

Pan American Round Table I of Brownsville

State Convention Report in Eagle Pass

March 23, 2013

The members of the Executive Board of PART I for this Biennium are:

Director	Isabel Vezzetti
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October 2011 to June 2012

The period, October 2011 to June 2012, proved to be very busy. On October 7, 2011, Tara Putegnat presented her program on Jamaica. Our 79th Birthday followed where the ladies learned to play “chalupa”. Sylvia Garza invited Father Amador Garza to speak at the December meeting. Father Amador has an extensive collection of Mexican pottery and brought many pieces to share with the ladies. All that attended were left breathless at the beauty of these pieces.

On January 6, 2012, Sondra Shands presented her program on Paraguay, followed by a presentation on the “Three Wisemen” which is celebrated in Paraguay. We learned the name of the three wise men and of their gifts that they presented. The presentation was followed by the drawing of door prizes and the breaking of the “rosca” bread which all the ladies seemed to enjoy.

In February, Maria Garza took us for a visit to Panama. We learned about the Panama Canal and its origin. We also learned about Valentine’s Day and its celebration throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Charro Days, a city wide festival, celebrated their 75th Anniversary. Since PART I helped in the organization of the original Charro Days, the Table brought back its beloved “Merienda” to help with the celebration. A two hour performance with a revue of the regional costumes of Mexico, Mariachis, and Folkloric Dancers thrilled a standing only crowd. All monies raised went into the Table’s Scholarship Fund.

The March meeting was presided by Normalinda Castellano, Associate Director for PART I, since the Director was absent due to the Board Meeting in Laredo.

In April, PART I, along with PART II and the San Benito Table, celebrated Pan American Observance Day at the Golden Palms in San Benito. It was very well attended. The guest speaker was Elsie Perez, Alliance Associate Director General 2010-2012.

On May 4, Guillermina Galonsky took us on a very interesting trip to Peru and Machu Picho. Having visited there, she showed the many pictures that she took and gave us a description of each. The ladies were very impressed by her exclamation of her feelings of awe and amazement at the site of Machu Pico. We also took a tour of the different countries in the Western Hemisphere and learned how they celebrated Mother's Day.

The June Program was on the United States of America. Norma McKnight presented the electoral system and how it works. It helped all the ladies to better understand the voting system that we have in the United States. It was also our Scholarship Recipients Luncheon. We presented five scholarships in the amount of \$1,500. Three of the recipients accompanied by a parent were in attendance. The two others were absent due to project commitments. The recipients of the 2011-2012 Scholarships were Harrison John Murphy, The Bessie K. Johnson Scholarship, Sarah Danielle Rios, The Susana Schwarm Scholarship, Owen Gijon, PART I Members Scholarship, Samantha Gonzalez, The Clara L. Ely Scholarship, and Joshua Alexander Garza, PART I Members Scholarship.

October 2012 – June 2013

A business meeting was held in October, 2012. The Director, gave a power point presentation on the history of the Pan American Round Table Movement and the duties and expectations of the Table members. Rachel Ayala was voted into the Table's membership and the Alliance Director General's Circular No. 8 was summarized. Table members also received information on the state convention that will be held in Eagle Pass, Texas.

In November, PART I celebrated its 80th birthday with a blast into the past. The birthday luncheon was attended by the newly elected Alliance Director General, Elsie Perez, and newly elected alliance Zone I Director, Martha Stumbo. Table members dressed in 1932 attire and the table decorations resembled the ones used at the first meeting of PART I. A power point presentation on the history of PART I was presented.

On December 2, 2011, a Scholarship Silver Tea was held at the home of Nohemi Gonzalez, a PART I Associate. The tea was very well attended and a grand total of \$6,635.00 was raised for our scholarship fund.

On December 7, we traveled to Uruguay presented by Karen Ray. Elsie Perez, Alliance Director General and Martha Stumbo, Alliance Zone I Director, were present at this meeting. Gracie Uhles was made active and presented a Table pin. Rachel Ayala was inducted into PART I. Both of these ladies were presented by a certificate from Elsie Perez. The Alliance Circular was passed out to the members in attendance.

The January 4th meeting was presided by Normalinda Castellano, Associate Director. The Table voted to endorse the candidacies of Isabel Vezzetti for PARTT Area C Director and Normalinda Castellano for PARTT State Treasurer. The Table also voted to host a Merienda during the Charro Days Celebration provided that everything fell into place with the museum and that we

had enough volunteers. The Associate Director announced that the Executive Board had met and had appointed the nominating committee: Ann Raulston, chairman, Lita Ortiz and Bertha Chapa.

In February we traveled to Antigua and Barbuda with the presentation by Irene Gulley. Door prizes were coordinated to fit the theme.

In March we learned about the Tango and visited Argentina with Delma Tercero. The Table also voted for the next biennium Executive Board and for the acceptance of Cybelle Valle, Shirley Colglazier, Lillyana Rodriguez, and Kelly Tipton into membership of PART I.

Together with PART II of Brownsville and PART of San Benito, Pan American Observance Day was celebrated on April 6, 2013 at the Valley International Country Club. PART II of Brownsville was the host table. The guest speaker was Father Amador Garza, who spoke of his collection of Mexican pottery. The ladies enjoyed his talk and the pieces of pottery that he brought to share with the audience.

On May 3, 2013, we sailed to the beautiful islands of the Bahamas with Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre as our speaker guide. We toured the islands and learned their history, culture, and traditions. Door prizes, which consisted of straw and cloth purses made in the Bahamas, were awarded to the lucky winners.

On June 7, 2013, we embarked yet on another trip to the beautiful island of Barbados. This program was presented by Normalinda Castellano. Our scholarship recipients were in attendance. This year, the Table awarded five \$1,500.00 scholarships: The Pan American Round Table I Bessie K. Johnson Scholarship, The Pan American Round Table I Clara Ely Scholarship, Pan American Round Table I Members Scholarship, The Susana Schwarm Scholarship, and the Lucila F. Pena Scholarship. The Director, Isabel Vezzetti, presented the Biennium Report in a power point to wrap up her tenure. The new Executive Board was installed by Elsie Perez, Alliance Director General

Respectfully submitted,
Isabel Vezzetti
PART Brownsville, Table I, Director

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