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May 2025

President's Byline



From Green Icons to Targets: The Irony of Attacks on Tesla

Just a year ago, Tesla stood as a beacon for environmental progress, championed by activists and eco-conscious consumers alike. Its electric vehicles symbolized a collective stride toward a sustainable future. Fast forward to today, and the narrative has taken a perplexing sharp turn into Leftist

extremism. In cities across the U.S. and abroad, Tesla vehicles and facilities have become targets of vandalism and protest.

In March of 2025, Sen. Mark Kelly sold his Telsa for a Chevy Tahoe. Sen. Kelly and Musk once had a friendly relationship; this is part of the backlash against Elon Musk. It shows a growing problem in Democrat party, when they don't get what they want, they riot and try to dox people who have left the mindless Democrat Plantation.

In March 2025, nine protesters were arrested at a Tesla dealership in New York amid demonstrations against Elon Musk's political affiliations. On March 28th in Frisco, an unhinged driver plowed his truck into 7 parked cars to hit a Telsa Cybertruck parked at the Star. Ironically, the driver had to be taken to hospital after he destroyed 7 cars because he hit the Cybertruck so hard, it tore the vehicle in half.

In April 2025, a flurry of activity happened all over the country and locally. On April 5th, demonstrators gathered in downtown Dallas again with a group of professional agitators and some useful idiots as part of the nationwide "Hands Off!" movement. On April 8th Tesla Supercharger station in Lacey, Washington was damaged in an explosion. The FBI is investigating this incident as part of a series of vandalism acts targeting Tesla properties.

These actions starkly contrast with the company's environmental mission and highlight a shift in Democrat perception of Tesla. He has been named public

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Calendar of Events

Next Board Meeting May 6, 11:30 Napoli's Restaurant West Plano

Next General Meeting May 20, 11:30 Saltgrass - East Plano





PRW President's Byline (continued)

enemy number 2 right under President Trump. Even though DOGE has found

grave government fraud, graft and corruption, the mainstream media have fed the puppets that normally vote Democrat a pack of lies. So just like that, environmental conservation has gone away, and the professional protestors are back carrying a large array of democrat propaganda signs while causing public unrest.

It's a poignant reminder of the importance of peaceful protest—a cornerstone of American democracy. Resorting to violence undermines the very principles many activists aim to uphold. As discourse continues, it's essential to reflect on the methods employed in the pursuit of change, ensuring they align with the values of respect, dialogue, and non-violence. We live in a representative republic, if we don't like something we effect change though the ballot box not Molotov Cocktails.

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Vision and Mission Statement: Plano Republican Women is an American political club, bringing together women to positively impact the direction of our nation. We come together as a collective force advancing the power of women through political access and participation.

Our mission is to see women from all age groups and walks of life as key players at the political table of national, state, and local issues.









PRW May Meeting

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: May 20, 2025

The American Journey Experience America's History



The American Journey Experience is a state-of-theart museum and research library focusing on American history from Christopher Columbus to the Space Race.

Our mission is to educate, enlighten, inspire, empower, and activate all Americans and people seeking information about the birth, background, history, unfolding

and eternal principles of America's journey.

Our collection includes more than 100,000 artifacts, many of which you can see by visiting our facility in Irving, TX.

We use these artifacts to educate guests about our nation's incredible history, encouraging them to take an active role in defending the American Journey.

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, entree with vegetable, and dessert.

RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, May 16, 2025

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





We have one month left in the legislative session. Some bills that have passed so far are....

House Bill 14 which creates the Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office.

House Bill 2 passed. It has \$7.7 billion more dollars in public education funding and a teacher pay raise.

Senate Bill 1 The State Budget Passed both chambers and is on its way to the governor's desk at the time of the writing of this report.

Senate Bill 689 passed the Senate. It bans DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) which is a nice term for racism.

Senate Continuing Resolution 42 passed the Senate. It declares there are only two sexes, male and female.

Senate Bill 964 passed the Senate_will require driver licenses obtained by non-citizens to say, "not eligible to vote" on them.

