

"Working to Keep Texas Red" February 2021 Newsletter

TFRW Region 6 • Senate District 4

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LETTER FROM OUR President

Our first meeting of 2021 was an excellent one with great attendance. I think we learned quite a bit from Republican Party of Texas Vice Chair Cat Parks. The party is hard at work planning to engage new Republican voters. Cat Parks is enthusiastic and a "go getter", so I have confidence in the success of that project.

We also heard from Chief Justice Scott Golemon of the Ninth District Court of Appeals located in Beaumont, which covers Montgomery County and nine eastern counties. He told us about some reorganization plans that are being considered by the State Legislature regarding the Courts of Appeals in Texas. Consideration is being given to consolidating some of the Courts, which may include doing away with and merging the 9th District COA with the 1st & 14th COAs in Houston. One of our District judges was in attendance at our meeting and expressed her concern about these consolidation efforts. The fear is that conservative courts will be merged with more liberal courts. We should be hearing more about this in the coming months.

Our February meeting will feature a program on Camp Hope, our major Caring for America project for 2021. It promises to be a great program. Plan to attend and hear about how our veterans with PTSD are being helped by this organization. At this meeting, members are encouraged to bring socks and other needed items which we will donate to Camp Hope. (See the articles in this newsletter for more information.) We will follow up with ways our group can help Camp Hope.

A quick reminder regarding MCRW membership. Our year runs from January until December, so dues become payable in January. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. In mid-March, we will review our email lists and remove the names of those who have not renewed. That means that after the middle of March, those who have not paid dues for 2021

will no longer receive the newsletters or email blasts. We want to keep you as a member and we want you to find a place to volunteer with our group. If you are unsure if you have paid your 2021 dues, please contact 2nd Vice President Barbara Eddleman at bgetexastech@gmail. com. We encourage our new members to attend our membership social on March 1 and hope some of our members will bring guests to hear more about our organization. (Information can be found in this newsletter.)

We ask all of our members to consider volunteering for a MCRW committee. There really is something for everyone. Much of the work can actually be done from home—telephoning, emailing, etc. Our website, www. mcrepublicanwomen.org has a list of board members and their committees. Look over the list and contact the chairman for more information if you are interested in volunteering.

Speaking of our website—our website has undergone an overhaul. Take a look at it at www.mcrepublicanwomen.org and let us know what you think. Thank you, Beth Ridley and Lindsey Kasprzak for taking on this project.

The members of the Board of Directors of MCRW are dedicated to making 2021 a successful year. I thank them for the hours they put in doing work on behalf of our organization.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about MCRW, please contact me. As president, I would like to personally address those questions and concerns in an effort to make our club as effective as possible.

Alice Melancon
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GENERAL MEETING Join Us February 25th,

River Plantation Golf Club 550 Country Club Dr, Conroe, TX 77302

Guest Speaker: Representative from Camp Hope, Houston, PTSDUSA Foundation

Time: 11:00am Social 11:30am Lunch and meeting

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED including those not eating \$22 cash or check payable to MCRW \$23 credit card (now available)

RSVP To: Suzanne Adams

smadams.mcrw@comcast.net

DEADLINE: 9AM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

River Plantation Golf Club preorders food for our meetings on Monday morning.

MCRW must pay for all meals that are ordered

Please remember:

"A reservation made is a reservation paid"!

To protect our members we ask that you please stay home if you are feeling unwell with fever, cough, shortness of breath, or fatigue.





CAMP HOPE, THE PTSD FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

Our speaker for our February meeting will be Camp Hope, the PTSD Foundation of America. This is one of our featured Caring for America organizations this year!

Camp Hope opened in 2012 for Veterans suffering from the effects of combat-related Post Traumatic Stress. Their mission is to provide hope and healing to the Veteran and their family. They do this by taking a whole-person approach, offering evidence-based peer-to-peer mentoring, both on an individual basis and in group settings. In addition, their programs and

services are free to the Veteran and their family so that the focus remains on their journey to healing.

