

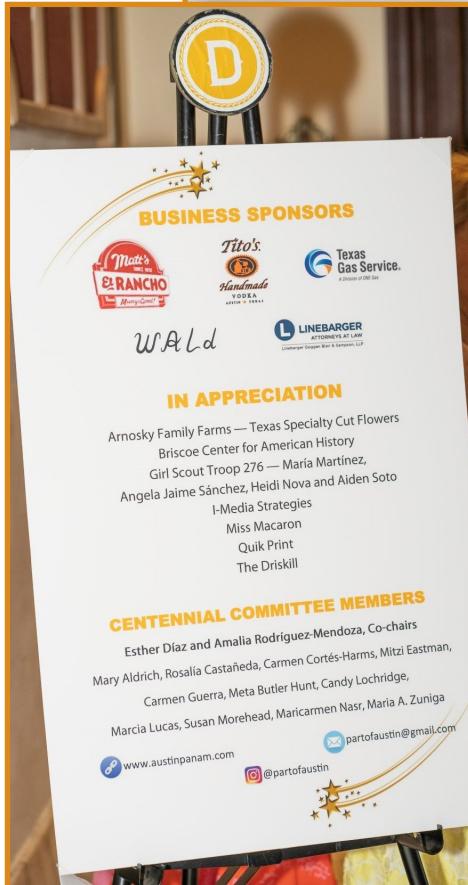


1922-2022

*Memories from the  
Centennial Celebration*

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022  
THE DRISKILL  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

# Welcome Reception



Photos by Ruben Morales Photography and Nancy Bowles, PART of Austin Historian

**Mariachi  
Las Coronelas**



**Harriett Breihan, Rose Ann Reeser  
and Mary Gawron**



**Carol Hayman and  
her husband Bob White  
Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza**



**Shelly Cruz from  
Tito's Handmade Vodka**

**Diana Gomez**

**Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza**

**Marcia Lucas**



**Cicily Simms and Alegría Arce Hibbits**



**The owners and guests of  
Matt's El Rancho restaurant,  
one of our sponsors:**

**Denise Kreps,  
Maria Elena Dwyer,  
Cathy Kreitz,  
Gloria M. Reyna  
(missing Cecilia Muela)**

**Mitzi Eastman**



**Kaye Fraser, from Houston and a relative of PART  
Founder Florence Terry Griswold**

**Joy Rivera Muela, sister-in-law of Cecilia Muela, one  
of Matt's El Rancho owners**

**UT Senior Vice Provost for  
Global Engagement  
Dr. Sonia Feigenbaum  
and her husband  
Octavio Kano-Galvan  
guests of  
Dr. Adriana Pacheco**

