

# Elephant Talk

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## President's Byline : 2018 in Review



With the Republicans, you never know. We need stronger leadership in both the House and the Senate. The House did pass the bill with funding for the wall, but Mitch McConnell couldn't get it done in the Senate. The government is shutdown and whoa, the world didn't come to an end! And guess what, Robert Mueller's investigation was not affected by the shutdown. Apparently, he can continue to squander millions more of our taxpayer dollars in his quest to bring down President Trump. The Democrats should be it has been my pleasure to serve as President of Plano Republican Women this past year as well as the 7 previous years (not all in a row, thank goodness)! I am also quite happy to be "turning over the reins" to the very capable Jennifer Groysman who has served as our First Vice President for the past two years. She has brought in excellent speakers such as Nick Adams, Kris Anne Hall, and Trevor Loudon, to name just a few. In addition to great speakers PRW worked very hard this year to help elect Republicans and keep Collin County RED.

We also volunteered on a weekly basis to help at CCRP headquarters from August through November. I want to again thank all those who volunteered both at CCRP and for the candidates.

As this year closes out, I can see that we will have more of the same from the media who never, ever give our President a break. When I wrote my personal Christmas newsletter this year, I wished that 2019 would bring peace to our nation and that the "Resist" folks would come to accept that Donald Trump is our President and live with it as those of us who weren't thrilled with President Obama did for 8 long years. That was indeed "wishful thinking!" I, like the millions of "Deplorables" who voted for Donald Trump, want a wall and an end to the invasion (and yes it .is an invasion) of our country by those who think they should just be able to trot right on across our border and be "taken care of" by those of us who still pay taxes. I totally blame Congress for this mess. It appears to me that neither party really wants to solve the immigration problem. There was a time not too long ago when Chucky Schumer was all in favor of the wall and stopping illegals from crossing the border, but back in the day, even Obama spoke out against illegals. But they are Democrats and they don't appear to have any "written in stone" values or convictions. If you are a Democrat, you are never held accountable for what you said or did in the past. And unfortunately, that appears to apply to some Republicans as well. Here are some interesting statistics to think about:

Senate and House controlled by one party over the last 100 years:

Democrats 57 Years  
 Republicans 27 Years  
 Neither Party 16 Years

Senate, House and the White House controlled by one party over the last 100 years:

Democrats 35 Years  
 Republicans 16 Years  
 Neither Party 49 Years

And the White House alone over the last 100 years: Democrats 52 Republicans 48

And yet it seems to me that when Republicans have control of everything, they fail to get much done. The one thing you can count on, for the most part, is that the Democrats will stick together and vote in a block. quite pleased about that. As 2018 comes to a close, President Trump is STILL THE PRESIDENT (despite Maxine Waters and her "Impeach 45" mantra) and as far as I am concerned, all is well. I do hope that Congress can get their act together, but I am not holding my breath! HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you and please continue to pray for our divided nation!!

*Catherine Gibb*

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### Calendar of Events

**Board Meeting  
January TBA**

**January Meeting  
January 15th**

Special thanks to Lisa Babb for this months Christmas Trivia .

# January Plano Republican Women Meeting



**Next PRW Meeting:  
Tuesday, January 15th, 2019**

**Speaker: Neal Katz  
Executive Director Collin County GOP**

**Topic: Analysis of 2018 Midterm Election  
Results & Strategy going forward**

**Location:** [Reflections on Spring Creek](#)

1901 East Spring Creek Parkway

**Time: 11:15 am:** Arrive and check-in

**11:30 am:** Meeting, Lunch & Program

[PRW membership](#) is not required to attend our meeting

Lunch is available with RSVP for \$20 in cash or check payable to PRW

**RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm the Friday before the meeting**

RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting

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

include your name in your email and say if you will/will not be having lunch



Congressman Elect Van Taylor hosts a thank you lunch for volunteers who worked on his 2018 campaign to represent Congressional District 3.



The first time a Christmas Tree appeared in the White House was in 1856 during the administration of **Franklin Pierce**. Franklin and Jane Pierce lost three sons, the last tragically being the sole fatality in a train wreck just before Pierce's inauguration. Tradition holds that Pierce brought the tree in, along with children carolers from The First Presbyterian Church, to help console Jane Pierce.

