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Message from State Director Elsie Perez...

The 54th State Convention themed "The Land of Contrast" was held in Brownsville on March 19 - 22, 2009. Thanks to all of the hard working and dedicated members of the Tables of Brownsville I, II and San Benito who provided all attendees with delectable food, beautiful costume parade, musical entertainment and above all...a graciously hosted convention...GRACIAS! Through the able leadership of Sylvia Williams and the enthusiasm of the membership that attended the convention, this event was able to accomplish the reality of its ideals; knowledge, understanding and friendship.

Thank you to all who have entrusted me to be your State Director 2009 - 2011. It is a great honor and privilege to serve the Pan American Round Tables of Texas with the help and support of the dedicated Board of Directors and the cooperation of the membership throughout the State. The theme for the next two years will be "YOU - the Essential Piece of the Puzzle". Each one of "YOU" make up the entire puzzle and we are not complete without YOU!

The Boot Camp training across the State for officers and members interested in becoming officers was conducted during the month of August. The sites of the trainings were Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and McAllen. The attendance and participation by the members was terrific. We shared information, became more acquainted with the Alliance, State and local organization basics. We even learned basic parliamentary procedure along with how to have FUN and how to laugh at ourselves.

I have traveled Texas as the Alliance Zone 1 Director and every Pan American member that I have had the pleasure of meeting, proves to me that through all of the stages of life, women have been leaders. It reaffirms my belief that our movement has the ability to succeed due to the outstanding women and their invaluable work throughout the State and the

Americas. As I travel the state anew as your State Director, I look forward to renewing and meeting new friends all across this great State of Texas.

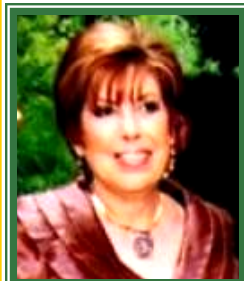
Let us continue extending the ideals of knowledge, understanding and mutual friendship of our Founder, Florence Terry Griswold, until we are:

"One for All and All for one"

Alliance Zone 1 Director—Elsie Perez...

"Una para Todas y Todas para Una"

The Alliance of Pan American Round Tables Board Meeting was held in Miami, Florida on June 18-19, 2009. It was graciously hosted by the Miami Table and the chairman of the organizing committee, Angela Harper. They did an excellent job and provided us with many ideas and references. Please note the following information: **The XXXII Alliance Biennial Convention** will be held on **October 13 to 17, 2010** in the City of Mérida, Yucatán, México. The registration cost will be **\$270.00 USD**. The site hotel will be the Mérida Fiesta Americana. The room rate with buffet breakfast will be \$62.00 USD per person, double occupancy, all taxes included. All registrations for the Convention will close 30-Days prior to the Convention, that deadline is, September 13, 2010. I will be collecting all registration forms and fees for Zone 1 members and their guests. All Table Directors and Board members have been sent an e-mail with the above mentioned information, forms and codes. **DON'T FORGET** to secure your rooms early @ www.fiestaamericana.com, they will require a one nights fee.



**Sra. Martha Ofelia
Martinez de Calderón
Director General
2008-2010**

*The 2010 Alliance
Convention theme will
be
"The Flag of Peace".*



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*"The diary of Jose
de Escandon, a
1700's key figure in
Northern Spain."*

**You or your Table can
make a contribution to the
Scholarship Fund. All
memorials and
honorariums are
acknowledged by the
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donors and those honored.
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2009 State Scholarships Awarded

The Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship Committee awarded three scholarships at the Board of Trustees Meeting in Brownsville, Texas on March 19, 2009 during the State PART Convention.

Eighteen qualified applicants were received for the FTG Scholarship I. This scholarship, in the amount of \$2,500 was awarded to Helyne Fredrick of Grenada. She is a PhD candidate with a 4.0 GPA who is studying at Texas Tech University. She intends to return to Grenada and provide service in the education and social services systems there, particularly

aiding in areas of delinquency, sexual risk taking and drug abuse.

Three qualified applicants were received for the FTG II Scholarship. This scholarship also in the amount of \$2,500 was awarded to Debbie Cunningham, a PhD candidate in Hispanic Studies at Texas A&M. With this scholarship she was afforded the opportunity to study in Mexico and complete diary translation work of Jose de Escandon, a 1700's key figure in Northern Spain.