**Lala Niemeyer**

**Dr. Adriana Pacheco  
and her husband  
Dr. Fernando Macias**





**Guest Speaker**  
**Dr. Carolina Castillo Crimm**

**Marian Barber**

**Gloria Munguía**



**Emcee Olga Campos**

**Lulu Flores**

**Judge Orlinda Naranjo**



**McAllen Table Director Raquel Olivo,  
Austin member Rosalía Castañeda and  
her mother Nelia Castañeda**



**From our sponsor Linebarger Law:  
Austin member Erica Lopez and Jeff Garcia**



Cynthia Sánchez  
Carmen Guerra  
Rachel Ruiz



Janet Roberts  
Laura Gutiérrez-Witt  
Sylvia Williams



Carmen Cortes-Harms  
and her husband  
Dennis Harms



**Annette Jarmon**

**Beeville Table members:**

**Alice Hall**

**Louise Hall**

**Josephine Miller**

*(Mary Catherine Miller's mother)*

**Alliance Treasurer Marie Adams**

**from Corpus Christi**

*(Annette's sister)*



**Danielle Nasr and  
Carmen Nasr Lybrand**  
*(daughters of Maricarmen Nasr)*

**Ivonne Ortiz-Bayona**



**Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza  
Nancy Bowles  
Maricarmen Nasr**



**Christina Aimard  
and her husband Alexis**





**Former Texas State Director Lana Harper from Eagle Pass  
and Belinda Kaylani from Houston**



**Beeville Table members:  
Johanna Crespo-Quiñones  
Shirley Wyatt**



**Pat and Shirley Brickley  
(daughter of Lily Torrez)**



**Marcela and Ellie Lochridge  
(daughters of Candy Lochridge)**



**Mariella Gorena (center)**  
from McAllen and  
Chair of the  
2022 State Convention

**Houston members:**  
Belinda Kaylani  
Rosalinda Peterson



**Danielle Nasr** (daughter of Maricarmen Nasr)  
**Jalima Subervi** (daughter of Julia Subervi)  
**Julia Subervi**



**Mary Aldrich and her cousin Tracey Nichols**



**State Treasurer**  
**Margot Arevalo-Gonzalez**  
from Edinburg

**State Parliamentarian**  
**Carmen R. Guerra**  
from McAllen

**Candy Lochridge**



Girl Scout Troop # 276 from Austin presented the colors at the event.

## Program and Lunch



PART of Austin  
Table Director  
Esther Díaz  
welcomes all to  
the Centennial  
Celebration.



Alliance Zone 1 Director  
Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza  
reads the collect.





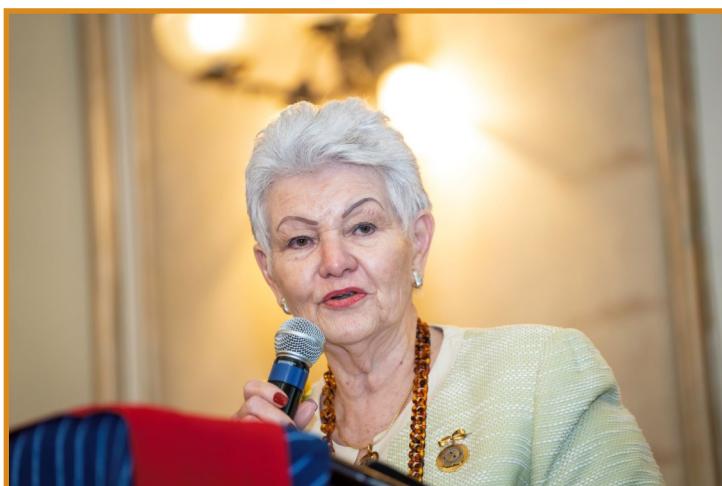
Emcee Olga Campos-Benz



**Presentation of Colors**  
**Pledge of Alliance**  
**United States of America**  
**National Anthem**  
**Mexico National Anthem**



**Greetings from**  
**Director General Jani Marichal de Mendoza,**  
**Alliance of Pan American Round Tables**



**Greetings from**  
**Director Martha Miles Stumbo, PART of Texas**

**Guest speaker**  
**Carolina Castillo Crimm, PhD**



### **Centennial Honorees**

**Sylvia Williams**  
**Immediate Past Director General of the Alliance**  
**2021-2024**

**Mary Ann Meigs receives the award for her  
mother Julia Mellenbruch (1916-2022),  
our longest serving member – 69 years (1953)**



**PART of Austin member, Dr. Adriana Pacheco,  
toasts to our 100 years and our future.**



***To Our Legacy—Our Future***

## The Toast

By Dr. Adriana Pacheco, PART of Austin member

**Organized on January 30, 1922, we have worked tirelessly to address women issues, education, poverty and health. Twenty-two women had the vision that only working together we can overcome problems in a changing society. Let us celebrate this major milestone and the enduring legacy.**

**Today, in 2022, we celebrate 100 years of the legacy of those women that started such remarkable and needed work. Our organization has witnessed society deal with so much in the way of social change and adversity in its many forms. The work of its members gives us hope during today's trying times.**

**Through it all, our organization is still standing! Which is why today, we celebrate YOU: our members, our partners, our donors, our volunteers, and our friends. You inspire and empower us to continue, year after year, to be resilient and more determined than ever, to help other women, children and men and to build equitable pathways to access to education, preservation of our culture, and friendship across communities, beliefs and histories.**

**Please join me in a toast—a toast to celebrate YOU, US, and OUR strong, collective legacy, as we forge an unwavering path into the future!**

