



**DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
2017-2019**

**March 30, 2019**

**2017-2018 Annual Report**

The first year as table director has been exciting for me. I took over the reins of the organization from the very capable and well-organized Marie Adams. I appreciate the fact that Marie had so capably managed the table during her tenure. I was able to enjoy a problem-free first year thanks to Marie's guidance and tremendous factual knowledge.

This past year, we had some wonderfully entertaining and thought-provoking presentations, organized by our very capable 1<sup>st</sup> Associate Director and Program Chair, Michelle Locke. This past fall we heard from **Heather Moretzohn**, who provided us with a historical view of U.S. Immigration policies from the founding of our country to today in September. In October, **Marie Adams** gave a fascinating presentation on the "Oaxaca Vela Tour" that she participated in in May of 2017. The Beeville Table was invited to this luncheon and we had beautiful Mexican clothing, jewelry and other items for sale from a vendor in Beeville. Many ladies stocked up on some wonderful "works of art". **Carolina Quiroga**, from San Antonio, Texas, entertained us with "Women Hero Tales" that she enacted in her skillful storytelling manner, in November. During the big freeze of January 16, 2018, **Bob Kinnan** made the trek from Kingsville to regale us with stories of the "Los Kinenos from the King Ranch." For those who braved the freezing rain, it was a great treat. In February, **Leslie Peart** brought news of the Texas State Aquarium, the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve and educational projects of the aquarium. Leslie was informative and knowledgeable.

At Christmas time we were again entertained at the Home of **Jeanne Adams**, celebrating the holidays, the grand dame's birthday and fundraising for our scholarship program. Our other great fiesta, the Pan American Day Observance Evening Party, was graciously hosted by **Dr. Charles and Mary Campbell** in their beautiful home in April of 2018. A good time was had by all.

In March and May we had our business meetings. We welcomed the following new members in May: **Ingrid Spear, Dr. Sylvia Prezas, Suzelle Tinnell and Annette Jarmon**. Annette is an out of town member who resided in Austin, Texas. We stand strong with 75 active members.

At our May business meeting, the following scholarships were approved: For students, the awards went to the following—who received \$1300 each: **Rachel Renee Morales, Zoe Rubens and Joseph Stearns**. Faculty research enhancement grants were provided to **Joseph D. Luna of TAMU-CC** in the amount of \$1350 and to **Dr. Mark Robbins and Dr. Christine Reiser Robbins of Del Mar College** for \$1100. Liz Flores spearheaded a very successful scholarship committee. Due to an ordering glitch, two books were ordered this year. One of the books, **Paint the Revolution** was donated to the Corpus Christi Public Library. The other book, **San Antonio 1718, Spanish Colonial Art** was donated to the library at Texas A & M University—Corpus Christi. A big thank you to Elizabeth Susser for her help with the incredible disappearing “paint the revolution” book.

This year we moved the meetings from the Corpus Christi Country Club to the Citrus Bistro at the Art Center of Corpus Christi. Our meetings are held in the upper room. This arrangement will continue into the 2018-2019 year. I must thank my wonderful board for their tremendous support. And I look forward to the Alliance Convention in Bolivia this October. My best to you all.

### **2018-2019 Annual Report**

How time flies! My second year as Director has been a great adventure. I had an excellent board that helped to sustain me through difficult times personally. Each lady on the Board has been tireless and eager to assist with new ideas and new duties, such as our February pot luck meeting! I feel so enriched by each and every friendship that has blossomed for me during this time.

We had excellent programs this year, thanks to our First Associate Director, Michelle Locke. In September we met in the Meadows Gallery at the Art Center of Corpus Christi for a delightful presentation with musical accompaniment by **Maestro Hector Guzman** of the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra. In October, **several of the ladies who attended the Alliance Convention in Cochabamba, Bolivia** made a presentation about the convention and our adventures in Bolivia. In November, the table was treated to a wonderful lecture about Lieutenant Colonel Olga Custodia by **Dr. Erin McComb**. In January, for visitors' day we had a presentation by a **representative of the Port of Corpus Christi**. He filled us in on the latest activities at the Port of Corpus Christi. In February, we met at a special venue—the Galvan House in Heritage Park, for a tamale making demonstration by **Sandra Vasquez**, followed by a pot luck lunch that included the delicious tamales made by Sandra and her assistants.

At the March meeting we presented our slate of new officers who will take over the reins of the table in May. We had some attrition in membership due to members moving out of town or switching to Associate Membership. We were able to elect a nice group of women to replace those who are leaving active membership in Corpus Christi.

In December, we had our ever popular Holiday Scholarship Fundraising Evening Party. It was once again held at the beautiful home of Jeanne Adams. In April, our Pan American Day Observance Evening Party will be held at the home of Yolanda & J.A. "Tony" Villarreal.

In May, we will give away approximately \$7,000 in scholarships and faculty fellowships. We will also introduce our new members and install the new 2019-2021 Board!

We had a large group of Corpus Christi members who attended the Alliance Convention in Cochabamba. The following ladies were a part of that group: Nora Garcia, Carey Rote, Carolyn Motes, Peggy Cleaves, Michelle Locke, Geri Rice, Peggy Clark and Marie Adams. We all came back with many colorful stories about our adventures in Bolivia. It was a great time to learn about the culture and life in Bolivia.

*"One for All and All for One, Una Para Todas y Todas Para Una"*

*Carey Rote, Table Director, 2017-2019*