication of TEXANA, under the Publication chairman, appointed by the State Director. A roster of the membership of all the Texas Tables, was compiled, to be presented to the State Board and the incoming State Publication Chairman.

Mrs. Hawkins, State Director, was a guest at the March meeting in 1960. The Associate Director, Mrs. Singer, was honored, in March 1961 at a joint meeting in Brownsville of Tables I and II of Brownsville and the San Benito Table.



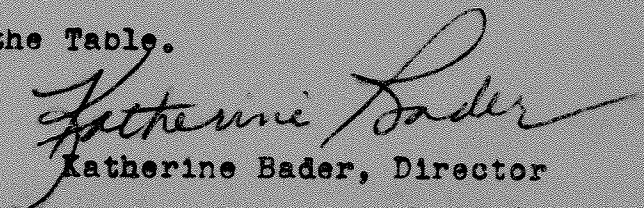
## Pan American Round Table II of Brownsville

Pan American Round Table II of Brownsville in December celebrated its seventeenth birthday.

For the past two years the Table has decorated a store window during the annual celebration of Charro Days. This year second prize of \$15.00 was awarded to PART II. The theme of the winning display was Bolivia. A mannequin wearing a costume of the country, a table covered with a native embroidered cloth and set with Bolivian silver, products of the country, and books on the country formed the display.

The visit on March 21 of this year of Mrs. Richard C. Singer, Third Associate Director of Pan American Round Tables of Texas, and of Mrs. Claude R. Nobles, both members of the San Antonio Table, was the occasion for a meeting of Pan American Round Table I of Brownsville and Pan American Round Table of San Benito with Pan American Round Table II of Brownsville at its regular dinner meeting.

Each year Pan American Round Table II of Brownsville sponsors a Pan American Day poster contest among the pupils of the four junior high schools of the city. Each year several hundred posters are made and displayed in store windows. Awards to the winners are made at the Pan American Day dinner meeting of the Table.

  
Katherine Bader, Director



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The presentation of the Director's Report of the activities of the Pan American Round Table of Corpus Christi on the occasion of the State Convention of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas in Corpus Christi is an unusual honor and pleasure.

In April, 1959, the Pan American Round Table of Corpus Christi discovered that it would be privileged to hold the State Convention. Since then we have worked diligently toward making it a successful one. Throughout these last two years our convention chairman, Mrs. Richard Kleberg, has directed and encouraged our membership in preparation and planning, and now you see the finished product.

Our Table has been busy the last two years. In April of 1959 we sponsored an essay contest in the local elementary schools on the subject "What Pan Americanism Means to Me." This contest created wide interest and participation. We presented medals to the overall winner and the winner for each school.

In May of 1959, as well as May of 1960, we presented medals at the Honor Assembly at Ray High School to the students

who made the highest grades locally in the contest sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

We sent a delegate to the Alliance Convention in Guatemala last year. She brought back to us a greater understanding of the relationship between the Round Tables and the Alliance.

The Good Neighbor Commission held its convention in Corpus Christi in May, 1960. We helped the delegates register, and undertook to tell them all we could about our city and state. We attended some of the meetings in their honor and also attended an outstanding Cinco de Mayo Celebration which was planned by the Mexican Consul.

We were fortunate to have a visit from our State Director, Mrs. W. W. Hawkins, of El Paso, and five of our State Board members. We enjoyed their visit and profited greatly from the information and counsel given us.

Through the courtesy of one of our members, books on South America were contributed to ten schools in this area. On Columbus Day we had a Latin American exhibit at La Retama Library in conjunction with the gift of a book from the Corpus Christi Table.

For our December meeting, Dr. Robert Brinsmade of Mexico City and Venezuela was our speaker. He has practiced law and edited newspapers in both countries and is thoroughly familiar with their people and politics. He therefore gave us a very informative picture.

Our Christmas party was most interesting, with the story of Christmas customs in Mexico as its theme.

