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

To my Pan American Sisters,



**Isabel G. Vezzetti,
State Director**

The Centennial year of the founding of the Pan American Round Table Movement is quickly coming to an end. It will culminate with the 35th Convention of the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables in San Antonio on October 26th thru October 29th. I cannot help but think of what our Founder, Florence Terry Griswold would be thinking and feeling at this time. Through her vigor, vitality, and dedication, she laid the seeds that flourished and blossomed into a movement, that today spans eighteen countries in the Western Hemisphere. Did she dream then, that one day there would be over two hundred Tables with over 5,000 women professing to fulfill the objectives of the Pan American Round Table Movement? Did she realize that the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables would become a recognized and registered society of the Organization of American States? She was a woman dedicated to establishing an organization that would empower women to work towards a lasting peace. She was a visionary and knew the potential and power of a woman. In her own words she stated “Our whole aim is to study the community of interests

affecting countries on the Western Hemisphere; and to promote such mutual understanding and affection among the women of those countries as will draw them closer together.” We have a tremendous opportunity to show our true Pan American Spirit at the convention by being present and welcoming our Pan American sisters from near and far. Come and help celebrate Florence Terry Griswold’s greatest achievement— “The Pan American Round Table” founded in 1916 in the beautiful city of San Antonio. Join us at this historic event, the 35th Convention of the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables. It will be our declaration that we are truly “One for All and All for One—Una para Todas y Todas para Una”.

Abarazos,

Isabel G. Vezzetti
PARTT State Director

EXCITING NEWS

A NEW BIOGRAPHY OF FLORENCE TERRY GRISWOLD

“Pan American Woman” is written in both English and Spanish and will be available for purchase at the Alliance Convention in October. It is written by Beatriz de la Garza, a historian who has authored several books and is a past Director and long time member of the Austin Table. It not only tells the life story of Florence Terry Griswold and what inspired her to start the Pan American movement, but also is an interesting account of history that took place one hundred years ago. The Cost of the book is \$20.00 (including tax) but not shipping if necessary. We are now taking orders and those received prior to October 17th will be at a cost of \$15.00 (including tax). Your order can be picked up at the convention.



Orders go to Carmen Guerra, Austin PART: cg1203@aol.com

Pan American Round Table State Director Isabel G. Vezzetti Visits Table's Pan American Day Celebrations

Conroe—April 12, 2016



(L-R) Isabel G. Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, Nancy Smith, PART of Conroe Director and Maria Eva Munoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General.

Del Rio —April 5, 2016



(L-R) Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General, Deidre Chattler, PART of Del Rio Director, Isabel G. Vezzetti, PARTT State Director

Austin—April 4, 2016



(L-R) Martha Stumbo, Alliance Treasurer, Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General, Isabel G. Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, Crisey Rios, Alliance Zone I Director

San Antonio—April 15, 2016



(L-R) Isabel G. Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, Laura Uzdavines, PART of San Antonio Director, Maria Eva Muñoz Manzarraga, Alliance Director General, Rosavelia Barrera de Treviño, PART of Miguel Aleman, Louise Actkinson, Alliance Convention Chairman.

Rio Grande City/Roma



Rio Grande City/Roma members attend Observance Day in McAllen on April 2, 2016

San Benito—April 2, 2016



San Benito members attend Observance Day in McAllen

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Eagle Pass—April 5, 2016



(L-R) Marge Munt, PART of Eagle Pass, Lana Harper, PARTT Immediate Past State Director, Adelina Ramon, PART of Eagle Pass, Isabel G. Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Gricelda Becker-Perez, PART of Eagle Pass Director, Amparo Garcia, PART of Eagle Pass.

