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“Honor our Past, Celebrate our Present and Plan the Future”

Pan American Sisters,

As we enter into this new biennium, I feel proud to have been chosen as your State Director. I thank you for your support and the trust that you have placed in me. I ask for your continued cooperation and prayers as we, all together, take the Pan American Round Tables of Texas into a new centennial, saying good-by to 100 years of success and achievement. Mrs. Florence Terry Griswold would have been proud to see the fruits of her labor in all of the Tables across the Western Hemisphere. As we begin this biennium we all will “honor our past, celebrate our present and plan the future” of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas. I call on each and every one of you to help do your part. Study and learn the history of your Table, the history of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas, and the history of Florence Terry Griswold. Make it your responsibility. By doing so, you will gain the knowledge needed to carry PARTT into the next 100 years. For, it is in this knowledge that we will gain the understanding and meaning for the existence of PARTT. Then we can truly reach out to our neighbors across the Western Hemisphere and carry out the mission of Florence Terry Griswold of mutual knowledge, understanding, and friendship until we are “One for All and All for One”.



**Isabel G. Vezzetti,
State Director**

Abrazos,

Isabel G. Vezzetti PARTT State Director

Pan American Round Tables of Texas State Officers

2015—2017

State Director—————Isabel G. Vezzetti

1st Associate Director-Area B—————Dee Moore

2nd Associate Director-Area C——Beatrice “Dolley” Flores

3rd Associate Director-Area A—————Susan Huston

4th Associate Director-Area D——Kathy Elmann-Clardy

Recording Secretary—————Yolanda Villarreal

Corresponding Secretary——Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre

Treasurer—————Margot Arevalo Gonzalez

Historian—————Alicia Cantu

Parliamentarian—————Normalinda Castellano

Immediate Past State Director—————Lana Harper



(L-R) Normalinda Castellano, Margot Arevalo Gonzalez, Alicia Cantu, Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre, Lana Harper, Isabel G. Vezzetti, Dee Moore, Susan Huston, Kathy Elmann-Clardy and Herminia Martinez

*Pan American Round Tables of Texas
57th Biennial State Convention
Laredo, Texas April 9-12, 2015*



Alicia Cantu Convention Chair



Portrait of Florence Terry Griswold
By Laredo Table member artist
Elvira Mona Mendoza



Newly elected PARTT Director
Isabel G. Vezzetti with PARTT
Director Lana Harper



Dee Moore
1st Associate Director Area B



Past PARTT State Directors

Top (l-r) Sylvia Williams, Geri Rice, Sarah Jane Wise, Frances Metcalf

Bottom (l-r) Elsie Perez, Lana Harper, Peggy Clark, Berta Garcia



Susan Huston
3rd Associate Director Area A



Kathy Ehmann-Clardy
4th Ass. Director Area D



Laredo member Elvira Mona Mendoza (artist)
donates her portrait of Florence Terry Griswold to
Laredo Table. (l to R) Elvira Mona Mendoza, Ali-
cia Cantu, Lana Harper, PARTT Director



Isabel Vezzetti PARTT
Director (2015-2017)

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Conroe members-

Front Row (L-R) Sharon Gee, Woody Hearn, Nancy Smith, Becky Judah
Second Row (L-R) Jean Hensely, Pat Sterns



Fort Worth I Members-

Lucurtis Williams, Leticia Clay, and Kathy Ehmann-Clardy



Alamo/San Juan/Pharr members-

Blanca Garza, Angelita Cantu, Gloria Cantu, Maria Elena Corona, Ana Sandoval, and Yamilet Villanueva



Rio Grande City/Roma members-

Rosa Paulson, Soila Perez, Ana Laura Ramos, Besave Salazar, Alma Rivera and Pee Wee Guerra



(L-R) Houston Members-

Belinda Postman-Kaylani, Susan Mayorga Huston and Rosalinda Azios Peterson



L to R) Ciara Perez, Elsie Perez, Marcia Atwood, Herminia Martinez and Josie Cappedona