A Melba B. Dawson award was given in the amount of \$2,500 to Rocio Clarisa Le-

mus Rodriguez of UTEP. She has a 4.0 GPA and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Sociology. Her studies include how war influences people's psychological and physical health and how social factors have lead to escalation of political violence in Columbia.

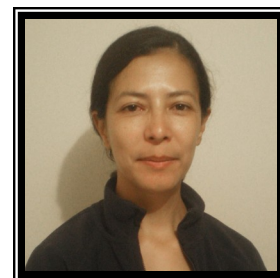
The Scholarship Committee was composed of Louise Actkinson, Chairman, Eunice Ingles and Diana Rodriguez, Sylvia Williams, Mary Alice Magana, Gloria Mata Pennington and Jean Hagar.



Helyne Fredrick
FTG Scholarship I



Debbie Cunningham
FTG Scholarship II



Rocio Clarisa Lemus
Melba B. Dawson Scholarship

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2009 Fall Edition of "Table Talk"



Official 2008-09 PART of Corpus Christi group photo taken during their May Meeting held at the Town Club in Corpus Christi along with Esther Read, Table Director and Elsie Perez, State Director.



"One for All
and All for
One" "Una
para Todas y
Todas para
Una"



Fort Worth I inducted new officers to the "Happy Birthday" theme, complete with cake, balloons and gifts. All symbolizing their new roles in the organization. Pictured is Billie Dolenz, Assoc. Director receiving her gift.



Pictured above are members of the PART Brownsville I Scholarship Committee and four students who received the 2009 Scholarships. From L to R, Joan Mc Neil and Mary Lou Gonzalez, committee members; Stephanie Len Cruz, Rivera High School; Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre, PART I Director; Angela Marie Tabares, Pace High School; Gloria Moore, committee member; Nicholas Isaac Lopez, Porter High School; Back Row, John Schwarm and Nicolas Jorge Cardenas, St. Joseph Academy.



A historic mark at this celebration was the unveiling of the Pan American Round Table of Laredo Banner. The 2008-09 Executive Committee under the direction of Diana Czar, Table Director, contributed to the design with details reflecting the city of Laredo and the Pan American movement. Mona Mendoza, local artist and member of the table, was instrumental in designing and supervising the making of the banner. Pictured L to R: Diana Czar, Table Director; Bettina Munoz, Flags Custodian and Mona Mendoza, Artist



**"You are an Essential
Piece of the Puzzle"**



Edinburg PART held its May Scholarship Luncheon at the nostalgic Echo Hotel with a theme of "HATS Off TO EDUCATION". They awarded three \$1,000.00 scholarships to qualifying young ladies attending The University of Texas- Pan American. Pictured L to R: Sara Saldana, Treasurer; Kayla Guerra, Scholarship Recipient; Leticia A. Ramon, Scholarship Co-Chairman; Ashley Vera, Scholarship Recipient; Andrea Garza, Recipient of the Linda Economedes Scholarship and Margot S. Arevalo-Gonzalez, Table Director.

In Memoriam... PART loses two of its beloved members.



Susana M. Schwarm of Brownsville I, after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2009 surrounded by her family. Her strength and tenacity throughout her illness had been and will continue to be an inspiration to all who knew and loved her.

She served in several capacities with the Brownsville I Table including Table Director from 2006 to 2008. She passionately believed in the principles of Pan-Americanism, and the educational programs of the Table. She especially enjoyed participating in the costume reviews held by the Table and the Costumes of the Americas Museum.

At Susana's request, memorial contributions should be made to her beloved, Pan American Round Table I of Brownsville Scholarship Fund.

Herlinda Economedes of Edinburg celebrated her life till the end. "Linda" as many new her, succumbed to a courageous fight of over a decade with cancer on February 28, 2009 at her residence, surrounded by her beloved family and friends.

She had previously worked as a nurse for local physicians and in the real estate field for numerous years. Linda was very active in the Pan American movement including Edinburg Table Director from 1994 to 1997, PARTT State Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian and Alliance Zone 1 Director. She also served on many other civic and religious organizations.

A Special Thanks from Linda...

What an awesome God we have. I am so blessed to have been able to be a part of your lives and thankful that you each touched mine. I want to wish you a most blessed journey...I'll see you in heaven.

Lovingly,

Linda



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Important Dates to Remember:

March 26-27,
2010 PARTT

Board Meeting
Eagle Pass, Texas

October 13-17,
2010 Alliance

PART Convention
Merida, Yucatan
(MEXICO)

To: