

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

January 2017

President's Byline : Celebrating a New Year



Celebrating a new year, a new President, Donald Trump is a joyous occasion. We have much to rejoice over.

I'm am very humbled to being the president of Plano Republican Women. We stand for Liberty in the law. It's an exciting time to be alive. We can be part of making America Great Again. I am very thankful to all thoes who have offered help and lent support.

We look forward to the debates for the city councilmen and the school board because it's a great way to see and hear the candidates. Please bring your friends and neighbors. We are looking forward to a visit to the George W. Bush Presidential Library in June.

Let your voice be heard and stand up and work for our honored values for faith, family and freedom. Let us build on the foundation of our Judeo Christian Heritage. May we turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart and serve him diligently. It's a great honor to serve you.

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January Plano Republican Women Meeting



**Next PRW Meeting:
Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

**Speaker - Wade Miller
Senior Regional Coordinator for Heritage Action**

Wade Miller served in the United States Marine Corps and is an infantry combat veteran with multiple deployments including Iraq and the Horn of Africa. After completing his military service, Wade enrolled at The University of Texas at Dallas and majored in Political Science. While attending university, Wade served as a Bill Archer Fellow and as an intern for the President of The Heritage Foundation, Dr. Edwin J. Feulner. After completing his Heritage Foundation internship, Wade went on to the American Enterprise Institute Summer Institute. For the past 4 years, Wade has been a Senior Regional Coordinator for Heritage Action.

Location: [Reflections on Spring Creek,](#)
1901 East Spring Creek Parkway

Time: 11:15 am: Check-in
11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

PRW membership is not required to attend our meeting Lunch at the meeting is available with RSVP for \$20 in cash or check payable to PRW
Caring for America: Add a contribution to your lunch ticket to benefit [Patriot Paws](#)



I feel the Preamble to the Consitution is worth reviewing as is stated in "The Making of America" by W. Cleon Skousen: pages 230 and 231

"Gouverneur Morris was quite certain that very few people would bother to read the text of the Constitution, and so he wanted to set forth in the preamble the six magnificent objectives which the Founders intended this form of government would attain. It turned out that this was the first time that these six criteria for sound government had ever been recorded. Political scientists have since admired the insight of Morris in listing these six goals. They feel he incorporated everything important which should have been included and listed nothing superfluous which should have been left out. This turned out to be a first-class sales piece... Morris wrote an inspired Preamble ...with the poetic power of the full text:

Let Freedom Ring.

The inscription on the Liberty Bell recalls Israel's system of People's Law: "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all inhabitants thereof."

Leviticus 25:10

**We, the people Of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union,
Establish justice, Insure domestic tranquility,
Provide for the common defense, Promote the general welfare,
And secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity,
Do ordain and establish this Constitution For the United States of America.**

“Remember, Honor, Teach”

By: Karin Stedman

Veteran. What do you think about and picture when you hear this word? Do you think about the military, their sacrifice, or a family member? Last month, I had a wonderful experience that made me reflect on what it means to me.

As a new member of PRW, I was introduced to “Wreaths Across America,” at our November meeting, where flyers for the event were handed out. At first I thought, “December is already such a busy month, how will I fit one more thing in between Christmas shopping, decorating, baking, and family time?” But when I looked at the literature, three words jumped out at me and grabbed my attention—remember, honor, and teach. These are the words that led me to my experience.

Wreaths Across America was begun by Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine. When he was 12 years old, he won an unforgettable trip to Washington D.C., and Arlington National Cemetery made a huge impression on him. So, when in 1992, his company found itself with a surplus of wreaths, he arranged to have them donated to an older section of Arlington which didn’t have many visitors. Many individuals and organizations stepped up to help with the effort, from trucking to bow-tiers to volunteers, to laying the wreaths.

It became an annual tribute, although a quiet one, until 2005, a photo taken at Arlington circulated around the internet. It received national attention and thousands of people from around the country requested a way to help further this great cause, wanting to emulate it locally, and to thank Morrill for honoring our fallen heroes.

What started as a grass-roots effort to remember those willing to serve our country and make the ultimate sacrifice, has become a national phenomenon. Each year, like-minded people, companies, and industry donors, want to be a part of honoring our veterans, at both Arlington and at over 1,100 communities across our country.