Presently, we are making a beginning toward sponsoring Pan American Student Forums in our local high schools. We are fortunate in having the originator of this project on the faculty of one of our schools.

We have twenty-five local and five out-of-town active members at the present time. We also have associate out-of-town members. The out-of-town and associate out-of-town members are very active, even though some of them must drive from thirty to sixty miles to arrive at our 10:30 meetings. Two of our members participate in a literacy workshop in Beeville.

At our meetings our members answer roll call with a current event concerning the countries they represent. We find this a very stimulating and enlightening way to keep up with Pan American events. Each month one of our members gives a program

on a specific country. This may be in the form of a paper or a movie short, or slides, or artifacts of that country.

I wish to thank each of our members for her enthusiastic interest and support in all our projects. I know we will continue to pursue with diligence the promotion of good will and understanding among our twenty-two countries.

*Respectfully Submitted  
Rachel Dougherty Vaughan*

Mrs. Ben F. Vaughan, Jr.



REPORT OF THE PAN-AMERICAN ROUND TABLE NUMBER 1 OF DALLAS, TEXAS.

1959-1960.....1960-1961

---PROGRAMS---

The Pan-American Round Table Number 1 of Dallas, Texas meets at the Dallas Country Club for a luncheon on the first Tuesday of each month, October through May.

We have the Chairman of the Day system, and complete programs are announced on reservation cards, sent to members ten days preceding each meeting. Many citizens of the Latin American Countries visit Dallas, and we are most fortunate in securing excellent speakers. One of our leading Ministers, Rev. Tom Shipp of the Lovar's Lane Methodist Church was our first speaker. Then Mr. Robert Booth of the Dallas University discussed several interesting subjects regarding the South American Countries. Our Christmas program by a member of our Table and an outstanding singer in Dallas, Mrs. R.J. Byrd. It was entitled, Christmas in Song.

Senora Fernanda Pastore Healytra of Argentina told us many things about her country. We had pictures of the Central American States, and then Dr. A.J. Thomas, Director of the International School of Law of Southern Methodist University gave a most informative talk about The Federation of the West Indies. In May Mr. John T. Dale, who is in charge of foreign affairs of the First National Bank will speak for us.

\*\*\* PROJECTS---

Among our projects, scholarships have the emphasis. Miss Vivian Marie Hughes received our Hazel Myers Scholarship April 7, 1959 and she graduated in June 1960. In December of 1960, Miss Rosalind Ancona and Mr. Bobby Mora, Latin American students received the awards given to High School Students.

We are now in the process of selecting another S.M.U. student who

will receive our scholarship for 1961. It will be presented at the May meeting.

We have two Spanish classes, Senora Olga Leach of Mexico is our teacher.

The Table sent fifty dollars to the Chilean Relief Fund of the Red Cross last June.

This Table paid the tuition for a Latin American student to attend night school.

---SOCIAL---

Many persons from South American Countries have been Honor Guests at our regular luncheon meetings.

We had a Garden Party at the Garden Center in April, 1960 and we are having a scholarship tea April 18, at the Dallas Country Club.

Members of our Advisory Council give generously of their time to the affairs of this Table.

We have exceptionally lovely members and it is a distinct pleasure to serve as Director.

Respectfully submitted

Director, Mrs. Olin W. Smith,

Report from Pan American Round Table III of Dallas, April 1961

Our table meets ~~in members' homes~~ at ten a.m. on the first Friday of each month from October through May. Because we do meet in members' homes we hold our active membership within limits. This compels us to demand of our members sincere interest in the principles of PART and, during the year, some active participation in our activities.

Approximately one-third of our members have been enrolled this past year in Spanish classes. These classes meet weekly with an instructor who is one of our honorary members.

