

BIOGRAPHY OF FLORENCE TERRY GRISWOLD

PAN AMERICAN WOMAN:
FLORENCE TERRY GRISWOLD

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE FOUNDER
OF PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE

This book project was approved by the State Board and as it ended up it was a partnership with the Austin Table.

Originally Toni Ruiz, a member of the adhoc Committee approached Beatriz de la Garza about writing this biography. Beatriz agreed to do it and approached Texas A&M Press to produce it. The manuscript was completed and turned in on time for the "readers" to read, make changes and recommendations before it was sent for final approval by the Board. It seems that one reader did not approve of the book and delayed turning in the recommendations and notes. After it was finally turned in, it appeared that the book would not be printed in time for sale at the Alliance Convention if at all.

When I received this news we began seeking other avenues to get it printed. A request went out to State Board members for ideas and suggestions. Peggy Clark said the printer in Corpus Christi who did the Marchbanks book, might be willing to work with us. Peggy also graciously offered to monitor the printing and production of the book. We asked for and received a bid. There were no funds available for the book, so the Austin Table decided to fund it from savings since the author and translator were long time members of the Austin Table. With a few challenges along the way, the book was finished in time for the Alliance Convention in San Antonio. Austin Table members sold the books during the Convention and Beatriz was either at the table or available to autograph the books for those who requested it. The remaining books are back in Austin and will be sold around the City and State and to members of the Alliance since it is both in English and Spanish. As head of this Committee my mission is to promote this book. Florence Terry Griswold needs more exposure as a powerful force in Texas. The book and papers will be placed in the library of the the Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin. I have initiated discussions with them about exposure and promoting the book.

Janet Roberts
Chair of the Historical Adhoc Committee