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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., <u>May 20</u>	7:30 PM			
@ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)				
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., June 3	7:00 PM			
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., June 4	6:00 PM			
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., June 4	6:00 PM			
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., June 6	6:00 PM			
County Commission Meeting – Tue., June 11	7:00 PM			
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., June 18	7:00 PM			
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., June 20	6:00 PM			
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., June 20	7:00 PM			
County Commission Meeting – Tue., June 25	7:00 PM			

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (26)

Debbie Reid – Chrm.	Kathy Hopkins	David Gunter
Ken Young – 1 st VC	Terry Raber	Terry England
Leonard Koonce – 2 nd VC	Richard Pepper	Clay Kelley
Dianne Craig – Sec	June Miller	Beverly Kelley
Teeny Allison	Tim Walker	Pat Graham
Bob Lanham – Tr.	Randy Reid	Vanessa Green
Mike Pentecost – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Power Evans
Gary Taylor	Janice Jones	

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C.C. Dist. 2 Rep.	Gary Taylor	678-449-5775			
C.C. Dist. 3 Rep.	Open				
C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	Clay Kelley	770-560-4523			
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Tim Walker	770-231-2652			
C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.	June Miller	770-867-5932			
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

LOCAL ELECTED REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP!

May 20, 2019

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STATE REP. TOM KIRBY DANNY BROWN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 4/30/19)

Membership	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	' 19
Regular	44	63	39	36	26	30	26	26	21
Advanced	59	71	59	41	55	55	48	48	41
Barrow 100	17	13	8	13	7	9	7	6	4
Barrow 360	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Students		4	3	2	2	1	2	2	2
Total	121	152	110	92	91	96	84	83	69
Renewals	112	101	95	82	85	77	77	74	59
New	9	51	15	10	6	19	7	9	10

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WE NOW NEED YOUR 2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

When the Soviet Union melted into Russia, historians and others rushed to the archives, suddenly and amazingly available. They found many of the ghastly details. But, in the reign of Vladimir Putin, Russia is tightening up, and becoming very defensive of the Soviet past. A prominent Gulag historian, Sergei Prudovsky, wanted to find out about the three-judge panels that formalized the execution of untold thousands. No: Those files are sealed. Another historian, Nikita Petrov, described this as "a sad sign of the times." We are more worried about the Russian present than the Soviet past. But the sealing of the archives says a lot about the present. (*National Review*)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 17-18 (Fri/Sat)	State Convention
May 20 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
June 17 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
July 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Aug 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Aug 24 (Sat)	ANNUAL BCRP BBQ

LOOKING AHEAD

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

National Day of Prayer – <u>May 2</u> (Thursday) Peace Officers Memorial Day – <u>May 15</u> (Wednesday) Armed Forces Day – <u>May 18</u> (Saturday) Memorial Day Observed – <u>May 27</u> (Monday) D-Day – <u>June 6</u> (Thursday) George H.W. Bush Birthday – <u>June 12</u> (Wednesday) Flag Day – <u>June 14</u> (Friday)

2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Betty Cherry Joe Goodman Richard Shulz Ben HendrixFrank GinnBill BrownClay Pentecost

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Michael Swartzwelder

2017 – 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethlehem Community Center Bethabra Church **Bramlett Elementary** Westside Middle School Statham Fire Dept. Winder-Barrow High School Statham Elementary Winder First Baptist Church Winder Lions Club Barrow County Rec. Dept. Apalachee High School Midway Methodist Church Winder Community Center Cedar Creek Baptist Church County Line Elementary The Church At Winder

David Gunter Richard Pepper John Reavis Bob Lanham

Bronti Rudloff

John Stevens

Kathy Hopkins Dianne Craig Power Evans

June Miller

NEXT POLITICAL BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to participate in a monthly political breakfast group at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Winder. The next group breakfast will be Saturday, **May 25, 2019**, 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, MAY 25, 2019 9:00 AM

First, thank you so much for the confidence you have shown in me. I am honored and humbled by this and will always endeavor to do my best for the party and each of its members. I welcome any and all suggestions, questions and criticisms. This is about us, not me.

We have very important work ahead of us. The danger posed by the rising tide of progressivism and the democratic socialism movement is perplexing to those of us who understand what makes this country great. How can those who have given virtually nothing to this country reject everything our forefathers fought, and sometimes died, for so blithely? It is imperative to educate our children from the earliest age to appreciate what God has given us and the great responsibility we have to protect it.

With that in mind, let's all do whatever we can to further the cause of America by working in the capacities that we can – making phone calls for candidates or causes, going door-to-door to distribute information, contributing time and money to the things nearest to our heart, educating people (respectfully, of course) who have been misled by the majority of the media and generally, by living our lives by our principles. The best way to convert people is by example.

Again, thank you for this challenge and for all that you do every day to help the best country that God has ever created,

Debbie Reid

FROM THE EDITOR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2019. If you want to renew, please bring yours to our May 20 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. Please be encouraged to upgrade your membership to a higher level, if possible. We appreciate your support!

