

Elephant Talk

Plano Republican Women

TFRW Region No: 3 Senate District No: 8

November 2023

President's Byline



We have recently learned Hamas fighters trained in Iran before the October 7th attack on Israel. The Wall Street Journal reported on Oct 26th that about 500 militants from Hamas and an allied group, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, participated in the exercises in September, which were led by officers of the Quds Force, the foreign-operations arm of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. Senior Palestinian officials and Iranian Brigadier General Esmail Qaani, the head of Quds Force also attended the joint exercises by the Islamic terrorist groups.

Over 1,400 people, mostly civilians were killed in the October 7th attack by Hamas fighters who crossed the border from the Gaza Strip. Hamas used suicide aerial drones to disable Israeli observation posts and high-tech surveillance equipment. They also did two new things, Hamas fighters used paragliders to fly over the border and others rode on motorcycles, commonly used by Iranian paramilitary groups but not by Hamas before for the Oct 7th attack.

Intelligence sources have said Iran has regularly trained militant groups in Iran, but these same sources said there was no indication of a mass training exercise in Iran of Hamas militants before the Oct 7th attack. This was probably one of the biggest intelligence failures since the September 11th attack on the World Trade Centers. Iran has repeatedly denied they helped Hamas, but the president of Iran, Ebrahim Raisi, said even though they had nothing to do with the attack on Israel, he would "kiss the hands of the Hamas fighters." Iran has a history of using proxy forces to pursue its strategic objectives in the Middle East against especially against the United States, the Great Satan and Israel.

Here is a general outline of Iran's tactics and terrorist groups they support through funding, training, and providing weapons to continue their proxy wars and terrorist attacks against US forces in the Middle East and Israel. Please use this as a guide when you watch the evening news.

Hezbollah, a Shiite militant group based in Lebanon. Iran provides extensive support to Hezbollah. They have been a long-time proxy of Iran and have engaged in many conflicts with Israel, often launching rocket attacks and other operations with Iranian backing. Hezbollah has supported Hamas during this new War on Israel by launching rockets from the Northern Lebanon/ Israel border causing Israel to evacuate towns and kibitzes in that area.

Hamas, a Sunni Islamic organization that has governed the Gaza Strip since June 2007 in an election against Fatah, the government controlling the Gaza Strip. After Hamas won the election, they quickly collapsed Fatah, the existing government. Iran has provided financial and military aid to Hamas, which they have used in their conflict with Israel. Hamas has used these funds and other aid packaged to train fighters, buy weapons, build a labyrinth of tunnels to hide and attack Israel.

Houthi Rebels in Yemen. Iran has supported the Houthi rebels in their fight against the internationally recognized Yemen government, which is backed by a Saudi-led coalition that includes support from the United States. The Houthi have received weaponry and training from Iran.

Militant groups in Iraq, Iran has provided support to various Shiite militias in Iraq, such as the Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF). These groups have targeted U.S. interests in Iraq, making the situation complex for the United States.

Syria, Iran has been a staunch ally and supporter of the Syrian government in the Syrian civil war. It has provided direct military support but also assisted in the creation and funding of Shiite militias in Syria. Iran uses these proxy

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Calendar of Events

Next Board Meeting
Nov 8, 11:30
Napoli's Restaurant

Next General Meeting
Nov 21, 2023, 11:30
Saltgrass - East Plano

Special Election
Constitutional Amendments
Nov 7th, 2023

PRW Presidents Byline

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forces to further its regional influence and project power in conflicts where it may not want to be directly involved. Its use of proxy forces is a key element of its foreign policy strategy and its rivalry with the United States and Israel.

President Biden in his press conference on Oct 25th said he would not tolerate further attacks against US troops on our military bases. I don't think President Ebrahim Raisi or anyone in the Iranian leadership is remotely concerned about the US at this point. We have a weak president in the office. An Iran-backed Militia, the Islamic Resistance in Iraq has already claimed responsibility for the drone attacks on US Military bases in the Iraq and Syria that injured 20 soldiers, while Biden just says, "Don't. Don't. Don't". My question is don't or what? What is the plan, Mr. President? The Middle East has been greatly destabilized by having such a weak leader sitting in the office of the United States Presidency. By giving Iran the 6 billion dollars to spend on "humanitarian aid", you have effectively freed up funds they can use to fund Hamas, Hezbollah, and other Islamic militants to destroy Israel and bring other countries into this war and not just the US but other European and Middle Eastern countries like Jordan and Egypt who desperately want to stay out of this. It's time to stop believing the Iranians are innocent bystanders; they are the head of the snake with a long history of pretending to do nothing while causing continuous unrest in the middle East by using proxy fighters to advance their agenda. I hope as a nation, we can survive the ineptitude of Biden's foreign policies long enough to get a Republican president in office to lead us out of the mess.

Cleo Marchese

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Connections was formed to help members get to know one another over a glass of tea and to complete a common goal.

Please join other PRW members for **Connections**, following our General Meeting.

Let's plan to work together for an hour or so.
Come and go as your schedule allows.

Bring your staplers, scissors and pens and you will be prepared for whatever we tackle!

If you have Patriotic cards (blank or thank-you's) to donate, please bring them with you.

Our projects continue to evolve. Whatever we do, we will get to do it together.



*"The tasks may change, but the **Connections** will last."*

PRW November Meeting



NEXT GENERAL MEETING: November 21, 2023

Congressman Keith Self (CD 3) News From Washington

Keith Self was born in a military hospital during his father's service in the United States Army and was raised in Texas. After graduation from High School in Amarillo, he accepted an appointment to The United States Military Academy at West Point, where he began a 25-year career of service to our country.