**We honor 100 years of uniting as a community of women and we are ready for another 100 years!**

**Our legacy our future.**



**Alliance Parliamentarian and  
former Alliance Director  
Euita de Manzarraga from Mexico City**

**Alliance Assistant Treasurer  
Maly Tamez from  
Valle Hermoso A.C., Tamaulipas, Mexico**



**Carmen R. Guerra and Jani Marichal de Mendoza**



**Esther Diaz and her husband Ivica Yurishich**



**Carmen Luevanos from Texas Gas Service,  
one of our sponsors**



**Judge Maria Cantu Hexsel and  
Judge Orlinda Naranjo**



Gloria Mata Pennington and  
Dr. Blandina Cardenas-Flores



Lynn Cooksey with two PART Houston members,  
Belinda Kaylani and Rosalinda Peterson



Deloise Vasquez, her husband Eu Lunning,  
and Rose Ann Reeser



Marian Barber, Meta Butler Hunt, Angela Bracken



Susan Morehead



Alliance Treasurer Marie Adams from Corpus Christi  
and Mary Catherine Miller



Laura Gutiérrez-Witt and Phyllis Schenkkan



Angie Bonatti and Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza



Austin members Annette Jarmon, Ann Finch, Janet Roberts, Hanna Roberts, 3 guests, Candy Lochridge and her daughter



Shirley Wyatt from Beeville; Alegría Hibbits; Maribela Rodríguez, Laura Cervantes, and María Medrano from Houston; Lala Niemeyer; guest; Kathy Sowash



Mary Gawron  
Diana Ferguson  
Christina Aimard

Edna Piña Santos  
(in background wearing a red dress)

Erica Lopez  
Geraldine Jay

Lily Torrez (in the background  
wearing a black necklace)



DeAnnis Rainey and her daughter Dr. Melinda Rainey; Inés García;  
Beeville Table Director Cecile O'Connor and Johanna Quiñones (hidden);  
Marian Barber, Angela Bracken and Cynthia Sánchez



Harriett Romo, Cynthia Keeuer, Janie Orr, Gloria Mata Pennington, Dr. Blandina Cardenas-Flores



Guest Endy Teran



Guest Elizabeth Medina



State Associate Director (D)  
Kathy Ehmann-Clardy, Fort Worth



Diana Gomez, Josephine Miller, Mary Catherine Miller, Louise Hall, Alice Hall

**Everybody enjoyed the  
Centennial Celebration  
of the  
Pan American Round Table  
of Austin**



**The delicious  
Driskill's Signature  
1886 Chocolate Cake  
with the  
PART of Austin logo  
in gold**

## Pan American Round Table of Austin

1921-1928	Clara Driscoll Sevier	1971-1972	Julia Mellenbruch
October 1928 to November 1929 – Inactive			
1929-1930	Elizabeth N. Mather	1972-1973	Helen Frantz
1930-1931	Lillian Wester	1973-1974	Evelyn Johnson
1931-1933	Mrs. W. G. Franklin	1974-1975	Betsy Brown
1933-1934	Dorothy Schaffer	1975-1976	Dorothy McGann
1934-1935	Mrs. R. C. Roberdeau	1976-1977	Ruby Hackett, Jr.
1935-1936	Margaret Moss	1977-1979	Mary Elizabeth Pincoffs
1936-1937	Nellie Holden Wooldridge	1979-1981	Cleo S. Seelinger
1937-1938	Dorothy B. Manuel	1981-1982	Jan Roberts
1938-1939	Lillian Wester	1982-1983	Mary Betty Lathrop
1939-1940	Flora R. Arrowood	1983-1985	Zelma "Smitty" Garrett
1940-1942	Mrs. Herman Pressler	1985-1987	Dee Fruchter
1942-1943	Connie Garza Brochette	1987-1989	Lala Niemeyer
1943-1944	Ida Hopper	1989-1990	DeAnnis Rainey
1944-1946	Laura M. Reed	1990-1991	Helen Frantz
1946-1947	Mrs. D. B. Klein	1991-1993	Donna C. Johnson
1947-1948	Helen Swanson	1993-1995	Mitty B. Guerra
1948-1949	Lillian Wester	1995-1997	Laura Gutiérrez-Witt
1949-1950	Betty Davis	1997-1999	Jean Worsham
1950-1952	Mabel Mecham	1999-2001	Sylvia Williams
1952-1954	Mrs. W. E. Allen	2001-2002	Debra Evans
1954-1956	Opal Leonard	2002-2003	Rose Lancaster
1956-1958	Evelyn Calhoun Miller	2003-2005	Janie Wall
1958-1959	Marian Boner	2005-2007	Beatriz de la Garza
1959-1961	Betty Overstreet	2007-2009	Nidia Salamanca-Speers
1961-1962	Clarice Neal	2009-2011	Gloria Mata Pennington
1962-1963	Carolyn Chapman	2011-2013	María Medina Seidner
1963-1964	Leonore Schofield	2013-2015	Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza
1964-1965	Betty Overstreet	2015-2016	Margie Kidd
1965-1966	Judith McCown	2016-2017	Janet Roberts
1966-1968	Ethel McGinnis	2017-2019	Rose Ann Reeser
1968-1970	Margaret Wyss	2019-2021	Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza
1970-1971	Cele Steinfink	2021-2022	Esther Díaz