(L-R) Ahia Shabaaz, Louise Actkinson, Jessica Ferrell, Crisey Rios, Omnis Acebo



Laredo Table Members

Pan American Round Tables of Texas
Workshop
San Antonio *August 15, 2015*



(L-R) Margot Arrevalo Gonzalez, State Director
 Isabel Vezzetti, & Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre



Board of Directors from left to right:

Top Row: Herminia Martinez (Edinburg), Scholarship; Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre (Brownsville I), Corresponding Secretary; Normalinda Castellano (Brownsville I), Parliamentarian; Margot Arevalo Gonzalez (Edinburg), Treasurer; Yolanda Villarreal (Corpus Christi), Recording Secretary

Middle Row; Lily Torrez (McAllen), ECC Chair; Kathy Ehmann-Clardy (Fort Worth), 4th Associate Director; Alicia Cantu (Laredo), Historian; Susan Huston (Houston), 3rd Associate Director; Dee Moore (Del Rio), 1st Associate Director; Ana P. Flores (Laredo) Publications Chair

Front row: Beatrice "Dolley" Flores (Edinburg), 2nd Associate Director, Isabel Vezzetti (Brownsville I), State Director; Lana Harper (Eagle Pass) Past State Director



(L-R) Normalinda Castellano and Past
 State Director Sarah Jane Wise



(L-R) Janet Roberts and Past State Director
 Peggy Clark



Immediate Past State Director
 Lana Harper



Webmaster Mary Ann Palka

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Pan American Round Tables of Texas Executive Board, State Committee Chairs and Members

The Pan American Round Tables of Texas State Officers and Committee Chairs attended the State Workshop in San Antonio. State Director Isabel G. Vezzetti informed delegates of the plans for the coming year. Committee chairs also informed members of important information and procedures to follow to help guide their tables to a successful year.

Board members decided the Pan American Marker that was erected in 1935 by PARTT will be restored. This plaque was erected to honor the women of the Americas and for the purpose of symbolizing unity among the countries of the Western Hemisphere. Florence Terry Griswold hoped that other border towns would do the same and erect plaques at their international bridges. Laredo was the first to erect this monument. Plans for a re-dedication will be announced at a later date.

Isabel informed members that all Texas Tables will be in a birthday mode for the upcoming 2016 Alliance convention to be held in San Antonio, Texas.



Laredo Table Director Diana Rodriguez



Karen Peña and Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre



Traditional Costume Winners
Ana Maria Sepulveda de Brown
and Phyllis Schenkkan

Austin—May Luncheon



New Officers (l to r) Julie Candoli, Director-Margie Kidd, Treasurer-Mary Aldrich, Asst. Treasurer-Mary Ann Meigs, Historian-Carmen Guerra, Parliamentarian-Rose Ann Reeser and Laura Gutierrez-Witt



Patricia Andersen and Maria Woody

Conroe Table



Jeanette DeeFee informs Members duties of her Finance Committee.



Conroe Table members starting a new year



Pat Sterns explained duties of her Arrangements Committee

Corpus Christi



(L-R) Corpus Christi members attend State Convention-Peggy Clark, Gloria Riddle, Susan Matthews, Marie Adams and Sarah Jane Wise

Mc Allen



**Members attend Directors Meeting-
Seated: Carmen Guerra (McAllen), Lily Torrez (McAllen)
Standing; Sylvia Alanis (McAllen) Dolley Flores (Edinburg)
Mariella Gorena (McAllen), Gloria Garcia(ASJP), Mary Bard (ASJP), Gloria Cantu and Mini Martinez (Edinburg)**



Immediate Past Director Lana Harper with new Table Director for 2015-2017 Deidre Chattler



Members of the Del Rio Table with Immediate Past Director Lana Harper. Front (L-R) Enriqueta Eaton, Julia Beavan, Elia Robles, Lana Harper, Frances Rodriguez, Middle (L-R) Guillermina Stover, Dora Alcala, Patricia Nicosia, Anna Chapman, Lisa Romero, Caroline Guajardo, Annelies Castro, Back (L-R) Elaine Lemp, Sally Anne Finkelstein, Dee Moore,



L-R) Julia Beavan, Lana Harper, Elia Robles, and Frances Rodriguez. Julia Beavan and Elia Robles were Officers of the original Table.