Keith's Army tours included Airborne Infantry Platoon Leader, Airborne Infantry Company Commander, Special Forces Detachment Commander and Special Forces Company Commander. His service took him to Europe, the Middle East, and the Pentagon, where he worked on the most sensitive military programs. He deployed to Grenada, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraqi Freedom. During his career, Keith received the Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, and Joint Staff Badge. He retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Upon retiring from the Army, Keith was elected County Judge in Collin County, TX, in 2006. He served three consecutive terms before retiring in 2018.

Keith and his wife Tracy have been happily married since his graduation from West Point. They reside in McKinney, TX and are active members in their church and local community.

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
*Lunch will be salad, beef entree with vegetable, and carrot cake.***

RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, November 17, 2023

[RSVP here to pay with credit card](#)

Please note: all Online Credit Card Payments include a processing fee.

To RSVP send an email to: rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org

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



PRW October Meeting Photos





Legislative Report



MIKE JOHNSON
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

October 26, 2023

WASHINGTON — This evening, Speaker Mike Johnson sat down for his first national interview with Fox News' Sean Hannity to discuss his first day as Speaker, his agenda, and the core principles that make America exceptional. To watch the full interview, click [here](#).

[View highlights from his interview below](#)

Speaker Mike Johnson Highlights Core Principles of America

“America is different, and we are exceptional because we stand on certain foundational principles. ... Yesterday, I talked about the core principles of American conservatism. And that’s individual freedom, limited government, the rule of law, peace through strength, fiscal responsibility, free markets, and human dignity, and under each of those there would be subcategories, but that’s what we stand for. I call them the core principles of American conservatism, but it’s really the core principles of America itself. We’re different. We’re exceptional. The reason we’re the freest, most powerful, most successful nation in the history of the world is because that’s what we stand for. And those values and those principles are under assault right now, and we have to defend them here every day with everything we have.”

Speaker Mike Johnson Addresses Biden’s Failed Presidency

“I think it’s been a failed presidency and all the problems, some of those that you’ve articulated already at the outset of the problem here were caused by policy choices. And that’s the problem I have with him: it’s philosophical.”

Speaker Mike Johnson on the Need for Strength on the World Stage

“This is what’s concerning to us is that we cannot project weakness of any kind on the world stage right now. This is a dangerous time for all the things going on around the world, the world is a tinderbox. A strong America is good for the whole world and we have to project strength. I mean Reagan used to remind us all the time, it’s peace through strength. If America shows weakness it invites aggression by our adversaries and that’s what you’re seeing around the world.”

Cornyn Op-Ed: What Does Biden Have to Hide on the Border?

November 2, 2023

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) authored the following op-ed on [FoxNews.com](#) to highlight his [Southern Border Transparency Act](#), which he introduced this week with more than 20 Senate Republicans. This legislation would require the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to accurately report how it is handling migrants encountered at the border and ensure the American people have a full accounting of the number of migrants being released into the United States.

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/biden-hide-border>

The crisis at the southern border continues to grow. I’m sure you’ve seen the grim statistics. More than 6.2 million migrants have illegally crossed the southern border since [President Biden](#) took office. On top of that, at least 1.5 million “gotaways” evaded law enforcement entirely. Detention facilities are beyond capacity, the immigration court backlog has skyrocketed, and deportations are at the lowest level in decades. When I visited Texas’ southern border last week, it was clear that Border Patrol agents are exhausted, discouraged, and frustrated beyond measure. It’s easy to see why.

While these data points highlight the chaos that [President Biden’s failed border policies](#) created, they only tell part of the story.

This administration’s goal has never been to fix the border crisis but to simply hide the evidence. To that end, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has tried to “legalize” illegal immigration by funneling migrants into unlawful release – or as they say in immigration law jargon, “parole” – programs it created, and we have no idea how many or what kind of people are entering the United States through this boondoggle.



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Earlier this year, the Biden administration created a program that allows migrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela to enter and remain in the United States legally for two years and receive nearly instant work authorization. The Biden administration took this major step without the consent of Congress, acting unilaterally to offer work status for up to 360,000 people a year.

The administration also expanded a program meant to help certain vulnerable children from [El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras](#), by allowing parents and relatives of those children to enter or remain in the United States.

There's no comprehensive public data on the number of people enrolled into these programs, how many of them have their status renewed, and whether they ultimately (or ever) depart the United States.

On an even larger scale, these benefits aren't limited to individuals from specific countries – people from around the world have been released into the U.S. by utilizing the administration's CBP One app. So far, the administration has released more than 266,000 migrants who scheduled appointments through the app. This includes individuals from Iran, China, Russia, and other adversaries around the globe. Are these hundreds of thousands of individuals included in the monthly tally of border crossings? We simply don't know.

When these programs can't be used to sweep rising border encounters under the rug, DHS is engaging in widespread [catch and release](#) under the sympathetic label of "humanitarian release." It's unclear who qualifies for catch and release, what sort of screening is taking place, how many of these migrants are even claiming asylum, or how widespread this practice is.

There's a lot we don't know, but one thing is certain: the [Biden administration](#) has gone to great lengths to cook the books and conceal the record levels of illegal migration it has enabled. Something must change, and we need insight into what the Biden administration is doing.

This week, I'll introduce the Southern Border Transparency Act to force the Biden administration to make this data public. The American people have a right to know how many migrants are being released into the United States by this administration.

My bill requires DHS to reveal the details of its shady catch-and-release practices. How many migrants are being released into the country, and where are they coming from? How many receive work authorization? Do they leave when their "parole" ends? How many are placed in expedited removal proceedings, and how many are actually removed? How many claim asylum before they are released into the interior? The administration must answer these questions.

