

Pan American Round Table of Del Rio

2013 Report

In May of 2012, the Del Rio Table membership voted to put in place a new board to serve only one year. At the conclusion of their year of service, a new board will be elected to return to the two year rotation. The table made this decision in order that our board's rotation be on the same cycle as that of our state board. Our 2012-2013 board consists of board members who are serving a third year in their positions, as well as members serving for the first time in theirs. At our installation, Julia Beavan, one of our two remaining charter members, performed the ceremony, using candles of various colors that symbolized each of our duties and characteristics.

Our table has had several celebrations and fundraisers throughout the year. In October, we celebrated founders day, with special presentations by both of our remaining charter members, Julia Beavan and Elia Robles. Mrs. Robles was especially anxious about speaking in front of the group, but offered us the story of the origins of our table and its traditions. Following their sharing, we were delighted to hear from our Area Director, Louise Actkinson, who encouraged our members to volunteer to be more involved at the State and Alliance levels. Our State Director, Sarah Jane Wise, then presented a beautiful and informative history of Florence Terry Griswold and the Pan American Round Table movement. This particular Founders' Day celebration was especially poignant for our members.

The Del Rio Table remains active in fundraising for our scholarship fund. We have a couple of traditional fundraising events that have become known in our community as "must see" events. We have our annual Holiday Home Tour the first Sunday in December, which is quite successful. Over the years, our annual spring "Basket Auction", has become more elaborate and exciting, as well. All of the proceeds from these events go into the scholarship account, from which we dispense scholarships to female, heads of household, students. Our table offers opportunities to deserving women who attend college and provide for their families simultaneously. Our scholarship is unique in our community and is something we are very gratified to provide.

Finally, the fellowship and friendships developed through our mutual commitment cannot be found in other organizations. When we work together on committees, on the board, or in planning a special event, we strengthen our ties to one another. Our group is growing, although slowly in numbers. Our commitment to the ideals of the Pan American Round Table is strengthening. As younger and more creative women come into our table, we see a new generation of women who strive to fulfill the promise of improving the lives of women and children in our community.

Thank you.
Lisa Cawley-Romero, Director
Del Rio Table

[Return to PARTT Homepage...](#)