



# Pan Americana Texana

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### “Preparing for the Future”



State Director  
Lana Harper

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Director. I invite you to share my pride in celebrating your remarkable accomplishments in regards to the Pan American Movement. The core purpose of our organization is to transform lives for the benefit of society. Your dedication attests to our being well on our way down the path of transforming the lives of

those who surround us – our fam-

ily members, our communities, our Pan American Sisters and ultimately, the citizens of this nation and countries of the Western Hemisphere.

If all you have accomplished is to raise awareness of the Pan American Movement and its oftentimes harsh challenges, it would teach a powerful lesson—but you have done far more. You are shining examples of leadership at its best. My appreciation for you comes not from the power or prestige often associated with leadership, but from the lasting effect you have had on global, local and personal levels.

Our theme for 2013-2015 “*Preparing for the Future... Purpose, Power, Passion, Persistence and Pride*” supports our mission which is to “provide mutual knowledge, understanding and friendship among the women of the countries of the Western Hemisphere” and “to foster all movements leading to a higher civilization, especially those affecting women and children of these countries.”

The Pan American Round Tables of Texas *Passion* is to complete our mission. The *Power* is within us to meet this challenge. *Persistence* to succeed has prevailed within our Organization for nearly a century. The *Pride* we have in our accomplishments ensures that we will pursue our goal until it is met.

Regardless of what we decide to do now or how we plan to meet the challenge, it will become clear when we reflect on what has been accomplished and where we plan to be in the future. It will take teamwork to accomplish this task. *Preparing for the Future* by working together assures us that we will succeed and our Motto “*One for All and All for One*”, “*Una Para Todas y Todas Para Una*”, will in fact become a reality.

Yours in Friendship,

Lana Harper

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## State Convention—Eagle Pass, Texas

### “Where Yee Haw Meets Olé”

### New State Officers Named

**State Director Lana Harper, Isabel Vezzetti, First Associate Director-Area C; Susan Matthews, Second Associate Director-Area B; Janet Roberts, Fourth Associate Director - Area A; Louise Actkinson, Recording Secretary; Normalinda Castellano, Treasurer; Lupita Muñoz, Historian; Ina Pool, Parliamentarian; Dee Moore, Scholarship Chairman. Not pictured: Imogene McCasky, Third Associate Director-Area D; Lily Torrez, Publications Chairman and Sarah Jane Wise, Immediate Past State Director.**



***THANKS FOR A GREAT CONVENTION, EAGLE PASS!***



Eagle Pass Table Convention Hostesses



## BOARD Dinner



Lucy Mancha, Eagle Pass Table Director, assisted by members of the Eagle Pass Table, hosted a dinner, poolside, on Thursday evening for the State Board of Directors, shown here.



Gloria Pennington, BB Crane &  
Charlene Hertz



Hortensia Pacheco, Alma De La Garza  
and Mary Peña from McAllen & guitarists



Upper Valley Table Directors & other VIPs









## Saturday Night "Texas Barbeque and Country-Western Dance"



Having a great time kicking up those boots!



Line Dancing



Entertainment provided  
by Member of Kikapoo



Norma McKnight, Margo Arevalo, Josie Cappadona, Elsie Pérez and Esperanza Deutsch



## Hour of Memory



A touching ceremony was held on Palm Sunday morning in memory of all Texas Table members Who passed away during the previous two years.



## Sunday "Send Off Luncheon"



Seated (l to r) Angelica Villarreal de Pinto, Alliance Official Translator; Esperanza Deutsch, Eagle Pass PART; Guadalupe Garcia de Sarabia, Alliance Protocol Committee.

Standing (l to r) Nora Iris Cantu de Valdez, Alliance Assistant Treasurer; Elsie Perez, Alliance Director General; Carmen Guerra, Alliance Parliamentarian.



Director General Elsie Pérez Installs the newly elected PARTT State Board for the biennium 2013 – 2015.



Mariachi Entertainment



## Table Directors Hold Meeting in San Antonio August 10, 2013

### Texas Table Directors

Fourteen newly installed Texas Table Directors and ten members of the State Executive Board enjoyed meeting and greeting each other while attending a one-day workshop held at the Holiday Inn Express in San Antonio on August 10th.