# PRWC - Christmas High Tea



**Theodore Roosevelt** banned Christmas trees in response to significant editorial opposition to the cutting down of trees. Despite his objections, Roosevelt's son defied the ban and smuggled in a small tree that was decorated and hidden in a closet in the upstairs sewing room. During his second administration, Roosevelt was told by Gifford Pinchot of the U.S. Forest Service that the practice was not harmful. He allowed a tree upstairs but it was not publicized or photographed.



# AMERICANISM REPORT

By Lisa Babb, Americanism Chair

Dear PRW Members and Friends,

It has been my privilege to serve as your Americanism Chair for 2018. I hope that the articles and trivia throughout this year have been entertaining, interesting, and ever reminding of the incredible privilege it is to be Americans; with the sacred duty to uphold our American Constitution

My first article of the year celebrated the First Ladies of America, who are owed tremendous respect for the magnitude of their role - a role that they all took on voluntarily, simply for the love of Family and Country. My final article for this year celebrates our beautiful, elegant, accomplished, and open-hearted First Lady Melania Trump.

The information below is taken from various White House Publications.

First Lady of the United States, Melania Trump, is the wife of President Donald J. Trump, the 45th president of the United States. Donald and Melania Trump have one child, Barron Trump. Melania Trump is the second First Lady born outside of the United States, and she is the only First Lady to become a naturalized U.S. citizen. Melania is fluent in Slovenian, English, French, Serbian, Italian and German..

Melania was born Melanija Knavs (Germanized to Melania Knauss) on April 26, 1970, in Novo Mesto, Slovenia (then part of communist Yugoslavia). Her father was a car dealer and her mother was a designer for children's clothing. She grew up in a modest home with her younger sister and later discovered she had an older half-brother, whom her father had from a previous relationship.

At age 16, she began what would soon become a highly successful modeling career, appearing in many high-profile ad campaigns, traveling extensively, and working with some of the most celebrated photographers in the fashion industry.

In 1996, Melania moved to New York and ten years later, she proudly became a United States Citizen. In 2005, she married Donald Trump. She has always been an active member of her community. Also in 2005, she was Honorary Chairwoman for the Martha Graham Dance Company, and additionally was awarded Goodwill Ambassador by the American Red Cross—a role she served in for four years. She served five years as Honorary Chairwoman for the Boys' Club of New York and was named Woman of the Year in 2006 by the Police Athletic League. Mrs. Trump has participated in National Love Our Children Day and National Child Abuse Prevention month, ringing the closing bell at NASDAQ.

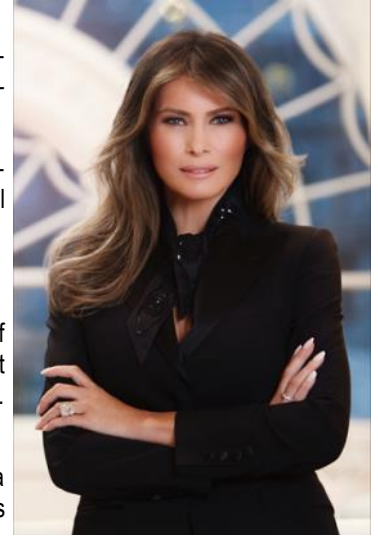
In 2010, Mrs. Trump was the Chairwoman for the American Heart Association, which raised \$1.7 million for research. That same year she launched her own jewelry collection.

In her role as First Lady, Mrs. Trump focuses her time on the many issues affecting children. An unwavering characteristic of the First Lady is her aptitude for showing love and compassion in all that she does. Mrs. Trump spends much of her time meeting with children who are patients at hospitals and care centers. Recently, she took valentines to the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health and Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Over the Easter holiday, she made a surprise visit to St. Mary's Medical Center in Palm Beach, Florida, bringing Easter baskets to the children. Following the devastating hurricanes last year, Mrs. Trump visited Texas to meet with families that suffered greatly under Hurricane Harvey. In the wake of two horrendous mass shootings, Mrs. Trump traveled with her husband to Las Vegas and Parkland to be with the victims and families in their times of need. Internationally, Mrs. Trump has visited several hospitals and schools. One of her most memorable visits being at the Pediatric Hospital Bambino Gesù in the Vatican City, where she met a boy who had been waiting for a new heart. Upon arrival in Belgium the following day, Mrs. Trump learned that the hospital had found a transplant for the boy—Mrs. Trump celebrated the news in a press statement and said "my own heart is filled with joy over the news."