The wreath-laying is held annually, on the second or third Saturday of December, with ceremonies at sea, and at each of the national cemeteries on foreign soil. Wreaths Across America also has programs throughout the year, including the “Thanks a Million” campaign, which sends cards to veterans all over the country to give them a simple “thank you” for their service. “Remembrance Trees” are also dedicated to our lost servicemen and women, connecting with their families and friends, to keep their memories alive all year long. The organization also offers many learning tools and opportunities for our youth to participate in events to teach them about our freedom and those who protect it. They also work to create opportunities to connect “the Greatest Generation” with the “Generation of Hope,” passing on inspirational stories from World War II veterans to the leaders of the future.

I was very enthusiastic to attend the ceremony, after learning about its founding and history. As a history buff and genealogist, I was anxious to participate in something meaningful, to celebrate the lives and sacrifices of our country’s finest, including my own ancestors. Just as important, was to offer it as a learning experience for my 11-year-old son. My husband, John, is a Navy veteran, and our middle son is currently serving in the Navy. I asked my husband what he thought about the event and he said, “I enjoyed participating, because, as a veteran, I appreciate the respectful observance of those who have served. It teaches our youth about the importance of God and country, above self. I was pleased to see the number of people participating, young and old.”

Tyler, our youngest son, is learning about the military from both his father and brother. We want him to grow up being a part of honoring and remembering those who have died while he learns about those who continue to serve. When asked, Tyler said, “I liked the guy who played “Taps” because I play the trumpet, too. I liked reading the names of the servicemen and the years on the graves. I hope that someone puts a wreath on for me after I die.” His comments make me certain that participating in this type of community service and educating our children about patriotism can’t begin too early!

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“Remember, Honor, Teach”

By: Karin Stedman

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We attended the ceremony, closest to our home, at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. Pecan Grove Cemetery sits at the corner of State Highway 5 and Industrial Boulevard and was founded on part of the 57-acre land grant made by the Republic of Texas in 1845. The event began with a moment of silence, presentation of the colors, and the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by honored Veterans laying of the ceremonial wreaths, representing each branch of service. The young cadet who spoke throughout was very eloquent, and told the group they we were joining a nationwide day of remembrance. It made me feel very proud to be participating and of my community, with such a large turnout of families representing McKinney and Collin County. Then the attendees each took wreaths and scattered throughout the cemetery, laying them on the graves, while reciting their names in remembrance.

It made me reflect at how each day can be an opportunity to show our respect in honoring those who serve, while bringing together different generations of Americans. This same experience must've followed Morrill Worcester throughout his life and successful career. It surely reminded him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In closing, I'd like you to consider doing two things. First, the next time you see or hear a Veteran mentioned, try and share in Morrill's experience. Think of your own good fortune, along with thanks for our incredible nation, it's values, our men and women's sacrifices, and how lucky we all are to live in the greatest nation in the world. Second, participate in a Wreaths Across America event, ceremony or educational opportunity this year, by sponsoring a wreath at a cemetery near you, volunteering at the December event or donating to a local Veteran's group.

Oh, and don't forget to thank a serviceman or veteran each and every time you meet one and truly participate in the mission—to remember our veterans, honor their service, and teach our children --the ultimate mission of remembrance and appreciation.

By: Karin Elizabeth,
American Heritage board member for PRW)



JANUARY 20, 2017 & THE DAY AFTER

By: Catherine Gibb

I, along with millions of other very happy supporters of President Donald J. Trump watched with pride and anticipation as he was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States. To those of us who feel that the country has been going the wrong direction, it was a day to celebrate because we believe Donald Trump when he says he loves this country and wants the best for its citizens – all of its citizens. I watched for another reason. I didn't want a bunch of other people interpreting what happened and what was said. I am confident that I am capable of doing that without the help of the press these days since their bias is always showing. And I really love that President Trump speaks out when he feels the press has reported unfairly. For too long Republicans have just taken "it on the chin" and done nothing to counteract the misrepresentation and outright lies that the media spouts on a daily basis". It's nice to see a Republican President call them out on their bias and dishonesty.

So do you think that the left could just show some class and recognize that Donald Trump was elected "fair and square" and let it go? Ever since the election, they've been whining that Russia caused their precious Hillary to lose. The interesting thing is that no one has claimed that the information WikiLeaks provided about the Democrat Party and Hillary wasn't true. And their other big "whine" is about the Electoral College where Trump TROUNCED Hillary: not fair, she won the popular vote so she should be the President. If you analyze the election, you will realize that it was California who gave Hillary the popular vote. The Founding Fathers knew what they were doing when they came up with the Electoral College. Do you really want states with the largest populations to decide who will be president? If that was the case, no candidate would ever set foot in the more rural states and those people would effectively have no real voice in electing our President. Because our schools and universities do not teach the history of the founding of this country anymore, so many in our country have no clue about the Constitution, the true history of this country, or the Founders reason for having the Electoral College in the first place. And so now we move to Saturday's Women's March and you could see firsthand ignorance and hatred on full display.