You can look up and follow bills at Texas Legislature online <u>www.legis.state.tx.us/</u>.

Please remember to call your reps and let them know how you want them to vote on bills.

Jennifer Groysman, Legislative Chair

"The love of freedom is implanted in the human breast and can never be totally extinguished."

- *Mercy Otis Warren, 1805, History of the Rise, Progress, and Termination of the American Revolution

Mercy Otis Warren (1728–1814) was a poet, playwright, and political historian who became one of the first American women to publish political works under her own name. A fierce advocate for liberty and natural rights, she influenced public opinion before, during, and after the American Revolution through her writings. She proved that intellectual leadership was not limited by gender — and her voice helped shape the founding spirit of the United States.

April Meeting Photos



















AMERICANISM REPORT



THE BIRTH OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY: FREEDOM'S NEW CHAMPION May 1, 2025

The story of the Republican Party is one of conviction, moral clarity, and a steadfast commitment to American ideals. From its very founding, the Republican Party stood against the moral evil of slavery, championing the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people. This unwavering commitment to human dignity and individual freedom remains central to the party's identity today. While the specific challenges have evolved—from the abolition of slavery to defending the sanctity of life, religious freedom, and property rights—the underlying principles endure. The Republican Party continues to be the party of traditional American values, rooted in faith, family, and freedom. Republicans stand as guardians of America's founding principles, believing that rights are granted not by government, but by God, and that it is the duty of every generation to defend them. Understanding the party's origins deepens our appreciation for the ongoing struggle to preserve American's God-given freedoms. As in 1856, the fight for unalienable rights calls for courage, conviction, and a steadfast commitment to the founding principles that make America exceptional.

A New Party Rises from Crisis (1854)

Amid the chaos of <u>Bleeding Kansas</u> and fierce national debate over slavery, a new political force emerged. On March 20, 1854, in Ripon, Wisconsin, anti-slavery activists, former Whigs, <u>Free Soilers</u>, and concerned citizens gathered to confront the <u>Kansas-Nebraska Act</u>, which had overturned the Missouri Compromise and opened new territories to slavery.

The idea that each territory could decide the fate of slavery through "popular sovereignty" sparked violence across Kansas and left a void in national leadership. **The Republican Party was born** to fill it.

From Ripon to Jackson: Taking Shape

Just months after the Ripon meeting, the first official Republican state convention convened in Jackson, Michigan, on July 6, 1854. There, the party formally adopted its name and mission: to halt the spread of slavery.

1856: A Platform of Bold Principles

By June 1856, the fledgling party gathered at <u>Philadelphia's Musical Fund Hall</u> for its first national convention. Here, John C. Frémont was nominated for president, and a platform of freedom and national progress was declared.

Key Planks of the 1856 Republican Platform

• Stopping Slavery's Spread:

The party called for Congress to ban slavery in U.S. territories, arguing it was both a moral imperative and constitutional duty. Echoing the Declaration of Independence, it insisted that *"all men are endowed with the inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."*

- **Twin Relics of Barbarism:** The platform condemned slavery and polygamy (then practiced by some Mormons in Utah) as threats to the moral fabric of the nation.
 - Defending Rights in Kansas:

Republicans denounced President Franklin Pierce's administration for trampling settlers' rights in Kansas, listing violations that included:

- Infringement of the right to bear arms.
- Suppression of free speech and press.
- Denial of due process and fair elections.

Americanism Report

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The platform pledged to bring those responsible to justice, accusing the Pierce administration of complicity in these abuses.

• Uniting the Nation with Infrastructure:

Beyond fighting slavery, Republicans promoted national development, calling for:

- A transcontinental railroad to link East and West.
- Federal investment in rivers and harbors to bolster commerce and security.

• Welcoming All Who Value Freedom:

The platform invited Americans from all parties to join this new cause—uniting under the shared belief in liberty, conscience, and constitutional rights.