## The Celebration

By Esther Díaz, PART of Austin Director

**Our Centennial Celebration was held on April 24, 2022 at The Driskill. This historical hotel hosted the first meeting of the Pan American Round Table of Austin in 1922 with Clara Driscoll as our founder.**

**Guests at the Centennial Celebration were greeted with a cocktail reception featuring the music of Las Coronelas, an all-female mariachi, and the Centennial Cosmo, created by Tito's Vodka for PART of Austin. In addition, we were treated to a centennial retrospective video, created by Carmen Cortes-Harms and Maricarmen Nasr with photos from the PART archives at the University of Texas Dolph Briscoe Center for American History. The emcee for the celebration was highly honored anchor/reporter Olga Campos Benz. The program included a formal presentation of colors and pledge of allegiance by Girl Scout Troop #276, as well as a virtual parade of Pan American flags. The keynote speaker was Dr. Carolina Castillo-Crimm, whose entertaining stories provided the historical context of the time when PART of Austin was formed. We also presented Centennial Awards to two of our members: Immediate Past Director General of the Alliance Sylvia Williams, who has held several offices at the local, state and international levels, and Julia Mellenbruch, our longest-serving member of 69 years. Sadly, this last award was presented posthumously, as Julia died just a few days before the centennial event. The award was presented to her daughter and PART of Austin member, Mary Ann Meigs. Dr. Adriana Pacheco, a PART of Austin member, closed the program with a toast to our past and our future.**

**Among the 147 guests, we were honored by the attendance of Alliance Director General Jani Marichal de Mendoza, Immediate Past Director General Sylvia Williams, Former Director General Evita de Manzárraga, State Director Martha Stumbo, and Zone 1 Director Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza. Accompanying them were Assistant Alliance Treasurer Maly Tamez from Villa Hermosa, Mexico; and Brownsville and McAllen PART members Sandra Maxwell, Raquel Olivo, Ana Moon and Mariella Gorena, the 2022 State Convention Chair.**

**Other notable out of town guests included 2018 Pan American Woman Carmen R. Guerra from McAllen, Associate State Director Kathy Ehmann-Clardy from Ft. Worth, Alliance Treasurer Marie Adams from Corpus Christi, Past State Directors Lana Harper, Berta Garcia and Isabel Vezzetti, and State Treasurer Margot Arevalo-Gonzalez.**

*We also had several PART of Houston members including Rosalinda Peterson, Belinda Kaylani, Laura Cervantes, Maribel Rodriguez and Kaye Fraser. The Beeville Table was represented by Director Cecile Rochard O'Connor and members Johana Crespo-Quiñones, Alice Hall, Louise Hall, and Josephine Miller, the mother of PART member Mary Catherine Miller. Other notable guests included Travis County District Judge Maria Cantu-Hexsel and retired District Judge Orlinda Naranjo. The Laredo table sent a donation to the state scholarship fund to honor our centennial.*

*Of course, many PART of Austin members were in attendance with family members and friends.*

*Many thanks to the entire Centennial Committee and, in particular, to Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza for her outstanding fundraising skills. We had 38 sponsors (cash and in-kind donations) and raised a total of \$34,570 which netted \$13,000. This balance will be used for other centennial activities and donations this coming year.*

*Note:*

*PART of Austin members who attended but unfortunately not pictured are Joanna Fountain and Rosalinda Peña.*

**“One for All and All for One”**  
**“Una para todas y todas para una”**