To date, over 1,348 Veterans have graduated from the 6 month program.

The Camp Hope staff is a unique team of certified combat Veterans and civilian pastoral staff trained in working with victims of trauma and post-traumatic stress. They understand those who have served this nation and continue to struggle with the invisible wounds of combat and are working to assist our troops in

putting the pieces of their lives back together.

I n addition, the staff assists Veterans with a myriad of issues including job placement, coordination with the Department of Veteran's Affairs and reputable veteran service organizations, transportation to and from appointments and peer support groups integration.

The Camp Hope community fully embraces our troops, Veterans, and their families as they seek the rewarding and fulfilling lives they so richly deserve.

Please read more at ptsdusa. org.

#LOVEONESAVEONE



HOUSTON TEXAS & CAMP HOPE









Warrior & Family Groups are held online click links for days & time in your area

For more information on PTSD and how to get help go to:

PTSDUSA.ORG

Membership

Mark your calendars for March 1st! Bring a friend and join us for some wine and chocolates. Let's grow our club and Keep Texas Red!

Also, March 1st is the deadline to renew your membership. We have some exciting things planned for this year and hope every club member will sign up for at least one committee. Get involved!

Send in your renewal today!



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS MONTH

Alice Melancon

As you know, our membership year runs from January through December. MCRW makes it a policy to continue sending out email blasts and newsletters to members who have not renewed until mid-March. After that point, we remove from our email list the names of those who have not paid dues for the current year. That, of course, means that those who have not paid dues by mid-March will no longer re-

ceive notices of our meetings and special events.

I ask, if you have not yet renewed your membership for 2021, please consider doing so. Our members are who make our club successful and we need every one of you and your ideas. And remember, this is a TFRW Convention year. In late September the TFRW Convention will be held in Round Rock, Texas and it sounds like one that will be informative

and enjoyable. Our members always seem to have a great time at our TFRW Conventions! A membership form is included in this newsletter for your convenience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

alice.mcrw@gmail.com or 713-410-4399.









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General Meeting Minutes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

RIVER PLANTATION GOLF CLUB

JANUARY 28, 2021

The general meeting of the Montgomery County Republican Women on January 28, 2021, was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Alice Melancon with 55 people in attendance, including 31 members and 24 elected officials and guests.

After Cindy Miller led a prayer and pledges to our U.S. and Texas flags, Alice welcomed everyone with an inspiring call for Republicans to stay the course of our conservative principles. The November general meeting minutes were approved as printed, and the report by Treasurer Lory Kaye will be filed for financial review.

Bryan Christ, Montgomery County Republican Party Chairman, gave a brief review of 2020 accomplishments of the party. He wants to get all our county Republicans working together, especially to address head on the attempt by Democrats to silence conservative Republican voices. He related that there are now eight Republican women's clubs in the county.

Committee reports began with Pearl Maggio concerning MCRW Bylaws. A motion coming out of committee passed to approve the updated Bylaws with a standing rule amendment added to allow the club to have virtual meetings. The MCRW Bylaws with suggestions from TFRW have been updated and submitted to TFRW.

Amy Byers (Caring for America

Committee) related that the club will be mainly supporting three 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations this year. They are Camp Hope, whose mission is to provide hope and healing to combat veterans; God's Garage, an organization that provides help with repairs or purchase of automobiles for women who can't afford these expenses for themselves; and The Pregnancy Assistance Center to help unwed mothers who need help before, during and after the birth of their children. Abortion is not supported there. Amy asks that all members try to help in some way with our support of these worthy organizations.

Alice invited all to Greater Houston Council meetings and especially to the March 16th meeting for the Nuts 'n' Bolts training. Our current TFRW President Glynis Chester along with Jody Rushton, NFRW Past President, will attend.

Finance Chairperson Julia Morton presented the MCRW Budget for 2021. Motion from committee to approve the budget passed. As Legislative Chairperson, Julia reminded members of Legislative Day in Austin on February 4th. Registration is now closed. For those attending, check the TFRW website for scheduled activities. Julia also encouraged members to be active in the current legislative process by voicing your opinion to your legislative representative about bills being processed.