Many also participate in the activities of our Liaison Group. These members have expressed interest in entertaining the Latin American visitors to Dallas who come to our city under auspices of the Dallas Council on World Affairs. Many of these visitors are in the United States as guests of our State Department. This group is also active in entertaining the group of graduate lawyers who come from Latin American countries for a year of advanced study at SMU under the Law Institute of the Americas program. These young lawyers, and women as well as men have participated in the program, have occasionally brought wives with them to Dallas. Some years ago those in our Spanish classes established contact with the wives so as to extend to them a social welcome to Dallas. More recently fewer wives have come. Feeling that the men, too, might enjoy an opportunity to come to know some of us in Dallas better we have planned entertainment these past two years for evening hours. Our husbands have joined us in pleasant occasions we feel have helped to establish understanding and knowledge between those of different countries. Liaison

Several of our members are individual members of the Dallas group known as Friends of Mexico. This organization, operative in several cities of Texas, brings Mexican talent and culture to the United States. Our table has recently subscribed to Special Membership.

At our monthly meetings we have adopted the Roll Call by countries. Response has been gratifying.

We ask to speak at our meetings those who may be expected to speak from first-hand knowledge on some facet of Latin American life or inter-American relationships. During the past two years we have had as speakers such persons as:

the Honorable Roy R. Rubottom, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs  
various members of the consular corp assigned to the Dallas area,  
lawyers in Dallas under the Law Institute of the Americas program,  
professors from various departments of SMU,  
the executive secretary of the Dallas Council on World Affairs,  
and the president of the Dallas group of Friends of Mexico who will be our final speaker for the current year.

The meeting in October, 1959, at which Mr. Rubottom spoke, held at the Dallas Country Club and followed by a luncheon, was arranged by our table so that members of Round Tables in the Dallas area might hear him while he was in Dallas in conjunction with the South American fortnight in which many units of Dallas cultural and economic life took part. We were happy to have with us all those of other Round Tables who joined us, as well as the honored guests Mrs. Ottilia de Chaves and Director of Texas Pan American Round Tables, Mrs. W. W. Hawkins.

During this fortnight our Director was instrumental in the inclusion of Mrs. Chaves on the panel of the South American Forum held over a two-day period and sponsored by the Dallas Council on World Affairs. It to serve as a medium for exchange of ideas, understanding and cooperation among nations of the western hemisphere.

For the past six years our table has conducted an annual Children's Party in January. This was first conceived as a fund-raising project. It has since evolved ~~further~~ into a planned opportunity to acquaint young children with some of the ways of Christmas celebration in Latin American countries. The party is scheduled for the Sunday closest to January 6th. An explanation to the youngsters of the significance of the Day of the Three Wise Men is a part of the program. The breaking of pinatas is included as part of the entertainment. The proceeds of the party have been expended in various ways. This year we voted to add our funds to a trust established some years ago by the PARI of Dallas to honor one of their former directors whose daughter is currently our director. Income from the trust goes to an SMU student in need of financial aid whose field of study pertains to Pan Americanism.

Our table expects to have ten members, a fifth of our total membership, in attendance at the State Convention in Corpus Christi. Our delegates are Mrs. James W. Watson, to be director during the 1961-62, and Mrs. William P. Brown, our current director.



We hereby submit a brief report of the activities of the Pan American American Round Table of Eagle Pass, Texas, from April, 1959, to April, 1961.

Pan American Day was celebrated with a tea in the Sala Verde at Fort Duncan Club on April 14, 1959. Members and most of the guests wore costumes from different Latin American countries. Among the guests were several ladies from Piedras Negras, Coah., Mexico.

On May 2, 1959, the annual business meeting was held. At this time election of officers took place. Mrs. C. M. Benavides was elected Director and Mrs. Max Medley was elected Associate Director for the next two years. The new officers assumed their duties at the June meeting which was a luncheon meeting with no program.

The P. A.R.T. honored the 1959 Seniors of the Eagle Pass High School with a brunch. This party took place on May 14, and this has been an annual affair for the past several years.

The first regular meeting of the new term was held on Oct. 3, 1959, at Fort Duncan Club. Peru was the country presented on the program at this meeting. Dr. John Patterson of Montel, Texas, was guest speaker. At the business meeting following the program, Miss Carolina Cerna was chosen voting delegate to the convention in Guatemala.