This is about transparency. If Congress hopes to do anything meaningful to address the [border crisis](#), we need facts. We need a full accounting of the border crisis – not the doctored ledger we have today.

So far, my bill has more than 20 Republican co-sponsors. This is a simple, straightforward measure that would ensure the American people have an accurate picture of President Biden's border policies.

If the Biden administration and Democrats in Congress believe these release programs and DHS's handling of migrants apprehended at the border are above board, they should have nothing to hide.



Governor Abbott Meets With Prime Minister Netanyahu, Pledges Full Support Of Israel In Jerusalem, Tel Aviv

November 3, 2023 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott yesterday met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli President Isaac Herzog, and other Israeli officials in Jerusalem to discuss ways Texas can continue to support the people of Israel as they fight to defend their freedom amid the Israel-Hamas war. Joined by Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt during the trip, Governor Abbott also traveled to Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center – Ichilov Hospital where he visited with victims impacted by heinous acts of war committed by Hamas.

"Texas has always, and will always, support Israel and the Israeli people," said Governor Abbott. "During this trip, I saw firsthand the resilient spirit of the Israeli people. The strength and hope displayed as I met with Prime Minister Netanyahu, President Herzog, survivors of the

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October 7 attack, and families of kidnapped Israelis was truly inspiring. The resolve of Israel's leaders and the bravery of its people have never wavered in the face of evil, and the people of Israel are once again uniting to vigorously fight to defend their freedom. Texas will continue to help support Israel safeguard their freedom against brutal terrorist organizations like Hamas.”

[Video of Governor Abbott and Governor Stitt's visit to Israel is available here](#)

In Jerusalem, Governors Abbott and Stitt met with Prime Minister Netanyahu to extend Texas' complete and total support of Israel and its right to self-defense. Governor Abbott highlighted the deep bond shared between the people of Israel and Texas, emphasizing that Texas' strong relationship and support for freedom in Israel has never been more important than it is today.

Governors Abbott and Stitt then met with Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel. Foreign Minister Cohen detailed the unspeakable realities of Hamas' brutal murders and the kidnapping of more than 240 hostages on October 7. The Governors then heard firsthand accounts from a survivor and the family of an American citizen kidnapped and taken hostage at the Supernova Sukkot Gathering music festival. The Foreign Minister outlined Israel's main objective is to bring all the hostages home and asked Governors Abbott and Stitt to urge the United States Congress for swift support for Israel.

Governors Abbott and Stitt then attended a lunch with the former Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Chief of the General Staff Lieutenant General Aviv Kohavi. Lt. General Kohavi discussed the bravery of the Israeli people, as well as strategies and impacts of retaliation against terrorist organizations like Hamas and Hezbollah. Using maps and war zone photos, Lt. General Kohavi emphasized that Hamas and Hezbollah are no longer just terrorist organizations—but full-fledged terrorist militaries.

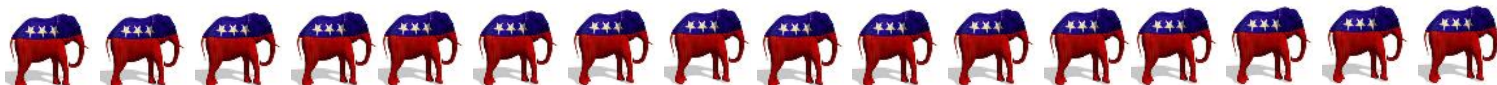
After the lunch, Governors Abbott and Stitt joined President Herzog at The President's House. The President thanked the Governors for traveling to Israel and for their solidarity with Israel. President Herzog outlined the extreme threat posed by the regional coalition of nations surrounding Israel, detailing how this coalition of hate toward the State of Israel also threatens American national security. Governor Abbott pledged to continue spreading this message to Texans and Americans back home and increase awareness and understanding of the realities behind the Israel-Hamas war.

After a productive meeting with President Herzog, Governors Abbott and Stitt visited with displaced Israelis—including many families—at a hotel in Jerusalem. Governor Abbott was moved by countless stories of heroism, generosity, and selflessness among the Israeli people amid the ongoing war, including firsthand accounts of strangers opening their homes to evacuees, communities organizing food banks, and everyday citizens quickly volunteering to join the military. Before ending in a group prayer, the displaced citizens told the Governors that the people in their country have never been more united.