As First Lady, Mrs. Trump has made multiple visits to schools—both foreign and domestic. From participating in a Viking huddle class, which focuses on emotional learning at Orchard Lake Middle School in Michigan, to taking the Queen of Jordan to Washington, D.C.'s first public charter school for girls at Excel Academy in Southeast, Mrs. Trump is always bringing children to the forefront of her agenda. While traveling abroad, Mrs. Trump visited the American International School in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, with Education Minister Ahmed Al Eissa, and took a calligraphy lesson with local children at Kyobashi Tsukiji Elementary School with Mrs. Abe while visiting Japan. Earlier this spring, Mrs. Trump invited a group of local students to the White House so she could talk with them, hear their stories, and understand the issues they are challenged with today. Mrs. Trump addresses those issues each opportunity she gets. From Governors' spouses' luncheons to the United Nations General Assembly, Mrs. Trump puts the emphasis on children and how we can protect them, teach them, and empower them.

In the midst of the opioid epidemic, Mrs. Trump has utilized her platform as First Lady to raise awareness about the dangers of opioid abuse—notably the devastating effects it has on infants and unborn babies. Mrs. Trump traveled to Huntington, West Virginia, where she visited Lily's Place, the Nation's first nonprofit infant recovery center that prioritizes the whole family to ensure infants born dependent on drugs are given the best

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**Benjamin Harrison**, in 1889, was the first president to have a tree in the upstairs family quarters, placed in the second-floor oval room, then used as a library and family parlor. It was decorated with tinsel and popcorn. He started the tradition of the White House Christmas Tree that remains today.



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opportunity to thrive. More recently, in February, Mrs. Trump traveled to Ohio to visit Cincinnati Children's, a leading pediatric hospital where she learned more about the ongoing research around neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)—a harmful result of drug abuse in pregnant mothers. Mrs. Trump has participated in multiple opioid summits and continues to work with the Administration on raising the awareness of opioid abuse and how we can better protect children from it.

On May 7, 2018, Mrs. Trump unveiled her platform, "Be Best." The program focuses on three key objectives: well-being, fighting opioid abuse and positivity on social media. "As a mother and as first lady, it concerns me that in today's fast-paced and ever-connected world, children can be less prepared to express or manage their emotions and oftentimes turn to forms of destructive or addictive behavior such as bullying, drug addiction or even suicide," she said. "I feel strongly that as adults we can and should be best at educating our children about the importance of a healthy and balanced life."

As did the First Ladies before her, Melania Trump is making her own mark on history. She sets a standard for all in selflessly serving our country. May God Bless Donald and Melania Trump and May God Bless America.



## Toys for Tots Toy Drive

Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The program was founded in 1947 by reservist Major Bill Hendricks

A big thank you to the members of Plano Republican Women for collecting toys again this year for the Toys for Tots campaign. In addition to toys collected by our members some of our associate members also donated toys. Thank you to Senator Van Taylor, former Representative Jerry Madden and Bob Voss.



In 1894, three years after electricity was introduced in the White House, **Grover Cleveland** became the first president to have electric lights on a Christmas tree.

**William McKinley** downplayed Christmas celebrations, and there is no evidence the holiday was marked during his four years in the White House. The President avoided discussions of Christmas because it was a sensitive topic with his wife. The McKinley's first daughter, Katherine ("Katie"), was born on Christmas Day in 1871 but passed away four years later of typhoid fever.

**William Howard Taft** lifted Roosevelt's ban on Christmas trees.

# December PRWC Meeting



The tradition of the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse began with **Calvin Coolidge** on Christmas Eve 1923, when he lit a 48 foot Balsam Fir from Vermont decorated with 2,500 electric bulbs in red, white, and green. The first official White House Christmas cards and the first Christmas message were both from Coolidge.