From November 7, 1959, to May 7, 1960, programs were given on the following countries: Paraguay, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba and Mexico.

Three members from this Table attended the Convention in Guatemala. Miss Carolina Cerna went as a voting delegate. Mrs. W. B. Finan and Mrs. Royce Drake went as non-voting delegates.

Miss Carolina Cerna was elected Recording Secretary for the State Board in 1959. In 1960 she was appointed Chairman of the Resolutions Committee for the Alliance.

Pan American Day, 1960, was celebrated with a dinner party

at Fort Duncan Club. An invitation was sent to the members of the Saltillo, Coah., Mexico, Pan American Round Table, newly organized at the time, to be our guests at this party. Due to the death in the family of one of the members, they could not attend. The party was well attended by a large number of members and guests from Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras, our sister city in Mexico, across the Rio Grande from us. Members wore beautiful costumes representing their countries. Mariachis entertained the group during the evening and a group of young girls, wearing lovely and appropriate costumes, appeared in a series of authentic Spanish dances. During the evening seven fifth grade students presented a play in Spanish.

The Eagle Pass P.A.R.T. was greatly honored on May 7th. by the visit of Bra. Dona Amalia Castillo Ledon of Mexico City, Under-Secretary for Cultural Affairs in the Ministry of Education of Mexico. She flew from Mexico City especially to be the guest speaker at this meeting whose program was on Mexico. We are indebted to our two members who represent Mexico at this Table, Mrs. Dorothy Worrell and Mrs. Luis Cobo, who knew Sra. Castillo Ledon and invited her to visit our Table. She spoke on "the Status of Women in Mexico".

The 1960 Seniors were honored by P.A. R. T. with a garden party at the club in May. Members greeted the Seniors and their sponsors as they arrived. Refreshments were served later. The students are always made to feel very welcome as the members of P.A.R.T. mingle with them and try to speak to every one of the very large group.

business  
At the regular meeting on June 4th., it was voted that a check for \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) be sent to the earthquake victims in Chile. This was done through the Red Cross. Mrs. W. A. Hewatt, who represents Chile at the Table, wrote a letter to the P.A.R.T. of Santiago, Chile, expressing our sympathy and concern.

At the first meeting of the 1960-'61 term in October a note from the American Red Cross was read thanking the P.A.R.T. for the donation.

There were programs on the following countries from Oct. 1st.,

1960, to March 4th., 1961: Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, Uruguay, Brazil, and El Salvador.

Election of officers for the '61-'63 term was held at a business meeting after the regular program on January 7, 1961. Mrs. Max Medley was elected Director and Mrs. Luis Cobo was elected Associate Director. The new officers will be installed in June.

This Table was honored by the visit of our State Director, Mrs. W. W. Hawkins in 1960. In March, 1961, we had the pleasure of having Mrs. Richard Singer, Associate Director, with us at our regular March meeting. She stressed the importance of a good attendance at the Convention in Corpus Christi at the beginning of April. At this meeting Mrs. Max Medley and Mrs. Luis Cobo were voted delegates to said convention. Mrs. Royce Drake and Mrs. Myra Bonnet were voted alternates.

One of the most important projects of this Table is an "Educational Fund" whose purpose is to provide a scholarship to a worthy student when the need arises.

We are well informed on the latest news and happenings of our different countries. When roll call is read during luncheon at the regular meetings, members stand up as their names are called and give a short report on the current events of their respective countries.

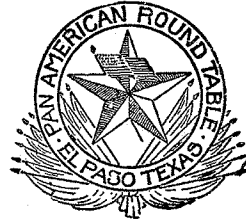
For the past several years "Friendship Day" has been observed in this border city. This takes place in February, on Washington's Birthday. At this time students from several towns in Texas and Mexico congregate in this city. Members of P.A.R.T., among others, very generously open their homes to these young students receiving them as very welcome guests for the three or four days they remain among us.

