

# Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

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December 2021

## President's Byline



This is my last message as President of PRW. It has been an honor to serve as your president for the last three years. Over the last three years PRW has dealt with challenges and accomplished some great things.

In the last three years our club has grown. We are now approaching 100 members, and have some new members on the board.

During 2019 and 2020, Plano Republican Women dealt with a venue change and a global pandemic professionally and calmly.

Plano Republican Women sent a delegation to the National Federation of Republican Woman's convention and TX Federation of Republican Women's convention in 2019 and 2021. We earned awards from both NFRW and TFRW. In 2020, we had members attend the TX Republican Convention as delegates.

The thing I am most proud of is how our club has helped keep Collin County Red. In 2019 and 2021, we helped Republicans get elected to school boards and city councils. In 2020, we helped to keep our US Senate Seat, Congressional Seat, TX House, TX Senate, and Collin County Courts all Republican.

As I hand the gavel over to your next President, I am confident Plano Republican Women will be in great heads. Cleo has been a wonderful 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and I know she will be a great president.

Lastly, I would like to thank every woman who served on the PRW Board while I was President. I could not have done my job without them.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing everyone at our January meeting as your recent Past President.

*Jennifer Groysman*

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## Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, January 4, 2022  
PRW Board Meeting  
11:30 Napolis—West Plano
- Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
PRW General Meeting  
11:30 Saltgrass - East Plano
- Friday, January 28, 2022  
TFRW 1st Quarter Board Mtg  
Embassy Suites—San Marcos
- Saturday, January 29, 2022  
TFRW Leadership Day  
Embassy Suites—San Marcos

# PRW January Meeting



## PRW Meeting - January 18th, 2022

**Katrina Pierson**

***"A Vision for Republicans Going Forward"***  
***and***  
***"Working with President Trump"***

Katrina Pierson is an experienced crisis communications and public relations consultant who has represented private corporations, non-profit's, political campaigns, and multi-million dollar super PAC's since founding PCG in 2013.

She has appeared regularly on the Fox News Channel, CNN, MSNBC, Newsmax, and across all major news networks. She has been quoted in every national newspaper along with several international outlets including the countries of China, London, Switzerland and Germany. She is a well known social media influencer, public speaker, reality TV personality, political analyst, inventor, and broadcast media contributor.

Katrina campaigned for congress in the 32nd district of Texas, becoming Governor Sarah Palin's first endorsement of the 2014 election cycle.

In 2020, Katrina oversaw the multi-million dollar national coalition program for President Donald J. Trump's reelection campaign which led to historic support of minorities for a Republican presidential candidate since the 1960's.

Ms. Pierson was previously appointed to healthcare and transportation boards by local governments that served Dallas County, she served on the TTPC Advisory Board to the Texas Legislature, and also served on the Texas Lieutenant Governor's Advisory Board for state issues. Ms. Pierson's accomplishments were formally recognized during the 83rd Texas Legislature.

Katrina obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Texas at Dallas. She currently resides in Garland, Texas.

**Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East**

**3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074**

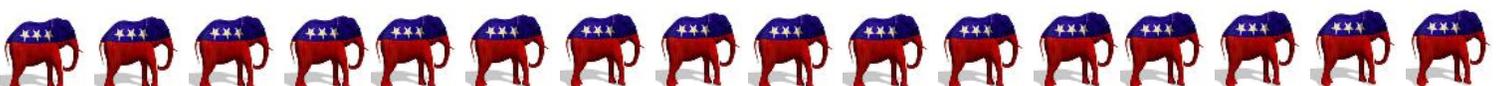
**Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program**

**Lunch is available for \$25.00 with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival  
 RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, January 14, 2022**

RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting  
*We welcome guests and visitors to our General Meeting. Members, please bring a friend!*

To RSVP send an email to: [rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org](mailto:rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org)

Include your name in your email and specify whether you will/will not be having lunch





# Legislative Report

## Legislative Year in Review

As 2021 draws to a close we have the opportunity to look back on the unique challenges we have faced and how we dealt with them. We are so blessed to live in the great state of Texas, Collin County to be exact. Each of our elected representatives for the County, the State and the Nation are conservative Republicans. Their leadership, principals and values have enabled us to weather the storms, literally and figuratively, of 2021 much easier than in other parts of the country.

As our leaders worked to save our businesses, protect our families and ensure the safety of our communities in the midst of a global pandemic, we each benefited by their service. They worked long hours to navigate uncharted paths while offering comfort and encouragement to our friends and neighbors. While being an elected official during a pandemic is not what they imagined when they were elected, each one has stepped up to face the challenges and worked as a team to help our community.

I encourage you to take a look at the records of their accomplishments of the past year. You can see their newsletters, their press releases, their votes and the accomplishments they worked on throughout the year. When you see them next remember how blessed we are to have them working for us and pass along your thanks for their service.

Here are a few of their official websites which document the activities of 2021:

Senator John Cornyn [United States Senator John Cornyn \(senate.gov\)](https://www.senate.gov/legislative/cornyn)

Senator Ted Cruz [Home | Senator Ted Cruz \(senate.gov\)](https://www.senate.gov/legislative/cruz)

Congressman Van Taylor [U.S. Congressman Van Taylor \(house.gov\)](https://www.house.gov/representatives/van-taylor)

Congressman Michael Burgess [U.S. Congressman Michael C. Burgess : 26th District Of Texas \(house.gov\)](https://www.house.gov/representatives/michael-burgess)

Governor Greg Abbott [Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott](https://www.governor.texas.gov/greg-abbott)

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick [Home - Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick \(texas.gov\)](https://www.texas.gov/lieutenant-governor-dan-patrick)

State Senator Angela Paxton [The Texas State Senate – Senator Angela Paxton: District 8](https://www.senate.texas.gov/senators/angela-paxton)

State Representative Candy Noble [Texas House of Representatives : Representative Noble, Candy](https://www.house.texas.gov/representatives/candy-noble)

State Representative Jeff Leach [Texas House of Representatives : Representative Leach, Jeff](https://www.house.texas.gov/representatives/jeff-leach)

State Representative Matt Shaheen [Texas House of Representatives : Representative Shaheen, Matt](https://www.house.texas.gov/representatives/matt-shaheen)

State Representative Scott Sanford [Texas House of Representatives : Representative Sanford, Scott](https://www.house.texas.gov/representatives/scott-sanford)

