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**To: State Director, Dee Moore, Associate Directors, Board, Committee  
Members and PART members**

**From: Kaye Fraser, Houston Table Director**

**Date: March 2, 2019**

**Subject: 2017-2019 Houston Table Report**

The Houston Table is continuing to develop relationships in the area by sharing knowledge and acquiring friendships of women from countries in the Americas. We are an international city and there is plenty of work to be done in our own backyard. We hold events and give scholarships to achieve our goals.

In 2017-2018, we had 75 members. Unfortunately in 2018-2019 we lost members to a total of 50. The reason for the loss varies from job loss, job transfers, time, *Naivey* the election, etc. In May 2018, however, we were able to give \$24,500 in scholarships. A conscience effort by the Board for 2018-2019 was to get back to basics of Pan Americanism. To this end we had seven members attend the Alliance Convention in Cochabamba, Bolivia in October 2018.

Every Second Tuesday of the Month from Sept thru June we have monthly luncheons held at Tony's restaurant. It is a time for member fellowship and an open invitation for those seeking to join.

The Houston Table sponsors an event each year to honor high achieving Latinas in the service of the law. In October 2017, we honored Justice Eva Guzman, the first Latina on the Texas Supreme Court. (pic 1) A video was sent by Senator John Cornyn congratulating her on being honored. In October 2018, we honored Houston Police Captain Patricia Cantu. She is the highest ranking Latina in the Houston Police Department. She headed up the Volunteer Captain's Relief Teams sent from Houston to support the Puerto Rican Police Department with traffic control and other civil service duties, to distribute supplies and all things associated with natural catastrophe relief efforts. (pic 2 & 3). Attending in support of Captain Cantu were some of her team members who accompanied her to Puerto Rico. Also High Schoolers interested in law enforcement were invited to attend. Capt. Cantu was more than happy to mentor them on what it takes to be successful in law enforcement.

The major event we hold each year to raise money for scholarships is our Posada held before Christmas. We had a banner year in 2017. It was held at the Magnolia Hotel. Highlighted entertainment was Luis Alberto Fernandez. He really wooed the ladies. Posada 2018 was not as successful monetarily however something can be said about having a smaller gathering. Featured entertainment was Houston native Magallie Montiel. A rising 16 year old star who appeared on Tengo Talento Mucho Talento, a reality show that seeks the best talent in the United States, made specifically for the Hispanic public that lives in this country.

Every year of course we have our Pan American Day Celebration. In 2018 we held a gala at the Magnolia Hotel and a speech about the history of the Houston Table was given by then Historian, Kaye Fraser. Members were encouraged to wear costumes from Latin countries. Entertainment was provided by Ambassador International Ballet Folklorico and Argentinian singer, Victorio Menghi. Florence was in attendance as well. (pic 4)

In May of each year we have our Scholarship Tea in which we honor our scholarship winners and invite their families to join us in celebrating their achievements. In 2018 we had a wonderful turnout by our recipients. (pic 5)

Each year before the start of school we try to hold an alumni event to stay in touch with our scholarship students. We also hold new member events, so ladies can learn more about us. Throughout the year we hold other events as the opportunity arises. In 2017 we hosted an event to highlight the Houston Ballet's principal dancer from Venezuela, Karina Gonzalez. In 2018 we held an impromptu concert with two members from the Houston Symphony playing works from Latin composers. An introduction was given by the Symphony's Musical Ambassador, Carlos Andres Botero. Finally in 2019 we took a trip to Galveston and visited the Bryan Museum. The museum was founded by Mr. JP Bryan, nephew of the founder of the Houston Table, Hallie Bryan Perry. The museum has a wonderful collection of Spanish colonial, Mexican revolution, Texas Independence and Civil War artifacts. After the tour the members were thrilled with an impromptu meet with Mr Bryan himself. (pic 6) He was interested in learning more of PART Houston's history. Perhaps we can entice him to do a display of PART. In the evening, the members attended a viewing of the museum's newest acquisition, the legendary artifact: Pope Pius IX & Emperor Maximilian I of Mexico Crucifix. The acting Consular General of Mexico in Houston was in attendance as well.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kaye Fraser". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Kaye Fraser  
Houston Table Director