



# PANAMERICANA TEXANA

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**"Honor our Past, Celebrate our Present and Plan the Future"**



**Isabel G. Vezzetti,  
State Director**

Dear Pan American Round Table Sisters,

My tenure as PARTT State Director is quickly coming to an end, so I take this opportunity to thank all the PART Tables and Table Directors across Texas for the very warm reception I received when I visited your Tables. Your hospitality and warm friendships were the biggest blessings to come into my life. I thank you from the very bottom of my heart.

My tenure saw the celebration of the first 100 years of the Pan American Round Table Movement. How proud Florence Terry Griswold would have been with this important milestone! This milestone will again be recognized and permanently placed in the Texas Archives when a Senate Resolution is read and presented to the Pan American Round Table on the Texas Senate Floor. This Senate Reading will take place on April 18 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception at 10:00 a.m., prior to the Reading. I sincerely hope to see you there at this historic moment in our organization.

We launch into our next centennial with the same vigor and dedication that we have shown for the past 100 years. The PART of Houston has taken on the challenge to launch us into our next century by hosting the 58th PARTT convention at the Westin oaks at the Galleria on April 21 through April 23. Please make plans to attend and help take us into the future. Together we can help each other with the tasks that lie before us as we carry out the vision and message of Florence Terry Griswold "through knowledge we gain understanding and this understanding will lead to friendship". She envisioned a peace amongst the women of the Western Hemisphere. In her own words she stated that the object of the Pan American Round Table was "the bringing together of the women of the Western Hemisphere in a mutual understanding, believing that when women understand each other men can no longer misunderstand". Together we can carry out her mission and continue her legacy until we are "One for All and All for One".

Abrazos,

Isabel G. Vezzetti

PARTT State Director

2015 –2017

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## HOUSTON



Posada event held in December, 2016 (Front l-r) Melinda Lightsey-Ford, Maria Duran, Christina Poleski Gaona, Lucy Jeanminette, Anibeth Turcios, (little drummer boy) Judge Esmeralda Peña Garcia, Nancy Hill, Director Belinda Kaylani, Nelly Fraga, Kaye Fraser (Back l-r) Rosalinda Petterson, Susan Huston, Flor Hoill, Martha Innskeep, Melissa Farr

## HOUSTON



A November event Houston Table hosted with the National Hispanic Professionals Organization at the Holocaust Museum in Houston. (l-r) Treasurer Susan Huston and Director Belinda Kaylani at the registration table.

## DEL RIO



(l-r) Frances Rodriguez (former Table Director) and daughter Belinda Hernandez from Lamar Elementary School in Del Rio, who gave a presentation along with some faculty members on a school program where children do hands on activities at their outdoor Living Classroom concerning the environment to help them make the world a better place to live.

## DEL RIO



Dorothy Ankrom mother of member Elaine Lemp, showing her home at our annual Christmas Home Tour

## DEL RIO



Annelies Castro-Rios, Del Rio member performing at the Scholarship Fund-Cookie Reception following the Christmas Home Tour



# *Pan American Round Tables of Texas*

## **McAllen—January Meeting**



(l-r) Members Tina Guerra and Norma Garza were hostesses for the January 3, 2017 meeting. They presented a program on the country of Nicaragua. The colorful centerpieces displayed orange-colored Birds of Paradise intermingled with red flowers and green foliage.

## **McAllen—February Meeting**



February hostesses Emma Salinas, seen here on the left and Patti Myers on the right, pictured next to Dr. Bonnie Lucero, delighted members of the McAllen Table by dressing in colorful and typical dresses for the presentation of their assigned country of Panama.