Respectfully submitted,

*Magdalena T. Benavides*

(Mrs. C. M. Benavides)

Director, Eagle Passs P.A.R.T.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 1959 to May 1960

The Pan American Round Table met eight times during the year. Six meetings were regular business and program meetings. A tea for our Sun Car nival Duchess and the Pan American Day ceremonies and reception made our eight gatherings.

Three Board meetings were held and the business of the Table was taken care of at these times.

All called for reports were sent to the State and to the Alliance. Our dues were paid up to date to the State Table and the Alliance, plus a donation of \$146.00 to the Alliance director's travel fund.

The Table sent \$50.00 to the "Table to Table Kit". We sent gift bouquets to all host clubs who entertained our group. Gifts were sent to Consul Drury and his wife on their departure. Gifts were sent to our Duchess and to General and Mrs. Russell, in appreciation.

Many members contributed to the Florence Griswold Scholarship Fund.

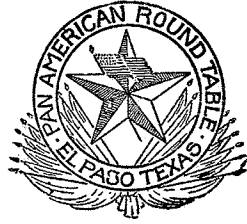
We were represented at the Alliance convention in Guatemala by Mrs. Earl Heathcote.

All committee reports for this year have been filed.

Submitted May 18, 1960.

(S) Gladys Fox (Mrs. Chris P. Fox)  
Director





## DIRECTORS REPORT

October 1960 to April 1961

The Pan American Round Table of El Paso has met five times on regular business meetings and in December a tea was held honoring our Sun Carnival Duchess. The January meeting was dedicated to the memory of our Founder, Mrs. M. P. Schuster and her daughter Mrs. Regina Schuster Rabb. The Mexican members of the Table were hostesses at this meeting.

Pan American Day will be observed with a program and luncheon on 14 April at the Home of Mrs. Rene Mascarenas in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

The final business meeting for the year will be held on 25 April when the new officers will be installed.

Two Board meetings have been held and the business of the Table was taken care of at these times. A third Board meeting be held on 11 April.

All called for reports were sent to the State and to the Alliance. Our dues were paid up to date to the State Table and the Alliance.

A reception honoring Ambassador Designate Raymond L. Telles Jr and Mrs. Telles will be held on Sunday, April ninth, and a gift presented to them in token of our esteem.

We are being represented at the State Convention by Mrs. Charles F. O'Hara and Mrs. J. T. Guynas as our delegates.

Submitted 31 March 1961

*Leticia Cox Ortiz*

Mrs. Arthur Ortiz, Director

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PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE

Fort Worth, Texas

Director, Mrs. M. O. Livingston

The year 1959-60 was outstanding in accomplishment and good fellowship. All of the committees served with inspiration and the details of their work are in the report of each chairman.

The highlights of our years activities were: The first meeting we honored Neville G. Penrose, Chairman of the International Good Neighbor Commission. Later in the year we cooperated with the Fort Worth Good Neighbor Council in honoring the new Consul of Mexico, the Hon. Samuel Pereyra, at a Welcome Dinner. We participated in the City Columbus Day observance which honored Mr. Penrose and Mr. Jack Danciger and the Junior Chamber of Commerce Columbus Day Luncheon.

At the Christmas program our scholarship recipient, Miss Nancy Daquer, was honored and a beautiful musical program was presented by several high school and college students.

A Fiesta at the Childrens Museum was presented as our Pan American Week civic celebration with Eura Wylie, First Associate Director of the State, serving as our Coordinating Chairman in charge. During Pan American Week the delightful "Fiesta in Dos Casas" a progressive party was enjoyed by our members.

Continuing the work begun last year the Suit Case exhibit was circulated to all public schools and the Childrens Museum committee began our project there with two beautiful exhibits in our display case.

At our last meeting of the year we were honored to have the State Director, Mrs. W. W. Hawkins of El Paso, as our guest. Mary Ellen Ferguson was in charge of installation of officers which was done in Spanish.