State Representative Justin Holland [Texas House of Representatives : Representative Holland, Justin](https://www.house.texas.gov/representatives/justin-holland)

County Judge Chris Hill [Commissioners Court \(collincountytx.gov\)](https://www.collincountytx.gov/commissioners-court)

Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner [Collin County Sheriff's Office | McKinney, TX 75071 \(collincountytx.gov\)](https://www.collincountytx.gov/sheriffs-office)

County Commissioner Susan Fletcher [Commissioners Court \(collincountytx.gov\)](https://www.collincountytx.gov/commissioners-court)

County Commissioner Cheryl Williams [Commissioners Court \(collincountytx.gov\)](https://www.collincountytx.gov/commissioners-court)

County Commissioner Daryl Hale [Commissioners Court \(collincountytx.gov\)](https://www.collincountytx.gov/commissioners-court)

County Commissioner Duncan Webb [Commissioners Court \(collincountytx.gov\)](https://www.collincountytx.gov/commissioners-court)

**Thank you to all our Republican Officials who served us throughout 2021!**



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### **Congressman Taylor Reintroduces Dual Credit Innovation Act**

- On November 16, 2021, Representative Taylor and his colleague Representative Jared Golden (ME-02) reintroduced H.R. 5990, the *Dual Credit Innovation Act*. This bill aims to both expand dual credit offerings and create a forum to share innovative best practices between education institutions across the nation.
- Specifically, the Dual Credit Innovation Act will create a “Dual Credit Innovation Award” within the United States Department of Education’s National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. Since its inception in the 1980’s, this program has served to highlight effective practices in successful schools, share best practices between schools, and improve outcomes. The new award created by Congressman Taylor’s legislation will recognize innovative dual credit partnerships between schools or school districts and postsecondary institutions.

### **Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Legislation to Eliminate the Windfall Elimination Provision**

- On November 3, 2021, Representative Taylor joined fellow Texas Congressman Kevin Brady (TX-08) in supporting H.R. 5834, the *Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act of 2021*, legislation that would permanently replace the windfall elimination provision (WEP) with an updated Social Security formula.
- Currently, the *Social Security Act* unfairly reduces Social Security benefits for many Texas public servants such as teachers, firefighters, and police officers through the windfall elimination provision. This bill seeks to replace the WEP with a fair formula that treats public servants like the rest of American workers by guaranteeing they receive their fair share of Social Security that they paid into and earned during their careers.

### **Congressman Taylor Cosponsors Legislation to Prohibit Payments to Illegal Immigrants**

- On November 4, 2021, Representative Taylor joined 172 of his colleagues in supporting H.R. 5854, the *Illegal Immigrant Payoff Prohibition Act*, legislation that would prohibit the payment of a settlement to an illegal immigrant.
- Specifically, the legislation will prevent the Attorney General from making settlement payments to individuals and families who entered the United States illegally. It is a direct response to reports that the Biden Administration is proposing to pay as much as \$450,000 per person or \$1.8 million for a family of four to compensate families that unlawfully entered the United States.
- This proposed amount is more than the \$100,000 Gold Star families receive after their loved one is killed in action.

### **Congressman Taylor Signs Letter to Make Texas a Hub for Semiconductor Production**

- On November 23, 2021, Representative Taylor joined Senator John Cornyn and Representative Michael McCaul in sending a letter to Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo urging her to consider selecting Texas for future sites of the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC) and National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program (NAPMP) which was established in the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act.
- The mission of NSTC and NAPMP is to conduct research and prototyping of advanced semiconductor technology to strengthen the domestic semiconductor supply chain as well as strengthen semiconductor assembly and packaging. These programs will create key ecosystems for investment, jobs, manufacturing, and national security with regard to semiconductors in Texas.

To stay up to date on legislation or to let Congressman Taylor know your thoughts on critical issues, please sign up for Congressman Taylor's e-newsletter at [VanTaylor.house.gov](http://VanTaylor.house.gov) and follow him on social media @RepVanTaylor.

# December PRW Photos





## ‘The Date That Will Live In Infamy’: Remembering Pearl Harbor 80 Years Later

By Virginia Kruta, Dec 7, 2021 DailyWire.com

“Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by the naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan,” then President Franklin Delano Roosevelt put the surprise attack — which left about 2404 American service-members and civilians dead and thrust the United States into war — into words.

Today, as the United States remembers that Sunday morning 80 years ago, the survivors barely number in the dozens. But just one day earlier, all was quiet.

But everything changed as morning dawned on December 7, 1941.

- At 6:10 a.m. local time, the USS Condor sighted a periscope — and within moments, the first wave of Japanese fighters were in the air. They took off from carriers located some 200 miles north of Oahu.
- At 6:45 a.m., sailors aboard the USS Ward fired on a Japanese submarine. Despite the fact that the United States had not yet officially entered the war, those sailors are remembered for firing the first American shots in World War II.
- Eight minutes later, at 6:53 a.m., the USS Ward radioed Navy headquarters to inform them of the engagement, but the decoding process delayed the message.
- At 7:02 a.m., an Oahu-based radar station reported sighting an unidentified aircraft heading toward Hawaii. An Army lieutenant, believing the reported aircraft were American B-17s flying in from California, disregarded the warning at 7:20 a.m..
- By 7:40 a.m., the first wave of Japanese fighter planes — “Zeros” — was flying over Oahu. The command to attack was given at 7:49 a.m.
- At 7:55 a.m., the Japanese planes began their assault.
- At 8:10 a.m., the USS Arizona exploded.
- The USS Helm, a destroyer, intercepted a Japanese submarine at the entrance of the harbor. The Helm fired on the submarine, sinking it by 8:17 a.m.
- A second wave of Japanese fighters arrived at 8:54 a.m., almost exactly after the first attack.

The USS Shaw exploded in dry dock at 9:30 a.m. after taking heavy fire.

By 10:00 a.m. local time, just over two hours after the first Zeros attacked, the Japanese turned around and returned to their carriers.

Two American battleships — the USS Arizona and the USS Oklahoma — were total losses. Target ship USS Utah was also completely destroyed. The Japanese lost 29 of the 353 planes that were involved in the attack.

But the attack ultimately pushed the United States into fighting back, drawing a once-reluctant President Franklin Delano Roosevelt into a two-front war. As Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto wrote in his diary after the attack, “I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve.”