I miss the days when people could disagree but be civil about it. I miss the days when "cussing" in public was very much frowned upon and those who did it were not respected. Many good things have come from marches and people taking stands for civil rights and injustices. The spectacle in Washington D.C. on Saturday, January 21, 2017 did not in any way remind me of the civil rights marches of the sixties. While those were not always peaceful, it wasn't the marchers who broke the peace. And when the American people saw what was happening, it galvanized the civil rights movement. Many people who had been content to sit on the side lines came out in support of civil rights and some of them lost their lives. On Sunday, thousands of women, many in little pink hats (supposedly representing that word that these women were so offended by when Donald Trump said it), some dressed as female body parts, some with their children and some men dressed in negligees (not sure what that was supposed to be) marched for a variety of reasons. They left trash all over the place and many of those who spoke used language that would have "made a sailor blush" (no offense meant the fine men and women of the United States Navy). It is a sad day to me, when I can honestly say that women really have surpassed men in vulgarity. I can't believe these women had the gall to be offended by Donald Trump's treatment of women and yet were just fine and dandy with Bill Clinton whose sexual exploits are indeed legendary.

Go back and look at films of the civil rights marches (and remember that black Americans really were being denied their civil rights). These men and women, both black and white were dressed respectfully, walked with dignity and spoke eloquently. Not so much at this march...And while freedom of speech gives you right to say what's on your mind, some things are infinitely better left unsaid and with all things, there are consequences. Madonna opined that she had done a lot of thinking about blowing up the White House. Now if you or I had said that in such a public forum, I would suspect we would be visited by the Secret Service. In my book, she should have had a visit, but celebrities in this country too often get a pass for any and all bad behavior. And as for Ashley Judd, well, "Miss Nasty Woman", you certainly don't speak for me or millions of other women in this country. Your tirade showed us several things about you (none of them particularly inspiring): you have no moral compass, no principles and no class. When you have to trash talk and curse to express yourself, you have a serious problem. I can't imagine that your mother is particularly proud of you right now. I am still trying to figure out what the real purpose of this march was. As far as I can tell, these women's rights are fully intact: they can vote, they can still kill their unborn children (this seems to be the main focus that most of them were concerned about), they are not forced to marry when they are still children, they are not stoned to death if they commit adultery, they can drive, work and do pretty much what they please within the bounds of reason. One thing this group doesn't seem to be able to do: have a civil conversation with those of us who do not believe as they do.

Legislative Report



TFRW Legislative Brief - Michele Samuelson, TFRW VP of Legislation

The 85th Texas Legislature is underway, and there is already a lot for us to be paying attention to! Please make sure everyone in your club sees this information. If you have any questions about what you're seeing, email me at vplegislation@tfrw.org, and I'll do my best to answer.

A reminder - you can follow the Legislature at: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>. This website allows you to follow legislation, look up contact information, search for House and Senate journals, and lots more. You should have it bookmarked and use it frequently!

The day before session began; Comptroller Glenn Hegar released the Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE), a report that tells the legislature how much money they can expect for the budget. The Texas Constitution requires this action. You can review the BRE yourself [here](#).

The 85th Legislature was gavelled in on Tuesday, January 10. Senators and representatives were duly sworn in, and the House of Representatives took their first vote, electing a speaker for the session. Rep. Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) was elected speaker by a vote of 150-0. This will be Speaker Straus' fifth session in that role. If you missed the festivities in Austin, you can watch video from the House [here](#) and the Senate [here](#).

State Senator Jane Nelson has filed SB1, also known as the General Appropriations Bill, or the state budget bill. You can view it [here](#). The House and Senate have different proposals; the Austin American-Statesman published a [detailed article](#) about the differences, which I recommend as a starting point for understanding the budget debate in Austin.

Remember to sign up for Legislative Day - April 6 is going to be a great day in Austin with all of our red jackets flooding the Capitol!

You can register online for Legislative Day events here: [Register Here](#).