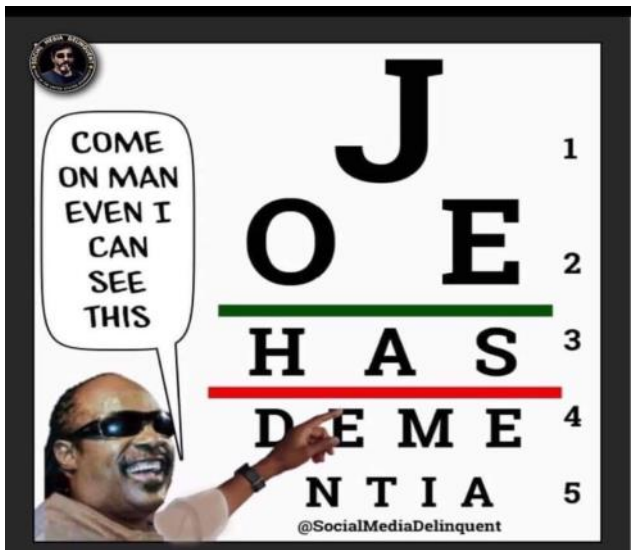
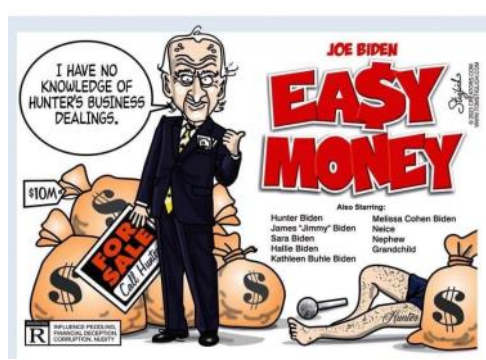
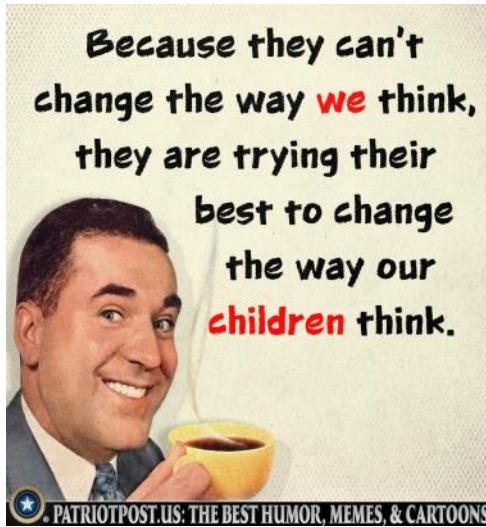
Governor Abbott and Stitt then traveled to Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center – Ichilov Hospital to visit with victims recovering from the acts of war committed by Hamas. The Governors were greeted by the CEO of Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center – Ichilov Hospital Professor Ronni Gamzu. Governor Abbott and Stitt heard eyewitness accounts of the devastating and terrifying October 7 attacks, with all the victims mentioning how they could have never imagined such hate. The Governors also meet with Israeli soldiers to thank them for their service to defend and protect Israeli freedom.

This trip was coordinated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel and the Consulate General of Israel to the Southwest.

[Video of Governor Abbott and Governor Stitt's visit to Israel is available here.](#)



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AMERICANISM REPORT

by Ellen Leyrer



GIVING THANKS

BY MICHAEL QUINN SULLIVAN

Liberty is a necessary and integral component of our general prosperity.

We think we know the story of Thanksgiving: the pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, faced a harsh winter, famine and disease, and then only with the help of friendly natives learned how to survive. It's nice for bedtime stories, and feel-good paintings, but it ignores the most important lessons of our early history.

Let's clear up a myth. The pilgrims weren't city slickers. They didn't come to the New World ill-prepared for wilderness life, nor were they misguided about the challenges awaiting them. Sadly, the travails and trials of the pilgrims weren't the result of recklessness, ignorance, or chance.

No, the problems the pilgrims faced – and overcame – were of their very own making through a well-intentioned, though misguided, governing ideology.

William Bradford, the governor of Plymouth Colony, explains what happened in his *History of the Plymouth Settlement*. Even before arriving in the New World, they imposed on themselves what he called “communal service” – what we today would recognize as socialism.

Everything – the land, the work, the crops, everything – was held communally. Everyone was expected to work hard and receive only what they truly needed. As a result, Bradford wrote, many would simply “allege weakness and inability”.

You won't be surprised that Bradford reported: “the young men that were most able and fit for service objected to being forced to spend their time and strength in working for other men's wives and children, without any recompense.”

At the same time, “The strong man or the resourceful man had no more share of food, clothes, etc., than the weak man who was not able to do a quarter the other could.”

Bradford would note: “Community of property was found to breed much confusion and discontent.” No one had an incentive to work, so no one produced, and everyone was miserable.

Remember, this was a small group of people who shared common values, cared for each other, and had willingly joined philosophically to the colony's arrangements. It's just that socialism fails in practice whenever it is tried; sometimes it limps along, but ultimately the results are always the same.

Socialism – no matter what one calls it – always produces misery.

After three years, the colony abandoned its “communal” life. Bradford wrote that colony leaders divided the land among the families and “allowed each man to plant corn for his own household, and to trust to themselves for that.”

As a result, Bradford added, “It made all hands very industrious, so that much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been by any means the governor or any other could devise, and saved him a great deal of trouble, and gave far better satisfaction.”

Private property rights and a free market carried the day. Labor was naturally divided – not politically imposed – and everyone utilized their skills to their own benefit, thereby increasing the productivity and happiness of the colony as a whole.

In the newly free society, where the local knowledge of native Americans was combined with the techniques of Europe, the pilgrims had a harvest bountiful beyond comparison.

The very first days of the American experience demonstrated what world history repeatedly proves; socialism fails, and fails miserably. Bounty is produced by liberty driven by self-governance, not central planning – even when it is well-intentioned.

We must remember that individual liberty is in the 21st century, as it was in the 17th, a necessary and integral component of our general prosperity. And let us be thankful to God daily not only for the material things we have but for the liberty of which He is the author.

2023 Texas Constitutional Amendments on the November 7th Ballot

The Texas Constitutional Amendments on the November 7th ballot are listed below. The following link from the Texas Public Policy Foundation provides the amendments to be voted on as well as a discussion of those amendments - [2023-ConstitutionalAmendmentGuide.pdf \(texaspolicy.com\)](#). The analysis is much too long to print in the newsletter however I know you will find this information helpful in determining how you would like to cast your ballot in this very important election.

Proposition 1 (HJR 12) The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management.

Proposition 2 (SJR 64) The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility.

Proposition 3 (HJR 132) The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.

Proposition 4 (HJR 2) The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increase in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts.

Proposition 5 (HJR 3) The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy.

Proposition 6 (SJR 75) The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state.

Proposition 7 (SJR 93) The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities.

Proposition 8 (HJR 125) The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects.