(l-R) Table Director Ginny Hale and Guatemala Consul Allan Perez

Brownsville I



Members attend first meeting



Lourdes Deytz presents program on Guatemala

Houston



Houston Officers 2015-2016: (L-R) Martha Inskeep, Rosalinda Pettersson, Director Belinda Kaylani, Rosan Scearce, Nabila Attia, Maria Sepulveda, Sitting— Susan Huston

Laredo



Officers:standing(L-R) Cecilia M. Vela, Irma Perales Mireles, Mannie Hachar, Amelia Ramirez,Azucena Andrade, Dr. Rosa Maria Vida (Sitting L-R) Nora Varela de Peña, Diana Rodriguez, Mary Ann Garcia

Eagle Pass



Members and guests at Officers Installation party (L-R) Rosa Isela Valderrama, Esperanz Deutsch and Susan Villanueva



Installation of Officers (L-R) Immediate Past State Director Lana Harper, Table Director Gichi Becker Rewa Seth, Adelina Roman, Cynthia Esparza, Marge Munt, Elva Venavidez, Sharon Smith, Joan Garcia, and Anita Williams



Pan American Day Brunch April 2015 (L-R) Sharon Smith, Ann Beitel (Del Rio), Anita Williams



(L-R) Past Director Bambina Roe and Zone Director Martha Stumbo

El Paso



Officers (L-R) Olivia Hashim, Nina Sambrano, Marissa Rogers, Bamina Roe, Leticia Aber, Katie McIntyre, Leslie Backoff, Michelle McCown, Caryl Fickett, Mary Joe Melby



New Table Director Leticia Aber



Dancing at Convention



Laredo members model costumes at State Convention



Lily Torrez giving report at convention meeting

Scholarships Awarded



Camila Saez

Camila Saez was awarded the Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship I of \$2,500. Originally from Santiago, Chile, Camila earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering with Cum Laude distinction from the University of Maryland in 2014. Camila has started her Ph.D. studies in the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. Currently, her research focuses on assembling networks of inorganic clusters and nanocrystals to create enhanced composite materials with applications in electronic, electrochemical and energy devices. Camila is grateful and thankful to the Pan American Round Tables of Texas for supporting her studies and helping her achieve her aspiration.



Tammi Stout

Tammi Stout is the recipient of the \$2,000 Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship II for 2015. Tammi originally from Amarillo, Texas has earned a BA degree in English literature from Texas A&M University and an MA from Boston College.

Tammi is a fourth year PhD. candidate at the University of Texas at Austin where she studies linguistics. Her focus is semantics and pragmatics of Kaqchikel Maya, and understudied endangered languages spoken in the Central Highlands of Guatemala. This will be the third year of research for Tammi and will be part of her research in presenting her dissertation. Tammi is very grateful to be the recipient of this scholarship again.

Melba Dawson Scholarship



Lourdes Cueva Chacon has received the Melba Dawson Scholarship of \$2,000. Lourdes is a doctoral student in the School of Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin. Lourdes was a full-time lecturer for three years at the Department of Communication at The University of Texas at El Paso where she helped design and develop the online magazine *Borderzine*. This experience with hundred of Latino journalism students triggered her research interest in media sociology, newsroom diversity, professional identity formation and ethnic media.



Date To Remember

*35th Alliance Convention
100th PART Anniversary
Oct. 26-29, 2016
Marriot River Center
San Antonio, TX.*

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