Links for your Congressional and State Officials

[Congressman Sam Johnson - 3rd District of Texas](#)

[2017 Valentines for Vets: Sam Johnson Encourages Area School Participation](#)

[Senator Van Taylor: District 8](#)

[SENATOR VAN TAYLOR NAMED TO FIVE IMPORTANT COMMITTEES—Already Vice Chair of the Sunset Commission, Taylor Will Also Serve on Natural Resources and Economic Development, Education, Health and Human Services, Intergovernmental Relations, and Nominations Committees](#)

[STATE SENATOR VAN TAYLOR OUTLINES MAJOR PILLARS FOR ETHICS REFORM](#)

Bills Filed: 47, [find detailed information here](#)

[Rep. Jodie Laubenberg-District 89](#)

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[Rep. Jeff Leach-District 67](#)

Bills Filed: 23, [find detailed information here](#)

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Bills Filed: 23, [find detailed information here](#)

[Rep. Justin Holland –District 33](#)

Bills Filed: 4, [find detailed information here](#)

PRWC In Action at Pre Inagural Celebration

Wonderful Celebration! About 60 CCRMC and PRW members attended enjoyed a great celebration in honor of President Trump at the GOP Hdqtrs in Mckinney, TX on Friday, January 20th. Two Plano families came to sing The National Anthem and God Bless America. A toast was made by Joe Cordina. Senator Matt Masheen said a few words. Rose Wilcox organized the celebration with music, donated a celebration cake, decorations, and was assisted by Denise Midgley, PRW President. (Pictures by Rose)



The Inaugural Address of President Donald J. Trump

Friday, January 20th, 2017

Chief Justice Roberts, President Carter, President Clinton, President Bush, President Obama, fellow Americans, and people of the world: thank you.

We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and to restore its promise for all of our people.

Together, we will determine the course of America and the world for years to come.

We will face challenges. We will confront hardships. But we will get the job done.

Every four years, we gather on these steps to carry out the orderly and peaceful transfer of power, and we are grateful to President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama for their gracious aid throughout this transition. They have been magnificent.

Today's ceremony, however, has very special meaning. Because today we are not merely transferring power from one Administration to another, or from one party to another – but we are transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, the American People.

For too long, a small group in our nation's Capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost.

Washington flourished – but the people did not share in its wealth.

Politicians prospered – but the jobs left, and the factories closed.

The establishment protected itself, but not the citizens of our country.

Their victories have not been your victories; their triumphs have not been your triumphs; and while they celebrated in our nation's Capital, there was little to celebrate for struggling families all across our land.

That all changes – starting right here, and right now, because this moment is your moment: it belongs to you.

It belongs to everyone gathered here today and everyone watching all across America.

This is your day. This is your celebration.

And this, the United States of America, is your country.

What truly matters is not which party controls our government, but whether our government is controlled by the people.

January 20th 2017, will be remembered as the day the people became the rulers of this nation again.

The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer.

Everyone is listening to you now.

You came by the tens of millions to become part of a historic movement the likes of which the world has never seen before.

At the center of this movement is a crucial conviction: that a nation exists to serve its citizens.

Americans want great schools for their children, safe neighborhoods for their families, and good jobs for themselves.

These are the just and reasonable demands of a righteous public.

But for too many of our citizens, a different reality exists: Mothers and children trapped in poverty in our inner cities; rusted-out factories scattered like tombstones across the landscape of our nation; an education system, flush with cash, but which leaves our young and beautiful students deprived of knowledge; and the crime and gangs and drugs that have stolen too many lives and robbed our country of so much unrealized potential.

This American carnage stops right here and stops right now.

We are one nation – and their pain is our pain. Their dreams are our dreams; and their success will be our success. We share one heart, one home, and one glorious destiny.

The oath of office I take today is an oath of allegiance to all Americans.

For many decades, we've enriched foreign industry at the expense of American industry;

Subsidized the armies of other countries while allowing for the very sad depletion of our military;

We've defended other nation's borders while refusing to defend our own;

And spent trillions of dollars overseas while America's infrastructure has fallen into disrepair and decay.

We've made other countries rich while the wealth, strength, and confidence of our country has disappeared over the horizon.

One by one, the factories shuttered and left our shores, with not even a thought about the millions upon millions of American workers left behind.

The wealth of our middle class has been ripped from their homes and then redistributed across the entire world.

But that is the past. And now we are looking only to the future.

We assembled here today are issuing a new decree to be heard in every city, in every foreign capital, and in every hall of power.

From this day forward, a new vision will govern our land.

From this moment on, it's going to be America First.

Every decision on trade, on taxes, on immigration, on foreign affairs, will be made to benefit American workers and American families.

The Inaugural Address of President Donald J. Trump

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We must protect our borders from the ravages of other countries making our products, stealing our companies, and destroying our jobs. Protection will lead to great prosperity and strength.

I will fight for you with every breath in my body – and I will never, ever let you down.

America will start winning again, winning like never before.

We will bring back our jobs. We will bring back our borders. We will bring back our wealth. And we will bring back our dreams.

We will build new roads, and highways, and bridges, and airports, and tunnels, and railways all across our wonderful nation.

We will get our people off of welfare and back to work – rebuilding our country with American hands and American labor.

We will follow two simple rules: Buy American and Hire American.

We will seek friendship and goodwill with the nations of the world – but we do so with the understanding that it is the right of all nations to put their own interests first.

We do not seek to impose our way of life on anyone, but rather to let it shine as an example for everyone to follow.

We will reinforce old alliances and form new ones – and unite the civilized world against Radical Islamic Terrorism, which we will eradicate completely from the face of the Earth.

At the bedrock of our politics will be a total allegiance to the United States of America, and through our loyalty to our country, we will rediscover our loyalty to each other.

When you open your heart to patriotism, there is no room for prejudice.

The Bible tells us, “how good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.”

We must speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements honestly, but always pursue solidarity.

When America is united, America is totally unstoppable.

There should be no fear – we are protected, and we will always be protected.

We will be protected by the great men and women of our military and law enforcement and, most importantly, we are protected by God.

Finally, we must think big and dream even bigger.

In America, we understand that a nation is only living as long as it is striving.

We will no longer accept politicians who are all talk and no action – constantly complaining but never doing anything about it.

The time for empty talk is over.

Now arrives the hour of action.

Do not let anyone tell you it cannot be done. No challenge can match the heart and fight and spirit of America.

We will not fail. Our country will thrive and prosper again.

We stand at the birth of a new millennium, ready to unlock the mysteries of space, to free the Earth from the miseries of disease, and to harness the energies, industries and technologies of tomorrow.

A new national pride will stir our souls, lift our sights, and heal our divisions.

It is time to remember that old wisdom our soldiers will never forget: that whether we are black or brown or white, we all bleed the same red blood of patriots, we all enjoy the same glorious freedoms, and we all salute the same great American Flag.

And whether a child is born in the urban sprawl of Detroit or the windswept plains of Nebraska, they look up at the same night sky, they fill their heart with the same dreams, and they are infused with the breath of life by the same almighty Creator.

So to all Americans, in every city near and far, small and large, from mountain to mountain, and from ocean to ocean, hear these words:

You will never be ignored again.

Your voice, your hopes, and your dreams, will define our American destiny. And your courage and goodness and love will forever guide us along the way.

Together, We Will Make America Strong Again.

We Will Make America Wealthy Again.

We Will Make America Proud Again.

We Will Make America Safe Again.

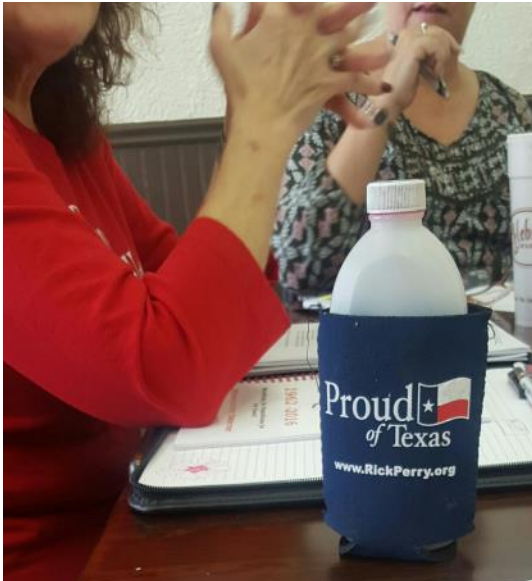
And, Yes, Together, We Will Make America Great Again. Thank you, God Bless You, And God Bless America.

President Donald J Trump

PRWC Board Meeting



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PRWC members held their first board meeting of 2017. In addition to the officers also in attendance were Karin Stedmand, American Heritage representative attended, and Rose Wilcox, Public Relations representative. Rose Wilcox took these photos.



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