Proposition 9 (HJR 2) The constitutional amendment to authorize the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Proposition 10 (SJR 87) The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain.

Proposition 11 (SJR 32) The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.

Proposition 12 (HJR 134) The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County.

Proposition 13 (HJR 107) The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges.

Proposition 14 (SJR 74) The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks.

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MORTGAGE RATES 2017-2023

	Jan. 19, 2017: 4.09% Jan. 21, 2021: 2.77% CHANGE: -32%
	Jan. 21, 2021: 2.77% Sep. 07, 2023: 7.12% CHANGE: +157%


Source: freddiemac.com

With all due respect, please read this, then read it again. Then teach it to your children and grandchildren.



History is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less likely to repeat it. It's not yours to erase or destroy.

Norma Marshall

I love it when famous people pose in front of statues of themselves





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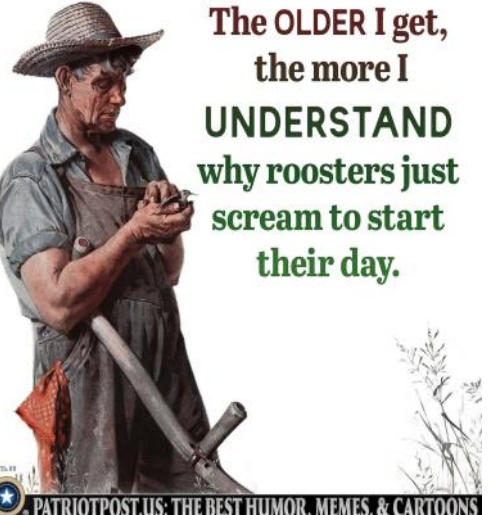


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Holiday High Tea Invitation



Holiday High Tea For Plano Republican Women



Tuesday, December 5th, 2022
 Time: 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
 Chocolate Angel Café & Tearoom
 @ High Street Antique Mall
 800 N Central Expy, Plano, TX 75074



Make an advance reservation for our Annual Christmas and Hannukah Celebration at Chocolate Angel Café & Tearoom.

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PRW Awards from TFRW Biennial Convention



"In September 2023, Plano Republican Women was the recipient of the **2023 Diamond Achievement Award at the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) Biennial Convention** in Oklahoma City. Many thanks to all of you for the hard work and time you have in 2022 and 2023 to achieve this high honor. This award is not possible without the enormous effort, dedication, and participation of our club members.



In addition, Plano Republican Women was honored at the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Biennial Convention in Irving, TX in October with the **2023 TFRW Club Achievement Award** for Achievements that Define Excellence. This award is bestowed to clubs who have achieved the many TFRW objectives for 2022-2023

Finally, and this was a wonderful surprise... for the first time in our club's history, Plano Republican Women has been awarded **The 2023 TFRW Americanism Award!** Many thanks to Ellen Leyrer for her significant contributions that helped us earn this.

INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS

For the Awards Cycle 2022-2023, Plano Republican Women nominated **The Honorable Pam Little** for the Kay Bailey Hutchison Award for her outstanding dedication and service to our community. Pam is our Representative for the State Board of Education for District 12.



Hamas and Amoral Clarity

By Victor David Hanson, October 15, 2023, Updated October 17, 2023

Commentary

One unexpected blowback from the medieval Hamas's barbaric murdering of hundreds of Israeli civilians is the revelation of current global amorality.

More than 20 Harvard University identity politics groups pledged their support to the Hamas murderers—to the utter silence for days of Harvard President Claudine Gay.

Americans knew higher education practiced racist admission policies. It has long promoted racially segregated dorms and graduations. And de facto, it has destroyed the First Amendment.

But the overt support for Hamas killers by the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) crowd on a lot of campuses exposes to Americans the real moral and intellectual rot in higher education.

Democratic Socialist members of the new "woke" Democratic Party openly expressed ecstatic support for Hamas's bloodwork.

Their biggest fears were not dead fellow Americans or hostages or some 1,000 butchered Jewish civilians. Instead, they were fearful that righteous Israeli retaliation might destroy the Hamas death machine.

Palestinians, for years, fooled naifs in Europe and the Obama and Biden administrations into sending billions of dollars into Gaza.

These monies were channeled to tunnel into Israel, to obtain a huge rocket arsenal, and to craft plans to wipe out Jews.

The Biden administration has blood on its hands.

As soon as President Joe Biden took power, he resumed massive subsidies to radical Palestinians, canceled by the prior Trump administration.

He ignored warnings from his own State Department that such fungible monies would soon fuel Hamas terrorism.

His administration dropped sanctions against Iran, ensuring that Tehran would enjoy a multibillion-dollar windfall to be distributed to Israel's existential enemies—another fact well-known to the Biden administration.

If the Biden administration had announced overtly that it was rabidly anti-Israel, it would be hard to imagine anything it could have done differently from its present nihilist behavior.

President Biden and company quickly restarted the defunct Iran appeasement deal—a leftover from the anti-Israeli Obama administration. No surprise, they appointed radical pro-Iranian activist Robert Malley to head the negotiations.

Mr. Malley allegedly has leaked American classified documents to Iranian officials and is under investigation by the FBI. He did his best to place pro-Iranian, anti-American activists into the high echelons of the U.S. government.

President Biden was intent on forcing South Korea to release to Iran \$6 billion in sanctioned frozen money. That expectation of cash ensured that Iran would be reimbursed for its present terrorist arming spree.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken shamefully posted on X, formerly known as Twitter, that Israel should settle for an immediate ceasefire. No wonder he soon withdrew his unhinged posting.