New State Director Lana Harper presented an excellent, motivational workshop full of valuable information on policies, procedures and responsibilities required of the office, fully arming the attendees with knowledge and enthusiasm to be competent and successful leaders of their respective Tables.



**1<sup>st</sup> Row:** (l to r) Maria Elena Corona, Alamo/San Juan/Pharr; Marcia Atwood, Edinburg; Lana Harper, State Director; Susan Huston, Houston; Gloria Salinas, San Benito .

**2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** (l to r) Mary Ann Boehl, Brownsville II; Ahia Shabaaz, Conroe; Frances Rodriguez, Del Rio; Bersave Salazar, Rio Grande City/Roma; Amalia Rodriguez Mendoza, Austin; Angela Manni V. Hachar, Laredo.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Row:** Normalinda Castellano, Brownsville I; Anita Williams, Eagle Pass; Louise Actkinson, San Antonio; Gloria Riddle, Corpus Christi..

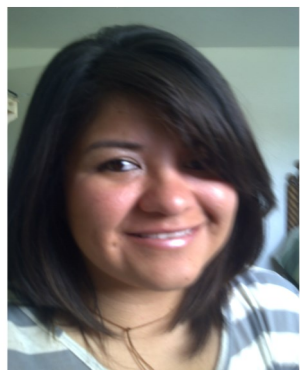
### Members of the Executive Board



**1<sup>st</sup> Row:** (l to r) Jessica Farrell, Resolutions Chairman; Imogene Mecaskey, Area D Director; Sarah Jane Wise, Immediate Past State Director; Lana Harper, State Director; Isabel Vezzetti, Area C Director; Lupita Muñiz, Historian and Louise Actkinson, Recording Secretary.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** (l to r) Ina Pool, Parliamentarian; Lily Torrez, Publications Chairman; Norma linda Castellano, Treasurer and Anita Williams, Corresponding Secretary.

## Florence Terry Griswold Scholarships Awarded



Juana Rivas

**Juana Rivas** from Nash, Texas has been awarded the FTG scholarship I. She graduated Cum Laude, from Texas A&M University-Commerce, in May, 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and a second major in Mathematics. Upon graduation she immedi-

ately started working on her Master of Science in Organic Chemistry degree and became a Graduate Assistant in Research and Teaching.

Miss Rivas has maintained a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average in her graduate studies. She is the first in her family to complete an undergraduate degree in a specialization not dominated by Hispanic women and continues to devote herself to the recruitment and promotion of Chemistry in the Hispanic student population.

Her short term goal is to earn a PhD in Chemistry and to conduct research in the area of Organic Chemistry, specifically in the pharmaceutical field. Having been personally, diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis, she is keenly motivated in creating improved and more affordable medication for those afflicted with chronic diseases such as Rheumatoid Arthritis and Diabetes. Her long term goals are to establish a foundation to help students reach their goals in the Science field and ultimately to return to Mexico, the country of her origin, and help with the advancement of more effective medication.

Well Done, Juanita!



Shown here are Tammi, on the right, with two women she worked with in Guatemala.

**Tammi Stout** is the recipient of the Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship II for 2013.

Miss Stout is originally from Amarillo, Texas who has earned a BA degree in English literature from Texas A&M University and an MA from Boston College.

Tammi is about to begin her third year as a student at the University of Texas, working on a PhD in Linguistics and is currently working on the semantics of K'aqchikel Maya, a language spoken in the Central Highlands of Guatemala.

During the past summer she spent time working with native K'aqchikel speakers, learning the structure of the language and some of the dialectical differences, as well. The program was targeted to expose students to various aspects of K'aqchikel culture, including the art of weaving, traditional dance, spiritual ceremonies, etc.

Our worthy recipient has fallen in love with Guatemala, its culture, the people and their languages and plans to return to that country, where she will continue working, one-on-one, with speakers of K'aqchikel as part of her dissertation research.