We had a great meeting with great attendance on **April 15**. We heard from Scott Johnson for GAGOP Chairman, Robert Lee for GAGOP Second Vice Chair, Joseph Brannan for GAGOP Treasurer, and David Shafer for GAGOP Chairman. The operations spending resolution was approved (May through December 2019). Teeny Allison was elected to fill the open Asst. Secretary position for the rest of this two year term.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **May 20**, **2019** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our guest speakers will be Danny Brown for Public Service Commission, and State Rep. Tom Kirby. Bring a friend. Be early for a good seat. It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend!

BBQ

Ken Young (Chair) Teeny Allison Dianne Craig Pat Graham Janice Jones Clay Kelley Leonard Koonce Mike Pentecost Linda Reavis Debbie Reid John Stevens Lynn Stevens

FINANCE

Bob Lanham (Chair) Mike Pentecost Debbie Reid

MEMBERSHIP

Tim Walker (Chair) Power Evans David Gunter Janice Jones June Miller Bronti Rudloff Gary Taylor Ken Young

PLATFORM

Debbie Reid (Chair) Pat Graham David Gunter Mike Pentecost Tim Walker

<u>REFLECTIONS ON THE 2019 DISTRICT</u> <u>CONVENTION</u>

Many thanks to all of the Barrow delegation who attended the recent District Convention in Watkinsville on **April 13**. 25 of our 29 delegates participated (0 of 5 alternates attended). We were the largest county delegation participating (Walton and Oconee had 19 each, Baldwin had 11, Gwinnett had only 7). After all eligible alternates were seated, the total voting strength was 165.

For 2019-2021, the convention re-elected Karen Schwind (Clarke) as District Chair and Cathy Ware (Oglethorpe) as Secretary. We elected Janice Westmoreland (Baldwin) First Vice Chair, Jeff Cowart (McDuffie) Second Vice Chair, James Cooper (Walton) Third Vice Chair, John Marsh (Clarke) as Treasurer, and Mike D'Antonio (Greene) as Asst. Treasurer.

The 10th District currently is allotted 14 positions (plus District Chair) on the 2019-2021 State GOP Committee. Mike Pentecost, Vanessa Green, and Clay Kelley were elected to 3 of the 14 positions. This is the most that Barrow County has ever had. Congratulations to these folks!!! We are happy for you!

Overall, the convention went quickly. Several scheduled speakers (and video) did not attend (was not playable). Unlike past District Conventions, we were not inundated with resolutions to be considered. Because there were no nominations from the floor for any District officer position, nor any challenges from the floor to any State Committee nominees, the business was completed in record time.

Sadly, gone are the days when our District organization was a popular and active one. The 2019 attendance was a little more than half of what occurred in 2011 and 2012. There used to be 20+ people competing for the 14 State Committee positions; now we barely had 14 wanting them. The same thing could be said about people seeking the 7 District officer positions. As a veteran observer, I can only conclude that many Republicans in our District no longer care about our District Committee.

Yes, it is true. For years, I have said "The District Committee is the most worthless thing ever invented by the Republican Party." I did add the words "not done right." Other than selecting State Committee members in odd years, and national delegates & alternates in presidential years, what is a District Committee for? No Republican elected official needs it. Some probably tolerate theirs. Ha, ha.

I suggest that many DCs are ineffective because of poor leadership, where rules are ignored when convenient. With possible exceptions, our DC has not met for the required three meetings per year. Top-down management is the game; grassroots are never consulted. Personally, I no longer have any desire to participate with the Wizards of Smart among us. The county election effort and results trumps ANYTHING the DC can do or offer to any county.

Perhaps, it is just my wishful thinking. The best DC Chair is one who asks the County Chairs exactly what they want the DC to do. If they say, "Nothing. Leave us alone," so be it. If they say, "Let's spend District money on helping weak County Parties or organize local GOPs in counties where there is none," great! Keeping counties in the dark and/or not seeking their input, is a prescription for the growing apathy seen in our District.

It is to the Barrow County GOP's credit that we have quality folks who attend District (and State) Conventions and want things to be better. Thanks again to all of our members who attended the 2019 District Convention! Perhaps things will change in the future, where District Convention attendance grows, procedures will be followed, and good things will happen.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

"Trump Keeps Promise To Rebuild The U.S. Military" – *AMAC Advantage* – D.J. Wilson – November/December 2018 – <u>https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=535737#{"issue</u> id":535737,"page":32}

"Bart Simpson and The Constitution" – *AFA Journal* – Matthew White – April 2019 – <u>https://afajournal.org/past-</u> issues/2019/bart-simpson-and-the-constitution/

"The Euro – How To Make It Great" – *Forbes* - Steve Forbes – February 28, 2019 –

https://www.forbes.com/sites/steveforbes/2019/02/12/the-euroat-20-a-victim-of-economic-malpractice/#77da36e31ab1

2019 STATE DELEGATES (22)

Ken Young David Gunter Kathy Hopkins Dianne Craig Bob Lanham Debbie Reid Vanessa Green Joe Rudloff Clay Kelley Teeny Allison Leonard Koonce John Stevens Terry Raber Randy Reid Terry England Beverly Kelley Mike Pentecost June Miller Lynn Stevens John Reavis Tim Walker Bronti Rudloff

2019 STATE ALTERNATES (6)

Linda Reavis	Gary Taylor	Janice Jones
Janice Gunter	Josephine Jones	Pat Graham

FACTS MADE A DIFFERENCE, POLL SAYS

Although largely uninformed regarding specifics of the landmark Supreme Court cases that legalized abortion on demand in America, 40% of young adults, age 18 to 34, said they supported the court's rulings, according to a poll commissioned by Students for life (studentsforlife.org).