That idiocy would be the moral equivalent of an American ally in December 1941 urging the United States to seek negotiations with imperial Japan after its surprise bombing of Pearl Harbor—to avoid a “cycle of violence.”

The Biden team has drained strategic arms stockpiles in Israel, designed to help the Jewish state in extremis.

It recklessly abandoned a multibillion-dollar arms trove in Kabul, Afghanistan, some of which reportedly made its way from Taliban killers to the Hamas murderers.

Once the mass murdering started, the amoral clarity of our “allies” was stunning.

NATO partner Turkey openly sided with the killers. It—along with Mr. Blinken—called for a ceasefire—at the moment the Hamas death squads had finished and Israel was ready to hold Hamas to account.

Qatar, where the U.S. Central Command is based, proved little more than a Hamas front.

Hamas and Amoral Clarity

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It offers sanctuary to the architects of Hamas killing. And Qatar ensures a safe financial pipeline to Hamas from Iran and the radical Arab world.

Some of the most vehement current supporters of the Hamas death squads were immigrants to America from the Middle East.

Oddly, they apparently had fled just such illiberal Middle East regimes to reach a tolerant, democratic, and secure United States.

Yet they now endorse the Hamas butchering of Jewish civilians. Its savagery is aimed at executing, raping, and beheading Jews and then mutilating their bodies.

Hamas apparently hopes to shock the Israeli government into voluntarily committing suicide—in line with the ancient Hamas agenda to destroy the Jewish state.

In a strange way, this reign of death has become a touchstone, an acid test of sorts that has revealed the utter amorality of enemies abroad and quite dangerous people at home.

It is past time that Americans deal with the medieval world that was revealed this week rather than keep dreaming in the fantasy world of our government.

Americans need to stop illegal immigration and restore their southern border while ceasing all immigration from unhinged, hostile nations.

The military must return to its deterrent role and fire its woke commissariat.

Our leaders must accept that in the past three years of the Biden administration, serial American appeasement abroad, disunity at home, and social chaos have encouraged an entire host of enemies—China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, Middle East illiberal regimes, and former friends such as Turkey and Qatar.

And our enemies dream of doing to us what we just saw in Israel.

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By Jennifer Groysman

The Petition of Right of 1628: A Forgotten Cornerstone of Our Constitutions

By: [Joe Wolverton, II](#) Published on: Oct 24, 2023

Three hundred and ninety-five years ago, one of the most important documents in the history of the creation of the United States Constitution became law, though today there are few who have heard it taught. That seminal statute is the **Petition of Right of 1628**. This is my humble attempt to restore its rightful position as a revered and read piece of constitutional history.

The Petition of Right of 1628 stands as a significant milestone in the development of English constitutional history. A response to the arbitrary and despotic rule of King Charles I, this document reasserted ancient and fundamental rights and liberties, solidifying the power of Parliament and shaping the future of government in England and her colonies.

The early 17th century witnessed a struggle for power between the monarchy and Parliament in England. King Charles I sought to exercise absolute authority, often ignoring Parliament and levying burdensome taxes to increase his and his courtiers' personal revenue. Dissatisfaction with the king's autocratic rule reached a tipping point, prompting Parliament to assert its authority under the ancient constitution and challenge the monarch's power by standing as a bulwark between a tyrannical ruler and the people of his kingdom. Ultimately, the Petition of Right emerged as a key response to the abuses of the Crown and the oppression of the people.

The Petition of Right, formally presented to Charles I on May 26, 1628, sought to restore and safeguard fundamental liberties that were being undermined. It consisted of four main grievances and corresponding requests for redress: Firstly, it challenged the imposition of taxes without parliamentary approval, demanding that such actions be discontinued. Secondly, it addressed the arbitrary imprisonment of individuals without legal cause, seeking habeas corpus protections. Thirdly, it condemned the quartering of soldiers in private homes during peacetime, calling for an end to this violation of property rights. Lastly, it contested the use of martial law to try civilians, emphasizing the importance of due process and the rule of law.

Though King Charles I initially assented to the petition, his subsequent disregard for its provisions fueled tensions between the Crown and Parliament, eventually leading to the English Civil War in 1642. The conflict resulted in the temporary abolition of the monarchy and the establishment of the Commonwealth under Oliver Cromwell.

However, even during this turbulent period, the ideals and principles enshrined in the Petition of Right persisted, shaping the political landscape and influencing future generations.

The Petition of Right of 1628 serves as a testament to the enduring struggle for liberty and the constitutional preeminence of Parliament. It represented a crucial moment in English history when Parliament sought to curb the unchecked power of the monarchy and establish a framework for constitutional government based on the rule of law and the ancient British constitution.

The Petition of Right of 1628 played a pivotal role in shaping English constitutional history. By demanding parliamentary consent for taxes, habeas corpus protections, property rights, and due process, this landmark document laid the groundwork for the protection of individual liberties and the establishment of parliamentary authority. It remains an enduring symbol of the triumph of the rule of law over autocracy.

The document's emphasis on individual liberties and protections, such as habeas corpus and property rights, laid the foundation for future legal and constitutional reforms. The principles set forth in the Petition of Right became cornerstones of subsequent documents, including the English Bill of Rights of 1689 and the United States Bill of Rights, which drew inspiration from it.

In fact, the Petition of Right of 1628 holds a significant place not only in the annals of British constitutional development, but also in the shaping of the United States Constitution. As a beacon of individual liberties and a testament to the triumph of the rule of law over autocracy, the Petition of Right left an indelible imprint on the minds of the American Founding Fathers, influencing the principles enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

The core values articulated in the document, including the demand for due process, protection against arbitrary imprisonment, and the right to property echoed through the halls of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787. The delegates gathered there, drawing upon their knowledge of British constitutional history and the rule of law, sought to establish a system that safeguarded individual rights and prevented the concentration of power through the system of federalism upon which the Constitution was founded.

