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To: State Recording Secretary, Shirley Wyatt

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From: State Director, Martha Miles Stumbo

This past year has been one full of surprises being on the ground floor of new, exciting and innovative ways of how to conduct Table meetings in the face of COVID-19. Most of the Texas Tables rose to the challenge and adopted what worked for their Table members to be able to attend virtual meetings. Since our last Zoom Board Meeting, I also experienced the sadness of losing two of our beloved members, Ann Beitel, Second Associate Director from Del Rio and Past State Director, Imogene Mecaskey of Fort Worth. I appointed Lisa Romero of the Del Rio Table to fill the position of Second Associate Director Area B for the remainder of the term.

These virtual meetings started last August when I attended both the El Paso and Houston Tables via Zoom. Houston Director, Julissa Alcantar even had their Scholarship recipients present on the Zoom meeting and each young woman spoke and told us about herself. I also attended the Rio Grande City/Roma meeting via video. Director Dalinda Pena had door prizes to be won by those who attended virtually. Director Aida Lazo of Alamo/San Juan/Pharr conducted her meeting via email.

On September 19, 2020, I hosted a Table Director Zoom Meeting which was attended by sixteen Table Directors. Each Director shared what her Table was doing during the pandemic to stay active. All present felt that this was a very productive meeting. I followed up with an email to all Table Directors with the ideas that were shared.

November and December were busy months with me attending Zoom meetings in Austin, El Paso, McAllen and Edinburg. We learned how to bake Scones with Beto O'Rourke in El Paso, played Loteria in McAllen and learned how to make a Christmas wreath with plastic garbage bags in Edinburg!

In December I also sent out my Christmas and New Year's message to all Table Directors and the State Board.

Table Director Alicia Chavez of the Eagle Pass Table hosted a Zoom Meeting in January 2021 on the Election Process in the United States. Then in March, Director Amalia Rodriguez of the Austin Table hosted a powerful program on women via Zoom which was attended by not only Austin Table members but also by other Texas Table Directors and by Alliance Zone I Director, Vianey Aponte-Uss.

March 24, 2021, I hosted the FTG Scholarship Board Meeting with all trustees in attendance. As you already heard, we only awarded the FTGI Scholarship this year.

Pan American Day Celebrations in April had me sending messages to Tables. I attended via Zoom the Austin Table Celebration wearing my Bolivian costume. There were a total of five of us that modeled our costumes and told a little about it. Austin Scholarship recipients were also introduced and each told a little about herself.

Towards the end of April, I telephoned each Table Director to ask how they and their Tables were doing, what support they needed, etc. All reported that they had held either in person or virtual meetings or had stayed in touch with members via telephone or email. All Tables will be meeting in person in the Fall.

During the month of May, I had three Installations to attend. Two in person and one via Zoom. I installed the new slate of officers via Zoom for the Austin Table. I attended the installation of officers in El Paso in person and was ready to board my flight to Edinburg to install their new slate of officers when I received a telephone call from Margo saying that the meeting had been postponed because of the horrendous thunderstorm in the Edinburg area! I will do the installation at a later date.

During the course of this year, I have had many conversations with Mary Ann Palka, our WebMaster. We finally have the amended PARTT Constitution and ByLaws on our web page along with any changes of officers and Board members that have taken place this year. I have also had numerous conversations with Jacque Resendez, Director of PARTT Dallas III on how to move forward with the Table since they are again losing members and do not have the required 22 members needed. We will be meeting in person later this month to talk about solutions.

I want to thank each of you for your work, your dedication and most especially for your support. I firmly believe each and every 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