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**To the Board of Directors, Advisory Council, National Associations Presidents, State Director, National Secretaries, Zone Directors of the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables, Table Directors and Members.**

*The Natural World is the greatest sacred community to which we belong. Harming this community is to diminish our own humanity. – Thomas Berry.*

**Dear Pan American Sisters:**

Receive an affectionate greeting from the members of this Ecology Committee. We deeply thank our Alliance Director General Mrs. Nhury Gutiérrez Vilches, for having selected us for such a worthy Committee; one of the greatest mainstays in which the thinking of Florence Terry Griswold rests, is Education.

We have focused on this, and a Work Plan was prepared, a Triptych on this, on why work for Ecology, which contained, besides the guidelines to follow for sending the material, 2 Circulars sent through this Committee's representatives to the Table Directors, knowing that they are the strength to carry out this Mission.

The answer has been splendid: there are 30 Tables working, the majority with two or more activities. In those Tables where an Ecology committee already exists are in Zone IIIA, Zone IIIB, Zone IV; Zone V and Zone VI have already begun their work and we hope to have results very soon from Zones I and II and Zone IIIC.

**From Zone IIIA** we have six activities concluded: two in Ciudad Acuña Table, a talk and delivery of the triptych and plastic recycling for planting in the Federico Frobel Kindergarten; in the Ciudad Aleman Table, two activities- delivery of bottle caps to the Polytechnic University of the River Region, to support limited income children with cancer , and in World Environment Day, we explained to the children of the Adolfo Lopez Mateos School the importance of protecting the environment and delivered trees; the Sabinas Table, three activities – gave a talk and planted little trees at the Juana M. Vargas Kindergarten, and delivery of recycled material; at the CAM Lic. Elsa Hernandez de De las Fuentes, planting and care of a tree at Technical School 68 School and in the Technical Middle School Raúl Guzman.

**Zone IIIB** – 6 activities concluded: Mexico City Table, carried out 2 activities, the planting of the Pan American Tree in a park, which, in the future they will place a Florence Terry of

Griswold bust and will develop a Pan American Plaza. The Table members also took a class on how to prepare a compost pile. They are very excited by the training. The Oaxaca Table undertook two activities, they talked with the Municipal Ecology Director and will work on ecological projects, such as planting of trees, cleaning up the Historic District of propaganda (Visual Ecology) and we were invited to the Oaxaca Sustainable Program; we participated in the 2017 "Plantatón" jointly with 18 American countries on June 11. Zone IIIB representative and Congresswoman Mrs. Lourdes Huerta Breton sent a proposal to the Tlaxcala Congress to adopt and assume the principles and values of the Letter of the Earth as an ethical setting for sustainable development which was approved, and sponsored the Magisterial Conference on "Environmental Education and Sustainable Development" by Science Professor Mateo Alfredo Castillo Ceja, UNESCO Ambassador for the Letter of the Earth Program. Her Table will present an activity at the next meeting.

**Zone IV: Nicaragua:** The Managua Table planted Madroño Trees, which is the national tree, and publishes in the bulletin an Ecology Column and will schedule an Ecological Conference; The Josefa Toledo de Aguerrí Table of Granada, Nicaragua, members pledged to plant the Madroño in their homes and they planted Madroños in three schools: The Inmaculada, Elba Zamora and Salomón and are broadcasting ecological talks to the city on the radio. The León, Nicaragua Table will plant trees in June in the Rubén Darío School.

**Honduras:** The Tegucigalpa, Honduras Table members will participate in the reforestation in the Monte Fresco in zones destroyed by the bark weevil and for this, they received a donation of 300 trees.

**Costa Rica:** The Limón Table planted ornamental plants in the Vargas Park of the Province of Limón; The Cartago Table, on the month of April when the Day of the Tree is celebrated, took a group of children from the Coope Rosales School to plant 60 small trees in the Cartago Biological Reserve of Río Loro; the San Isidro del General Table donated 110 small trees and tropical plants in the Rosario Pascual San Isidro School.

**Dominican Republic:** The Arroyo Hondo Table is initiating a reforestation project and an educational talk on water. The Santo Domingo Table is initiating education talks on the water and a reforestation project. The Ciudad Colonial Table, during the month of April, was able to have an illegal construction built on the roof of a third floor torn down, which risked the lives of the residents and pedestrians and caused visual contamination. Participated in the Revive Program to teach the community to recycle and visited the Dr. Arnulfo Reyes farm to plant trees and to learn cultivation of pepper and other spices.

**Zone V:** The Simón Bolívar, Venezuela Table is working on talks on water conservation to the Table and elementary schools; the Bogotá Table has been encouraging planting and adoption of trees mainly the Carbonero Rojo. This great adult Pine tree is an emblem of protection and appropriation. The Villavicencio Table has also worked on the cultivation and care of trees.

**Zone VI:** The Salta Table conducted ecological talks to schools, an ecological visit to the Campo Alegre dike in Salta to learn the ecology of the place and conduct bird watching with specialized guides. The Illimani Table is working on training elementary students and recycling "pet" and bags for ecological bricks. The Santa Cruz de la Sierra conducted a Seminar called "Pollution of the Environment by Plastic Waste", jointly with the Tables of Montero, Jenecherú of Zone Sud. The Oruro Table is working on construction of ecological gardens and talks to students.

We sincerely thank the Directors for all work performed, they are the main strength of this Committee. We invite all the Directors to join us to contribute to a better world.

***Let us leave a footprint, Pan American Sisters!***

**Thank you.**

“ONE FOR ALL. ALL FOR ONE”  
“UNA PARA TODAS Y TODAS PARA UNA”

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