In 1923, **Franklin Roosevelt** first started sending out large numbers of Christmas cards. FDR collected Christmas cards and had over 3000 different designs. They are periodically put on display at his presidential library. Electric light was rationed during WW II, and there was no tree lighting ceremony.

# The Religion of Leftism

*Alley Stuckey, Townhall, November 30, 2018*

Over the last decade, America has [moved drastically to the left](#). Not only are more people on the left than ever before, the left is [further left](#) than it's ever been. This radical brand of progressivism has come to be known as "leftism"—an extreme yet increasingly dominant segment of the political spectrum.

At the same time, America has grown more secular. According to Pew, "religious nones" are [rapidly growing](#) in number. These "nones" are most concentrated among millennials: 36% of millennials are religiously unaffiliated. Millennials happen to also be America's most politically progressive generation.

This probably isn't a coincidence, especially since the same trends have occurred in a similar way in other parts of the world, such as Europe. While correlation doesn't prove causation, politics and religion are so closely related that it's hard to believe the simultaneous popularization of extreme leftism and secularism is insignificant.

My theory is this: the country hasn't actually become less religious. Many people have simply replaced traditional religion with leftism. Rather than associating with Christianity, for example, which demands repentance and promises persecution, they have opted for a religion that conveniently offers a sense of righteousness but denies the need to take responsibility for their own actions.

Leftism provides many of the same comforts that religion does without the expectation of personal sacrifice. Its adherents can feel that they're caring for the "least of these" because they vote for policies that empower the government to offer more welfare to the poor. It is a lazy form of compassion, and it is appealing to those who want to pat themselves on the back without having to voluntarily spend of their own time, energy or money.

On a personal level, unlike Christianity, leftism doesn't worry its adherents with sin and life-change. The only sin is to say there's sin. The only wrong is to say there's wrong. The highest virtue is one's own happiness, and the only truth is that which one finds in themselves. This, of course, is antithetical to what the Bible teaches, which is part of why it is very difficult—if not altogether impossible—to be a Bible-believing Christian and a radical leftist.

But there's another reason. While leftism may not require personal responsibility, generosity or morality, it does demand everything of its devotees. It aims to conform the mind, the heart and the soul fully to its agenda. There is no room in leftism for disagreement on abortion, gender, sexuality, immigration, race or economics. All reasoning must be guided by intersectionality. All thoughts must be centered on some vague notion of social justice. There is no tolerance for defection.

That's a problem for religious people, who are bound to a higher calling than that of any political ideology, and whose values are often incongruent with the controlling ethics of leftism. Many religious people are against abortion. Many religious people are for traditional marriage. Many religious people fear that too much government will mean less religious liberty. So, these religious people have a choice to make: allow their spiritual principles to submit to leftism, or allow their politics to be guided by their spiritual principles, which, undoubtedly, disqualifies them from being a "good" leftist.

Christianity, in particular, is incongruent with this brand of leftism. Jesus asks his disciples to deny themselves, take up their crosses and follow Him (Luke 9:23). So does leftism. Jesus asks for Christians' whole hearts. So does leftism. No person can serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). Those who identify as Christians and as leftists have either not yet discovered the complete sacrifice that will eventually be asked of them by leftism, or they've already abandoned their religious views in favor of their political ideology.

Leftism is not just against traditional religion; it has replaced it. It is its own religion. And, like all religions, it excludes adherence to any competing value system. It is its religious nature that has made its believers so fiercely defensive. It is why they cannot stand disagreement. Those who disagree are not just wrong, they're blasphemers, heretics and apostates who must be dealt with accordingly.

Religious people can have legitimate differences on policy without forsaking their values. They can honestly disagree on taxation, immigration, guns, welfare and healthcare and still unite under the banner of their faith. Since God transcends political parties, and is therefore neither a "conservative" nor a "progressive," there is room for debate between religious people of various political views. But it is very difficult for religious people to ascribe to *any* ideology that both opposes their beliefs and demands all-consuming worship the way leftism does.

That is why so many, it seems, have abandoned the perceived strictness of religious institutions and opted instead for the religion of leftism, which simply requires that you leave all moral, social and economic decisions up to the progressive powers-that-be. What they may soon realize, however, is that the government is not—and never has been—a merciful god.