The tide did not turn in the Pacific theater until June of 1942, when intelligence officers and codebreakers — some of whom had originally been musicians aboard ships that were lost at Pearl Harbor — intercepted Japanese communications ahead of the Battle of Midway. Armed with that information, a handful of American pilots were able to hand the undefeated Japanese Navy its first major loss.



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# Constitutional Minute Series

## Defending the Constitution: Limits on Federal Authority

By: Rob Natelson | Published on: May 26, 2021

One of the Constitution's most important features – limits on the central government – has been the target of a propaganda campaign for many decades.

“Progressive” commentators in politics, academia, and the media claim these limits impede creative and effective solutions to social problems. Over the years, they've enlisted many issues to promote their cause:

“We can end poverty only through bold federal initiatives!”

“To save the planet we need more federal regulation!”

“The path to college affordability is for the federal government to pay full tuition!”

“The way to jump-start the economy is through massive federal stimulus spending!”

Other issues on the list have included civil rights, consumer protection, inequality, K-12 education, climate change, racism, and “crumbling infrastructure.” Whatever the malady, the prescription—federal action beyond what the Constitution authorizes—is always the same.

Just for once, I'd like to hear one of the propagandists admit that, in retrospect, *too much* federal intervention made a problem worse. They would have a lot of examples to choose from, but I don't ever expect to hear it.

Unfortunately, the campaign to persuade Americans that the federal government is and should be omnipotent has enjoyed great success. One reason is that public school civics education often misrepresents the Constitution's meaning and the reasons behind that meaning. This essay helps fill the gap by explaining how the Constitution confines federal power and why it does so.

The Constitution limits the federal government in four general ways:

*First:* The Constitution is the legal document by which the American people granted authority to certain public officials, mostly (but not exclusively) federal officials. The Constitution specifically enumerates (lists) all powers granted. The list is long but finite. The items enumerated include, among others, national defense, coining money, creating and operating the post office, building and maintaining post roads (intercity highways), regulating foreign and interstate trade and some activities associated with trade, and control of immigration.

A longstanding legal rule tells us that because the Constitution lists the federal government's powers, any power not on the list is denied.

*Second:* The Constitution specifically prohibits some federal activities. The prohibitions appear mostly, but not entirely, in the first eight amendments of the Bill of Rights. For example, the government is barred from discriminating among religions, restricting freedom of speech, infringing the right to keep and bear arms, or adopting those retroactive measures called *ex post facto* laws. We often refer to prohibitions on government action as creating or recognizing “rights.”

*Third:* The Tenth Amendment reinforces the rule that the only powers granted to the federal government are those the Constitution enumerates.

*Fourth:* The enumeration of exceptions to federal power (“rights”) might suggest that the government has authority over everything outside the exceptions. So the Ninth Amendment rules out any such suggestion. It reinforces the rule that federal powers stop when enumerated powers stop. As one of my law students once remarked, the Ninth Amendment is an exclamation point.

All these constitutional restrictions are anathema to “progressives.” So they alternate frontal attacks on the Constitution with claims that the document doesn't mean what the document clearly says. They also launched the decades-long propaganda campaign to convince us that all power should flow from the center.

But why shouldn't it? Why didn't the Founders establish an omnipotent central authority?

History provides part of the answer. Before 1763, the founding generation lived happily within the British Empire. The empire was governed as an informal federation, leaving individual colonies with a great deal of local control. But when British political functionaries decided to centralize power in London, the founding generation rebelled. Once Independence was achieved, Americans were disinclined to adopt a constitution granting the national government the omnipotence they had denied to the imperial government.

On a broader level, the Founders understood that limits on the federal government, especially when checked by potent states, would help preserve human freedom. In *New York v. United States* (1992) the Supreme Court explained it this way:



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“The Constitution does not protect the sovereignty of States for the benefit of the States or state governments as abstract political entities, or even for the benefit of the public officials governing the States. To the contrary, the Constitution divides authority between federal and state governments for the protection of individuals. State sovereignty is not just an end in itself: ‘Rather, federalism secures to citizens the liberties that derive from the diffusion of sovereign power.’ ... ‘Just as the separation and independence of the coordinate branches of the Federal Government serve to prevent the accumulation of excessive power in anyone branch, a healthy balance of power between the States and the Federal Government will reduce the risk of tyranny and abuse from either front.”

Moreover, the Founders understood that decentralization usually improves governance. A decentralized system allows states to tailor local policies to local preferences, local culture, and local needs. For example, one reason the COVID-19/CCP virus response should be executed at the state and local levels is that health restrictions that make sense in densely populated New York City would be ridiculous in the wide open spaces of Montana or South Dakota.

A final reason for decentralization is much less widely understood: Political decentralization promotes human progress.

Recall some of the greatest moments in the advance of civilization: The awakening of human intellect in ancient Greece. The quickening of trade and culture, rule of law, and rise in living standards in the early Roman Empire. The flowering of arts and commerce in Renaissance Italy and Germany, the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution in England, and the economic and technological take-offs in 19th century Europe and America.

You may have been taught about these events in school, but you almost certainly were *not* taught what they all have in common: They all occurred in environments of political decentralization. Sometimes the decentralization was so extreme that the central authorities (if, indeed, there were any) could not even keep the peace. Yet society leapt ahead anyway.

Decentralization permitted the Aristotles and Galileos to move to neighboring jurisdictions more hospitable to their work. It permitted ethnic and religious groups, such as the Jews and Huguenots, to escape persecution and continue productive lives in relatively tolerant Holland and England. It allowed the Ptolomies, Bacons, and Edisons to carry out scientific and technological research in comparative freedom.

Decentralization also encouraged competition among sovereignties and semi-sovereignties for people and for talent. The most welcoming places were rewarded with the most progress.

Political centralizers call themselves “progressives.” But the name embodies a falsehood. Decentralization, not centralization, is more consistent with rapid human progress.

Americans built modern society in an explosion of progress during the period when the Constitution’s constraints on federal authority were still honored. During that period Americans, along with those living in a politically fragmented Europe, tamed electricity ... developed modern medicine ... and invented the telegraph, telephone, radio, television, railroad, automobile, and airplane. We still depend heavily on basic technology created during the era of decentralization.

Certainly progress has continued since that time, but the rate is slower. If you doubt it, ask yourself this: If two bicycle shop owners tried to invent the airplane in the current regulatory state, how far do you think they would get?

