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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This past year has been highlighted by the joyful occasion of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Pan American Round Table movement, that became reality upon the founding of the first Table in San Antonio, Texas in October, 1916.

For all of us, that date is a point of departure when the ideals are set down and the principles that still guide us are laid out. We have learned and we have changed; the movement has grown to cover the continent, but Mrs. Griswold's guidelines have remained the basis of our unity and the reason of our success. Her heritage has guided us through this last 75 years and that guidance is what we need to carry forward for the next 75 years.

In the 21st century we must all continue to build, upon our past, a community that strives for peace, unity and friendship; we must make a reality of our ideals and for that it is up to us, as individuals, to do those things that matter most. One of the things that matter most is what kind of daily life we live and what kind of human love are we prepared to bestow on our fellow man. Tomorrow will be better than today only if we treat our fellow man better today. Tomorrow will be better than today if each one of us expands ethics, morality, our will to co-exist with people of diverse cultures; if we are ready and willing to expand the quality of life, without trying to expand our personal boundaries.

Knowledge, understanding and friendship come from you and me and how we live, here and now. Our commitment to these principles is both personal and mutual; the commitment is and should always be, more important than any of our differences.

It should be easy; after all, we only need to remember that we belong to the only nation on Earth, the Human Race.



**"ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE"**

Gladys N. Simpson  
State Director

## STATE BOARD MEETING



Del Rio--Pan American Round Tables of Texas State Board Members were welcomed in a BIG South Texas way by the members of the host table in Del Rio on Friday, March 13, 1992 for the PART of Texas State Board Meeting. As board members checked-in, they were given canvas tote bags hand-painted by Berta Garcia and Pam Rodriguez. Everyone then boarded a trolley car and were welcomed by the Mayor Pro-Tem of Del Rio, the Mexican Consul, and the County Judge. The trolley transported the group on a tour of Del Rio including the historic Brinkley Estate. Following a wine tasting tour of the Val Verde Winery the trolley carried everyone to Cripple Creek Saloon and Restaurant for a special dinner. Our "bell ringing" tour guide and Del Rio PART member, Sue Murdoch, put on a "swinging show". The restaurant is owned and operated by Del Rio PART member Anne Aubry and her husband, George, who played the piano for everyone.

After the Saturday morning work session, PART State Director Gladys Simpson hosted a Luncheon for the board at the hotel. The climax of the evening was a lovely catered dinner in Eagle Pass hosted by the Eagle Pass table. Several members of the sister table in Piedras Negras, Mexico table were in attendance. Board members were driven to and from their hotel by the following Del Rio PART members: Hilda Aguirre, Maruca Aguirre, Ann Beitel, Enriqueta Eaton, Martha Mendoza, Sue Murdoch, Annalies Rios and Del Rio Part Director, Connie Paredes.



## DIAMOND JUBILEE



The 75th Anniversary of the founding of the first Pan American Round Table was celebrated on Friday, October 18, 1991 in San Antonio, Texas. The San Antonio observance will remain as one of the most successful gatherings that our institution has ever had. Congratulations to the San Antonio Table, its Director, Mrs. Dolly Glasscock and Brig. Gen. Claire Garrecht, Chairman of the event. For those who attended, it was an uplifting experience, a reaffirmation of what Florence Terry Griswold set out to do and the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to keeping those ideals alive into the 21st century and beyond.

The final attendance figures were 292 participants, from four different countries and three states. Ten of the eleven members elected to the Texas State Board attended, along with the Corresponding Secretary and six presidents of Standing Committees. Nineteen Texas Tables were represented, as well as three New Mexico Tables, two California Tables, thirteen Tables from Mexico, one Table from the Dominican Republic and three Tables from Peru. Numerous Alliance officers were present, headed by the Alliance Director General, Mrs. Mila de Coquis, from Lima, Peru. Our collective thanks to the Menger Hotel, for their good service. Words simply cannot reflect the lasting effect that the Diamond Jubilee has had on those who attended, but the future will reflect the hope and dynamism recreated at that wonderful occasion. Also in attendance were three Past State Directors, Mrs. Cleo Seelinger, Mrs. Frances Metcalf and Mrs. Gloria Zuniga as well as a Past Director General, Mrs. Helena Richards, from San Jose, California.



