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As Director of the Pan American Round Table of Laredo, I was able to succeed these past two years with the help and support of my officers and our table members. It has been a pleasure to serve as Director of the second oldest Table organized in Texas, especially wearing my mothers, Lucila Peña Directors pin which she wore when she was Director of the Brownsville I Table in 1972. What an honor it is to be a part of such a great organization which she loved and served for many years. During my term it was important to me that we not only continue to learn about our Latin American countries, but we should also remember and learn about our own past table history. Along with presentations of these countries we tried to learn about our past Directors and what they did during their term. It is the examples of these ladies and past table members that we continue to be a strong organization in our community. Many of our members enjoyed doing the research, looking back at our old scrapbooks and researching at the local library learning how involved our organization was in the community. It was best enjoyable when a present member could relate to these presentations because of their personal account or personal relationship with the past table Directors. This year we named two of our past Table Directors Sheila Glassford and Dolly Peña to our Honorary Membership.

The Officers are an integral part of our organizations success. A tradition set forth by our past Table Director Diana Czar, the First and Second Associate Directors along with the table Director meets with our Directors of the Day and Decorators prior to their meetings, allowing us to advice if needed or just to get to know them on a personal level. This tradition of meeting with the Directors of the Day and Decorators started a few years ago and continue to be an important part of our planning for our monthly meetings. Many of these members were grateful for these meetings. Many times these Directors of the Day and Decorators did not really need our

assistance but enjoyed the excuse of meeting and knowing that we were there as officers in case they did needed our help. The Recording Secretary was like the backbone to our meetings. She would record and document the proceedings, but most of all she would make sure I followed the Agenda for all meetings. The Corresponding Secretary would inform the membership at meetings of all correspondence received to our table. The Treasurer and her Finance Committee would report at all meetings the balances of all our accounts and help collect at all table functions. The Parliamentarian would help us stay on track at all meetings and help update our Bylaws when necessary.

The Scholarship Committee chair works closely with the local colleges in selecting our scholarship recipients and making sure our Scholarship Procedures are followed. The officer who probably gets little recognition because her work is done before and after the meetings, is the Guardian of the Flags. She has stored our Flags for many years at her home and always sets up and takes down flags needed at all our meetings and sets up all the OAS Flags for Founders Day and PAD celebration events. The other officer who rarely is recognized but has done much for our table for the past 8 years is our Historian. She has taken pictures and developed them and made up the scrapbooks for our table for all these years without any compensation from the Table. Lastly, I have had the support and guidance of our Past Table Director, Alicia Cantu, and as Electronic Chairman, she has been a champion for our table in getting us publicity not only in the Texana but in our local newspaper and local publications.

As you can see in our last event of the year, the Pan American Day celebration, many of our members get into the spirit and dress in their festive attire.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as Director of the PART of Laredo and know that this legacy will continue for many more years.

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