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# Griswold Scholarship Goes to Texas A&M Co-Ed



Mr. Robert Walker, Texas A&M University, presents the Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship to Magdalena Frick. Rebecca Stipe, past Director of the Bryan-College Station Table, represents P.A.R.T.

After much deliberation, the Board of Trustees and Scholarship Committee has selected Magdalena Capurro Frick of Uruguay as an outstanding recipient of the Griswold Scholarship. Magdalena received her teacher's degree at the Uruguian Official Institute where she majored in Education and Literature. She worked as a teaching assistant with her professors both in High School and at the University to help defray expenses.

At Texas A.&M. University, Magdalena is writing her thesis in Spanish Literature while working towards her Master's degree. She is in the top 5% of her class, and is making History as the first woman student from Texas A&M to receive this honor!

Magdalena writes: "I intend to return to my country and work in the High Schools, as qualified teachers are seriously

needed in Uruguay, and I am here studying subjects not offered at home. It will not be possible to continue my education here without financial assistance."

#### **NEED A REMINDER CALENDAR?**

November 1, 1975 — Remit State Dues and Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship Dues.

January 1, 1976 — Remit Alliance Dues: .50 per member for Director Travel Fund, and \$10.00 dues per Table.

March 15-16, 1976 — State Board Meeting, held at the Sheraton-Marina, Corpus Christi,

Tex.

April 14, 1976 — Bicentennial Event - Dedication of Permanent Plaques to our Founder,

Permanent Plaques to our Founder Florence Terry Griswold.

Mission Burial Park, South, San Antonio, Texas - 11:00 A.M.

October 18-25, 1976 — Alliance Convention, Lima Peru

April 11-14, 1977 — State Convention at Northpark Inn, 9300 N. Central Expressway,

Dallas, (75231) Tel. 214-363-2431

A Memorial Gift has been given to the Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship Fund by the Houston Table

In memory of:

Miss Ima Hogg Mrs. George O'Leary, Sr.

# "Spirit Of '76 Reaches Mexico!"



San Benito Table — Gladys Urnes (behind flag), Bruce Huffman, Helen Thompson, Drucilla McCormick, Doris Worth, Zora Cope; Louise Robertson, Diana Wicher, Chrissie Bucklin, Emmalou Thode, Maxine Johnson, Norma Adams, Alicia Villarreal, Ruth Simons, Ruth Carr, George Wicher, Johnnie Watkins (fife).

We can all be proud of our Pan American Table members who participated in the XVI Biennial Convention of the Nat'l Assoc. of P.A.R.T.'s of Mexico, held in Saltillo, Coah. Mexico July 9 - 12th. Over 400 delegates were in attendance at this great gathering, and forty-four Tables were represented. Interesting events included an impressive opening night ceremony; a dinner at the Municipal Palace hosted by the Mayor of Saltillo; and the Noche Panamericana held at the Club Campestre. At this latter event, all twenty members from the San Benito Table arrived in a procession, wearing Bicentennial costumes, and headed by the American flag and the Bicentennial flag. This Texas Table received special acclaim for their enthusiasm!

Members of the Del Rio Table and their husbands who attended the Convention included Mrs. John G. Prude, Director; Mrs. Watt Murrah; Mrs. Thomas H. Graham, Jr.; Mrs. Ray Paredes; Mr. and Mrs., Simon Aguirre; and Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hunnicutt. Also attending were Mrs. John Tarter of Ft. Worth, and Miss Carolina Cerna and Mrs. Estela Cobo of the Eagle Pass Table. Our hearty congratulations to all the members from Texas for their enthusiastic participation, and for helping to "kindle the friendship light", together with our good neighbors across the border!

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### 1975 Austin Convention Social Events

In response to many requests, we bring you this article on the social activities of the State Convention held in Austin last April. Besides the well-planned business sessions, there was a wealth of entertainment to be enjoyed by all! We take off our hats to the members of the Austin Table who engineered this great Convention, especially to Mrs. Cleo Seelinger, Honorary Chairman, and to Mrs. Joe B. Frantz and Mrs. Corwin Johnson who served as Convention Chairmen.

The evening before the official opening session, the Executive Board of the Austin P.A.R.T. hosted a dinner at the home of Mrs. Edmund Pincoffs honoring the State Board.

The Tuesday morning ceremony featured the massing of the colors, followed by an official welcoming address by a representative of the Austin City Council, and a Pan American welcome from Mrs. Albert P. Davis, Austin, and a past State Director. The opening luncheon was held at the Onion Creek Club, in celebration of Pan American Day. Guests were entertained by Cynthia Karmstadt of the University of Texas, and winner of the "Singer of the Year" award of the Nat'l Assoc. of Teachers of Singers. Mrs. Joe B. Frantz then introduced Gene Brownrigg, executive director of the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee of Texas, who gave an excellent talk on ways of celebrating the Bicentennial throughout the State.

On Tuesday night, delegates journeyed by bus to the Austin Woman's Club - a lovely chateau-type building of the 1870's-and enjoyed a delicious dinner in the soft glow of hurricane lanterns. Lita Guerra of the Univ. of Texas entertained with several piano selections.