Or weigh the issue from another perspective: Automobiles, then called “road locomotives,” were *invented* over 200 years ago. They were first mass-produced over a century ago. Why are we still driving them instead of using more exotic modes of personal transportation—such as household flying vehicles? Why have so many of the advances predicted by 20th century science authors failed to come true? In 1940, speculative writers thought we’d have colonies on the moon by now. Based on the pace of progress over the preceding 150 years, they had every reason to think so. But under government pressure, progress slows.

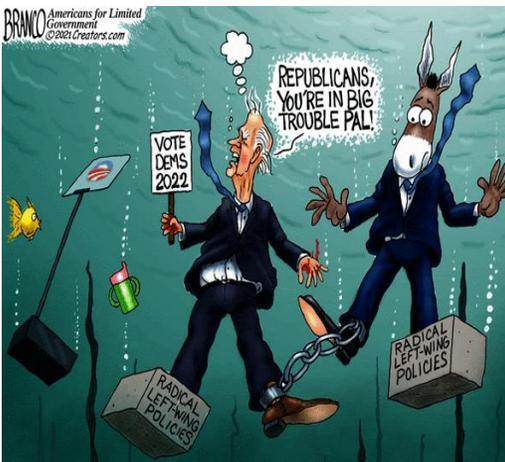
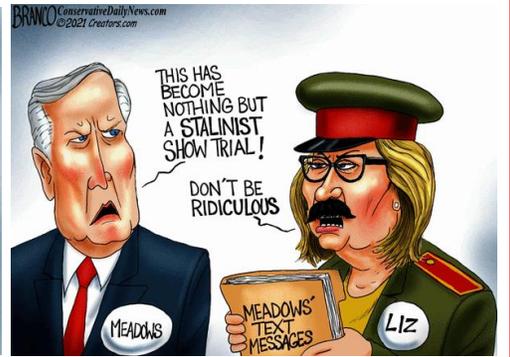
Centralized power, not the Constitution, impedes creative and effective solutions to social problems. The propagandists are wrong. The Founders were right.

**Note:** When I was seeking an image for this essay on Google Images, I entered “states rights” as a search term. What Google produced were images heavily laced with slavery, the Confederacy, and racism—and nothing on the real purposes of federalism. Google’s biased engineering is a part of the propaganda campaign discussed in this essay.

This essay *first appeared* in the May 16, 2021 *Epoch Times*.

**Rob Natelson**—In private life, Rob Natelson is a long-time conservative/free market activist, but professionally he is a constitutional scholar whose meticulous studies of the Constitution’s original meaning have been repeatedly cited in U.S. Supreme Court opinions and published or cited by many top law journals (See: <https://fi2i.org/author/rob/>) He co-authored *The Origins of the Necessary and Proper Clause* (Cambridge University Press) and *The Original Constitution* (Tenth Amendment Center). He was a law professor for 25 years and taught constitutional law and related courses. He is the Senior Fellow in Constitutional Jurisprudence at Colorado’s Independence Institute.

# Political Cartoons



# What if Democrats Had Full Control of America?

By: Frank Aquila

Democrats have provided a glimpse of what America would look like if they had full control and could implement every policy and law they wanted. No longer would America be run by "We the people" but instead controlled by the government elites.

"Smash and grab" will be part of life so get used to it. Small businesses will not be able to survive and shut down or closed from government regulations and taxes. Rioters and looters (ANTIFA) will be free to roam and terrorize the streets without penalty. The prisons will be emptied as Congresswoman Tlaib recently admitted there are no examples of any criminal, no matter how violent or how dangerous, who ought to remain in prison; using the Breath Act to release child sex offenders and human traffickers. Americans will defend themselves with whatever they can after the police are defunded and the firearms are confiscated.

Pedophiles will be allowed to prey on children since they are only Minor Attracted Persons. NAMBLA, the North American Man Boy Love Association, president Harry Hay's dream to end all "age of consent laws" he advocated for while walking beside Nancy Pelosi at the gay-pride parade. The school library will have pornographic books like "Gender Queer" showing images of a boy with a man. Children will be gender confused and be told to be whatever 64 sexual identities they wish to be. Children will come together in one bathroom or locker room, respecting those who want group showers among those 64 sexual identities.

Children will be told they were born evil if they are white and the only way to get rid of their whiteness is to denounce their race otherwise you are racist and need to be placed into reeducation camps of Critical Race Theory. If you say, "All Lives Matter" you will be considered racist. All white people would be considered evil, especially those who are rich unless, of course you are a rich, white Democrat. Black or other minorities who are conservative must also be cancelled since they are a "black mouth" for "white supremacy practices". Anything with a history of racism will be cancelled, except the Democrat party.

Only the ideology of the Democrat party matters and anyone expressing a different view or demanding change at a school board meeting, will be labeled as a "domestic terrorist" with the DOJ and FBI breaking down their door along with the IRS being targeting conservatives financially.

All the voting will be federalized by Democrats to maintain full control. There will be no voter identification laws. Ballots will be sent to all voters – illegal, dead, or not verified – to assure all votes are counted. If they suspect the opposing people may vote against them, they will stop the counting until they bring in the emergency ballots to assure their victory. All computer hard drives and pass codes will disappear or be deleted. The border will be open for all to come and vote for the government to take care of them. Anyone who questions the legitimacy of an election will be considered a conspiracy theorist.

There will be vaccine mandates on every adult, child, and toddlers, except those who make the laws or those who come here illegally. They will instead be given \$450,000 each. Anyone who refuses a vaccine will lose their job and not allow their children to go to school. The unvaccinated will be placed into mandatory quarantine. Churches will be closed with only the strip joints being allowed to stay open. Other churches that preach or teach the Bible and doctrine against homosexuality or that abortion is wrong will lose their tax exemption or be labeled as haters and sent to reeducation camps. Christianity will be considered a discriminatory religion. Conform to the government demands or face execution.

Holidays like Columbus Day, Thanksgiving must be "decolonialized" and removed. Christmas must be removed since it is a Christian holiday and replaced with St. Nicolas Day. The Ten Commandments, nativity scenes, and any reference of God must be banned causing the removal of "In God We Trust" from our currency.

All statues of the founding fathers will be removed and replaced with iconic criminals

There will be no more gas powered mowers or cars. Everyone must drive an electric car and every mile you drive will be taxed. Anything with gas will be banned and gas will only be available for those rich, white Democrats' private jets.