She gave members a good website to access legislative summaries, LegiScan.

Members were encouraged by Alice and Barbara Eddleman (2nd Vice President of Membership) to renew their memberships and to bring guests to our meetings. Also, Alice recognized Beth Ridley and Lindsey Kasprzak for the new MCRW website they created. Leanne Jaggers expressed a need for help with desserts for meetings during the year. There was no new business to discuss.

Suzanne Adams (1st Vice President of Programs) introduced a very accomplished lady, Kat Parks, currently Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas, who gave a very motivating talk. She spoke about the RPT 2020 accomplishments and also about 2021 new programs sponsored by the Party. Two such programs are internships for young Republicans and the conservative summer camp for college students. She also related that over 200,000 more Republicans were added to our rolls in Texas in 2020.

At the next MCRW Meeting to be held February 25th at River Plantation, a representative from Camp Hope will be the keynote speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bettie Moss Recording Secretary

Community Engagement

MARISA RUMMELL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month was first proposed by educators and Black United Students at Kent State University in February, 1969.The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State a year later, from January 2, 1970 to February 28, 1970. Six years later, Black History Month was being celebrated across the country when President Ford recognized Black History Month during a celebration of the United States Bicentennial. In doing more research for our newsletter, I came across an article that is taking place right here in Conroe. Historic African American cemetery restored in Conroe after 128 years. It was reported by Chelle Turner, KPRC reporter. Tags:Restore, clean up, Conroe, Montgomery County, Conroe, Cemetery, African American, History.

"CONROE- It has been over a century since an African American cemetery has been lost in Conroe. Over the past several years, The Conroe Community Cemetery Restoration Project has been working to clean up, restore and preserve the cemetery. A sign dedication was held and several people spoke about the significance of the cemetery and what it means to the Conroe community. Organizers say the cemetery never had a name. It was simply

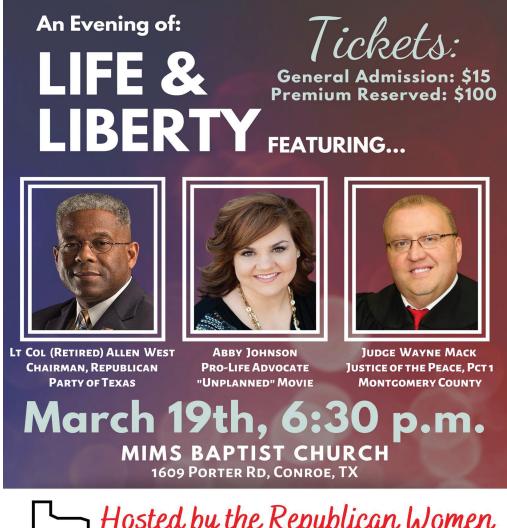
known as the Conroe Cemetery. No-Name Cemetery or the Community Cemetery, among the older African -Americans in Conroe.. Burials date back to the 1800s and include former slaves. Some of the forgotten leaders include Mittie J. Cambbell, the founder and principal of the first African American public school in Conroe. She died in

1933".

Countless volunteers have been working hard to restore the cemetery.

This information is from:

https://www.click2houston. com/news/local/2020/11/08/ historic-african-american-cemetery-restored-in-conroe-after-128-years/





Congressman Kevin Brady - STATEMENT ON ENERGY —

Texas families, small businesses, airlines, schools, and law enforcement officials are being hammered by volatile fuel prices. Yet, the solution to our energy problems is straightforward – America needs to find more sources of energy and use less of it.

Unfortunately, Congress has focused too often on gimmicks aimed at scoring political points instead of real

solutions. Suing OPEC, mandating longer lasting light bulbs, windfall profits taxes and punishing American companies for producing energy and jobs here at home not only doesn't work, energy costs go up on working families and small businesses. Instead of preventing companies from leasing new federal lands, perpetuating moratoriums that have forced 11 rigs to leave the Gulf of Mex-



ico and stopping coastal states from sharing in revenue generated from off-shore oil exploration, we should be embracing an 'All of the Above' energy strategy for America.

