

# Around the Table



**Pan American Round Table of San Antonio**  
**May Meeting**  
**Saturday May 17, 2025 - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Alamo Heights La Fonda, 8633 Crownhill Blvd.**



## BUSINESS MEETING



**S**andra has planned a candle lighting ceremony for the INSTALLATION OF TABLE OFFICERS for the 2025-2027 biennium. Our own Frances Rodriguez, past State treasurer and past Alliance treasurer, will be the installing officer. As you know, the new officers were elected by acclamation in January. They are **Sandra Brown**, Director; **Annie Flores**, Associate Director/Programs; **Bea Dracoulis**, Associate Director/Membership; **Sharon Gee**, Secretary; **Sybil Howell**, Treasurer, and **Peggy Betts**, Historian.

*This is our final meeting of the year, so please come show your support for the new board.*

The STATE CONVENTION Steering Committee has been busy preparing for the big event next April 9-12. Co-chairs Sandra Brown and **Jeanne Koplan** have booked the Holiday Inn Riverwalk Hotel and reserved barges to take delegates to the opening night dinner at Casa Rio on the river. They have begun collecting door prizes, planning meals and soliciting donations. Your help will be needed in the coming months as committee work begins in earnest. *Come hear all the details.*

Please send your \$23 check for the luncheon to Sandra Brown, (20022 Encino Ridge 78259) or let her know if you plan to attend and pay at the door. No guests at this meeting, please.

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## NEW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

**G**reat News! The PART-SA Scholarship Committee has awarded our fourth scholarship this year! This \$1,000 grant goes to Jocelyn Escobar, 18, a senior graduating from Memorial High School in the Edgewood School District. With a 4.0 grade point average, Jocelyn ranked seventh in her class of 151 students. She will enter Texas A&M-San Antonio with plans to become a bilingual teacher.

Scholarship Chair **Sylvia Bolado** says Jocelyn is “a most deserving recipient.” She was selected from six applicants by the committee, which includes **Diana Durbin**, **Sonia Morton** and **Yvonne Kylstra**.



Sylvia Bolado (left), Jocelyn Escobedo, Sandra Brown

# Trunks full of books delivered to Edgewood School



Maida Perkins

## We did it!

Thanks to your donations of children's books over these past three months, Projects Chair Maida Perkins was able to deliver the latest "trunkful" of K-5 books to Perales Elementary School in the Edgewood District.

Maida says it took some time to haul all those books into the school. Then she met with the school's literacy counselor, who expressed sincere gratitude for the donation of so many books for children to take home. They also discussed the possibility of our Table "adopting" a class to next year. Stay tuned ...

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

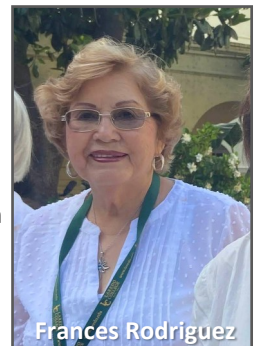
In addition to the Installation of Officers, our May business meeting will cover some other important matters. The State Convention Steering Committee will brief us on their latest plans and preparations, and we'll be collecting those nice small items you might donate for Convention door prizes. Also, after a year of Saturday meetings, Sandra says we may want to revisit our meeting schedule.

We have engaged Jazzman Broome, a talented web designer, to bring our PARTSATX.COM website up to robust working condition. The revamp should be completed very soon, with the ability to RSVP for meetings online, pay dues online, and handle online registrations for the State Convention in 2026. More details will be available at the meeting.

You may know that our installing officer, Frances Rodriguez, is an honored and distinguished member of Pan American Round Tables. She is a former Table Director, former State Treasurer and former Treasurer of the international Alliance of Pan American Round Tables

A native of Del Rio, she holds a Bachelor's degree from Sul Ross State University and a Master's in Business Administration

from Our Lady of the Lake University. She worked a total of 48 years in various governmental entities including the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated ISD, the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas in Eagle Pass, and the Yukon Koyukuk ISD in Fairbanks, Alaska. Her final positions were with the City of Del Rio, where she worked in accounting, finance and administrator positions. She is now retired.



Frances Rodriguez

Frances became a member of the Del Rio Table in 2002 and held positions in subsequent years as Historian and Parliamentarian. She was elected Table Director and served from 2013-2015. She moved to San Antonio in 2013 but traveled monthly to Del Rio to fulfill her duties as Table Director. She joined the San Antonio Table in 2015.

She has attended Pan American State conventions in Eagle Pass, Laredo, Houston and McAllen. She has attended Alliance conventions in Lima, Peru; Cochabamba, Bolivia; San Antonio, Texas, and Quito, Ecuador. She was elected Treasurer of the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables during the Bolivia convention in 2019 and served in that demanding position for three years.



# April meeting—Viva Fiesta!

Dresses, medals, beads and decorations all ready for Fiesta 2025



Standing (l to r) Sharon Gee, Sybil Howell, Elaine Gottlieb, Jeanne Koplan, Lynn Bobbitt, Molly Montemayor, Agatha Wade, Angelika Jansen, Maida Perkins, Trish Tomallo, Diana Durbin, Sandra Brown, Bea Dracoulis, Yvonne Kylstra.



Lynn Bobbitt (left) with guest speaker Sherry Dowlatshahi, city's Chief Diplomacy Officer



Bea Dracoulis and Trish Tamallo. Below, donated raffle prizes



Maida Perkins with Fiesta wreaths, our table decorations

*Photos by Peggy Betts*