Americans will be forced to walk the streets sidestepping the needles, syringes, and human feces while all Americans live poor with no middle class, only receiving what the Democrats allow you to have.

While the Democrats today have only a slim majority, much of these policies have already been enacted. If they ever get full government control, God help us as this will be only the tip of the iceberg of what they will do.

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# December PRW Photos



# Defund Dem Gets Mugged by Reality — Literally

Douglas Andrews, The Patriot Post, December 23, 2021

*Not even congressional Democrats are safe from their own soft-on-crime policies.*



First things first: We're relieved that Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon wasn't physically harmed during her ordeal yesterday. And it was an ordeal. Being carjacked at gunpoint in South Philly is a deadly serious experience — much more so than, say, having a bunch of angry old white dudes with Trump flags and MAGA hats milling around in your office building.

"Wednesday afternoon, at around 2:45 p.m.," according to a statement from her office, "Congresswoman Scanlon was carjacked at gunpoint in FDR Park following a meeting at that location. The Congresswoman was physically unharmed. She thanks the Philadelphia Police Department for their swift response, and appreciates the efforts of both the Sergeant at Arms in D.C. and her local police department for coordinating with Philly PD to ensure her continued safety."

It was a rude welcome home for Scanlon, whose Fifth Congressional District includes part of South Philly. As Fox News reports: "Police say Scanlon was approached by two Black males, aged approximately 20-30, as she walked to her vehicle before they demanded she hand them the keys. Scanlon handed over the keys to her blue 2017 Acura MDX and one of the suspects drove away in it while the other drove away in a dark-colored SUV."

Scanlon isn't just any schlub, though, so police moved quickly. Last night, five suspects were taken into custody in neighboring Delaware after state cops found them traveling in Scanlon's vehicle. It's not yet known whether any of the five were directly involved in the carjacking, but it'll be one costly joy ride.

Then again, it might *not* be too costly. Not if Philly District Attorney Larry Krasner has anything to say about it. Krasner is notoriously soft on crime — even for a leftist. And he's in denial. "We don't have a crisis of lawlessness, we don't have a crisis of crime, we don't have a crisis of violence," he recently said.

*Oh no?* In 2021, Philly has seen at least an 80% increase in carjackings over its 2020 total. But those are just carjackings. Murders? "Philadelphia has seen a record 544 homicides so far this year, up from 347 in the entirety of 2019," the Wall Street Journal editorial board writes. Much of this is attributable to the self-inflicted genocide of black-on-black crime. As the editors continue, "Police have recorded some 1,785 nonfatal shootings this year. More than 84% of the victims of the gun violence in 2021 were black." Thanks a lot, Larry.

Krasner, though, might just throw the book at these thugs — you know, for appearances. Like we said, Scanlon is a very important person.

Those who think this was a rarity, a one-off, had better think twice. As Fox News reports: "Scanlon was not the first prominent Democratic official to be carjacked in a crime-ridden city in the last 24 hours. On Tuesday night, Illinois' Democratic state Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford and her husband were carjacked in Broadview, Illinois, in the Chicago area, where crime has been surging. ... Both Scanlon and Lightford have been staunch supporters of police reforms in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May 2020."

In the wake of the George Floyd killing, Scanlon wasn't the only Democrat to demagogue the cops, but her harsh words are worth revisiting: "We have seen too many lives taken and communities devastated by police brutality and racial profiling. Action is long overdue. House Democrats are fighting for REAL reform in our country's police departments."

In February, Scanlon became one of the original cosponsors of the Mental Health Justice Act, which seeks to pair cops with "mental health specialists" as first responders. As reported in The Hill, "Congress wants to make it easier for state and local governments to defund the police by instead funding mental health services and empowering them to respond to emergency calls instead of armed officers."

So Scanlon is a Defund Democrat — at least in deed if not in words. Talk about getting mugged by reality.

FDR Park, where the carjacking took place, is, according to its website, "South Philadelphia's largest park and one of its most important public institutions, reflecting the remarkable racial, cultural, and economic diversity of South Philadelphia."

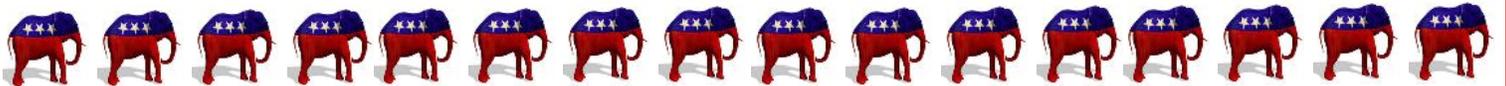
It might well be all of those things. But thanks to a hard-left district attorney and the soft-on-crime policies of today's Democrat Party, it's also a dangerous place — even for a U.S. congresswoman.

# PRW News



The 2022-2023 officers elected at the November meeting and sworn in at the December Christmas party:

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## Initial Announcement for PRW's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Planning has begun!

We are now actively planning our 60's Style 60th Anniversary Celebration on **Saturday May 7, 2022** so please mark your calendar.

Plano Republican women was founded in July 1962 and is the longest continuously serving organization in Plano.

Let's celebrate all the great ladies who kept our club running for an amazing 60 years. This is strictly a social event to commemorate the club's anniversary. There will be no political program.

Invitations and additional details to follow in the coming months.

Debby Arrant  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP, PRW  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chair

## Political Action Hours

Remember to submit your Political Action Hours. You can submit them on our website. <http://www.planorepublicanwomen.org/>

The following policy details which activities can be included in your volunteer hours:

All non-paid campaign activities benefiting our Republican Party, candidates, and/or the Federation.

Campaign work done within or outside the home, including mailings, phone calls, computer work, and social media postings or blogging.

Work at and/or for a special campaign event - but NOT if you attend as a paid guest OR if you are compensated for the event.

Attendance at (and travel portal to portal) State or National Federation Board of Directors Meetings and Conventions - as well as time spent in preparation for Federation meetings if you serve on a committee.

Time in session at (and travel portal to portal) municipality, precinct/ward, county, district, or state party conventions.

Time in session at (and travel portal to portal) RNC conventions.

Time spent as a county, state, or national party committee member or as a temporary member, i.e. Rules Committee, Resolutions Committee, etc.

Campaign work at club meetings, i.e. getting petitions signed, doing mailings. DO NOT COUNT TIME SPENT IN REGULAR BUSINESS AT CLUB MEETINGS.

