



March 5, 2019

Thank you for having the confidence in me to represent you as your 1<sup>st</sup> Associate Director for the Pan American Round Table of Texas. I started the year very enthusiastically visiting the Beeville and Laredo tables and scheduling my other visits. As board member I attended the board meetings in Laredo and San Marcos.

Unfortunately' I was unable to attend the board meeting in Del Rio due to my son's Heart attacks. He had two consecutive ones the same year spending two months in the hospital. After that my husband condition got worse and I was unable to travel.

Please accept my apologies for not being able to visit the Corpus Christi, Del Rio, Eagle Pass and San Antonio Tables. Circumstances were beyond my control. God has a plan and we have to follow His plan not ours.

Being part of the scholarship committee helped me to feel I was contributing to our great cause of promoting education, which is one of our table's goals. Both years we had such wonderful and qualified recipients. Pan American Round Table of Texas does not have enough to offer more scholarships. Hopefully that is a goal we must never overlook.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia V. Cantu

1st. Associate

*Thanks for your prayers.*

Beeville, Texas

Sept. 6,2017

Thank you for inviting me and my guest Ana Flores to your first meeting. We are very honored to be here and we look forward to getting to know each one of you better. I will be representing you and the rest of the tables in Area B which are Beeville, Corpus Christi, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo and San Antonio. I will be available for you whenever you have any questions I can answer.

At this time we are encouraging those of you who are interested in attending the Alliance Convention on October 17- 21 in Cochabamba, Bolivia. If you have not attended a convention in South America it is quite an experience. They have not send all the information just the date and registration fee which is \$400 and \$350 for guests. That includes registration and meals. More information will follow. Keep it in mind if you are interested in attending.

As I was preparing myself to meet with you I came across in our PARTT web site Mrs. Florence Terry Griswold's Rules for our Pan American Tables and I thought it would be a good idea to read them to you so that we can keep them in mind as we start our new year.

Read the Rules

After reflecting on these rules, Let us and each one of you put all your effects in making your table shine with new ideas and more members to help you make it possible.

Thank you. Alicia V. Cantu 1<sup>st</sup> Associate PARTT

## MRS. GRISWOLD'S RULE

**Try** to remember that a Pan American Round Table is not a club in the ordinary sense of the word. Your purpose will not be to have a grand big time among yourselves, but to work for understanding among the women of the Americas, North, South and Central.

**First**, there is the necessity of overcoming ignorance, especially your own. Study, think, discuss, learn. Don't wait for somebody to come and tell you. Find out for yourselves.

**Never** neglect the Round Table concept, which is a coming together to discuss, to share the things you have learned, to ask questions. Never let your Round Table come to depend on speakers who may only entertain you. If you study and watch and learn about all the countries of our Americas, you will become authorities yourselves. Think what it means to know the geography, history and culture of a Hemisphere.

**Be** careful what you do with your money. Use it only for the stated purposes of the Pan American Round Tables. Never, Never, Never, let your Round Table become just a tail to some other Kite. If you don't stick to one purpose, you will lose your way.

**Don't** try to be too big. Be busy. Check on yourselves to see if you are accomplishing what the Round Tables are intended to do.

**Try** to think about the other Americas as if they were as precious as your own country. If you will work on this you will find that Argentina, Peru and Mexico will seem as important to you as Louisiana and Arkansas—neighbors, parts of a whole.

**Now**, one thing more, a little delicate. If you find yourselves with a member who is forgetful of the purposes of the Round Tables and seeks and struggles for her own glory—make her the custodian of the flags. There is enough glory in these American flags for anybody.