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These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. . . .

Thomas Paine, The Crisis No. I (December 1776)

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WHY I'M A REPUBLICAN

by Penny TerHaar



Penny is vice president of Summit County Republican Women. An outdoor enthusiast, she enjoys skiing, sailing, kayaking, biking, and other activities. She has a background in pharmaceutical and scientific sales, and her business skills were developed through completion of an MBA and management with big pharma. Penny believes in smaller government and personal responsibility. As a single mother raising her son in the Chicago suburbs, she successfully portrayed this philosophy of self-determination. Her son is the captain of a large fishing vessel in Alaska. Penny splits her time between Colorado and Florida and is often seen with her mini-Bernedoodle, Meli. This active woman believes in common sense conservative values, educating the community, and the Golden Rule. She also participates with CT3 and Freedom for Summit groups.

Republicans believe that we were created to accomplish anything we want to if we put our hearts, efforts, and means into it – no matter who we are, who we know, where we came from, or how much we have.

Republicans believe in freedom, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to do what we choose, as long as it doesn't adversely affect others.

Republicans believe in a government for the people and by the people – a government that is no bigger than necessary.

Republicans believe in protecting children to live as children.

Republicans believe history gives us the knowledge and understanding to not repeat past mistakes.

Republicans believe that God is essential for goodness and civility in all.

I never knew why I was so proud to be a Republican until I started seeing the destruction of our great country by those who are liberals, progressives, socialists, and communists masquerading as Democrats.

I hope more people will start seeing why they want to also become Republicans, people who will work hard to keep evil from eroding away our great country's blessings.

Sacrificing for Our Freedom

Fifty six men signed the Declaration of Independence and pledged “. . . with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.” In doing so, they knew they would be viewed as traitors to the crown and face death or another terrible fate if captured. But they were dedicated to freedom and overthrowing the tyranny of British rule.

Throughout the new nation’s fight for independence, none of the signers ever revoked his pledge, although many of them paid dearly for their ideals. Sources* reveal that several of the Founders were captured and tortured, nine died from wounds or hardships suffered while fighting in the Revolutionary War. Some of their sons were imprisoned or their families forced to flee their homes. Several had their homes burned. Others had their businesses destroyed and lost everything they owned. The sacrifices of these courageous families blessed us with the greatest nation and individual freedoms in history.

During the following centuries, millions of patriots sacrificed to protect America and the principles upon which this great country was founded, principles stated in the Declaration of Independence:

“ We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness – That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed . . . ”

In war and in peace, we all have important roles to play in maintaining the freedoms that were achieved at such great cost. Whether patriotically serving in the military, honestly teaching our children to love America, or courageously speaking up for what is right, we can all contribute to keeping America’s foundational principles alive. Do we have the grit?

Like our Founding Fathers, are we willing to pledge “our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor?”

* *The 56: Liberty Lessons from Those Who Risked All to Sign the Declaration of Independence*, by Douglas MacKinnon

Fascinating Facts about Our Nation

1. On June 11, 1776, the Second Continental Congress nominated five men to draft the Declaration of Independence. The Committee of Five included John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York, and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. Because of Jefferson's writing skills, the other committee members unanimously pressed him to write the draft. Jefferson wrote the document but asked Franklin and Adams to review it and make corrections. Jefferson is considered the author of the Declaration of Independence.
2. In his book, *The 56*, Douglas MacKinnon states that Jefferson's father died when Thomas was 14. The young man then became responsible for his mother, seven siblings, and the 2,500-acres of land and farmland that his father had left the family. Two years later, he entered the College of William and Mary. He was 33 years old when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson later became the nation's first secretary of state, second vice president, and third president of the United States.



Benjamin Franklin and John Adams meeting with Thomas Jefferson, standing, to study a draft of the Declaration of Independence. (Credit: Universal History Archive/Getty Images)



The Great Seal of the United States

3. Coincidentally, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams –signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States – both died on the 50th anniversary of the nation's independence, July 4, 1826. Reportedly, the last words spoken by Adams were, "Thomas Jefferson still lives." He was unaware that his friend had died a few hours earlier.
4. *E pluribus unum*, the motto of the United States that appears on the Great Seal of the United States, means "out of many, one." The motto honors the 13 original states that became one united country, as well as the numerous countries "from which these states have been peopled."

Protecting Freedom with Our Words

by Jini Clare



In 1839, a playwright wrote, "The pen is mightier than the sword." Indeed, words and the ideas behind them have changed the course of history – often for good, sometimes for evil. This month we celebrate the exceptional country and freedoms that powerful ideas and influential words have wrought.