Traveling from event to event - but NOT for personal stops en route.

Volunteering at any municipality, county, state or Federation headquarters.

Volunteering for a Republican candidate for a non-partisan office, e.g. school board elections.

Working as a poll watcher on Election Day - but NOT if you are paid.

Involvement in a Campaign Management School, i.e. training to be a faculty member, teaching and organizing a campaign school.

Working on Election Day as an Election Judge or Election Clerk - but only if you turn the money you are paid over to your county party or your local FRW club.

Presenting campaign programs or speeches at local civic organizations – but NOT if paid.

Appearing on local media for the GOP cause.

Running for office - all time spent campaigning.

Time spent registering voters.

Hours spent as editor of a club newsletter or state newsletter and hours spent as club yearbook chairman.

The time of Associate members (women) volunteering for the Federation or individual clubs, or GOP, i.e. working at the HQ of the Party or a candidate, putting up signs, etc. can only be counted by ONE individual club, the primary club of the member. The time of Associate members (men) volunteering can be counted in the primary club of his spouse or friend who is the member of that club.

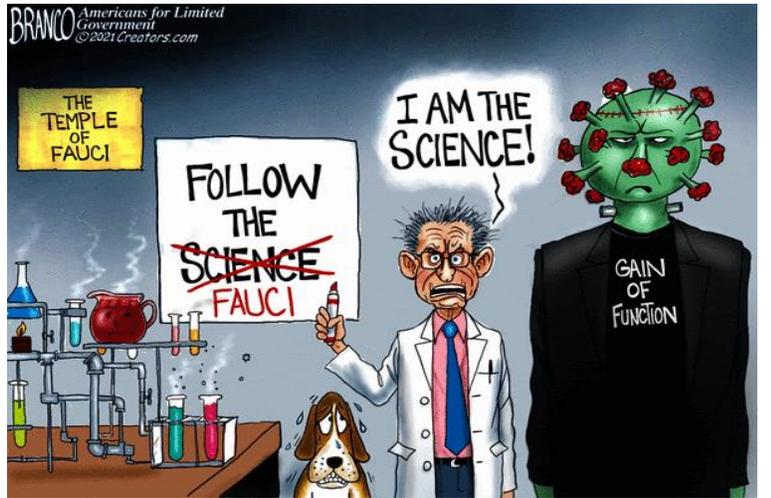
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## THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE



When Someone Tells You Gas Prices Went From \$1.86 To \$3.24 In 10 Months Because The Economy Is Doing Better



We are living in a generation that would unplug your life support, just to charge their cellphone. lol



Race matters only to racists. The rest of us care about character.

# We Won't Be Silent

Commentary by Catherine Gibb

*Commentary by Catherine Gibb: In this the month that Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, it seemed appropriate to include the article below in light of what has been going on in our nation for some time but has reached a dangerous point in 2020 and 2021. I hope you will take the time to read it and pass it along to friends and family. As it is rather long, we will finish this article taken directly from The Founders Bible and complete it in January.*

## We Won't Be Silent

As Psalm 2:1-4 observed three millennia ago:

*Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed...He Who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them.*

It has happened in the past in regard to national Israel, and yet this passage also speaks prophetically about a time future when this will be true of Jesus Christ. It's hard to imagine that at some point all the nations of the world will knowingly be aligned together against God; the heathen will rage! It seems unthinkable, and yet a simple cursory review of some of today's intolerance for public Christian expressions makes you wonder if the stage isn't being set in measure for that very thing:

*A state employee in Minnesota was barred from parking his car in the state parking lot because he had a religious sticker on his bumper.1*

*A kindergarten student in Saratoga Springs, New York, was forbidden to say a prayer over her lunch and was scolded by a teacher for doing so.2*

*A military honor guardsman was removed from his position for saying "God bless you and this family, and God bless the United States of America" while presenting a folded flag to a family during a military funeral—a statement the family requested to be made at the funeral.3*

*Senior citizens meeting at a community senior center in Balch Springs, Texas, were prohibited from praying over their own meals.4*

*A library employee in Russellville, Kentucky, was barred from wearing her necklace because it had a small cross on it.5*

*College students serving as residential assistants in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, were prohibited from holding Bible studies in their own private dorm rooms.6*

*A third-grader in Orono, Maine, who wore a T-shirt containing the words "Jesus Christ" was required to turn the shirt inside out so the words could not be seen.7*

*A school official in St. Louis, Missouri, caught an elementary student praying over his lunch; he lifted the student from his seat, reprimanded him in front of the other students, and took him to the principal, who ordered him to stop praying.8*

*In Memphis, Tennessee, a library offered shelves for displaying community advertising and announcements. When a local church placed a notification of its upcoming Christmas program and a small nativity scene on the shelf, the library required the removal of Joseph, Mary, Jesus and the wise men from the scene, leaving only the farm animals.9*

The enforced exclusion of Christian faith from the public square in America is now so aggressive that:

*In Orange County, California, a pastor was arrested for quietly playing Christian music at his picnic table in a public park.10*

*Two Gideons were arrested in Florida for standing on a sidewalk and giving away Bibles to those who wanted them.11*

*Four Christian evangelists at a public festival near Detroit were arrested for answering questions they had been asked about their own Christian faith.12*

*A Christian father was arrested in Lexington, Massachusetts, for objecting to the public school teaching his kindergarten son about homosexuality and gay marriage.13*

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*A sixty-seven-year-old man in Georgia was arrested for passing out Christian tracts on a public street.14*

*In Philadelphia, eleven Christians were arrested for holding up signs with Bible verses during a "Gay Pride" parade down the city's streets.15*

*In Wichita, Kansas, a pastor was arrested for standing on a public sidewalk and giving out Gospel tracts and the Gospel of John.16*

*In Hemet, California, a Christian pastor was arrested for reading a Bible out loud on a public sidewalk.17*

*In Sacramento, California, a Christian youth pastor was arrested after he struck up a casual conversation about faith with fellow shoppers at a mall.18*

This modern hostility toward Christianity in America is unprecedented, but the general conflict is not new. Throughout history, those who hate God have joined forces with one another to oppose God, His Son and His people. The worldview conflict between the two sides is ancient, but the question of which side will succeed at any given time here on earth is determined by the people: if they preserve a love for God and His things, the secular anti-God forces will not prevail; but if those who love God become apathetic, lethargic, and uninvolved, the opposing forces will triumph—which is what is occurring in America today.