Frémont's Campaign: The Spark That Caught Fire

Although Frémont lost the 1856 election to James Buchanan, he won 11 Northern states, signaling the Republican Party's rapid rise. This groundwork paved the way for Abraham Lincoln's victory in 1860 and the abolition of slavery that followed.

What do the struggles of 1856 have to do with today's America?

Why This Still Matters

The Republican Party's founding was more than political strategy—it was a moral stand. By framing its cause in the language of America's founding documents, the party positioned itself as the defender of freedom, human dignity, and constitutional rights.

Today, remembering these beginnings reminds us that America's promise of liberty and justice for all requires vigilance—and sometimes bold new leadership.

In every generation, new challenges arise to test these freedoms—whether in the form of government overreach, attacks on religious liberty, or suppression of speech. The spirit that founded the Republican Party remains essential today We are the party of freedom and liberty, given to us by God, which no man shall take away.



Heidi Engelhart

NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN

Heidi Engelhart, wife, mother, business owner, and Republican Party leader resides in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Heidi and her husband, Darren, have four children and are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren.

As a strong US Constitutionalist, Heidi stands for life, the Second Amendment, private property rights, marriage, and family. She holds to a Biblical Worldview.

Heidi has served as Brown County GOP Secretary, Precinct Committeewoman, Brown County State Committeewoman, and serves on the South Dakota Republican State Central Committee.

In 2019, Heidi founded Brown County Area Republican Women serving as their president for four years and leading them to win two national awards and was influential in winning two national competitions in most worked campaign and election hours in the nation.

Heidi also served as Fourth, Third, and Second Vice President of South Dakota Federation of Republican Women, was Chairwoman of the Leadership Committee, and has played an intricate role in new club development.

Heidi was appointed and actively serves on the National Federation of Republican Women's Board of Directors and serves on their Campaign and Elections Committee working to get Republicans elected across the nation.

Knowing and understanding the importance of Republicans winning elections, Heid has, over the years, volunteered her time working on several campaigns across the state of South Dakota.

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Political Action Hours

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by Political Action Chair Jennifer Groysman



Keep the challenge going! 10 hours per month!



Political Action Report

By Jennifer Groysman, Legislative Chair

Ladies, are you helping a local candidate's campaign by door knocking, making calls, or poll greeting? Were you working as a judge, alternate judge, clerk, or poll watcher during early voting? Have you done anything to get out the vote? Did you go and vote? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, that means who have political action hours you can turn in to me. Remember, your travel time also counts. If you made phone calls, remember to submit how many calls you made. You all work very hard to keep Collin County red. It is important that our parent organization, TX Federated Republican Women, know how much you do for our County and our Cities. The only way they can know all the time you put into working for Republican values is to turn in all the hours you work. You can submit your hours at our website. <u>www.planorepublicanwomen.org</u>

You can submit your hours on our website here: Political Action Hours

"TOLERANCE WILL REACH SUCH A LEVEL THAT INTELLIGENT PEOPLE WILL BE BANNED FROM THINKING SO AS NOT TO OFFEND THE IMBECILES."



GOP GUEST ARTICLE



Restoring Our Industrial Base to Combat China: The key to countering China requires restoring our industrial might at home.

U.S. intelligence predicts a Chinese invasion of Taiwan by 2027, just two short years away. The fall of Taiwan would ensure China corners the world's market for semiconductor chips—used in everything from cars to smartphones to satellites. A victory here for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) would also no doubt embolden the authoritarian regime's expansionist ambitions elsewhere.

The CCP has made it abundantly clear that its goal is to challenge U.S. global dominance and undermine the West politically, economically, and militarily. It's no secret that China's military expansion is proceeding at an alarming rate, even after you account for Beijing's propaganda campaigns. Without a robust navy, the U.S. will be unable to project power in the Indo-Pacific and maintain the capability to deter CCP belligerence. In fact, while the U.S. Navy currently holds a technological advantage in terms of the ships and weapons systems at its disposal, China's navy currently holds a four-to-one advantage in terms of ships deployed to the region. The United States would likely struggle to replace the loss of even a portion of its fleet should it become involved in a hot conflict with China in the near future.

