



Pan American Sisters,

This new biennium, 2015-2017, is full of excitement, anticipation and enthusiasm as each day brings us closer to the 100th Birthday of the founding of "The Pan American Round Table Movement". What an exciting time to be a member of this organization as we begin to embark on our centennial celebration. Few women's organizations have reached this historical pinnacle. During this tenure, we will be honoring our past, celebrating our present, and planning the future as we begin the new century with the same pride, purpose, power, and passion that the women, who gathered for the first meeting of this organization on October 16, 1916 at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Florence Terry Griswold, our founder, knew the true meaning of Pan Americanism and the objective she placed for her Tables was the promotion of mutual knowledge, understanding, and friendship among the women of the Western Hemisphere. Today her vision and movement has expanded to other parts of the United States, to Mexico, and to Central and South America. There are 234 active Tables with approximately 7000 members. What an accomplishment for this woman who was described by Clyde Trotter in 1967 as a woman with a "Big Heart", a heart so strong that the foundation she laid has weathered 100 years.

It is important at this time to examine our goals and directions and to rededicate ourselves to the Pan American Round Table Movement. By studying the countries of the Western Hemisphere we will gain knowledge and through this knowledge, we will gain understanding and this understanding will lead to friendship and eventually the cooperation of all the women of the Americas under the banner of Pan Americanism and present to the world an unconquerable united front. We, together with all the Pan American Sisters, will work until we are "One for All and All for One".

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