The first President to broadcast a Christmas message was **Herbert Hoover** in 1929.

From 1948 to 1952 there was no White House Christmas Tree for **Harry Truman**. The building was being re-constructed. Truman had a Blair House Christmas Tree.

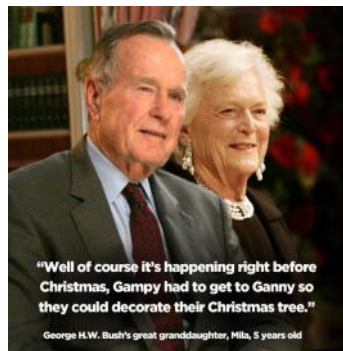
# Legislative Report

## In Memory of President George H. W. Bush, 41st President of the United States - 1024-2018



George Bush brought to the White House a dedication to traditional American values and a determination to direct them toward making the United States “a kinder and gentler nation.” In his Inaugural Address he pledged in “a moment rich with promise” to use American strength as “a force for good.”

Coming from a family with a tradition of public service, George Herbert Walker Bush felt the responsibility to make his contribution both in time of war and in peace. Born in Milton, Massachusetts, on June 12, 1924, he became a student leader at Phillips Academy in Andover. On his 18th birthday he enlisted in the armed forces. The youngest pilot in the Navy when he received his wings, he flew 58 combat missions during World War II. On one mission over the Pacific as a torpedo bomber pilot he was shot down by Japanese anti-aircraft fire and was rescued from the water by a U. S. submarine. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in action.



“Well of course it's happening right before Christmas, Gampy had to get to Ganny so they could decorate their Christmas tree.”

George H.W. Bush's great granddaughter, Milla, 5 years old

Bush next turned his energies toward completing his education and raising a family. In January 1945 he married Barbara Pierce. They had six children— George, Robin (who died as a child), John (known as Jeb), Neil, Marvin, and Dorothy.

At Yale University he excelled both in sports and in his studies; he was captain of the baseball team and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. After graduation Bush embarked on a career in the oil industry of West Texas.

Like his father, Prescott Bush, who was elected a Senator from Connecticut in 1952, George became interested in public service and politics. He served two terms as a Representative to Congress from Texas. Twice he ran unsuccessfully for the Senate. Then he was appointed to a series of high-level positions: Ambassador to the United Nations, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Chief of the U. S. Liaison Office in the People's Republic of China, and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.



In 1980 Bush campaigned for the Republican nomination for President. He lost, but was chosen as a running mate by Ronald Reagan. As Vice President, Bush had responsibility in several domestic areas, including Federal deregulation and anti-drug programs, and visited scores of foreign countries. In 1988 Bush won the Republican nomination for President and, with Senator Dan Quayle of Indiana as his running mate, he defeated Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis in the general election.

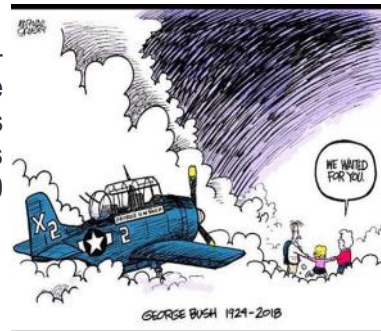
Bush faced a dramatically changing world, as the Cold War ended after 40 bitter years, the Communist empire broke up, and the Berlin Wall fell. The Soviet Union ceased to exist; and reformist President Mikhail Gorbachev, whom Bush had supported, resigned. While Bush hailed the march of democracy, he insisted on restraint in U. S. policy toward the group of new nations.



In other areas of foreign policy, President Bush sent American troops into Panama to overthrow the corrupt regime of General Manuel Noriega, who was threatening the security of the canal and the Americans living there. Noriega was brought to the United States for trial as a drug trafficker.

Bush's greatest test came when Iraqi President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, then threatened to move into Saudi Arabia. Vowing to free Kuwait, Bush rallied the United Nations, the U. S. people, and Congress and sent 425,000 American troops. They were joined by 118,000 troops from allied nations. After weeks of air and missile bombardment, the 100-hour land battle dubbed Desert Storm routed Iraq's million-man army.