**Keep Up the Good work, Tammi!**



## Alamo-San Juan-Pharr

Scholarship recipients from PSJA Thomas Jefferson ECHS are: Cassandra Suarez and Heidi Jason. Standing, (l-r) are members of the Scholarship Committee: Delia Soza, Blanca Garza, Hilda Adame, Chairperson; Anna Sandoval, Director and Maria Guillen, Financial Aid Officer.



PART ASJP officers for years 2013 -2015 are: (l-r) Seated: Gloria Cantu, 1st Associate Director; Installing Officer Margot Arevalo-Gonzalez, Alliance Corresponding Secretary; Maria Elena Corona, Director; Raquel Garcia, 2nd Associate Director; standing: (l-r) Delia Soza, Recording Secretary; Blanca Garza, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Hickman, Historian; Anna Sandoval, Parliamentarian; Yolanda Ramirez, Treasurer; Corrine Conquest, Custodian; and Hilda Adame, Chaplain.



# Austin Table Events

## Pan American Day Celebration



Director Amalia Rodríguez Mendoza, Carmelita Cortés Harms and María Seidner.

Lala Neimeyer and Gloria Mata-Pennington



L-R: Maria G. Nasr, Harriett Breihan, Doris Scott, Gloria Munguía, Rose Ann Reeser, María del Rosario Noack, and Amalia Rodríguez Mendoza.

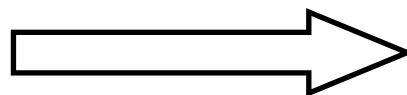
## Congratulations to New Officers

Congratulations to our newly-elected officers! Director: Amalia Rodríguez Mendoza, Associate Director: María del Rosario Noack, Treasurer: Rose Ann Reeser, Asst. Treasurer: María del Carmen Nasr, Recording Secretary: Gloria Munguía, Corresponding Secretary: Doris Scott, Parliamentarian: Harriett Breihan, Historian: Gloria Mata-Pennington.

L-R: Mary Catherine Miller, Amalia Rodríguez Mendoza (Director), Gilka Céspedes, Julie Ballesteros, Martha Chavez, Alegría Hibbetts (Special Projects Co-Chair)



More Austin events.





## ***Congratulations to Scholarship and Special Project Award Recipients!***

Co-chairs Lita Guerra and Joanna Fountain awarded the following scholarships at the May Meeting:

The **Charles W Hackett Memorial Scholarship** went to Lynn Romero, a Masters student at UT, the **Jean-nie H Hackett Memorial Scholarship** was presented to Javier Flores Gutierrez, an undergraduate at UT, and the **Mitty Guerra Memorial Scholarship**, was awarded to Anakaren DeLeón, who wants to continue her education to become an RN.



**2012-2013 Scholarship Recipients are: Javier Flores Gutiérrez, Anakaren DeLeon, and Lynn Romero**



## ***¡Bienvenidas!***

On Monday, December 3rd, we had the special privilege of hosting the Director General of the Pan American Round Tables Alliance, Elsie Pérez of Edinburg and Zone 1 Director, Martha Stumbo of El Paso. The Director General was presented with a book written by author and Table member Beatriz De la Garza. They enjoyed our Holiday Program with special guest, Matthew Hinsley, Executive Director of the Austin Classical Guitar Society.

## **Welcome New Members!**

Carmen Guerra (Membership Committee Chairperson), New Members: Cynthia Keever, Julie Ballesteros, Lilliana Garcia, La Nan McKinney, Diana Maldonado, Louise Reeser, Martha Chavez, Gilka Céspedes (not pictured: Mary Catherine Miller)



# Brownsville I June Meeting



**Isabel Vezzetti, Immediate Past Director, pins Incoming Director for 2013-2015 Normalinda Castellano with her new Director's pin.**



**Pan American Round Table I of Brownville awarded five scholarship in the amount of \$1,500, each, to deserving Brownville students, who were honored at the regular luncheon meeting in June. Pictured (l -r) Isabel Vezzetti, Director; Gloria Moore, Scholarship Committee Member; followed by scholarship recipients Pedro Ramos, Missael Soto, Marissa Renee Casas and Clara Jane Dawson. Other Scholarship Committee members are: Mary Lou Gonzalez, Janet Vaughan and Joan McNeil. Not pictured are Teddy Renfrow, Scholarship Committee Chair and Thomas Michael Rhodes, scholarship recipient.**



**Judith Champion, shown here with member Martha Gonzalez, on the left, was named PART 1 Honorary Member. At the age of 105, she is the eldest living member of the Table.**



**The program for the June meeting on Barbados was presented by Normalinda Castellano, shown here with Peggy Klinger, Recording Secretary, seated on the right.**



## Conroe May Meeting and Luncheon



Officers installed were: (l-r) Director Ahia Shabaaz, Corresponding Secretary Sue Stewart, Recording Secretary Millie Whaley, Parliamentarian Jean Heasley, Custodian Becky Judah, Historian Mona Wofford and ECC Chairman Paula Schoppe. Associate Director Joy Montgomery and Treasurer Judy Hearn are not shown.

The Conroe Table installed their newly elected officers for the next biennium and presented their annual scholarship at their May meeting and luncheon.



ECC and Yearbook Chairman Paula Schoppe greets members at the May meeting.



### Conroe Scholarship Recipient

Liz Rubio, a graduate of the University of Houston, was the recipient of the 2012-2013 Conroe Table scholarship. At the May meeting, Liz expressed her appreciation for the award to the Table members and shared her plans to attend law school.



Subeth Berge, member and immediate past Associate Director, waits for the meeting to begin.

# ACTIVE CORPUS CHRISTIE

Pan American Day-April



State Director Sarah Jane Wise was honored at the Feb.



Sally García, Jennifer Bowen, Peggy Cleaves, and Martha Spear enjoying Pan American Day.



Gloria Riddle, front and center with Margo Arevalo Gonzalez, Alliance Corresponding Secretary, on her right and Martha Stumbo, Zone I Director, on her left with all Corpus Christi Table members—May 14.th.



Alice García, Ninfa Bosquez, Gloria Riddle and Sally García also joined in the celebration.

## Installation of Officers in May



New Officers installed in May (l-r): Table Director Gloria Riddle, Installing Officer Martha Stumbo, Parliamentarian BJ Kershaw, Area B Director Susan Matthews and Installing Officer Margot A. Gonzalez.



## McAllen Table

### Scholarship Presentation, Installation of Officers, Introduction of New Members

The Scholarship Committee awarded three scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. The recipients are: Bryan Perez, a graduate of McAllen High School, whose plans are to become an attorney, and to Carmela Noche, graduating from James "Nikki" Rowe High School with the highest GPA out of 400 students. Her goal is to obtain an undergraduate degree in Chemistry, a Doctorate in Pharmacology, and ultimately to become an OB/Gyn. The third recipient was Jacqueline Torres, graduating from McAllen Memorial High School. Jacqueline was not present to receive the award..

**Scholarship Committee Members (l-r):** Sylvia Alanis, Eunice Ingles, Chairman Bertha Hinojosa and Violette Metz, shown here with scholarship recipients in the middle, Carmela Noche and Bryan Pérez.



On the left: Installation Officer Mary Lou Treviño, followed by 2013-2015 Officers: Treasurer Yolanda McCarty, Recording Secretary Patti Mayers, 2nd Associate Director Deanna Longoria Ramírez, First Associate Director Norma Woolsey and Director Mandy Peña.

**May 7,  
2013**

New Members of the McAllen Table, who will be inducted in November, 2013. from left to right are: Iris Treviño, Maria Hernandez and Raquel Oliva.



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## Dates To Remember

### ***34th Alliance Convnetnion***

***Oct. 10-12, 2014***

***Lima Sheraton***

***Lima, Peru***

***\$320 registration fee***

### ***57th PARTT Convention***

***April 9-12, 2015***

***La Posada***

***Laredo, Texas***

***\$200 registration fee***

### ***35th Alliance Conventiion***

***100th PART Anniversary***

***Oct. 26-29, 2016***

***Marriot River Center***

***San Antonio, TX.***



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