Although few school children today are ever taught this, several provisions of the U.S. Constitution can be traced back to the Petition of Right. The inclusion of the habeas corpus clause in Article I, Section 9, which protects against unjust detention, and the Fifth Amendment, with its guarantee of due process and protection against self-incrimination, resonate with the principles outlined in the petition.

The right to confront witnesses as protected by the Sixth Amendment and the right to a trial by jury as guaranteed by the Seventh Amendment are also direct descendants of clauses in the Petition of Right of 1628.

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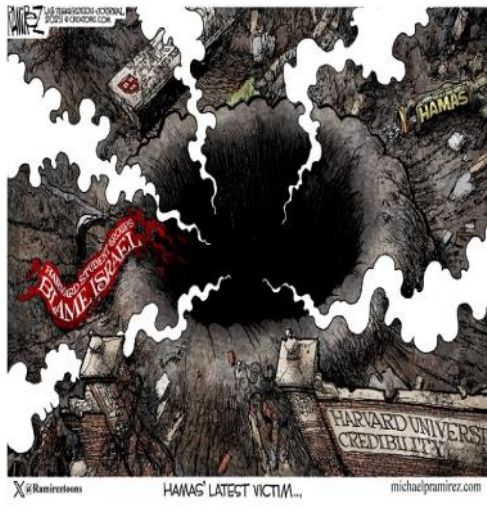
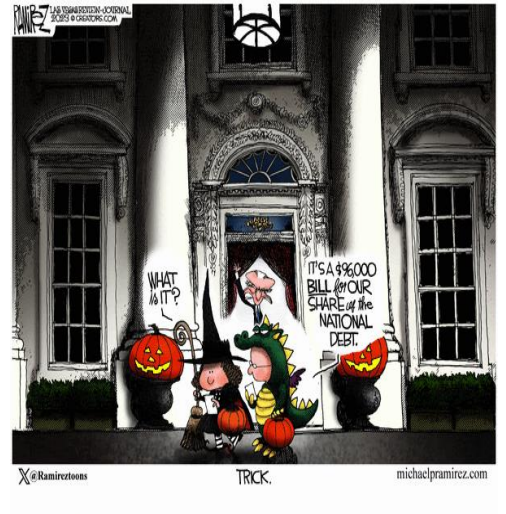
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Furthermore, the Petition of Right's emphasis on the necessity of parliamentary consent for taxation found its way into the U.S. Constitution through Article I, Section 7, which mandates that revenue bills originate in the House of Representatives, reflecting the Founders' desire to ensure that the power to levy taxes resides with the elected representatives of the people.

The impact of the Petition of Right on the U.S. Constitution extends beyond specific provisions. The spirit of limited government and the protection of individual liberties that permeate the American constitutional system can be attributed, in great measure, to the principles championed by Parliament and the English people in the petition. Our Founding Fathers recognized the undeniable, historically proven importance of checks and balances, the separation of powers, and the rule of law in preventing tyranny and preserving individual freedoms.

Truly, its significance reverberates through the centuries, even to today as Americans carry on the fight to force the federal beast back inside its constitutional cage. Patriots must be taught to revere the Petition of Right of 1628 as one of the iron bars of which that cage is constructed.

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Guest GOP Elected Official Article

Americans Dissatisfied With Biden Policies To Reduce Crime: NSA/TIPP Poll

By [Jim Skinner](#), Sheriff, Collin County, TX and Chairman of the [National Sheriffs' Association Government Affairs Committee](#)

America's Sheriffs have repeatedly communicated their views to the Biden Administration without success

Most Americans are dissatisfied with President Biden's crime control policies, notably Republicans and independents. Weak immigration policies contribute to an increase in crime. Dissatisfaction spans ideological lines, with conservatives, moderates, and liberals all expressing concerns about these policies.

Americans are experiencing an increase in crime in their neighborhoods over the past year. The rise in crime has significantly impacted public sentiment, with many stating that their views have become more negative compared to 2020.

As a result of increased crime, many American families have been impacted, with some feeling helpless and even considering relocating. Others have reported coping with the changes. Communities facing rising crime rates have witnessed reduced visitation or abandonment, highlighting the tangible consequences of increased crime on people's behaviors and choices.

These findings are based on an online National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)/TIPP survey of 1,378 Americans nationwide conducted in late September through early October for the National Sheriffs Association.

Research [shows](#) that crime is the #4 issue among Americans, with 22% following the economy (49%), immigration (35%), and gun violence (23%).

America's Sheriffs have repeatedly communicated our views to the Biden Administration without success.

We have recommended they undertake a more holistic approach to preventing violent crime. These efforts should start with some basic principles that we've heard repeatedly from Sheriffs across our country:

Combatting Illegal Drug Importation and the Open Border: Reversing the massive illegal importation of narcotics and synthetic drugs is essential. Drugs remain a root cause of violence in communities. We urge the administration to revisit its current unsustainable open border policy and increase security along all of our borders.

Gun Crime Prosecution: Prosecuting every gun crime to its fullest extent must be a starting point. Convicted felons in possession of firearms must be vigorously prosecuted. Armed criminals committing murder with guns will not simply put down their weapons because the law bans the weapon. Violent criminals will always find a way to obtain a gun.

Changing the Mindset of Violators: Too many young people have now normalized a culture where even the slightest insult or dispute can be responded to with lethal violence and murder. Social media comments have been the catalyst for a violent reprisal. This dangerous mindset must be reversed with a focus on communities, ministers, and families.