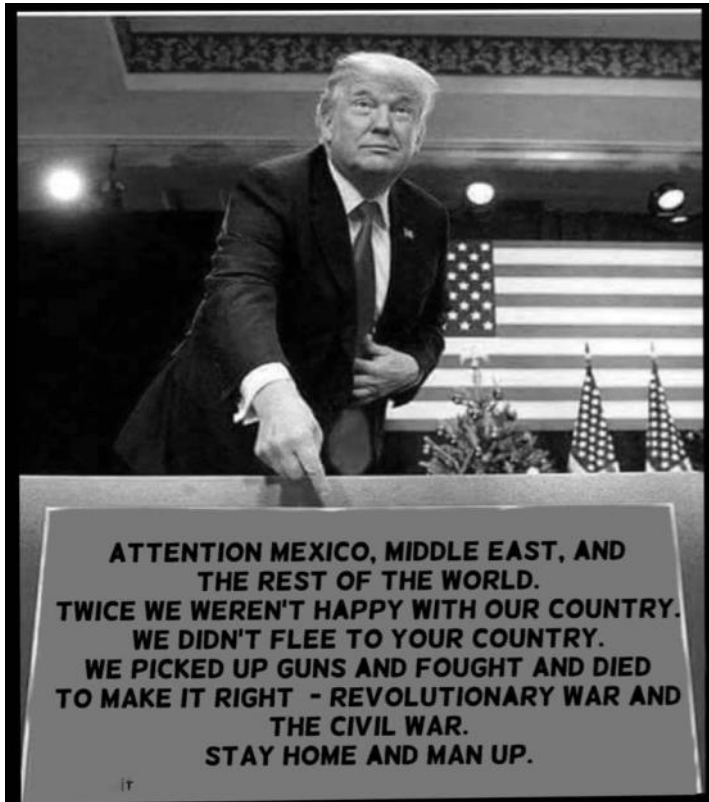
George H. W. Bush passed away on November 30, 2018, at the age of 94.



The Presidential biographies on [WhiteHouse.gov](http://WhiteHouse.gov) are from “The Presidents of the United States of America,” by Frank Freidel and Hugh Sides. Copyright 2006 by the White House Historical Association.



# Political Cartoons



In 1978 **Rosalynn Carter** planted a new National Christmas Tree on the ellipse in 1978. Its predecessor had been destroyed in a wind storm. This tree stood until 2011, when a new, living Colorado blue spruce Christmas tree was planted on the Ellipse, between the White House and the National Mall. The previous tree had remained over 35 years, before it, too, was irreparably damaged by high winds in February 2011

# Congressional Gold for Benghazi Ghosts: H.R. 2315

By Michael Ingmire, December 28, 2018

*"The dead cannot cry out for justice. It is the duty of the living to do so for them." -Lois McMaster Bujold, Author*

After a broadly contentious midterm elections season, I found it difficult to consider the shape of anything even remotely resembling bipartisanship in the United States Congress. Yet, when I least expected it, I was actually surprised by the United States Congress.

On November 17, 2018, I found out about a bill moving through the House floor that struck a personal resonance with me. It is H.R. 2315. It is sponsored by Congressman Stephen Lynch (D-MA 8) and was originally introduced on May 3, 2017. This bill seeks to posthumously honor the four victims of the Benghazi attacks, Ambassador Chris Stevens, Tyrone Woods, Glen Doherty and our nephew Sean Smith with the Congressional Gold Medal.

The Congressional Gold Medal is a high honor that has been bestowed on Americans as diverse as George Washington to George Gershwin. It is given to individuals that have made a mark in American history or culture.

I found out about H.R. 2315 from a dear friend of my mine, Lt. Col. Dennis B. Haney, USAF (Ret). Denny is a Vietnam era Jet Fighter Pilot, affectionately known as a United States Air Force Wild Weasel Pilot. I have known Denny for about five years when he and the folks at Special Operations Speaks were supporting the push by victim family members and fellow citizens who were seeking to establish an atmosphere of accountability about Benghazi. Denny is also a member of the Citizen's Commission on Benghazi and the Citizen's Commission on National Security, among many accomplishments. Denny is also a very true and wiser older brother by different parents.

