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To: State Recording Secretary, Shirley Wyatt

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From: State Director, Martha Miles Stumbo

My first year as your State Director has been an exciting and busy one. I have had to deal with resignations from the Board, problems from different Tables, lots of travel, quite a bit of work, some sadness but most of all fun, happiness and joy.

As you know, Ciera Perez resigned her position as State Treasurer due to her studies abroad. I appointed Margot Arevalo Gonzalez to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the term., basically the entire term. Then in the Fall, Nora Pena tended her resignation as State Parliamentarian due to her relocation to California. I appointed Carmen Robinson Guerra to serve as Parliamentarian for the remainder of the term. I am indebted to both of these women who agreed to serve in these very important positions.

One of the problems that I dealt with was helping the Fort Worth Table with their tax exempt status from hosting the State Convention. While dealing with this matter, I realized that PARTT had been issued two tax exempt numbers in past years. After much research, I contacted the State Exemption Department, and after reviewing the situation, they cancelled one of the exemption numbers and left PARTT with only one number to use.

I have made nineteen visits to Tables and have nine more visits scheduled on the books. Each of these visits holds a special memory for me. Driving with Alliance Director General Sylvia Williams to attend the Upper Rio Grande Valley's "A Day at the Derby" was an exciting road trip as was our next road trip to visit with the Beeville Table. Installing the incoming Board of Fort Worth I at Woodhaven Country Club was special and then bringing three new potential members to their meeting in September paid off with two of them joining our organization. I will never forget attending the Eagle Pass Table's Founder's Day Celebration. I arrived at my hotel the evening before the Celebration and realized that the dress that I was to wear the following day had stayed in my closet at home. Thanks to Lana and Brian Harper, who drove me to the shopping mall in Eagle Pass, I was able to purchase a dress that did not clash with the accessories that I had brought to wear. Getting to meet and visit with the new President of the University of Texas El Paso during my visit there was stimulating. She has a great vision for the University and is very supportive of our organization.

It had been years since I had played Bingo. I had forgotten how much fun and exciting the game could be. I was not a big winner in Brownsville, but I got to see and visit with friends who were eager to win one of the many prizes. The Odessa Table's meeting had an informative presentation on Costa Rica, and the delicious lunch prepared by one of the

members was delightful. Alamo/San Juan/Pharr's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration held in San Juan was exceptional - the venue, the decorations, the meal and most especially the many friends present!

The Christmas Scholarship functions came one right after the other. Austin's Christmas Sweater contest was great! McAllen's Mother Daughter Tea had many beautiful auction items to bid on. The Rio Grande City/Roma Posada reminded me of Christmases long ago getting to sing the Posada and bid on still more fabulous auction items. The San Benito Celebration will always stand out in my mind. I finally won an auction item! But there is another reason that I will not forget this day any time soon. I was advised very early in the morning that my flight to The Valley was delayed-so much so that I would miss the event. American Airlines changed my flight to a different airport and I was able to get to San Benito with plenty of time. Then on my way to the airport in McAllen for my return flight, things went wrong. The Christmas traffic was stopped and I didn't arrive to the airport until after my flight was to have left. But, for some reason, the plane was waiting for me. I don't know why, but maybe because it was the last flight out that day that they held it. What a relief! The Edinburg Celebration was also exciting especially since I once again won a raffle item.

The New Year brought more Table meetings. The San Antonio business meeting was a treat, since I also got to sit and visit with past State Director, Frances Metcalf. After the meeting and lunch, Table Director, Agatha Wade and I did a walking tour of one of the missions. The Corpus Christi business meeting was very productive and informative. There I had the pleasure of also getting to visit with past State Directors, Peggy Clark and Geri Rice. After the meeting I was treated to a delightful tea at the home of member, Yolie Calley. Last month I visited the Dallas III Table where the presentation was on South American wines. What a treat especially since it was my birthday!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits and feel that I have imparted some knowledge of PARTT to the members at each Table. I am most appreciative of the eighty-three members who attended the Workshops in August. I feel that the members who attended came away with a better understanding of our organization, but most importantly learned how to navigate the PARTT web page.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your work, your dedication and most especially for your support. I firmly believe each Table is making a difference! Thank you.

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

Martha Miles Stumbo, State Director

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