

# BARROW REPUBLICAN NEWS

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BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY  
P.O. BOX 1054      WINDER, GA 30680-1054

**MEETINGS**

**Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Aug 15      7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Sept 1      6:00 PM  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Sept 6      6:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Sept 6      6:00 PM  
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Sept 12      7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Sept 13      7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Sept 15      6:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Sept 15      7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Sept 20      7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Sept 27      7:00 PM

**VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (27)**

Ken Young – Chr.	Lucretia Hughes	Kathy Hopkins
Mike Pentecost – 1 <sup>st</sup> VC	David Gunter	Teeny Allison
Leonard Koonce – 2 <sup>nd</sup> VC	Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper
Mark Staley – Sec.	June Miller	Julia Bridges
Terry Raber – Asst. Sec.	Cal Neff	Tim Walker
Clay Kelley – Tr.	Charles Powell	Jimmy Lomax
Bob Lanham – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Marty Rahinsky
DuWayne Anderson	Dennis Hevener	Fe Hevener

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C.C. Dist. 3 Rep.	Cal Neff	678-753-2912
C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	David Gunter	678-425-4127
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Marty Rahinsky	770-868-8919
C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.	June Miller	770-867-5932

Barrow 10<sup>th</sup> District Rep.      DuWayne Anderson

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Reg. \$ 15, Adv. \$ 25, Barrow 100 \$ 100, Barrow 360 \$ 360

**LOCAL ELECTED REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP!**

##### 7:30 PM #####

##### August 15, 2016 #####

**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER RALPH HUDGENS  
KIRK SHOOK, 2016 NATIONAL DELEGATE**

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 7/31/16)

Membership	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16
Regular	56	48	46	44	<b>63</b>	39	36	26	27
Advanced	<b>75</b>	68	58	59	71	59	41	55	55
Barrow 100	13	<b>17</b>	16	<b>17</b>	13	8	13	7	9
Barrow 360	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Students					4	3	2	2	1
Total	144	<b>134</b>	<b>121</b>	121	<b>152</b>	110	92	91	93
Renewals	106	<b>113</b>	105	112	101	95	82	85	75
New	38	21	16	9	<b>51</b>	15	10	6	18

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[www.barrowgop.org](http://www.barrowgop.org)

**ANNUAL REPUBLICAN BBQ**

**5:00 PM - SATURDAY - AUGUST 27, 2016  
WINDER LIONS CLUB - 354 E. BROAD ST.**

**U.S. SENATOR DAVID PERDUE  
& OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**ADULTS - \$ 15.00      AGES 6-12 - \$ 7.50  
AGE 5 & UNDER - FREE**

**CONTACT KEN YOUNG  
FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION  
SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>Aug 15 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Aug 27 (Sat)</b>	<b>Annual Barrow GOP BBQ</b>
<b>Sept 17 (Sat)</b>	<b>Statham Sunflower Festival</b>
<b>Sept 19 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Oct 17 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Nov 8 (Tue)</b>	<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>
<b>Nov 21 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Dec 5 (Mon)</b>	<b>Annual Holiday Dinner</b>

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Air Force Day – August 1 (Monday)  
Coast Guard Day – August 2 (Tuesday)  
Herbert Hoover Birthday – August 10 (Wednesday)  
Benjamin Harrison Birthday – August 20 (Saturday)  
Patriot Day – September 11 (Sun)  
William Taft Birthday – September 15 (Thursday)  
POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 16 (Friday)  
Constitution Day – September 17 (Saturday)

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**AUGUST 27, 2016**

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**2015 – 2017 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS**

Bethlehem Community Center	Jimmy Lomax
Bethabra Baptist Church	Marty Rahinsky
Bramlett Elementary	John Stevens
Westside Middle School	Linda Powell
Statham Fire Dept.	Leonard Koonce
Holsenbeck Elementary	John Reavis
Lions Club	DuWayne Anderson
Barrow County Rec. Dept.	Bob Lanham
Apalachee High School	Kathy Hopkins
Winder Community Center	Terry Raber
County Line Elementary	June Miller
The Church at Winder	Cal Neff

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**INAUGURATION CEREMONY**

FOR BARROW COUNTY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS  
WEDNESDAY, **DECEMBER 21, 2016** - 10:00 AM  
COURTROOM #4, NEW COURTHOUSE  
652 BARROW PARK DR., WINDER, GA 30680

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**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO BREAKFAST!**

Everyone is invited to participate in a monthly political breakfast group. It is currently meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Winder, on the Saturday following our monthly meeting. The next group breakfast will be Saturday, **August 20, 2016**, at 9:00 AM. Please make plans to attend, and bring a friend!

