

Around the Table



Pan American Round Table of San Antonio

October Meeting

Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 — 11:30 a.m.

Silo @ 1604— 434 North Loop 1604 W



Monica

Don't miss the October meeting, our first meeting of the year. We'll be back at Silo on 1604, and it will be great to see everybody for the first time since May!

We have a great guest speaker, Monica Gonzalez Dahlby, who is now living in San Antonio and importing coffee from her family's coffee farm in El Salvador. She will talk about growing up in El Salvador and the process of bringing high-quality coffee to San Antonio.

We will also have a short "mini-lesson" on a PART topic and a drawing for a door prize. Yearbooks should be available at the meeting. Please RSVP to Sybil Howell (210-237-9498) if you plan to pay at the door. See you there!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

PART-SA Board of Directors met Sept. 27 and made several important decisions. They approved \$6,000 for scholarships this year — \$3,000 to be administered by the Alamo Area Community Colleges Empowerment Center and \$3,000 for a general scholarship to a female student in Bexar County. A vote to approve these scholarships will be taken at the October meeting. Application and guidelines for the awards will be developed by the Scholarship Committee (**Sylvia Bolado**, Chair.)

The board also unanimously approved Lifetime Membership for long-serving Table member **Molly Walden**.

Maida Perkins was named Program Chair, and she announced a sock drive will begin immediately. The board also approved a book drive for local elementary schools later in the year.

Frances Rodriguez will return as Parliamentarian, and **Peggy Betts** will replace Jeanne Seldner as Historian. **Mary Lanoue** is the new Custodian.

The directors approved the schedule of meetings and programs for the year, including a special event to honor and thank the membership.



Sandra

OUR NEW TABLE DIRECTOR, Sandra Brown, has been a busy bee lining up plans and procedures for the year. She learned this week that we will be able to award our first scholarship in November to a community college student during Non- Traditional Students Day at San Antonio College. Yea!

WE ARE WORKING to fix our woefully outdated Web page at PARTT.org, the Pan American Round Tables of Texas Web site. And, we are exploring the possibility of having our own Web site!

If you haven't checked the Texas Web site lately, it has a wealth of information for members. [See it here.](#)

Here is a thought-provoking list that was handed out at the Pan American Round Tables of Texas Leadership Seminar in San Antonio on Sept. 23.

It was presented by Letty Ramon of the Edinburg Table, who said "it is not meant to raise your ire or to make anyone feel badly, but if you see yourself here, vow to make a change for the coming year."

—One for All and All for One.

16 WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

1. Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late.
2. Be sure to leave the meeting before it is over.
3. Never have anything to say at meetings, wait until you get outside (parking lot.)
4. When in meetings, vote to do everything, then go home and do nothing.
5. The next day, find fault with your officers and fellow members.
6. Take no part in the organization's affairs.
7. Be sure to sit in the back so you can talk things over with another member. Nobody will notice, even if they can't hear the program because of you.
8. Get all the organization will give, but give nothing in return.
9. Talk cooperation but never cooperate.
10. Never ask anyone to join the organization.
11. Threaten to resign at every opportunity; tell others they are standing far too much.
12. If asked to help, always say you are too busy and don't have time.
13. Never read anything pertaining to the organization. You might find out too much.
14. Never accept an office. It is much easier to criticize than to do things.
15. If appointed to a committee, never give any time to the committee. Let the chairman do it all.
16. Don't do anything more than you have to, and when others do willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help the cause, howl because the organization is being run by a clique.