Mental Health Crisis: The lack of mental health treatment and facilities are beyond the crisis level. This national disgrace has been laid at the feet of law enforcement, and this is just a blatantly incorrect avenue to solve this massive problem. Both the state and federal governments must act and prioritize rebuilding a national network of mental health facilities. All Governors, with assistance from the US Department of Health and Human Services, must acknowledge that there is a dire need for a significant increase in mental health beds and facilities.

Reevaluating the Failed Experiment of No Bail: Bail "reform" has been a dismal failure. Every jurisdiction in which it has been tried has seen record increases in crime. Bail must be high for anyone caught *illegally* carrying, using, or selling a firearm. Dangerousness of the accused, as well as his/her prior criminal record, is a constitutional factor to be considered by a judge in setting bail. This can include the accused's connection to organized crime, gangs, cartels, and transnational crime organizations.

Increase in Crime Over the Past Year

A plurality of 42% report that crime has increased where they live compared to the past year. Only one in ten (9%) states that it has decreased. Over a third (39%) assess that it has neither increased nor decreased. Another 10% are unsure.

Interestingly, a majority of **urban** dwellers (54%) report an increase in crime compared to only a third (32%) of rural Americans. Four in ten (39%) suburban residents state that crime has increased in the past year.

Political Action Hours

By Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



Our PRW ladies have turned in a total of 11,460 hours since the beginning of the year. I know that members have more hours that they need to turn in. Here is a reminder of things that count as hours....

Remember to submit your political action hours to me. You can submit them through our website -

Keep the challenge going! 10 hours per month!



What counts as

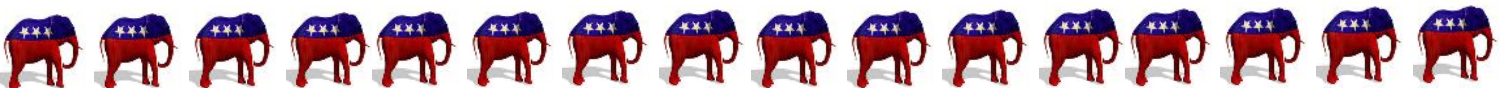
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Any political activity you do that is not for your primary job counts!

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You can submit your hours on our website. www.planorepublicanwomen.org



Caring for America Challenge

Donate your used or newly purchased luggage to a foster child.

PRW is gathering luggage to donate to foster children so that when they change homes, all their possession can go with them. Common practice today is to place all their things in a Hefty bag.

What does this say to them?

Imagine the impression it must give to children when everything they own is put into a trash bag when they move from one location to another. Donate your used or newly purchased luggage to a foster child.

Your luggage donations will be accepted at the November General Membership Meetings **or at Cathie's home (2117 Leon Dr. Plano 75074)**

For questions, please contact Cathie Alexander.



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We are currently accepting Membership Renewals for 2024! And we always welcome new members!

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Membership dues can be paid at the meeting, online through our website <https://planorepublicanwomen.org/membership> or checks can be mailed to the PRW Post Office Box.

The Membership form is included in the newsletter, printed copies are available at the meetings.

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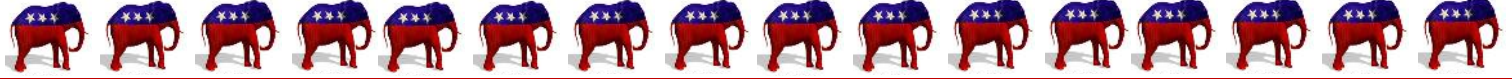
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* Email is used for newsletters and other PRW announcements

The information requested below is required by the Texas Ethics Commission*

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Full Membership



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Associate/Affiliate



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Plano Republican Women
P.O. Box 940461
Plano, TX 75094



Plano Republican Women

meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month
(except June, July & December)

Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East

3320 North Central Expressway

Plano, TX 75074

11:15 am check-in

11:30 am meeting, lunch and program

Lunch is \$25 payable to PRW (Cash or Check) at the door.

You do not have to have lunch to attend,

But please RSVP to

rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org



I would like to submit this in honor of our country on this Fourth of July.

I Will Fly the Flag

I will fly the flag
Because it is a symbol that all
are created equal.
That all may express their opin-
ions without fear,
That each one may pursue their
chosen occupation.

I will fly the flag
Because of all who fought for
this flag that I may worship as I
please—
Or choose not to worship if I
please.

I will fly the flag
Because I love this beautiful
country—all of it!
Hot, dry dessert, high mountain
ranges,
Verdant valleys, meadows of
wildflowers,
Rich fertile plains that feed our
nation,
The cooling rivers and lakes.

I will fly the flag
For all those who have come
from all over the world to call
this country home.
The rich mix of this melting pot
blending into a beautiful nation.
The various ethnicities of our
people, each one bringing spe-
cial gifts.

I will fly the flag
For all who offer their lives to
make the world a better place.
Our leaders, our military, our
priests and pastors, our healers,
Our teachers, the men and
women who serve as firemen
and policemen to keep us safe.

I will fly the flag
For families who love each other
and find a safe place to raise
their children, and a comfort-
able place to grow old.

I will fly the flag
Because it reminds me that I
have a responsibility to serve
others and to make this country
a better place to live and work,
And in so doing, make this
world a better place.

I will fly the flag
In honor of this country.
Not because we are perfect,
But because we are still striving
to be better.
Not because we are better than
other countries,
But because this country has so
much to share.

I will fly the flag
And give thanks to God and ask
His blessing on all it stands for.
This beautiful part of the world,
The wonderful people who live
here,
The freedom to work and speak
as we please,
The opportunities open to all.

I will fly the flag!

SUSAN JONES
INDIANA