Houston— April 14, 2016



(L-R) Isabel G. Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General, Magalis Fogerty, PART of Houston

Brownsville II—April 2, 2016



Sitting(L-R) Nena Cortinas, Lou Garza, Treasurer, Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General, Ruth Kulesa—Standing (L-R) Mary Ann Boehl, Elsie Perez, Past Alliance Director General & PARTT Past State Director

Corpus Christi—April 19, 2016



(L-R) Marie Adams, PART of Corpus Christi Director, Isabel G. Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General, Sandra Maxwell, PART of Brownsville I

Beeville—April 7, 2016



(L-R) Josephine Miller, PART of Beeville Director, Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General, Shirley O'Neil, PART of Beeville



Miguel Aleman and Reynosa Table representatives with Alliance members and Alliance Director General.

Pan American Round Tables of Texas

Tablet

Unveiling and Rededication

April 3, 2016

Laredo, Texas



(L-R) Diana Rodriguez, PART of Laredo Director, Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor of Laredo, Isabel G. Vezzetti, PARTT State Director.



The unveiling and rededication of the restored "Tablet" ceremony was held in the middle of the Laredo International Bridge I. After the unveiling a reception followed at La Posada Hotel hosted by the PART of Laredo. Many Pan American Round Table members from around Texas were in attendance. Our founder Florence Terry Griswold invisioned this project for the purpose of symbolizing unity among the countries of the Western Hemisphere. Laredo was the first to erect this plaque in 1935.



(L-R) Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General, Sylvia Williams, PARTT Past State Director and Peggy Clark, Past Alliance Director General & PARTT Past State Director



Leading the procession on the bridge are; (L-R) Criseyda Rios, Alliance Zone I Director, Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General, and Diana Rodriguez, PART of Laredo Director.



(L-R) Diana Rodriguez, PART of Laredo Director, Carolina Zaragoza, Mexican Consul, & Nora Varela de Peña, PART of Laredo.



(L-R) Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, 4th Associate Director Area D, Ann Beitel, PART of Del Rio Treasurer, Dee Moore, 1st Associate Director Area B, & Laura Sanchez, PART of Dallas II, 1st Associate Director.



Pan American Round Table members, guests and dignitaries

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Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General addresses the audience.



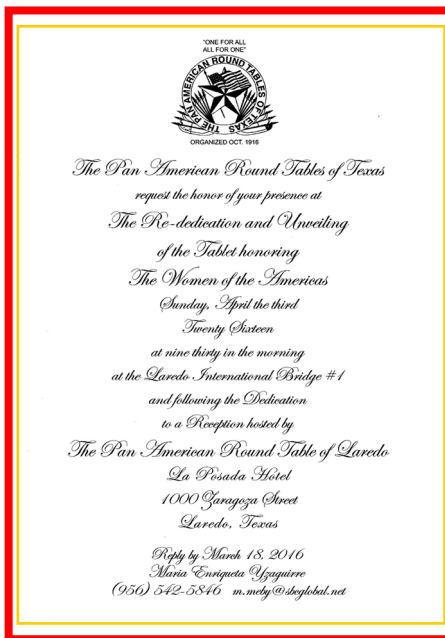
Isabel G. Vezzetti,
PARTT State Director.



The Honorable Carlos H. Cascos,
Secretary of State speaking to
the guests.



Laredo Table members (L-R)Sandra Viñals,
Gigi Cabellero, Teresa Barker, Ana Flores, Ina
Pool, Alicia Cantu, and Gabriela Leon.



Sylvia Williams, PARTT Past State Director & Peggy Clank,
Alliance Past Director General and Past PARTT State
Director



(L-R) Gerri Rice, PARTT Past State Director, Sylvia Williams,
PARTT Past State Director, Carlos Cascos, Secretary of State,
Isabel G Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, Maria Eva Muñoz de
Manzarraga, Alliance Director General, Pete Saenz, Mayor of
Laredo, Carolina Zaragoza, Mexican Consul, Peggy Clark,
PARTT Past State Director & Past Alliance Director General,
Diana Rodriguez, PARTT of Laredo Director & Lana Harper,
PARTT Past State Director.