Like our Founders, we, too, can be instruments of change.

With media censoring information or distorting truth, letters to the editor remain important tools to educate and motivate a naïve or apathetic populace. It is often up to concerned citizens to provide information, expertise, and enlightening points of view.

How can you write a persuasive letter? Begin by selecting a topic that interests you, is timely, or is a subject in which you have expertise. Decide what point you want to make about that topic. Then do some research to determine a few facts that support your argument. The most effective letters are based on solid facts and good information. Those that are reactive and emotional tend to alienate and divide.

If we want to "win friends and influence people," it is best to avoid personal attacks and mentioning anyone by name – unless it is to give credit for good ideas and actions. For example, when writing to disagree with a previously published letter or article, cite the name of the column and the points of disagreement rather than criticizing the author of the controversial piece. Be attentive to the adjectives and verbs you use. Are they persuasive or divisive?

Our goals with the SummitUp newsletter and other marketing efforts include educating our readers, bringing people together in harmony, and demonstrating that Republicans "care for country and community." We believe that is how we will build support.

The *Summit Daily* limits letters to 300 words. The editors also provide online guidelines regarding content. Submissions must include author's name, hometown(s), and address and phone number (for verification of residency and authorship only). Email your letter directly to letters@summitdaily.com, or mail it to the editor at Summit Daily, P.O. Box 329, Frisco, CO 80443.

As we celebrate Independence Day and the freedoms we cherish, this is a great moment to commit ourselves to freedom of the press and freedom of speech. We cannot remain silent while our founding principles and our culture are under attack. We must not allow ourselves to be "summer soldiers and sunshine patriots," as Thomas Paine warned. It is time to use our pens, our keyboards, our ideas, and our words to win the current-day battles in our fight for freedom!

FOCUS ON EDUCATION

CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR IMPORTANT SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Please support our efforts to find strong Summit County School Board candidates and enthusiastic volunteers for the school board election this fall. We formed a small leadership group following the school board training we hosted in early June. The guest speaker has been successful across the state of Colorado and beyond, helping school board candidates succeed. He provides ongoing support for volunteers and community outreach. He has also offered to mentor potential candidates and our team throughout the process.

Please contact Penny TerHaar, phaar10@gmail.com, if you would like to learn more about being a school board candidate or how to help as a volunteer in any capacity. Penny can also be reached at 847-269-0568 for more information, and she is available to answer your questions.

Thank you,
The School Board Leadership Team

SCHOOL BOARD PRAYER TEAM



A school board prayer team has been established, and all are welcome to attend. The group meets every Tuesday from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Summit County Prayer Room, 252 Warren Avenue, Silverthorne. Please contact Cindy Meinders at cmeinders1@gmail.com or 706-218-0083 for information or prayer requests.

July BOOK CLUB

BOOK: *Three Days in January: Dwight Eisenhower's Final Mission*

AUTHOR: Bret Baier

MODERATOR: Maarten Meinders

DATE: Monday, July 24, 6:00 pm

PLACE: 55 Lacy Drive, Silverthorne

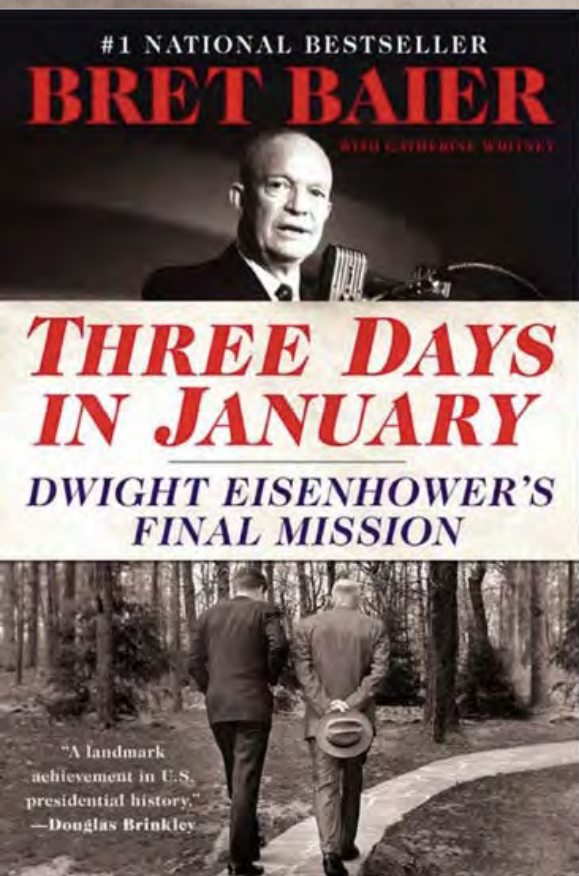
HOSTS: Nancy and Alexander (Sandy) Gunow

Please bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share.