## **Dallas-September Meeting**



PART Dallas III meeting at La Calle Doce Restaurant on September 17, 2016 (l-r) Laura Sanchez, 1st Associate Director; Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, Forth Worth Director and PARTT 4th Associate Director, Area D; Isabel Vezzetti; State Director, Maria Eva Muñoz de Manzarraga, Alliance Director General; Martha Stumbo, Alliance Treasurer; Anna Maria Hodges, Director PART Dallas III

## **Alamo-San Juan-Pharr**



PART of Alamo-San Juan-Pharr, donated toys to the Migrant Seasonal Head Start Program December 2016. (l-r) Child Development Advocate, Noelia Sosa; Child Development Advocate, Crystal Garcia; PART of ASJP Parliamentarian, Maria Elena Corona; PART of ASJP Director, Gloria Cantu; and Center Manager, Luliana Gallegos.

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**San Benito—December 10, 2016**



(l-r) Joan Olsen, PART of San Benito, Dee Moore, PARTT 1st Associate Director Area B, Isabel Vezzetti, PARTT State Director



(l-r) Angie Gonzalez, Director San Benito, Isabel Vezzetti, State Director, Ruth Kulesa, Brownsville II, Elsie Perez, Past Alliance Director General, Elva Morales, PART of San Benito

**Edinburg—December 14, 2016**



(l-r) Isabel Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, sitting with Victoria Martinez and Yolanda Garza

(l-r) Members of PART II of Brownsville Mary Ann Boehl, Nena Cortinas and Ruth Kulesa with Isabel Vezzetti, PARTT State Director and Margo Arevalo Gonzalez, PARTT Treasurer



(l-r) Herminia Martinez, Director PART of Edinburg, Isabel Vezzetti, PARTT State Director



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**Rio Grande City/Roma—December 7, 2016, Meeting**



PART of Rio Grande City/Roma December 7, 2016 Meeting



PART of Rio Grande City/Roma members and invited guests December 7, 2016, Meeting at Casa de Adobe



Rio Grande City/Roma December 7, 2016, Meeting

(l-r) Normalinda Castellano, PARTT Parliamentarian, Isabel Vezzetti, PARTT State Director, Margo Arevalo Gonzalez, PARTT Treasurer. Elvia Guerrero, Recording Rio Grande City/Roma, Dolley Flores. Area C Director

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## **Austin**



(l-r) Gloria Mata Pennington, Alina Flores -wife of the Mexico consul to Austin who was the guest speaker at the annual Spanish Coffee held November 21, 2016

## **Laredo-January Meeting**



Past Table Directors— standing (l-r) Rosa Maria Vida, Polly Stabile, Present Table Director, Diana C. Rodriguez, Alicia Cantu Mannie Hachar; sitting (l-r) Olga Verduzco, Diana Czar, Ina Pool and Ana Flores

## **Austin**



Members attend Alliance Convention October 2016. (l-r) Standing-Mary Ann Palka, Mary Aldrich, Esther Diaz, Maricarmen Nasr, Carmen Guerra, (l-r) sitting-Janet Roberts and Gloria Munguia

## **Laredo-January Meeting**



January Meeting Table members presenters on the Country of Trinidad and Tobago (l-r) Angeles Elizalde and Yamilet Villanueva. Member Alicia Valdez assisted with this presentation.



Laredo table members enjoy December meeting. (l-r) Yamilet Villanueva, Edna de Anda Peña, Cecilia M. Vela, Magdalena Sanchez, Rosa Maria De Llano, Leonor Gutierrez, Elia Norma Barrera and Bettina Muñoz.



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## **Conroe-October Meeting**



Table Director Becky Judah presented a program on the thirty-fifth Alliance Convention held in San Antonio, October 26-29, 2016.

## **Conroe-December Meeting**



Conroe member, Barbara Landry shared a first hand experience from someone she interviewed who is a native of Cuba.

## **Corpus Christ**



(l-r) Jeanne Adams and Marie Adams, mother and daughter from Corpus Christi Table at the Alliance Convention, Pan American Night on October 27, 2016

## **Conroe-January Meeting**



Members gave an informative program on their Central American countries, from past to present. (l-r) Paula Alexander (Guatemala), Cheryl Jett (Costa Rica), and Director Becky Judah (El Salvador)

## *Texas Senate Resolution*

*April 18, 2017*



## *PARTT 38th State Convention*

*April 21—23, 2017*

*The Westin Oaks Houston at the Galleria  
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