Significantly, polling repeatedly affirms that public approval for religious expressions such as a prayer at school events or political gatherings, displays of the Ten Commandments or other religious documents, preservation of the National Motto and "under God" in the Pledge, teaching creation in public schools, etc. is consistently at seventy percent or above. Yet in each of the areas, the secularists and God-haters are prevailing in public policy. This is not because they are greater in numbers, but rather because the seventy percent sits by, shakes its head, and does nothing, while the opposition remains active. As Jesus pointed out in Matthew 13:25, when good men go to sleep, the enemy comes in and wreaks havoc.

The current worldview battle for the cultural soul of American is certainly not new; even during the Founding Era, individuals such as Thomas Paine were vocal in expressing the hostility toward Christianity that has now become commonplace. The difference is that when it occurred two centuries ago, the people rose up to ensure that Paine's sentiments remained the exception rather than the rule. In fact, the public reaction to Paine's attack against religion in general and Christianity in particular is instructive.

For example, when Paine sent a copy of his views on religion to Benjamin Franklin to solicit his thoughts, Franklin's response was forceful:

*I will not enter into any discussion of your principles, though you seem to desire it. At present I shall only give you my opinion that...the consequence of printing this piece will be a great deal of odium [hate] drawn upon yourself, mischief to you, and no benefit to others. He that spits into the wind, spits in his own face. But were you to succeed, do you imagine any good would be done by it? ... Think how great a portion of mankind ... have need of the motives of religion to restrain them from vice—to support their virtue ... I would advise you, therefore, not to attempt unchaining the tiger, but to burn this piece before it is seen by any other person."*<sup>19</sup>

Paine ignored Franklin's counsel and went ahead and published his book *The Age of Reason*. He was promptly and resoundingly condemned by prominent Founders, including Samuel Adams, who wrote Paine a stiff rebuke, telling him:

*When I heard you had turned your mind to a defense of infidelity, I felt myself much astonished, and more grieved that you had attempted a measure so injurious to the feelings and so repugnant to the true interest of so great a part of the citizens of the United States. The people of New England, if you will allow me to use a Scripture phrase, are fast returning to their "first love" [Revelation 2:4]. ... Do you think that your pen---or the pen of any other man---can unChristianize the mass of our citizens? Or have you hopes of converting a few of them to assist you in so bad a cause*

John Adams similarly denounced Paine, declaring:

*The Christian religion is, above all the religions that ever prevailed or existed in ancient or modern times, the religion of wisdom, virtue, equity and humanity, let the blackguard [scoundrel, rogue] Paine say what he will.*<sup>21</sup>

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When Constitutional signer, revolutionary general, and U. S. Supreme Court Justice William Paterson learned that some Americans seemed to agree with Paine's work, he thundered:

*Infatuated Americans! Why renounce your country, your religion, and your God? Oh shame, where is thy blush? Is this the way to continue independent and to render the 4<sup>th</sup> of July immortal in memory and in song? 22*

Declaration signer Benjamin Rush called Paine's work "absurd and impious";<sup>23</sup> Declaration Signer Charles Carroll described it as "blasphemous writings against the Christian religion";<sup>24</sup> John Witherspoon announced that Paine was "ignorant of human nature as well as an enemy to the Christian faith";<sup>25</sup> John Quincy Adams declared that "Mr. Paine has departed altogether from the principles of the Revolution";<sup>26</sup> and Elias Boudinot, president of Congress published the *Age of Revelation*—a full-length theological rebuttal of Paine's work.<sup>27</sup> Patrick Henry also wrote a refutation of what he described as "the puny efforts of Paine,"<sup>28</sup> but after reading Bishop Richard Watson's *Apology for the Bible* specifically written against Paine, Henry deemed that work sufficient and decided not to publish his reply.<sup>29</sup>

Many similar examples could be cited, but these are sufficient to show that Paine's antireligious views were strongly rejected and loudly denounced by Americans. In fact, the public opposition to Paine was so vehement that he spent his last days in New York as "an outcast" in "social ostracism," eventually being buried in a cow pasture because no American cemetery would accept his remains. 30

So how did America move to an opposite position in just two centuries? The answer is found in the Bible axiom that "a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough" (1 Corinthians 5:6; Galatians 5:9)—that is, if diligence is not practiced, little things ignored can grow into big problems. As the decades passed after the Founding Era, the strong public denunciation of the type of anti-God sentiments expressed by Paine gradually began to lessen, thus encouraging the rise of a well-organized secularist movement in America.

On the centennial anniversary of the Declaration—July 4, 1876—the National Liberal League announced its birth. In 1877, it set forth its initial objectives.<sup>32</sup> and the following year published its public policy positions in a piece it called "The Demands of Liberalism":

We demand that churches and other ecclesiastical property shall no longer be exempt from just taxation.

We demand that the employment of chaplains in Congress, in state legislatures, in the Navy and militia, and in prisons, asylums, and all other institutions supported by public money, shall be discontinued.

We demand that all public appropriations for educational and charitable institutions of a sectarian[religious] character shall cease.

We demand that all religious services now sustained by the government shall be abolished; and especially that the use of a Bible in the public schools, whether ostensibly as a textbook or avowedly as a book of religious worship, shall be prohibited.

We demand that the appointment, by the president of the United States or by the governors of the various states, of all religious festivals and fasts shall wholly cease.

We demand that the judicial oath ["So Help Me God!"] in the courts and in all other departments of the government shall be abolished....

We demand that all laws directly or indirectly enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath shall be repealed.

We demand that all laws looking to the enforcement of "Christian" morality shall be abrogated [repealed]...