## TABLE NEWS

**Corsicana**--The Corsicana Round Table was very honored to have State Director Gladys Simpson and State Corresponding Secretary Betty Dale as our guests for the regular Table meeting on October 15, 1991. Gladys presented a very enlightening talk on present-day Argentina, her native country. She and Betty seemed impressed with our Corsicana Women's Club House, opened in September, 1990, with Pan American Round Table being the first club to hold a regular meeting in the new building which replaced a wooden structure that had burned after more than fifty years of use as the club house. Submitted by M. Jorgensen, Director PART Corsicana, Texas

**Del Rio**--The Del Rio Table held a beautifully appointed St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. This affair is one of the many fund-raising projects held by the Table. All proceeds go into the Scholarship Fund. The Luncheon was prepared and served by the Executive Committee and other members of the Table under the leadership of Connie Paredes, Director.

The Table members felt honored by the presence of our distinguished State Director, Gladys Simpson and by the charming International Alliance Director General, Mila de Coquis from Lima, Peru. Alliance Zone I Director, Carmen Guerra of Edinburg and Lita Pashos, Interchange Library Chairman from Brownsville also attended. Both Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. de Coquis addressed the Table. Everyone was moved by their inspiring talks and exciting delivery. This Luncheon meeting preceded the PART State Board meeting hosted by the Del Rio Table, March 13, 1992. Submitted by the Del Rio, Texas Table.

## IN MEMORIAM



Sadly, we write of the passing of Grace Harris Lake, named by the International Alliance of Pan American Round Tables as Pan American Woman of the Year for 1988-1990. Those who knew Grace remember her as an active civic leader in El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico. She truly embodied the

goals and ideals of the Pan American movement. A member of the El

Paso Table she had been an enthusiastic liason between the United States Tables and those in Mexico, Central and South America, frequently travelling to those locales. As a member of the Comite de Damas Pro Comercio (Juarez equivalent of the Woman's Dept. of the El



**Grace Harris Lake  
1903-1991**

Paso Chamber of Commerce) she served on the Committee for the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, DIF projects, and the Family Planning Project.

Due to her influence in the community, many children recieved a better education, families received medical attention and/or financial aid when they otherwise might have received none. Her advice was sought in all phases of living. Some of her many hobbies included cooking and hot air ballooning. She enjoyed the respect of all who knew her. A favorite quote of hers: "IT'S NOT YOUR AGE, IT'S YOUR ENTHUSIASM!"

Last November, the Pan American Movement lost a dear friend with the death of Mrs. C.E. Mangham, daughter of PART founder Florence Terry Griswold. Mrs. Mangham was 92 years old at the time of her passing. We were fortunate to have had her at our Diamond Jubilee Celebration in San Antonio.

In May of 1991, we were saddened to learn of the death of Eduardo Coquis, husband of Alliance Director General, Mila Coquis, of Lima, Peru. When Mila was in Texas last October, she was given a list of Tables and individuals who had given to the Memorial Fund. Her desire is that this be given for travel expenses to a person doing research or studying in Peru. She graciously offered her home in Lima as their residence while in Peru. In the true spirit of friendship, she says this would permit her to offer hospitality to someone who needs a place to stay and also enable her to become acquainted with the person and her interests.

The University of Texas and the Austin Table will recommend a student to receive this honor. At this time, there is \$425 in the travel expense fund.



## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



**Maria Iracema S. Mastroleo**, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, is the winner of the Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship I for the 1992-93 academic year. Ms. Mastroleo has a Bachelor's degree in Speech Language Therapy from Escola Paulista de Medicina in Sao Paulo. She became enthusiastic about her career in speech therapy when she saw the difference

she could make with her clients in Brazil. She is now a student of Rehabilitation Counseling Education at UT in Austin. Maria is convinced that the knowledge she gains in Austin will eventually impact innumerable lives, for she plans not only to practice as a therapist, but also to train others so that her efforts will be multiplied.

Our 1992 Scholarship II recipient is **Caroline Pomeroy**, a PhD candidate in

**Maria Iracema S. Mastroleo**

Wildlife Fisheries Studies at Texas A & M University in Bryan, Texas. Ms. Pomeroy is majoring in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, with a minor in Sociology. Her plans are to pursue research on the fishers of Lake Chapala in the state of Jalisco, Mexico as a part of her long-standing interest in the social organization of small-scale commercial fishers and their efforts to adapt to change in social, political, and physical environments.

On October 21, 1991 Pomeroy began two months of preliminary fieldwork at Lake Chapala. Her dissertation proposal was approved in early February 1992. The Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship II will help support this dissertation research.

Many of you know of the dissolution of **Dallas Table I** this past year. What you may not know is that when the Table disbanded they had **\$1,000** in their account which they have generously donated to the **Pan American Round Tables Scholarship Endowment Fund**. Their gift will guarantee that the work of Dallas Table I is perpetuated forever. Many thanks go to our sisters in Dallas as they merge with Dallas Table III to become the new Dallas Table.