Green Pastures - another historic 19th Century house was the selection for the Wednesday luncheon. Mary Faulk Koock, Austin Table, was the speaker, whose title "People" Are Here" provided a delightful insight into the years which

Mrs. Koock spent in Green Pastures.

On Wednesday evening, Onion Creek Club was again the setting for a most enjoyable dinner, in an atmosphere of balloons, cotton candy, etc. for a "Come to the Fair" program. Martha Deatherage, accompanied by Lester Senter, gave a program of nostalgic songs from other centennials and fairs, with a historic background narrated

The Installation luncheon on Thursday took place at the Quality Inn, in the meeting room hastily converted into a lovely dining room with flowers in golden urns, and a background of colorful flags of the American nations. Under the supervision of Mrs. J. Page Kemp, new officers

were installed.

Then — with a flurry of goodbyes, and a resolve to meet with friends again - the wonderfully successful and thoroughly enjoyable 37th Convention held in Austin was at an end!

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### Chuckle for the Day

Some years ago a motorist drove into a service station near a Texas border town, and inquired of the Station attendant: "What's going on here, with all these ladies?" The attendant replied: "Oh, it's some sort of convention of the round ladies of the Pan American Tables!"

### "Table-Hopping"

### **ALAMO-SAN JUAN-PHARR**

The P.A.R.T. held its first luncheon meeting at the Texas Hotel in Pharr on Sept. 13th. The program on Trinidad and Tobago was presented by Mrs. J.E. Parks, and steel drum music from Trinidad set the mood. It was announced that Karen Whitlock of San Juan is the scholarship recipient, and attending Pan American University.

### **BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**

The P.A.R.T. hosted the traditional "Dia de la Raza" reception for Latin-American students at Texas A&M University on Friday evening, Oct. 10th. Nearly two hundred hosts and guests attended, and highlighting the occasion was the introduction of the Griswold scholarship recipient, Magdalena Frick. Mrs. Jack Tarver, of Waco, and chairman of the Scholarship Com., also attended as a guest.

#### **DEL RIO**

Miss Carolina Cerna of Eagle Pass was the guest speaker at the opening meeting held at the Ramada Inn on Oct. 10th. Miss Cerna is a charter member of the Eagle Pass Table, and its present Director. Her talk centered around the history of this great organization, and said "Our challenge is to work for better understanding, good will and friendship."

#### **EL PASO**

The P.A.R.T. held its annual "Friendship Merienda" on October 15th, in the home of Mrs. Ellis Mayfield. The event was sponsored by the Friendship and International Relations Com., with Mrs. Wickliffe R. Curtis as Chairman. El Paso has the unique distinction of being the only Table in Texas that has members from both the U.S. and Mexico. Members of Juarez and El Paso belonging to the Mexican community were honored at this function.

### SAN ANTONIO

If you ever feel the need to "rekindle the friendship light," take the time to visit a Table across the border! A group of ten ladies from the S.A. Table recently journeyed to Nuevo Laredo, on the occasion of their "Installation of Officers." Of particular interest to the S.A. group was the fact that the mother of one of its members was installed as the new Director. Sra. Carmen U. de Rendon is also a founder of the Nuevo Laredo Table. Distinguished guests who attended this affair were Mrs. R.R. Guerra, of Roma, Texas, Ass't Director General of the Alliance and Sra. Ruth G.B. de Del Puerto, Director General of the Alliance of P.A.R.T.'s of Mexico.

#### WACO

It was the special privilege of three members of the Waco P.A.R.T. to assist with plans for the celebration of Latin American Week at Baylor University. Mrs. B.W. Cannon, Mrs. Grady Freeman, and Mrs. A.R. Sendon were given recognition for their part in planning the programs of various aspects of Latin-American culture. The week ended with two performances of "Fiesta Folklorica", presented under the auspices of the Nat'l Institution of Fine Arts of Mexico. ... Members attending the regular Oct. meeting were privileged to see the film "Tapestry" featuring Rosa Guerrero.

Left to right:
Mrs. R. R.
Guerra;
Carmen R.
Eades
(daughter);
Sra. Carmen
U. de Rendon
(New
Director).



### GRISWOLD MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The San Antonio Table is busy making plans for the Bicentennial Celebration for April 14, 1976. This date has been designated Pan American Day on the National Bicentennial Calendar. There will be a Memorial Dedication of two bronze plaques, to be placed on the grave marker of our founder, Mrs. Florence Terry Griswold. One plaque will represent the Alliance Insignia, and the other the Insignia of the San Antonio Table, which Mrs. Griswold herself designed. The Ceremony will take place at 11:00 A.M. at the gravesite at Mission Burial Park, South. Following this, a luncheon is being arranged in downtown San Antonio. On the preceding night, there will be a Cocktail-Dinner at the Oak Hills Country Club at 7 P.M. All members of P.A.R.T. are cordially invited to attend both events. Distinguished guests will include Sra. Carmen de Barrionuevo, Director-General of the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables, and Mrs. Maxine Guerra, Ass't Director-General. All those who plan to attend, please signify your intention by notifying Mrs. Daniel A. Dupre, Director - of the San Antonio Table, 240 W. Summit, San Antonio, Texas, 78212. Further details and reservation forms will be sent to you.

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