However, after hearing a series of factual statements regarding *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, many poll respondents modified their positions . . .

The greatest change came in the category of those initially opposing the Court's ruling. After hearing the facts of the cases, that number jumped from 12% to 41%.

Summarizing their findings, the pollsters said, Millennials are willing to reconsider their point of view on abortion . . . when presented with the facts, an opportunity for legislators and prolife leaders nationwide."

AFA Journal, April 2019; lifesitenews, 1/14/19; Studentsforlife.org, 1/15/19

<u>CONSERVATIVES WILL KEEP PUSHING</u> <u>GOOD SOLUTIONS</u>

Kay Cole James, President, The Heritage Foundation Atlanta Journal-Constitution, November 11, 2018

Wow! What an election night! I want to share with you our thinking here at Heritage on the results and what they mean for the conservative agenda.

I'm thrilled with the conservative gains in the Senate and want to congratulate all those who stood for conservative values on the campaign trail and will now do so in Washington.

On the other side of Capitol Hill, well, the results were not as good. But there's a big difference between being disappointed and being defeated.

Now is the time to do what we do best. Keep fighting for the conservative policies we know are good for America. The Left will make things appear worse than they actually are, so allow me to put things in perspective.

We are still standing strong with an allied president in the White House.

Conservatives have not only kept control of the Senate, we have increased our numbers.

We have strong conservatives like Marsha Blackburn – the first woman to represent her state in the Senate. Josh Hawley from Missouri – a young rising star for our movement who once interned at Heritage. Rick Scott – who led his state of Florida as a great governor. And Mike Braun of Indiana – a successful businessman who will bring a needed perspective to Washington.

These conservative gains in the Senate mean the Left has no way to stop the confirmation of constitutionalist judges for the federal bench like Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

It also means many of the bad policy ideas that will now come out of a liberal-controlled House will be dead on arrival when they get to a strengthened conservative Senate.

And outside of Washington, we saw conservatives march to victory in several governor's races. Governor-elect Ron DeSantis will continue to make education equality a priority for Florida's families . . . And I'm hopeful we will continue to see other ideas like this flourish across our great nation.

Heritage will always be in the fight for the long haul and our dedication and commitment to fighting will not change with this election.

We're already laying the groundwork for the policy ideas that will shape the 2020 presidential and congressional elections.

Yes, losing the House is disappointing and creates the threat for a whole range of bad legislation like Medicare for All, amnesty for illegal immigrants, higher spending, and attacks on the Second Amendment.

But let me promise you, we will not give up. We will be stronger, bolder and more prepared.

As the president of the Heritage foundation, I can assure you that we know exactly what to do. We're already working to achieve the unfinished conservative priorities during the lameduck session of Congress.

But we need you to stay with us, be a strong voice for conservative policies, and help us win youth, minorities, and women to the conservative movement.

Now is not the time to falter or shrink, but rather the moment to fight harder, send more resources and become more committed to preserving the principles of limited government, freedom, opportunity, and a flourishing civil society.

We are up to the task. Together we must stay optimistic, stand up tall, and fight even harder.

<u>UN – HINGED</u>

Now we know where Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez got it. The UN report predicting Climageddon has promoted a hysterical response in the once respected *Harvard Business Review*. Author Andrew Winston says "we have about 12 years left." To save the earth, and "to avoid *some* of the most devastating impacts of climate change, the world must slash carbon emissions by 45 percent by 2030, and *completely* decarbonize by 2050." Otherwise, we'll be living on Planet Doom, where "sea level rise could reach 200-plus feet, resulting in utter devastation, including the loss of the entire Atlantic seaboard (Boston, New York, D.C., etc.), all of Florida, London, Stockholm, Denmark, Uruguay, and Paraguay, and land now inhabited by more than 1 billion Asians." Oh no! Bye-bye Paraguay!

So, according to Winston, "companies must lobby for escalating prices on carbon everywhere." Meanwhile, they'd best send lots and lots of money to 760 United Nations Plaza. Lobster, caviar, champagne, Lear jets, and Mercedes don't come cheap. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

The Trump administration has finalized a new rule that will result in the largest drop in federal funding for Planned Parenthood since the group first began receiving government subsidies nearly five decades ago. The rule forbids the use of Title X family-planning funds "to perform, promote, refer for, or support abortion as a method of family planning." Planned Parenthood and its defenders claim that the policy will remove necessary health care from millions of American women. In reality, family-planning funds won't be reduced at all, merely redirected from groups that commit abortions. The statute governing the Title X program has always declared that "none of the funds appropriated under this title shall be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning," but that language has been effectively ignored for much of the program's history. This welcome change ensures that it no longer will be. (National Review)