



“One for All and All for One”

BOARD REPORT FOR PARTT

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

After saying “We’ll see you soon” last March in San Marcos, the time has really flown by. I was barely home and we were on the road again. I have enjoyed every mile we’ve traveled to visit each and every one of the PART Tables. I am very happy to say we got to every Table.

In April, we went to Brownsville to celebrate Pan American Day and followed that with a trip to the Upper Valley celebration. The following week I flew to El Paso to celebrate with them at a lovely Pan American Day function with Cecilia Abbott the “First Lady of Texas” as their guest.

In May, Tables were busy with installation of new Boards and getting ready for a much needed summer break. Getting the Laredo training meeting organized kept me busy and excited to see so many of y’all again. The fellowship we shared at that training was good for the soul and put us all in the spirit of excitement for the New Year.

August 25<sup>th</sup> we all met in Laredo for the Table Director and Board member training. New notebooks with rosters and timeline updates were passed out. With the Alliance Convention right around the corner, a lot of good vital information was shared with everyone there. Committee members from the Fort Worth Table were also present to give us a wonderful update on the State Board meeting and Convention to be held on March 28-31, 2019 in Ft Worth. Before adjourning for the day, the Table Directors again had a chance to visit with each other and get ideas to help make their Tables grow and continue the dream of our founder Florence Terry Griswold. Everyone seems to really enjoy this sharing time. We can all use new ideas. Right?

In September, we went to Edinburg for their meeting and had a great time. I also went to Ciudad Acuna Mexico, Del Rio's sister Table, to attend their installation of officer's ceremony.

October kept us real busy. We made a quick trip to Brownsville to unite the two area Tables. A lovely ceremony was held with all sisters participating. Then to Conroe we went to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of one of their sisters, Jeanette DeFee. Then it was home to pack and get ready for the Alliance convention in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Being there and watching our very own Sylvia Williams become the Alliance Director General was awesome. Along with all the Texas sisters present at the convention, we had a lot to celebrate because Frances Rodriguez, San Antonio Table, was elected Treasurer and Martha Stumbo, El Paso Table, was elected Recording Secretary. Ina Pool, Laredo Table, is the official Alliance Translator and Peggy Clark, Corpus Christi Table, is Parliamentarian. The moment that brought us all to our feet was when Carmen Guerra, McAllen Table, was named "Pan American Women 2018". Recognition truly well deserved to a

wonderful Pan American Sister. And then we were home and all the planning and doing for the convention was over. But we have wonderful memories to share.

In November, we went to Ft Worth to attend their Scholarship fund raiser and discuss the State Convention plans. A lot of good ideas for the convention were discussed.

December is always busy and this one was no exception. A trip to Brownsville for a Christmas Luncheon in honor of Alliance Director General, Sylvia Williams and "Pan American Women 2018", Carmen Guerra was held at the home of Immediate Past State Director Isabel Vezzitte. The Brownsville Table's "Christmas on the Border" was held that afternoon. I attended the annual San Benito Table Christmas Luncheon the following week. Being in the area that day made it possible to attend the Silver Tea hosted by the Mc Allen Table for Carmen Guerra "Pan American Women 2018".

January 2019 came real quick and we were on the road again. This time to Laredo for their meeting and great program on the "Peace Flag" presented by Lupita Sarabia, Alliance Zone IIIA. From there we went to Alamo /San Juan/ Pharr's meeting. Enjoyed a wonderful lunch at their "Home" away from home.

We broke all travel records in February leaving Del Rio for a trip to Houston by way of Ft Worth for their meeting and to help finalize their plans for the convention. We also had a chance to visit the hotel to get "the lay of the land" so to speak. Had a great time in Houston at their Luncheon but their traffic is a "little bit" worse than Del Rio traffic.



This brings us to March. A quick trip to Eagle Pass to attend their table meeting was great. Plans were finalized for the presentation of their donation to the Eagle Pass Library for the following Monday. Along with the Eagle Pass Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, I watched with pride the Eagle Pass library accept the table full of books donated by our Eagle Pass PARTT Table.

The last Table to be visited was Odessa. They are a delightful Table to visit and showed real "West Texas" hospitality with dinner the night before their meeting and then a wonderful lunch at the College Culinary Department. That brings me to Ft.Worth and this final Board meeting.

First and foremost, I want to thank Ann Beitel, Corresponding Secretary, and the best Texas navigator, for traveling a mere 12,000 miles this year with me on this wonderful "Construction Company" journey. I also want to thank each and every one of this Board's members and Past State Directors for their continuing help and support. In the past two years, I have made memories I will always cherish. It has been an honor to be your State Director. The vision of Florence Terry Griswold "through knowledge we gain understanding and this understanding leads to friendship" says it all.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Moore

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