

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., Sept 19	7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)	
Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., Oct 3	7:00 PM
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Oct 4	6:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Oct 4	7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 6	7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Oct 11	7:00 PM
Satham City Council Meeting – Tue., Oct 18	7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 20	7:00 PM
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 20	7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Oct 25	7:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (31)

Ken Young – Chr.	Scott Hang	Robert Lanham
Larry Ballard – 1 st V.C.	Clay Pentecost	Teeny Hang
Ray Newman – 2 nd V.C.	Jimmy Lomax	Will Dunn
Deborah Golder – Sec.	Terry England	Phil Foil
Clay Kelley – Tr.	Mike Pentecost	Cal Neff
Terry Raber – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	June Miller
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Shane Coley
Dan Blechinger	Linda Blechinger	Don Lloyd
Charles Reed	Ellen Reed	Judy Doorn
Michael Howington	DuWayne Anderson	Bill Sailers
Pat Graham		

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C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	Dan Blechinger	770-868-1211
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Ellen Reed	770-337-5184
C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.	June Miller	770-867-5932

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

All local elected Republican officials are expected to renew their membership each year!!!!!!

7:30 PM

September 19, 2011

**GUEST SPEAKER - SUZI VOYLES, PRESIDENT
GEORGIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 8/31/11)

Membership	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11
Regular	16	26	15	24	51	56	48	46	42
Advanced	66	74	55	50	61	75	68	58	59
Barrow 100	8	10	9	11	11	13	17	16	17
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Total	90	110	79	85	123	144	134	121	119
Renewals	78	83	73	72	73	106	113	105	111
New	12	27	6	13	50	38	21	16	8

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2011 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE!

Republicans “want to literally drag us all the way back to Jim Crow laws and literally – and very transparently – block access to the polls to voters who are more likely to vote for Democratic candidates than Republican candidates,” says Democratic National Committee chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. Allow us a lesson in proper usage: Representative Wasserman Schultz literally doesn't know what she's talking about.

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REPUBLICAN: THE FREEDOM PARTY
LOWER TAXES *** LESS GOVERNMENT**
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 9-10 (Fri/Sat)	Winder Jug Tavern Festival
Sept 17 (Sat)	Satham Sunflower Festival
Sept 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Oct 8 (Sat)	Bethlehem Star Festival
Oct 14-15 (Fri/Sat)	Auburnfest
Oct 17 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Nov 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Dec 5 (Mon)	HOLIDAY DINNER
Jan 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Feb 20 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Patriot Day – September 11 (Sun)
William Taft Birthday – September 15 (Thur)
POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 16 (Fri)
Constitution Day – September 17 (Sat)
Rutherford Hayes Birthday – October 4 (Tue)
Chester Arthur Birthday – October 5 (Wed)
Columbus Day – October 12 (Wed)
Dwight Eisenhower Birthday – October 14 (Fri)
Theodore Roosevelt Birthday – October 27 (Thur)
Navy Day – October 27 (Thur)

2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

John King Dan Cromer

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Edwin Gravitt Corey Cambron Joel Samuelson



2011 – 2013 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethlehem Community Center	Jimmy Lomax
County Line Fire Dept.	Terry England
Bramlett Elementary	John Stevens
Westside Middle School	Linda Blechinger
Satham Fire Dept.	Mike Pentecost
Winder-Barrow High School	Bill Sailors
Holsenbeck Elementary	John Reavis
Lions Club	Terry Raber
Barrow County Rec. Dept.	Robert Lanham
Apalachee High School	Kathy Hopkins
Auburn Fire Dept.	Ellen Reed
Winder Community Center	Scott Hang
Cedar Creek Baptist Church	Will Dunn
County Line Elementary	June Miller
Bethlehem First Baptist Church	Cal Neff

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FROM THE CHAIR

First, redistricting. State Sen. Frank Ginn (District 47) will continue to represent all of Barrow. He also has southern Jackson County, eastern Clarke County, and all of Madison County.

State Rep. Terry England will continue to represent most of Barrow in new District 116. State Rep. Lynn Walker (R-Loganville) will add southwest Barrow to his Walton County precincts in a new District 114. State Rep. Doug McKillip (R-Athens) will add the eastern portion of Barrow to southern Jackson County, western Clarke County, and northern Oconee County for a new District 117. (State Rep. Tommy Benton now has a new District 31 solely in Jackson County.)

All of Barrow has been moved into the new 10th U.S. District currently represented by U.S. Rep. Paul Broun, Jr. (R-Athens).

We had a great BBQ on **August 20**. Thank you to all who attended and worked to make this such a good time. We deeply appreciate our sponsors – