



# Pan Americana Texana

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## Message From State Director Lana Harper



Lana Harper

### MOVING TOWARD SUCCESS ...

*“Purpose, Power, Passion, Persistence and Pride!”*

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as your State Director this past year. I am sincerely grateful for everyone's support and look forward to continuing our efforts to accomplish our Mission.

In *“Preparing for the Future”* each of you has worked diligently to meet the goals introduced at the Table Directors' meeting in San Antonio. I am very pleased that many have been accomplished, some of which cannot be completed as of yet, but, we are well on our way to success. Outlined below is a review of what has been done and the tasks ahead:

Increase public awareness. *Great Job!*

Send monthly photos (4) to Communications Chairperson. *Work in progress!*

Complete/update Table History & send to Electronic Communications Chairperson. *In progress.*

Increase membership by 10%. *Too early to know.*

Submit Financial Reports and file IRS 990 Reports in a timely manner. *Almost Complete!*

Initiate ways to increase member attendance/participation. *Suggestions forthcoming.*

Increase Scholarship Donations. *Too early to know.*

Send changes to Revisions Chairperson. *Good job!*

Purchase of *The Pan American Round Table* book. *We're almost there!*

Increase member attendance to State PARTT Convention. *Too early to know.*

Send *Texana* photos and articles. *Good Job!*

Distribute *Texana* publications via computer. *Great job!*

Invite the Alliance Director General, State President, Zone & Area Directors, neighboring Tables, including those from Mexico, to meetings, celebrations or events, as feasible. *In progress!*

Assist and support the Alliance theme. *“Yes!”*

What we have achieved thus far, would not have been possible without all of us -- State Executive Board, Committee Chairmen and Members, Table Directors and Members, Past State Directors, Alliance Director General and Zone I Director. Thank you for working together with *“Purpose, Power, Passion, Persistence and Pride”* to meet our goals which will most assuredly further our mission to “provide mutual knowledge, understanding and friendship among the women of the countries of the Western Hemisphere”. We will, without a doubt, succeed!

“One for All, All for One.” *“Una para todas y todas para una.”*

Yours in Friendship,

***Lana Harper,***

State Director

# State Executive Board Meeting

The State Executive Board met on Saturday March 8, 2014 at the Indigo Hotel in Houston. Yanne Moreano, a member of the local Table, hosted an elegant dinner in her lovely home for the attendees, on Friday, prior to the meeting.

Elsie Perez was appointed as Chairman of the Nominations Committee, with the following members completing the slate: Amalia Rodriguez Mendoza from Austin for Area A, Jane Wicker of Beeville for Area B, Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre from Brownsville for Area C and Jessica Farrell of Fort Worth for Area D.

Treasurer Normalinda Castellano, informed the group that there were still about 60 of the Marchbanks books remaining. It was suggested that the books be taken to the Observance Day celebrations and to the convention in Lima, Peru.

## Convention News

Martha Stumbo, in her report as Zone I Director, reminded everyone that the Alliance convention would be held in Lima Peru October 8-11, 2014 and that the skit theme for Pan American Night will be "Rock n Roll".

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The State convention will be held on April 9-12, 2015 at La Posada Hotel in Laredo Texas.

Registration fee will be \$200.00 per member. Hotel occupancy for 2 will be \$92.00. Cost for room upgrade will be \$105.00 and Suites for \$149.00. Reservation forms will be sent to all State board members and Table Directors, as soon as they are ready.



Seated l-r: Sylvia Williams, Sarah Jane Wise, State Director Lana Harper, Alliance Director General Elsie Perez, Peggy Clark. Second row: Ann Beitel, Susan Matthews, Zone I Director Martha Stumbo, Jessica Ferrell, Norma Linda Castellano, Lily Torrez & Ina Pool. Last row: Louise Atkinson, Dee Moore, Anita Williams, Janet Roberts & Isabel Vezzeti.

## Scholarships

Scholarship Chairman Dee Moore reported that application packages to all Texas colleges and universities had been sent in September. Four schools requested being deleted. The completed applications were due on January 31, 2014. She received 35 applications for FTG I (32 were complete) and three applications for FTG II. There were two clear cut winners: FTG I for \$2500 to Manuela E Lugo Muñoz, a Psychology Major from Mexico attending UTEP; and FTG II for \$2000 to Tammie Stout, A Linguistics Major from UT - Austin. Tammi was also the winner in 2013.

Maria E Schreckinger of Ecuador was the choice for the Melba Dawson Scholarship in the amount of \$2000.



## Scholarships Awarded

### **Florence T. Griswold I**



Manuela Lugo

**Manuela Elizabeth Lugo** from Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico was awarded the \$2,500 Scholarship.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree in 2008 from The Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez, with a 3.9 GPA; the highest in her class, and was honored with the "Outstanding Performance in the National Professional Test of Clinical Psychology" award. This provided the validation for her license as Psychologist in Mexico.

In August, 2012, Manuela began her studies in the Master Program of Guidance and Counseling at The University of Texas in El Paso, where she seeks to be a Licensed Professional Counselor.

"I am currently working on projects with others to provide health services in high risk areas of Juarez, Chihuahua", she states, "where people face daily poverty and violence. I am very thankful to The Pan American Round Table for its support."

### **Florence Griswold II**

**Tammi Stout** is the recipient of the \$2,000 Scholarship.

"I am a third-year PhD student at U.T. Austin where I study linguistics. My current research focuses on formal semantics and working on providing a formal analysis of Kaqchikel Maya. My research aims to go into the field and work on understudied languages that are not well represented in the academic literature. By working one-on-one with native Kaqchikel speakers, I'm able to learn more about the structure of the language as well as variation amongst the different dialects.

Though it has its challenges, doing fieldwork in Guatemala has been the most rewarding experience of my academic career, and I look forward to continuing my work there for many



Tammi Stout

### **Melba Dawson Scholarship**



Maria Schrekinger

**Maria E. Schrekinger** won the **Melba Dawson** Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

"I am originally from Quito, Ecuador. I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Biotechnology from Universidad San Francisco de Quito and then completed my Master's degree in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I successfully completed a one-year internship with Nestle at the Marysville Product Technology Center and worked for six months in the R&D area of Pronaca, a leading food

company in Ecuador. Presently, I am a second year PhD student in the Food Science and Technology program at Texas A&M University. My current research is focused on understanding the molecular aspects of food bioactive components in the reduction of human risk of chronic diseases. After completing my studies, my plan is to return to Ecuador and contribute with the establishment of a bridge between universities, industry and research institutions in the US and Ecuador. This will enable new opportunities for Ecuadorian students as well as a continued collaborative work between both countries".



### **Norma Woolsey,**

1st Associate Director of the McAllen Table, passed away in her sleep on February 7th, 2014. She is survived by Tom, her husband of 44 years, two sons, one daughter, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Norma graduated from Mission High School, where she was very active and held many honors, including that of Head Cheerleader. She graduated from Pan American College in 1960 with a B.A. in Education and was elected as Pan American Bronco Queen in 1959.

Mrs. Woolsey worked for Mission and McAllen school districts in Elementary, Bilingual and Special Ed. and as a specialist in Early Childhood and Migrant Programs. She also served as a Parental Involvement Coordinator.

Since her retirement, Norma served her community through the Child Study Club, The Women's International Board of the UTPA Foundation, as President of McAllen's International Museum of Art & Science Guild and as Acting Director of PART of McAllen.

## **Dates To Remember**

### **PART Alliance Convention**

Lima, Peru  
October 8-11, 2014.  
Convention fees: \$320  
Skit for Pan American Night: "Rock n Roll".

### **PART State Convention**

Laredo, Texas  
April 9-12, 2015.  
La Posada Hotel  
\$200 registration fee.



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