How do we prevent this bleak scenario? By restoring America's defense industrial base now, before it's too late.

Read more in my latest for RealClear Defense <u>HERE</u>.

For Texas & Liberty, Rep. Pat Fallon U.S. Congressman Texas' Fourth Congressional District



Membership Report

by Membership Chair Ushma Ferguson

Many Thanks To Our Club Patrons

These members have donated \$100.00 in cash, given items to the club, or paid budgeted expenses valued at \$100.00 or more.

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We are currently accepting Membership Renewals for 2025! And we always welcome new members!

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting, online through our website https://planorepublicanwomen.org/become-a-member

Or checks can be mailed to Plano Republican Women, P O Box 940461, Plano, TX 75094-0461.

Memberships:

\$40 Full Active Single Membership (PRW receives \$15, TFRW and NFRW receive \$25)

\$45 Full Active Membership with Spouse

\$25 Associate Membership – for Men or Active Members of other Republican Women Clubs

\$20 Young Affiliate (young woman, age 10-17)

\$140 Patron Member (includes Full Active Single Membership)

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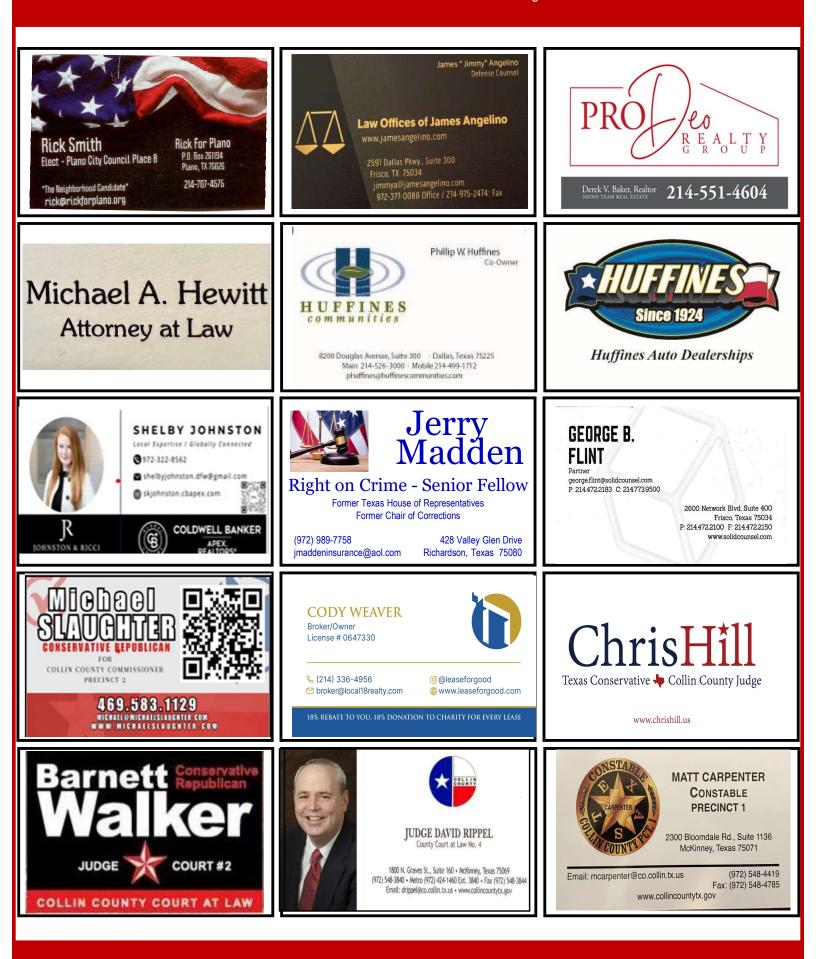
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May Birthdays

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Patricia Greer	5/12
Diana Chavez-Gifford	5/13
Peggy McBrayer	5/13
Stephanie Casson	5/14
Valerie Greenberg	5/23
Rita Greenwell	5/30