The outstanding speakers presented throughout the year by our Program Committee included two of our own talented members.

It was only through the work of all the officers and committees that the year was such an eventful and delightful one and I am very grateful to each one who helped make it a success.

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The Fort Worth Pan American Round Table honored the Honorable Samuel Pereyra, our new consul from Mexico, and his wife at our first meeting. They are now Honorary Members of our Table. Our area Director, Mrs. C. M. Copeland, presented the first program. Her explanation of the purpose of the Round Tables was excellent.

We assisted in the celebration of the "Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Mexican Independence." Our part of the program was a "Costume Review."

Twenty three Latin American Students in this area were entertained with a traditional Halloween party at the home of one of our members. A patio dinner was served. Each guest was given a gift.

Christmas cards were mailed to all the Latin American Students in the three colleges in our area. A number of students were entertained by our members in their homes during the Season.

Our Table has donated \$475.00 toward a scholarship for Carmen Revero of Columbia, a student at the Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. She has been given clothing, money, and other gifts by individual members.

Prized possessions, collected from South American Countries by our members, were loaned to the Latin American Students attending Texas Christian University for display purposes. The foreign students of the University held a

Pan American Round Table Ft. Worth, Texas

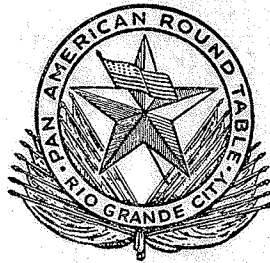
"World Fair." The most outstanding booths were those of the Latin American Countries. The students were most appreciative for our help in this project.

The pride and joy of our Table is a large permanent window we have secured for display purposes in the "Hall of Man" at the Children's Museum in Fort Worth, Texas. Exhibits are changed about three times a year. The present one is on Peru; Paraguay has just been removed.

Our big project looking toward "Pan American Week" was a program we presented to the Etta Newby Club, visitors, and members of our Table. This was a unique opportunity to explain and demonstrate ( by a Costume Review) to a large group how better understanding and cooperation can be achieved in the Western Hemisphere.

Convention Report

Mrs. Dan N. Matheson  
Director



PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS  
REPORT OF DIRECTOR FOR 1960-1961.

The Rio Grande City Table has 28 active and 33 associate members at the present time, and all are in good standing.

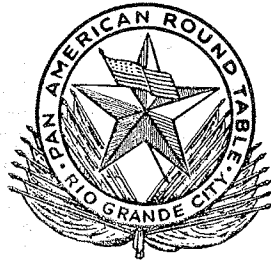
Alliance and State dues, our quotas for the Director's travel fund, and the Griswold fund have all been paid.

During the period from September 1960 to March 1961 seven very interesting programs have been presented by active members who gave us most interesting accounts of the character, history or current happenings of the Republics they represent, in most cases showing slides or motion pictures of the different places they or their friends have visited. These programs were presented during our regular luncheon meetings held the second Tuesday of each month. At these meetings, we have as special guests, two senior students from our local high school.

The women in this organization have taken great care and zeal in studying and learning about our neighbor republics and when they tell us about them it is as if we ourselves were there. One cannot but feel that each one of them is very close to the people she has studied about, and in this way we are sure they are fulfilling their obligations as members of this organization.

We have planned a tea for our last meeting before adjourning for the summer, at which time we will have as guests the wives of the City Officials and prominent business and civic leaders from the Cities across the border in Mexico. We fervently hope that these ladies will become interested enough in Pan Americanism to form a Table of their own in the very near future.

Our Nell K. Guerra Scholarship Fund established in memory of a Charter member is increasing constantly and we hope that it will be perpetual very soon since it serves



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a very worthy cause. Each year, we award a \$100.00 scholarship to a high ranking student in the County who wishes to further his education and is unable to attend college because of financial difficulties.

