



"One for All and All for One"

REPORT TO PARTT STATE BOARD

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Del Rio, Texas

The PARTT Convention in Laredo had a tremendous effect on my life. I was elected the 47th State Director of this great organization. Even though I felt somewhat qualified, I will admit I was a bit overwhelmed. I felt that I needed a "grace" period. There was so much to do that I did not ponder much on this "grace" period. I needed to get organized. I began selecting my committee chairs and committee members from the list of volunteers that were interested in serving on the PARTT Board. This of course took time but happy to say everyone that I approached said "yes". As soon as everyone was on board, I sent every member of the executive board, committee chairs and members, and the past State Directors the complete list and contact information of the entire executive Board, Committee Chairs, and members of the Committees.

The next thing on the agenda was to change the signature cards at the bank. It took a while but we were up and running by May. We had outstanding bills to pay so that was taken care of. Next, I had to file with the Texas Secretary of State Form 802. This form has to be filed every 4 years but since our organization changed leadership positions, it was time to file anew and pay the \$5.00 filing fee.

I e-mailed all the Table Directors (2014-2015) to send me, as soon as it was available, the names of the new Table Directors and their officers with their contact information. I wrote and congratulated each new Table Director and invited them and their Table ECC Chair to the summer workshop which was to be held in San Antonio at the Marriott NW on August 15. I called the Marriott NW to make arrangements. We were given a special group rate and because of the number that we were guaranteeing, they did not charge us for the meeting room. Coffee and croissants were served as a mid-morning snack. The hotel set up a complimentary water bar and provided pens, note pads and hard candy for all that attended. Each person that attended was given a white binder with the information that they would need for their positions. Committee members met with their respective members while the Treasurer, Historian, Parliamentarian and I met with the Table Directors.

On June 8, 2015, I filed the IRS Form 990-N e-postcard. I received notification that it was accepted. I continued to monitor the 990-N e-postcard filing of each of the 20 Tables and worked with Rio Grande City, Laredo, and Del Rio on their status. I am happy to report every Table has filed and is in compliance.

I have visited the following Tables:

Alamo/San Juan/Phar.....installed the 2015-2017 Board

Edinburg.....Attended Founder's Day

McAllen.....Attended Founder's Day

PART I.....attended the 83rd Birthday Celebration and Christmas Tamalada

Rio Grande City.....Attended the Christmas Posada

San Benito.....Attended January meeting

El Paso.....Attended Founder's Day

Odessa.....Attended January meeting

I presented a talk on the Pan American Round Table Movement to the Texas Southern Historical meeting at the Heritage Room of the Brownsville Historical Association. I also met with Andy Rhodes, editor of the "The Medallion", for a story on PARTT, Senator Eddie Lucio for a possible proclamation, and Marisela Cortez, assistant to U S Congressman Filemon Vela, for a proclamation. I also met with Letty Fernandez, who is in charge of the UTRGV Public Relations Department, for help with the press release on the Bridge Marker.

Working on the Marker on the Laredo International Bridge #1, I have been in contact with the Mexican Consulate here in Brownsville, Quarter Mile, the company that is restoring the tablet, the manager and assistant manager of the bridge, the manager of La Posada, and with the Texas Secretary of State. I traveled to Laredo to meet with Diana Rodriguez and Alicia Cantu to go over some of the plans. I am working on a small exhibit and a program that we will use at the reception.

I traveled to Austin for the start of the documentary filming and met the filming company's personnel.

I contacted IRS about a determination letter. I am so happy to report that after two months, I received the determination letter and plan to share with the Treasurers from the 20 Tables. On January 19, 2016, I filed the subordinate listing with the IRS and made the necessary changes.

This has been an exciting 10 months and I feel that it is only going to get more exciting with the ongoing celebration of our organization's 100 years.

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