More American-made Energy -- Not More Games, Solyndras or taxpayer subsidized cars

For a few years now, I, and my House Republican colleagues, have been fighting for a common-sense solution: More American-made energy to lower prices. Our goal is simple. America needs to take responsibility for producing 2/3rds of the energy we need each day, ending our dependence on foreign oil. Because Washington has failed to act, today we rely on foreign nations for over 60% of our daily needs and we grow dangerously more dependent each year. That's a costly mistake, today and for the future.

Let's take the first step in ending our reliance on foreign oil by producing more energy here at home and creating new jobs. I support development of:

Traditional forms of energy. We need to unlock the vast resources of America's deep oceans, the U.S. arctic reserve and oil shale of the Midwest and Rocky Mountains. By ex-

ploring more, we could displace all the oil we currently import from unstable and unfriendly nations. It is estimated that our own resources could provide:

- Oceans: 3 million barrels of oil per day
- Arctic: 1 million barrels of oil per day
- Oil shale: 2.5 million barrels of oil per day

In June 2013, I introduced the More Energy, More Jobs Act, which will - for the first time - give state governors the authority to nominate areas off their coasts for oil and gas development. Later in June, my More Energy, More Jobs Amendment was adopted as

an amendment for the Offshore Energy & Jobs Act, which was passed by the House.

I was pleased that both Congress and the President lifted the long-standing moratorium on exploring for more energy off our coastlines. However, that was just the first step. We still need to get permitting up to speed and keep ex-

ploring ways to unlock our domestic energy supplies while respecting the needs of our environment. We must eliminate overly burdensome laws and regulations that stand in the ways of our country's energy independence.

• Clean technology. America has vast resources of affordable coal, but it's dirty. Fortunately, technologies exist that can take coal and turn it into super clean liquid fuel for our gas tanks; we just need to help it along.

House Republicans have pushed for doubling the U.S. nuclear energy supply by investing in the industry and en-

acting modern safety features

– all with zero air emissions.

I support tax incentives to spur development of traditional energy, as well as solar, wind and bio-fuels. I also support the Keystone XL Pipeline, which many have called the largest shovel-ready project in North America. The President was wrong to deny the permit and the good paying energy jobs it would have created.

I've also supported efforts to create research opportunities for clean, renewable fossil fuel technologies.

• **Conservation.** We all can do our part by using less energy and conserving more.





INFORMATION FROM TFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY

TFRW presented several interesting sessions during Legislation Day on February 4th that discussed various websites and processes regarding legislation in the Texas House and Senate. Also discussed were tips on testifying for or against legislation in committees before the legislation is put up for a vote by the Texas House and Senate. Additionally, a panel of legislative aides gave information on contacting representatives and senators in the Texas Legislature.

Websites

I had mentioned this website that has a lot of useful information in my email a couple of weeks ago. We learned all about Texas Legislature Online (https://capitol.texas.gov/) from Carol Spencer. If you go to this website, you can see all of the proposed bills listed, committees having hearings for these different bills, etc. This website has a lot of very useful information about legislation, members of the Texas House and Senate, etc.

Another excellent website is Legiscan (legiscan.com>TX). Information on bills, schedules, etc. is posted on this website as well.

Processes

An excellent explanation of how a bill becomes law is on the

website Texas Legislature Online mentioned above. You can find a very detailed explanation of the process on the website. Go to the homepage, find Legislative Process about midway down on the right-hand side, and click on "How a Bill Becomes Law." You will be directed to a very good explanation on all of the steps in this process.

Tips for Testifying For or Against a Proposed Law

Discussion of tips for testifying for or against a proposed law included lots of good ideas. Some of these included being prepared (usually only 2-3 minutes per person is allowed for testimony), registering in advance to appear, always being respectful, and giving written testimony to the committee members supporting your position. It is important to clearly and rationally give your testimony to the appropriate committee on a proposed bill, since the testimony becomes part of the official record and is referred to during further deliberations on the proposed bill by the House and Senate. You can find the information regarding registering to testify at: https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas. gov/hwrspublic/about.aspx.