Last, we are very happy that our collection of flags will be displayed at the Convention. Since it is impossible for many of us to attend, we feel greatly gratified that we will be so well-represented by our flags and our official delegate our beloved Mrs. Florence Johnson Scott.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. P. Guerra, Jr.

PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE  
Laredo, Texas

Director's Report: 1959-1961

The Laredo Pan American Round Table is now forty years old and has grown from five members to sixty-seven members. Our Table is represented as far as Kansas City, Missouri, and Modesto, California. Our membership includes six non-resident members from Nuevo Laredo, Tamps., Mexico.

We hold monthly luncheon meetings from November to April. Each meeting has a program planned to promote our interest and understanding of the Pan American Countries. The members answer roll call with current events about the countries they represent. A morning coffee and business meeting is held in October and in May.

In November, 1959, we had the pleasure of having as our speaker Mrs. Albert R. Davis of Austin. Our State Director, Mrs. W. W. Hawkins, gave us an interesting report on the Alliance Convention in Guatemala City in February, 1960. Mrs. Hawkins also visited the Laredo Table in November, 1960. Mrs. Richard C. Singer, Third Associate Director, visited the table in November 1959 and November 1960.

We have had the following speakers: Mr. Robert Buchanan, Mexican Art; Colonel William J. Jones, U. S. Air Force Training Program for Latin American Students; Mr. Samuel Meyer, a talk and slides on Yucatan; Dr. W. D. Johnson, The Spanish Foundations of Latin American Culture; and Dr. Julia McVicar Baker, Mexican Drama.

Our December meetings honor the sons and daughters of members, and our programs are presented by students from Martin High School or Laredo Junior College. For our United States Day meeting in February, the programs are traditionally book reviews of a historical nature. Our Pan American Day



programs are usually given by the Pan American Student Forums of Martin High School. This year, our program will be of even greater interest because it is to be presented by the Nuevo Laredo Student Forum which was organized several months ago.

In May we observe the "Cinco de Mayo" with the Republic of Mexico by a reception honoring the American Consul, the Mexican Consul, their wives, and the official families of both Laredos.

The Laredo Table sponsors the Pan American Student Forums of Martin High School. Besides our contributions to the Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship Fund, we maintain our own Student Fellowship Fund, giving scholarships each year to two students of Laredo Junior College.

Our members have acted as hostesses at several exhibits which have been sent to Laredo by the International Promotion Department of the Mexican Foreign Ministry.

Submitted by

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Laredo, Texas

REPORT OF THE WACO PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE

*of Waco, Texas*

Regular monthly luncheon meetings, for the past two years, have been held on the 1st Frid. of each month, with interesting programs always planned. Two social teas were held each April, in one of the member's homes, honoring the incoming officers, as well as the new members and prospective members. Each member had the privilege of inviting 3 guests. A most interesting Xmas party was given this past Dec., honoring the Pan American students at Baylor University. Both years, different members of our Table attended the Columbus Day festivities at "St. Francis Mission on the Brazos", while window displays were arranged in various store show windows, by the committee for "Pan American Week". We are fortunate to have 2 former missionaries, from Brazil and Argentina respectively, who are honorary members, and attending when in town. Reader's Digest magazine subscriptions were sent to 5 Latin American Senoras. Several members attended the South American Fortnight in Dallas, Oct. 1959. 4 times during the past 2 years, fruit juice, glasses for same, cakes, crackers, as well as money, was sent to the Latin American Kindergarten Center in Waco. A further contribution was made to Mrs. Chaves for the Guatemala Convention. Independence Day Celebration is always observed by our Table. A note of interest, perhaps, is that the Waco Chamber of Commerce is to notify our Table of any important Latin American visitors, for which we plan some form of entertainment. Recently, the Waco Table voted to take the amount in the Marion Reiley Scholarship and transfer <sup>it</sup> to the Florence Terry Griswold Fund. A State Friendship Committee was made permanent, while our local committee will work through the state. Finally, our Table will encourage memorials to be sent to this State Scholarship Fund.

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