(L-R) Peggy Clark, Past Alliance Director General, &
Past PARTT State Director, Carmen Guerra, Past
Alliance Director General, Yollie Callie, PART of Cor-
pus Christi, & Gerri Rice, PARTT Past State Director

State Board Meeting

March 4-5, 2016

Hosted by Pan American Round Table of Del Rio



PARTT Executive Board, Committee Chairmen, Committee members and PARTT Past State Directors attend State Board Meeting hosted by PART of Del Rio. At the meeting Isabel Vezzetti, PARTT State Director presented a power point program on the history of the Bridge Marker to be dedicated in Laredo, all Officers and Committee chairmen presented their reports, Louise Actkinson, Alliance Convention Chairman reviewed the Convention schedule and it was announced the 58th State Convention will be held April 20-23, 2017, at the Westin Hotel-Galeria in Houston.



(L-R) Gerri Rice, PARTT Past State Director, Sylvia Williams, Past PARTT State Director, Isabel G. Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, Peggy Clark, PARTT Past State Director, Sarah Jane Wise, Past PARTT State Director and Lana Harper, PARTT Immediate Past State Director



Lana Harper, Past State Director, Herminia Martinez, Scholarship Chairman, Yolanda Villarreal, Recording Secretary, Margot Arevalo Gonzalez, Treasurer, Normalinda Castellano, Parliamentarian, Isabel Vezzetti, State Director, Dee Moore, 1st Associate Director, Area B, Dolly Flores, 2nd Associate Director Area C, Susan Huston, 3rd Associate Director Area A, Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, 4th Associate Director Area D, Maria Enriqueta Yzaguirre, Corresponding Secretary.



(L-R) Susan Matthews, Scholarship Committee, Peggy Clark, Past State Director & Past Alliance Director General, Sarah Jane Wise, Past State Director, Sylvia Williams, Past State Director, Geri Rice, Past State Director.



Yolanda Villarreal, Recording Secretary, Carmen Guerra, Past Alliance Director General, Lilly Torrez, Electronic Chairman.



Deidre Chattler PART of Del Rio Director welcome all to Board Dinner



(L-R) Deidre Chattler, PART of Del Rio Director, Ann Beitel, Long Range Charimam, Julia Beavan, PART of Del Rio.



Gloria Riddle, Membership Committee & Dee Moore, 1st Associate Director Area B

Observance Day April 2, 2016 *Hosted by Upper and Lower Valley Tables*



Seated (L-R) Carmen Guerra, Past Alliance Director General, Peggy Clark, Past Alliance Director General and PARTT Past State Director, Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Allcance Director General, Delia Perez de Plata, Past Alliance Director General & Past Pan American woman, Elsie Perez, Past Alliance Director General & PARTT Past State Director
 Standing (L-R) Criseyda Rios, Alliance Zone I Director, Guadalupe Garcia de Sarabia, PART of Miguel Aleman Director, Isabel Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, Sylvia Williams, PARTT Past State Director, Magdalena Santos de Tamez, Alliance Protesorera

PART of McAllen



Upper Valley Tables from Alamo/SanJuan/Pharr, Edinburg, McAllen & Rio Grande City/Roma joined the Lower Valley Tables from Brownsville I, Brownsville II & San Benito at the McAllen Country Club. This year's theme was "A Tapestry of Cultures". Representatives from Honduras, Guatemala & El Salvador Consul attended. Members from Miguel Aleman, Reynosa and Valle Hermosa, Mexico Tables were present.

Alamo/San Juan/Pharr



PART of Alamo/San Juan/ Pharr with Alliance Director, Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga & Criseyda Rios, Alliance Zone I Director



Flag Bearers (L-R) Elizabeth Perkins, Isabel Champion, Gina Perales, Josie Cappadona, Margot Arevalo Gonzalez, Graciela Cobo Leticia Ramon, Herminia Martinez, Vicky Flores, Marcia Atwood, Sara Saldaña, Carol Chapa, Berta Estevis

PART of Edinburg



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35th Alliance Convention

100th PART Anniversary

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