Redistricting

Since Republicans retained control of the state, we are tasked with redistricting using the 2020 census results. The Texas Senate Redistricting Committee is holding hearings across the state soon and needs Republicans to testify. Some of the talking points for these hearings include: the new map should fairly represent Texas voting patterns and commuting patterns, future suburban growth needs to be considered, there should be respect for communities of interest, no independent panel should be formed for redistricting, and one person, one vote needs to be adhered Hearings take place this month. Go to: redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/2020s#meetingsaction to view the scheduled hearings and to register to testify via Zoom or in writing.

Next month, I'll highlight some of the proposed bills that may be of interest to our club members.

(In my email last month, I erroneously had Senator Brandon Creighton as Senator of Senate District 3 - he is the Senator for Senate District 4. I apologize for the typo.)

Julia Morton Legislation Chair



PARLIAMENTARY POINTER

Pearl Maggio

Ratify: When the group supports after the fact, following a group action taken without prior authorization.

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GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	1/1/2021	\$22,518.19
Income		

1/22/2021	Membership Dues	\$110.00
1/29/2021	Dining	\$990.00
1/29/2021	Membership Dues	\$265.00

1/31/2021 (\$1,365.00)

Expense

1/12/2021 #3022	TFRW	\$50.00
1/20/2021 #3023	Speed Printing	\$21.75
1/22/2021 #3024	TFRW	\$50.00
1/28/2021 #3025	TFRW	\$125.00
1/28/2021 #3026	River Plantation Golf Club	\$1,165.79
1/30/2021 #3027	TFRW	\$125.00

(\$1,537.54)

Ending Balance 1/31/2021 \$22,345.65

Petty Cash \$100.00

TOTAL 1/31/2021 \$22,445.65

Hospitality

LEANNE JAGGERS DAPHNEY SKELTON

We hope everyone enjoyed that delicious and beautiful cake Lindsey Kasprzak brought to our January meeting. And "thank you" to the ladies who purchased door prizes for our meeting. Our group likes dessert and we like door prizes!

As you know, our members sign up to bring the door prizes and desserts to our meetings.

While we have signups for some months, there are still spaces available for our members or elected officials to sign up. If you are interested in bringing door prizes or desserts, please contact Leanne Jaggers at ljaggers@consolidated.net or Daphney Skelton at

Thank you for your help!

daphneyskelton@gmail.com.



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Do you know that MCRW has a Facebook page? You can find us listed as

Montgomery County Republican Women (MCRW)-Texas. People are added to our page upon request. There is a small form that we ask you to fill out—it seems that we get confused with the Montgomery County Republican Women in Maryland and this is one way to avoid adding them.

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Once you join our page, please share some of our posts with your friends. That is how we can get the word out about our club and some of the political events that we are following.

www.facebook.com/groups/www.mcrepublicanwomen.org

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED

Republican Women

Alice Melancon

The Greater Houston Council | en will hold its Annual Nut's 'N Bolts | of Federated Republican Wom- I training on Tuesday, March 16. They I dents of the Republican

will also honor all Presi-Women's Clubs in the Council. The training will be held at the Mendenhall Center at 1414 Wirt Rd in Houston. The

doors open at 9:00 AM for refreshments and

the training begins at 9:30 AM. The plans are

to end the workshop by 2:00 PM. You may regis-

ter at the Council website www. ghcfrwpac.

org. Cost is \$20 if paying by check or \$22 if pay-

ing by credit card.

The Nuts 'N Bolts workshop is a great opportunity to learn more about the workings of a successful Republican Women's Club. The keynote speaker will be former TFRW and NFRW President Jody Rushton. Club members often carpool to this event. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Melancon at alice.mcrw@gmail.com

or 713-410-4399.