This is an informal group of conservatives who gather to eat, fellowship, and discuss the issues. This provides a chance for our members to meet, in addition to our monthly business meetings. It is a great way to recruit new members, and stay up on what's going on.

**GOLDEN CORRAL - WINDER  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016  
9:00 AM**

**FROM THE CHAIR**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2016.** If you have not already renewed, please bring it to our **August 15** meeting, mail it to our P.O. Box 1054, Winder, GA, 30680-1054, or go on-line to our web site for a credit/debit purchase.

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Our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Barrow Republican BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, **August 27, 2016**, at 5:00 PM in the Winder Lions Club. U.S. Sen. David Perdue and Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp will be two of the main speakers. Please be prepared for another BBQ with great food, fun, surprises, door prizes, a contest, and patriotic music by the Yargo Community band. There will be a free 2018 Governor's Race straw poll as well. We are looking for BBQ sponsors for that day. Please contact me as soon as possible for availability and prices. It is crucial for our members to sell/buy as many tickets as possible. This is our major fundraiser for the year!!!! We need all of our members to help with this.

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We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. We heard from our State Sen. Frank Ginn on a variety of issues. Dee Toliver of Come Alive Ministries (pro-life group) could not attend due to sickness, and she will be rescheduled at a future date. BBQ preparations continue.

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Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **August 15, 2016** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our first guest speaker will be our former state senator and now State Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens. Our second guest speaker will be Kirk Shook, GAGOP Secretary and 2016 National Convention Delegate. We will also be voting on a proposed Campaign Budget Spending Resolution, which will get us through April 2017.

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It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend! Be early for a good seat. Bring a friend!

Ken Young

**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

“Techies: Join The Side You're On” – *Forbes* – Amity Shlaes – April 19, 2016 – [www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2016/03/23/techies-join-the-side-youre-on/#466b93ce7a2b](http://www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2016/03/23/techies-join-the-side-youre-on/#466b93ce7a2b)

“China's Anti-Gun Stance Doesn't Stop Mass killings” – *America's 1st Freedom* – Allan Cors – January 2016 – [www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2015/12/29/presidents-column-chinas-anti-gun-stance-doesnt-stop-mass-killings/](http://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2015/12/29/presidents-column-chinas-anti-gun-stance-doesnt-stop-mass-killings/)

“Upheaval To Reinvent U.S. Politics” – *Forbes* – David Malpass – May 10, 2016 – [www.forbes.com/sites/xcurrentevents/2016/04/26/upheaval-to-reinvent-u-s-politics/#349a5218eed](http://www.forbes.com/sites/xcurrentevents/2016/04/26/upheaval-to-reinvent-u-s-politics/#349a5218eed)

**2016 CONTESTED RACES**  
**AFFECTING BARROW COUNTY**

President	Trump – R	Clinton – D	Johnson – L
U.S. Senate	Isakson – R	Barksdale – D	
10 <sup>th</sup> U.S. District	Hice – R	Leonard Ware – Write-In	
Commission Dist. 2	Brown – R	Dwight Acey – D	
Commission Dist. 3	Wehunt – R	Michael Pope – D	
School Board Dist. 6	Bailey – R	B.L. Mayweather – D	

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**THOUGHTS ON WHY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**  
**BILL FAILED**

Dick Yarbrough, *Gwinnett Daily Post*

Before you get your shorts in a wad, the following observations in no way indicate my preference for or opposition to the recent Religious Freedom bill vetoed by Gov. Nathan Deal. My personal opinions are irrelevant to this discussion. Rather, this is a refresher course in Politics 101.

In a democracy, there are only two ways a political decision can be made: The application of pressure or the lack thereof. In other words, you either apply pressure on those who are making the decision or you keep the pressure off so they can come to the conclusion you desire.

