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59TH BIENNIAL PARTT CONVENTION
Pan American Round Table of Alamo-San Juan-Pharr
DIRECTOR'S 2017 ~ 2019 REPORT
Raquel Garcia, Director

Greetings everyone! This 2017- 2019 biennium has been a great Adventure for me and the members of our Table of Alamo-San Juan-Pharr. Together we have learned much about P.A.R.T., about the History of our own Table, about the countries of the Western Hemisphere- their culture/ music/and their favorite cuisine. We had presentations of 10 countries and three Community Business and Health Related Topic Speakers. It has been about the wonderful feeling of COMADRAIRE, of sharing with others and with each other. One of the best things that I **ENJOYED the MOST** is the Fellowship/Friendship that has grown amongst us. I **BEGAN THE TERM INVITING EVERYONE ON A GREAT ADVENTURE - - -** and I **CHOSE A THEME FOR EACH MONTH, FOR EACH MEETING** - the themes encompassed monthly holidays/ events, the celebration of women, and the purpose and objectives Florence Terry Griswold of helping others and her vision of the Round Table.

- 1. SPRINGTIME TEA FUNDRAISER:** Our Table's main goal is raise funds for our scholarship recipients through membership donations. pledges, and table events. During this biennium, we had a Springtime Tea Party for this purposes. A local business donated a 55 inch TV for our big Raffle item. Everyone wore Springtime hats and had a wonderful time! It was a great success.
- 2. PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS:** During the month of May, we enjoy the smiling faces of H. S. students and their appreciation for the scholarships presented to them to help them Accomplish their goals. Our School District has 5 H. S., so we rotate high schools each year.
- 3. DONATION OF CHRISTMAS TOYS:** During our December Social Meeting. Members bring their donation of toys which we share with local Early Childhood Programs. Each year we enjoy our Christmas, knowing that we made little hearts happy during the Holiday and receive the appreciation of each program.
- 4. STATE DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO OUR TABLE:** We were honored with our State Director, Dee Moore's Visit to our Table this past February 2019. She was joined by Ann Bietel, Corresponding Secretary. We enjoy their visit, but mostly their leadership and friendship.

ALLIANCE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S VISIT TO OUR TABLE: Our Table was also honored with our Alliance Director General, Nhury Gutierrez Vilches' visit in February 2018. This was very special - She visited the Rio Grande Valley for a whole week, provided training for Table Directors and Board Officers.

The four Upper Rio Grande Valley Pan American Round Tables (Alamo-San Juan-Pharr, Edinburg, McAllen and Rio Grande City/Roma) have jointly celebrated the Observance of Pan American Day since the late 1970's to **FOSTER A SPIRIT OF UNITY AND FRIENDSHIP** during the month of April. This year we will celebrate it on Saturday, April 13th and we, the P.A.R.T. of A.S.J.P Table and I feel **PROUD** to be chairing this event. Everyone is invited. Let us know you're coming.

It saddens us that we lost four (4) members whom we will be honoring on Sunday's Memory Hour and two others because of illness BUT we have 3 new ones. So we are holding our own! Since the beginning in October 1916, P.A.R.T.T. started with San Antonio, El Paso, Laredo and Austin, and many Tables have been established through the Years -OUR Table is # 16 to the best of my knowledge. **It was established on September 27, 1949.** We feel **VERY PROUD {A GREAT PRIDE}** to be celebrating our Table's 70th Anniversary on Thursday, September 26, 2019. We are **TRULY EXCITED!!!** We feel it is **AMAZING** to have reached such a **significant accomplishment!** We are having **A JUBILANT CELEBRATION!** Please join us if you can, this is **VERY SPECIAL** for **US, YOU, and EVERY MEMBER** of P.A.R.T.T.

It has been a **UNIQUE ADVENTUER** for me, an honor and privilege to serve as director, It's been challenging but it's been a **WONDERFUL TIME!** I have been SO VERY fortunate and blessed with a dedicated, hardworking team of Table Officers and Members, AND with sincere respect and appreciation, I thank our State Director, Dee Moore for her leadership and support.

"There's a saying – **"That a BIG PART in life is to Enjoy the Adventures along the way."**
I can tell you that I have really enjoyed this ADVENTURE, because it has been **AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE, A TRULY AWESOME ONE for me!**

Our Table's energy is growing stronger and as we move forward our aim will be friendship and understanding in fulfilling our motto:

One for All and All for One – Una para Todas y Todas para Una

Respectfully Submitted,

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