All are welcome to attend; spouses, friends, family members!

RSVP to Nancy at gunown@aol.com or 248-568-6415.

To continue the presidential focus this summer, we will study FDR in August, with the meeting scheduled for August 28. The recommended book is another in Bret Baier's Three Day Series, "*Three Days at the Brink: FDR's Daring Gamble to Win World War II*". Many books have been written on FDR, and for this study we would encourage all to either read this book, or another of their choosing on FDR, from different perspectives, i.e. "*New Deal or Raw Deal? How FDR's Economic Legacy Has Damaged America*" by Folsom.





DID YOU KNOW?

1

The U.S. House Oversight and Accountability Committee presented preliminary findings into their investigation of the Biden family on May 10. Banking and other records show the Biden family set up a web of numerous LLCs to receive payments from various foreign governments, including China and Romania. “Bank records show the Biden family, their business associates, and their companies received over \$10 million from foreign nationals’ companies,” according to the report.

2


The Heritage Foundation and other news sources reported that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has secret police stations that are currently active in at least 53 countries. Two New York residents were indicted in May by the Department of Justice for “conspiring to act as agents” of the CCP. They were operating the clandestine station in Manhattan, “intimidating and threatening Chinese dissidents.”

3

A June 20 *Wall Street Journal* news exclusive stated, “China and Cuba are negotiating to establish a new joint military training facility on the island, sparking alarm in Washington that it could lead to the stationing of Chinese troops and other security and intelligence operations just 100 miles off Florida’s coast, according to current and former U.S. officials. Discussions for the facility on Cuba’s northern coast are at an advanced stage but not concluded, U.S. intelligence reports suggest.”

4

At its 97th Annual Delegate Assembly in April, the Colorado Education Association passed an anti-capitalism resolution. The resolution states: “The CEA believes that capitalism inherently exploits children, public schools, land, labor and resources. Capitalism is in opposition to fully addressing systemic racism (the school to prison pipeline), climate change, patriarchy (gender and LGBTQ disparities), education inequality, and income inequality.” The CEA is Colorado’s largest teachers’ union and boasts 39,000 educators, retirees, and college students.



CALENDAR

JULY 4 | 4TH OF JULY PARADE - BRECKENRIDGE

Celebrate our nation by wearing patriotic clothing and walking with the CT3 float in the parade. For more information contact Sarah @ (970)389-8550. Volunteer sign up ct3summit.com



JULY 10 | 5:30 - 7:00 PM - SUMMIT COUNTY GOP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND WOMEN COMBINED MEETING

Hostess: Penny TerHaar at her home at 564 Bighorn Circle, Silverthorne. RSVP at phaar10@gmail.com or 847-269-0568.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert and/or a bottle of wine. Weather permitting, we'll be outside! Guests are welcome too! We'd love to have you as a member if you haven't joined our group yet.

JULY 11, 18, 25 | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM - SCHOOL BOARD PRAYER TEAM

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JULY 16 | 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM - EDIBLE, MEDICINAL, POISONOUS PLANT HIKE, FRISCO

Presented by CT3 and survivalist Cattail Bob. JOIN US for a 2.5 hour hike with Cattail Bob! We are offering a MORNING and an AFTERNOON hikes.

JULY 17 | 5:30 - 7:00 PM - CONSERVATIVE COCKTAILS

PLACE: TBA

Send request to news@thesummitgop.org

JULY 24 | 6:00 - JULY BOOK CLUB

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AUTHOR: Bret Baier

DATE: Monday, July 24, 6:00 pm

HOSTS: Nancy and Alexander (Sandy) Gunow 55 Lacy Drive, Silverthorne

SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 5 | 11 - 2 PM - GOP SUMMER PICNIC, CARTER PARK, BRECKRIDGE

Let's continue to learn and discuss how we as individuals can help support "back to basics" conservative education reform. Enjoy outstanding Arapahoe Café BBQ, mingle with fellow conservatives, and discuss current issues.

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