SAVE THE DATE GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN



NUTS n' BOLTS SEMINAR

And

RECOGNITION OF CLUB PRESIDENTS



Keynote Speaker Jody Rushton Former TFRW and NFRW President

> Tuesday, March 16, 2021 Trini Mendenhall Center 1414 Wirt Road

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Caring for America CAMP HOPE

AMY BYERS

Members are asked to bring new towels (bath and face) to the meeting to be given to Camp Hope.

Every day I do my best to thank every Veteran I see. Sometimes I really have to fight though. I find myself in tears wondering how my simple "thank you for your service" can come even remotely close to what this man or woman has done for me. They are willing to lay down their lives to protect me and my freedoms. Lay down their life. For me. A stranger. Overlook any Christmas gift you might have gotten this year. This is the greatest

gift we could ever be given.

This month, our meeting features Camp Hope, the PTSD Foundation of America Camp Hope is in great need of towels—bath towels and face towels. We are asking our members to bring new towels to our February meeting to be given to the Camp Hope representative in attendance.



Here is Camp Hope's list on Amazon.

https://smile.amazon.com/ gp/ch/list/20-3864341?ie=UTF 8&pldnNewCustomer=1&ref_ =smi_ge2_cnf_cnf_smi#

Scroll to the bottom and click on "start shopping"

Thank you in advance!

Amy



Campaign Hours

PEARL MAGGIO

It is not too late to turn in your campaign (volunteer) hours from the last election. We know that many of our members and associate members spent hours working at the polls, block walking, carrying signs, standing on street corners waving Trump flags, or assisting the election

effort in other ways. Add those hours up and submit them to Pearl Maggio as soon as possible. You may email them to pmaggio@consolidated.net. We always like to hear about the number of hours we have volunteered each year.

Remember, also, that hours you spend working at Republican headquarters, working as a precinct chair, or running for office also count. Turn those in also. Let's make MCRW's hours help TFRW earn the award for most hours at the National Convention in September.

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Montgomery County Republican Women 2021 MEMBERSHIP (JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31)

Please fill out completely both new members and renewals!

DATE	Birthdate (Mo. and Day)	
Membership Status:	Renewal	New
Active (full member)		\$35
Associate (only if male or full	l member of other RW club)	\$20
If full member of other R	RW club, please list club:	
Young Affiliate (Under 18 year	ars of age)	\$15
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May we publish your contact	information in the MCRW director	ry? Yes No
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Please indicate any committee Americanism Campaign Activities Caring for America Email Historian	ee on which you would like to serve Hospitality Legislation Literacy Membership Newsletter	Publicity Telephone Ways & Means Web Site Yearbook
Would you be willing to serve	e on the MCRW Board? Yes	No
Please make your chec	k payable to MCRW & mail t	O: MCRW P.O. Box 1766 Conroe, TX 77305-1766
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For Treasurer's use only: Da	te Reported to TFRW	Submission #

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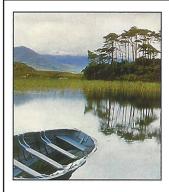
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE EVENT NOTE

February 25	MCRW General Meeting • 11:30 AM	River Plantation Golf Club
March 1	Membership Social •6:00 PM-8:00 PM	99 N. Mews Woods Ct The Woodlands
March 11	MCRW Board Meeting	TBA
March 16	Nuts 'N Bolts Training • 9:30 AM	Mendenhall Center Houston, TX
March 19	Life and Liberty Event • 6:30 PM	Mims Church 1609 Porter Rd. Conroe
March 25	MCRW General Meeting • 11:30 AM	River Plantation Golf Club

AMERICANISM ONE NATION UNDER GOD

The late Borah Van Dormolen, our former Republican National Committeewoman for Texas, used to emphasize to us the proper recitation of the Pledge of 'Allegiance. Borah, who had served in the United States Army, liked to point out that in our Pledge of Allegiance, there is no comma between one nation under God—so we should not pause between the words nation and under. We should say, "One nation under God". If say it that way at our meetings, eventually it will become more comfortable to us.



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