So on the afternoon of November 17<sup>th</sup>, I left a message on Congressman Stephen Lynch's voice mail. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, I received a message from the Congressman's office asking me to call back. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, I spoke with one of his staff. To preserve their privacy, they shall remain nameless in the context of this article.

Speaking with one of Congressman Lynch's staff members, on December 20<sup>th</sup>, I advised them that by perusing congress.gov I was aware that the bill currently had 250 co-sponsors. I told them that I thought that a bill normally would pass with 218 votes. They advised me that as the Financial Services Office of Congress struck and paid for Congressional Gold Medals, they required 290 co-sponsors. That equals three quarters of the House of Representatives. That actually is fine with me as it left no room for this to be politicized.

Congressman Lynch's Staff was helpful, kind and informative. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, when there were 253 co-sponsors, I found a copy of Congressman Lynch's most recent, for the time, "Dear Colleague" letter. Congressman Lynch's language was straight forward and inspiring.

*"In view of the recent sixth anniversary of the September 2012 terrorist attack on the U.S Consulate and classified annex in Benghazi, Libya, it is important that Congress recognize those brave individuals that sacrificed their lives to defend our great nation and its values. To this end, we have introduced bipartisan legislation, H.R. 2315, to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to **Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens**, former Navy Seal **Glen Doherty**, former Navy Seal **Tyrone Woods**, and U.S. State Department Officer **Sean Smith** in recognition of their lifetime commitment to the safety and security of the American people."*

Congressman Lynch's words are moving and I find his intent to be respectful with a sincere desire to offer tribute to the Benghazi victims. If only members of the previous administration had demonstrated that same commitment to the safety and security of all Americans deployed to foreign countries including the Benghazi Four and their Colleagues.

When I read the list of co-sponsors on this bill, I was amused and amazed. After all, some of the folks who signed on to H.R. 2315 were some of the same folks that called the Benghazi victim family members liars and worse. Individuals who compared Benghazi to a walking corpse and other statements too ridiculous to repeat here. I will not give the guilty any publicity by naming them here.

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First Lady **Lou Henry Hoover** established the custom of decorating an official tree in the White House in 1929. Since that time, the honor of trimming the Christmas tree on the state floor has belonged to our first ladies. The tree stands in the oval Blue Room, an elegant space honored as the center of holiday splendor.

# Congressional Gold for Benghazi Ghosts: H.R. 2315

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But whether one co-sponsors a bill out of guilt, over midnight worries about one's legacy or doing the right thing, it makes no matter to me. After all, in the past six plus years, I first sought more knowledge about Benghazi, than sought accountability for those responsible for the murders. In my travels towards the truth I failed to consider the concept of honor for these four Americans. Without a doubt, Ambassador Stevens, Sean Smith, Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods should be honored.

Keeping a keen eye on this bill I saw the count for this bill climb to 295 and finally to 298. With the recent passing of President George H.W. Bush and the approaching holidays, it seemed the bill might roll into 2019. Than on December 12, 2018, approaching that 11<sup>th</sup> cocktail hour, H.R. 2315 passed the House, unanimously, by a voice vote.

H.R. 2315 moved from the House to the Senate on December 13<sup>th</sup>. It has been assigned the Senate bill number, S.1906. I am praying that S.1906 moves efficiently through the Senate. It is past time to honor the Benghazi Four.

By the way, and I have written and spoken about this before, all public schools should teach their students how to navigate the congress.gov website. It can teach current and future generations how to pay attention to the workings of the legislative process. A focused attention is vital for the strength of our people, so that we can remain vigilant and continue to combat tyranny.

The tragedy of Benghazi must not be swept away with this recognition but the need for accountability and justice are illuminated by this bright point of light. Sometimes one small point of light can fully illuminate the darkness. Sometimes truth, and it's close cousin justice, can make its presence known in the wake of that illumination. For myself and the other family members, may Almighty God engulf our world with the light of truth and justice. We have been on the path of justified suspicion for far too long. It is time for the illumination of accountability to be framed by the light of honor.

