

**PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS
STATE CONVENTION – EAGLE PASS
March, 2013**

Madam Director, Past State Directors, State Board Members and Sisters of Pan American Round Tables of Texas:

The Corpus Christi Table has had an exciting couple of years since the last State Convention in 2011.

In May of 2011 and 2012, thanks to the generosity of our members, we donated a total of \$14,500 for scholarships to 13 students at Texas A&M Corpus Christi and Texas A&M Kingsville and gave a grant to a professor at A&M Kingsville for his continuing research. We will be awarding our 2013 scholarships this May. Pam Meyer is our Scholarship Chairman.

We've had some great speakers these past 2 years. Who knew that the roots of New Orleans Jazz originated in Mexico or that drug cartels in Latin America have Al Qaida connections? Our First Associate Director, Diane LaRue, has found some very interesting speakers for our meetings. Additionally, we've had roll call reports on Chili, Ecuador, the United States, and on many of the countries in the Caribbean.

Marie Adams, Second Associate Director, has worked hard on our yearbook and keeping the personal data of our members updated. Our constitution limits the number of active members to 75. 6 new members joined in 2012 and 5 new members will join us in May. Additionally we have 1 honorary member & 26 Associates, for a total of 102 members.

Annette Morgan, Third Associate Director, coordinates the hostesses for each meeting and takes care of the contract with the Corpus Christi Town Club and at other locations where we meet. Her committee gave a wonderful Pan American Day fiesta last April that our members attended with their spouses. Ina Pool and her husband H. joined us for the celebration. We're all looking forward to this year's Pan American Day party next month.

Fourth Associate Director Kathy Tunnell has documented our meetings and will prepare a scrap book at the end of the year. Laura Berlanga is our Recording Secretary and has faithfully kept the minutes of our meetings and sent emails to the membership to keep them informed. Susan Dahlman is our Corresponding Secretary and has written thoughtful notes and letters for the Table whenever the occasion arose. Patsy Boone is our Treasurer, and has done a wonderful job of keeping our books and paying our bills. Esther Read is our Parliamentarian and past Table Director. She has offered wise counsel to the Board and has been a great help to me.

I've specifically mentioned each member of the Board because they've worked so hard to make the past two years a success. Additionally, other active members serve on several committees and I'm very grateful to them for their contributions to the Corpus Christi Table.

The following are a few highlights of the last 2 years:

First State Associate Director, Louise Actkinson, joined us for our Christmas meeting in 2011 and came to our February 2013 meeting where State Director Sarah Jane Wise and State Corresponding Secretary Yolie Calley were recognized. This was Sarah Jane's last official visit and it is such a treat to have Sarah Jane & Yolie back from their travels. Our Table is honored to have them as members.

Additionally, 6 of our members attended the Alliance Convention last year in Buenos Aires. Peggy Clark served as our delegate and Nora Garcia was our alternate to the Convention.

We've enjoyed the company of our sister Table from Beeville the last 2 years. In 2011 7 of our members attended the Beeville Christmas meeting and several of their members, with Director Starr Bauer, joined us in January, 2013.

That's Corpus Christi in a nutshell. If you would like to come to the Coast, we'd be pleased to have you at one of our meetings.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Matthews

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