It was obvious that in the case of the Religious Freedom bill, there was more pressure put on the governor to veto the bill than there was pressure to sign it. Most major companies in the state, along with chambers of commerce, the entertainment industry, the Atlanta professional sports franchises, the National Football League and a number of ministers strongly opposed the religious freedom bill and were vocal in predicting dire consequences if it was signed by the governor.

Having spent most of my life in a large corporation, I can tell you that the last thing a company wants is controversy. Management doesn't like it and, most importantly, shareholders don't like it. Big companies are an easy target for special interest groups and it was obvious that many of the corporations had heard from those opposed to the bill and not as many who were in favor.

That leads me to communications. The opponents of the bill were clear and succinct in stating the reasons why the bill should be defeated and if it passed the Legislature, why it should be vetoed.

In my opinion, proponents of the religious freedom bill did a poor job of communicating their case. They stayed on the defensive through much of the debate and seemed unable to clearly articulate the need for such a law.

Had the proponents asked me, I would have suggested they find a better spokesman for their cause than State Sen. John McKoon (R-Columbus), a publicity hound of the first magnitude and a man with little influence among his colleagues. Also, the Baptist spokesman who likened our state government to Nazi Germany didn't exactly help things. He may have thought that overstatement would energize his base but I doubt it added many converts. It was a stupid thing to say.

Will the effort to convene a special session of the General Assembly to override the governor's veto come to pass? Not likely. In the first place, people in the know say the votes aren't there to override the veto. In the second place, I don't think

most Georgians would be happy to spend some \$40,000 a day – the estimated cost for reconvening the Legislature – to find out. And then there is the fact that a number of legislators have announced their retirement. Getting them to come back to Atlanta for such a session would rank between slim and none.

Finally, remember this: In Georgia, the governor – whoever he might be – has a lot of power to wield. Legislators take on the governor and his staff at their own political risk. Posturing is one thing. Threatening is another. You may have missed Gov. Deal's comment in his veto message: "I do not respond well to insults or threats." Be forewarned. Governors have a number of ways to punish recalcitrant legislators. Like it or not, that is just a political fact of life.

Proponents of the religious freedom effort say they will be back at it again next session. If they hope to be successful, they need to do a better job than they did this session. Get an articulate spokesperson (someone like Ed Setzler, R-Cobb.) Get some clear and concise messages. Have some tangible examples to cite as to why the legislation is needed. Let businesses know that they will pay the price for their opposition. Threaten to boycott them and their services. Broaden your base of support. Make friends and allies. Talk to civic clubs. PTAs. Garden clubs. Run ads advocating the need for the bill.

It is said there are only two things certain in this world: Death and taxes. To that I would add the successful application of political pressure if you want a piece of legislation to become law. It will be interesting to see how well the religious freedom advocates have learned this lesson, if at all. Right now, they are blaming everybody but themselves.

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**SKID ROW DIET**

The drive-bys are working overtime to pump up Obama's miserable economic "legacy." Get this headline from Yahoo Finance: "Bad Economy May Be Good For Your Health: Study." Of course there's a "study" – this time from University of Virginia professor Christopher Ruhm, entitled "Health Effects of Economic Crises." Ruhm supposedly discovered that people avoid vices like drinking and smoking when they are stressed about their finances. (Which, of course, is exactly the opposite of real life, but hey, anything to help Obama.) Ruhm says his study showed that people also exercise and socialize more during downturns. But think about it. Lacking money for food will force one to dramatically slim down. Trudging from place to place in search of a minimum-wage job can build muscle tone and strengthen limbs. Standing in a long soup line in the fresh air can be beneficial for the heart and lungs. So the "health benefits" of living in Democrat-run hellhole cities have been exported to the rest of the country – thanks to Obama. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

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A yearning for freedom beats in every human heart, and the same thing applies to mollusks, it seems. In New Zealand's National Aquarium, Inky the Octopus climbed up the wall of his tank, squeezed out through a gap in the glass, and then slid down a 150-foot drainage pipe that led to the waters of Hawke's bay, his former home. When the story got out, he became a Kiwi folk hero. A slippery character with a talent for getting out of tight spots, Inky may have a future in politics back in the bay. (*National Review*)