*Michael Ingmire, is a musician, writer, commentator, activist and author based in North Carolina. As a musician he has shared stages with artists like John Lee Hooker, Albert King, Bo Diddley, Dr. Mac Arnold, Wilson Pickett, Allen Ginsberg, Kenny Neal, Bob Margolin, among many. Michael's work is available for listening or purchase at [reverbNation.com](http://reverbNation.com) under Michael Wolf Ingmire. Since the death of his nephew, Sean Smith, in the September 2012 Benghazi attacks, Michael's writing has taken on a strong political edge. He has previously written about Benghazi extensively for The Daily Caller and foxnews.com. Starting in September 2015, Michael has been a consistent contributor to Politichicks, writing about, political, musical, and social topics. His article, "Benghazi: A Tale of Two Reports," closes out the chapter on Islam in the collection, "Politichicks: A Clarion Call to Political Activism."*

*It is my hope that PRW will contact Senators Cornyn and Cruz and ask them to support S. 1906 and honor the Benghazi Four.  
Catherine Gibb, President 2018*

## *PRWC Makes Year End Donation to Patriot Paws*



The tradition of a Christmas Tree theme dates back to Jacqueline Kennedy in 1961, and the first one was "Nutcracker Suite." **John F. Kennedy** had to cancel his appearance at the 1961 tree lighting ceremony because his father had suffered a stroke. Among the rarest Christmas cards in the White House collection are the 30 cards personally signed by Kennedy in November 1963 prior to his death.

## Political Cartoons

Snowed Last Night..

8:00 am: I made a snowman.

8:10 - A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.

8:15 - So, I made a snow woman.

8:17 - My feminist neighbor complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest saying it objectified snow women everywhere..

8:20 - The gay couple living nearby threw a hissy fit and moaned it should have been two snow men instead.

8:22 - The transgender man..woman.person asked why I didn't just make one snow person with detachable parts.

8:25 - The vegans at the end of the lane complained about the carrot nose, as veggies are food and not to decorate snow figures with.

8:28 - I was being called a racist because the snow couple is white.

8:31 - The middle eastern gent across the road demanded the snow woman be covered up .

8:40 - The Police arrived saying someone had been offended.

8:42 - The feminist neighbor complained again that the broomstick of the snow woman needed to be removed because it depicted women in a domestic role.

8:43 - The council equality officer arrived and threatened me with eviction.

8:45 - TV news crew from ABC showed up. I was asked if I know the difference between snowmen and snow-women? I replied "Snowballs" and am now called a sexist.

9:00 - I was on the News as a suspected terrorist, racist, homophobe sensibility offender, bent on stirring up trouble during difficult weather.

9:10 - I was asked if I have any accomplices. My children were taken by social services.

9:29 - Far left protesters offended by everything marched down the street demanding for me to be arrested.

**Moral: There is no moral to this story. It is what we have become, all because of snowflakes.**



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In 1979, when **Jimmy Carter** sent his daughter Amy to light the tree at 5:50 p.m., the switch lit only the top star on the big tree, and only tiny blue lights illuminated the state trees on the Pathway of Peace. The President announced that the National Christmas Tree, a nationwide symbol, would remain dark until the American hostages in Iran were set free. "Amy has lit fifty trees -- one for each American hostage," the President told the stunned crowd. "We will turn on the rest of the lights when the hostages come home." The audience applauded. The President then requested a moment of silent prayer.

# Plano Republican Women Officers for 2019



Thank you to State Representative Elect Candy Noble for swearing in our 2019 officers. Pictured left to right:

- Treasurer: Lynn McCoy
- Corresponding Secretary: Susan Bushey
- Secretary: Anne Logan
- 3rd VP: Catherine Gibb
- 2nd VP: Lisa Babb
- 1st VP: Stephanie Casson (absent)
- President: Jennifer Groysman
- State Rep Elect Candy Noble



In 1980, Jimmy Carter lit the National Christmas Tree for only 417 seconds, each second symbolizing one day of captivity of the Americans hostages held hostage in Iran. On January 20, 1981, (President Reagan's Inauguration Day) after the American hostages were released and their airplane had cleared Iranian air space, the tree was hastily decorated in time for their return. The American hostages in Iran were to return to the United States on January 21st, 1981, and **Ronald Reagan** wanted the tree to be lit in their honor.

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