We demand that no only in the Constitution of the United States and of the several states but also in the practical administration of the same...that our entire political system shall be founded and administered on a purely secular basis...<sup>33</sup>

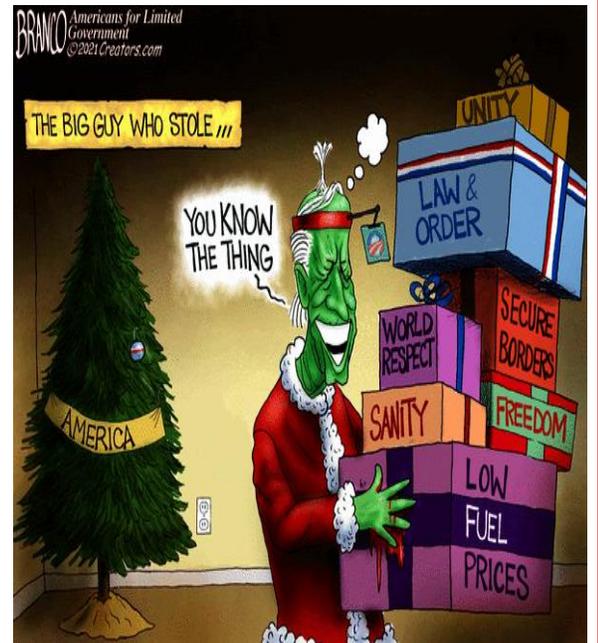
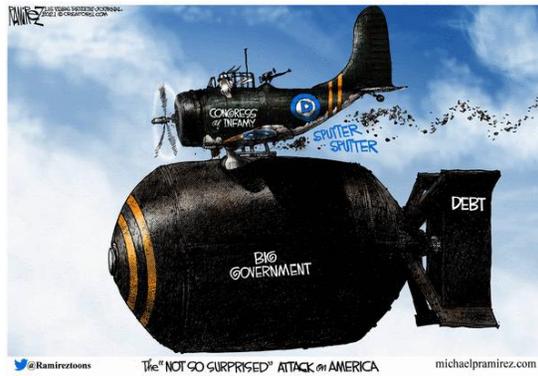
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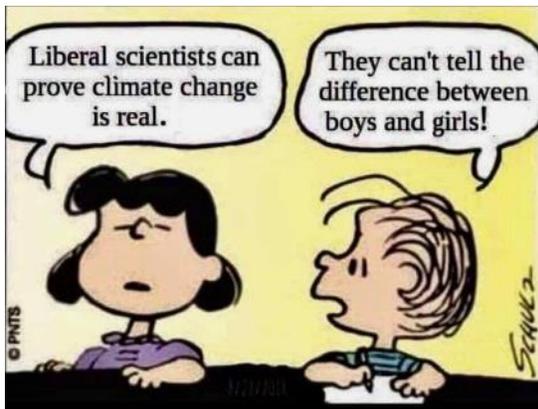
Why don't the 99% of us who aren't offended by everything quit catering to the 1% who are



Being white doesn't make you a racist and being black doesn't make you a slave being an idiot however comes in both colors



Maybe I was raised wrong, but I was taught if you wanted something you worked for it.



# GOP Elected Official Guest Column

Chairman's Update

Collin County Republican Party

Attention Collin County Republican Activists!

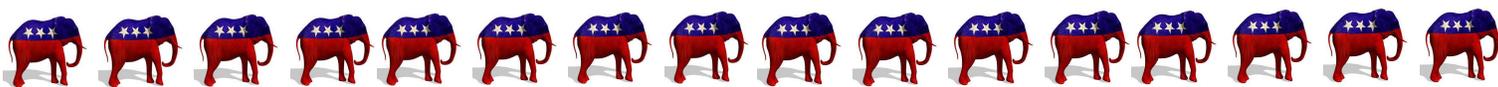
If you live in Collin County and would like to serve on one of the Standing Committees for the upcoming Senate District 2, Senate District 8, or Senate District 30 Conventions (Conventions to be held on Saturday, March 26th, 2022), then please email your Convention Chairman for your Senate District:

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There are five SD-8 Standing Committees to choose from - this is generally a first come first serve opportunity, and each person is limited to serving on one committee:

- **Rules Committee**
- **Platform/Resolutions Committee**
- **Nominations Committee**
- **Credentials Committee**
- **Permanent Organizations Committee**

Have questions? Email your questions to the Convention Chairman at the appropriate email address above.



## Collin GOP HQ Sets Holiday Schedule

The offices of the Collin County Republican Party will close on Friday, December 17th at 4:00 PM, and will reopen on Monday, December 27th at 10:00 AM.

If you need to contact us during this time, please do so via w-mail at [info@collincountygop.org](mailto:info@collincountygop.org).

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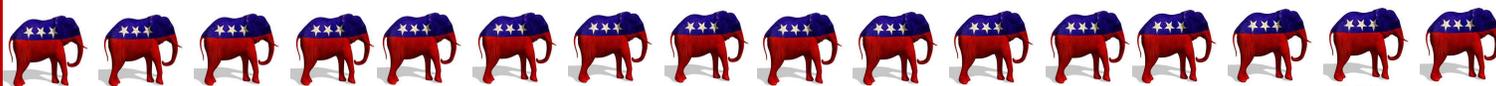
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## Membership Update



We have started to collect membership dues for 2022.

We hope everyone will rejoin in 2022 and bring a friend too. Members have until February 1, 2022 to renew. It would be wonderful for us to reach 100 members in 2022. You can print, fill out, and mail the membership form in this newsletter with your check to the address on the form.

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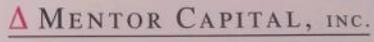
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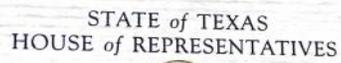
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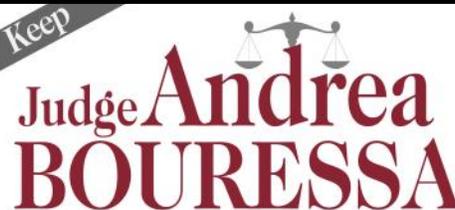
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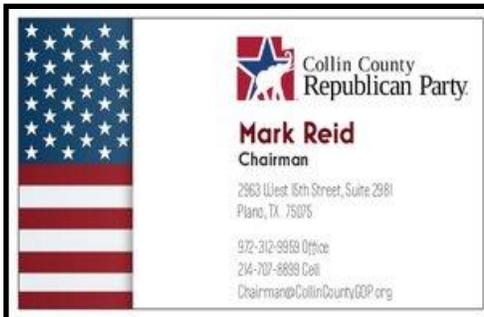
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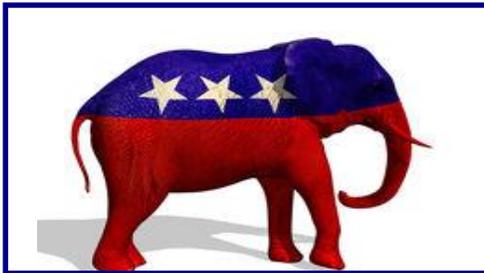
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