



Beeville Pan American Round Table Highlights 2017-2019

➤ Executive

During the past two years, I have set regular, monthly executive meetings when the business meeting agenda for that month is discussed and set, as well as review of important Table issues, which will be carried over for longer discussion. One such issue has been a review and change in our by-laws, or change in how the business meeting is conducted. A common complaint from members has been the business meeting are too long and made it difficult for the women to attend who needed to return to their jobs after lunch. As a result of one of our executive meeting was that we decided to have the secretary's and treasurer's reports send to the members via email for pre-meeting reading and corrections. These reports are then approved at the regular business meeting taking a only a few minutes to complete. These monthly executive meetings have encouraged a greater communication and friendship between the officers and provided support for each officer in her job so that she feels that she is not conducting her responsibilities in isolation, but has her co-officers to help.

➤ Programs

Over the past two years, we have enriched our monthly programs by emphasizing the various interconnections between the Americas that include the natural world [bird migration throughout the year], human interconnections: such as conducting business in Mexico, now and in earlier decades; learning about cultural aspects of neighboring countries such as

seeing the costumes of Mexico, tasting the different varieties of flan in the Americas; and listening to folk stories from Mexico, seeing and learning about the Pan American Flags.

➤ Library

The library program [?] was begun many years ago (?) and has continued successfully through the efforts of our current library chairman, Kay Past. As these books are given in our name to the local library, she has provided us and the general public greater opportunities to learn more about our Pan American neighbors. When one of our member dies, a book is given in her honor reflecting a Pan American subject, which interested her. In addition, to adult level fiction and non-fiction books, Kay chooses children books that are bi-lingual, better to help us practice our Spanish, as she often reminds us!

➤ Current Events /Newspapers

I have established a routine of sending news articles about Pan American countries to the members via email. The practice encourages us to stay alert to many issues that affect our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

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