### PART COOKBOOK



State Director Gladys Simpson has appointed a Chairman for a Special Committee, a Pan American Round Tables of Texas Cookbook Committee. She has named Mrs. Olivia Hill, of the Odessa Table as Chairman of the Cookbook Committee. Olivia is a graduate of the La Varenne Institute and a working journalist. She looks forward to the input and cooperation of each and every PART Member to contribute her favorite recipes to this book. When the book is completed, Tables may purchase copies for use as a fundraiser in their Tables. Enclosed is a form you may copy and use to submit recipes. Please do so promptly as we would like to have the cookbook available next year.

## WHO'S WHO



**Ruth May** of the Dallas Table made the front page of "The Dallas Morning News" HOUSE AND GARDEN Section on September 6, 1991. If you missed the article, ask Ruth about "The Wildflower Volunteers" who are turning today's vacant lots into tomorrow's beautiful spots!

The **Corsicana Table** had a nice article in "The Corsicana Daily Sun" on November 6, 1991 complete with a picture of Director Margaret Jorgensen, State Director, Gladys Simpson, and State Corresponding Secretary, Bettye Dale. The article was about the visit of Gladys to their Table to speak on her native Argentina (see page 2).

**Linda Simpson-Jones**, PART member and daughter of State Director, Gladys Simpson, of Odessa has been named the new principal at the Gale Pond/Alamo School in Odessa. A nice article about her appeared in ECISD, a newsletter for the Ector County Independent School District in Odessa. Among other interesting things about Ms. Simpson-Jones is the fact she started the innovative practice of year-round schooling and accelerated programs at her school.

## ALLIANCE CONVENTION



Through your Tables you should already be aware of plans for the **Twenty-third Biennial Convention of the International Alliance of the Pan American Round Tables**, October 10-15, 1992 in **Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**. Alliance

Director General Mila Coquis, of Lima, Peru invites everyone to attend if possible. Registration is \$100 and you must register through your table. 750 members have registered to attend so far. The Ramada Inn in Santo Domingo still has rooms available from \$81.00 at 1-800-325-2650 or fax# 1-809-686-0528. Make your decision to attend soon as rooms are going fast. Hope to see you there!

### ATTENTION: INCOMING DIRECTORS

PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS TO STATE DIRECTOR GLADYS SIMPSON 3829 CANDY LANE, ODESSA, TX 79762 IMMEDIATELY!!! (If you have already sent yours, we thank you!)





## PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE PINS

If you would like to order Pan American Round Table pins for your Director or individual members, we have them available in two prices:

Gold-Filled Pin: \$64.44 + 4.49 tax = \$68.93

10 Kt. Gold Pin: \$147.23 + 11.32 tax = \$158.55

Individuals purchasing pins must pay sales tax. PART State Treasurer Charlotte Hanley will be mailing each Table a form letter which must be used by individual Tables each time they make a tax-exempt purchase. Tables may make unlimited copies of the tax-exempt form for future use. If you would like to order a pin, send your check for the proper amount to:

Charlotte Hanley, 429 Plantation Drive, Pharr, Texas 78577.  
PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE PERSON RECEIVING THE PIN AS IT WILL BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY FROM THE FACTORY.



## TEXANA ARTICLES

Materials for The Texana should be sent to **Jan Giles**, State Publications Chairman, 7291 Hardisty, Fort Worth, TX 76118. Publication is three times in each Biennium--one following the State Board Meeting in even years, and once before and after the State Convention in odd years. Tables are asked to submit material of special interest and pictures for possible publication. Many times newspaper photo reproductions cannot be used. It is best that original photos be submitted, preferably black and white glossies. Photos will not be returned.

Material for the State Historian's Scrapbook should be sent to **A.J. Castro**, 405 East Rosewood, San Antonio, TX 78212. Send your material in as soon as available to insure your Table is represented in the scrapbook.

Materials for the Interchange Library should be submitted to **Lita Paschos**, 108 Tesoro, Brownsville, TX 78520. Many are finding the library a true treasure. We urge you to insure its growth and prosperity by submitting material that other Tables may enjoy.

Let us hear from you,  
The Publications Committee  
Jan Giles, Editor  
Kathy Ehmann-Clardy  
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## AUSTIN in '93

Pan American Round Tables of Texas-

Mark your calendars now! Plan to join your Pan American sisters for the  
**46th State Convention, March 21-24, 1993 at the Doubletree Hotel, 6505 IH 35, Austin, Tx**

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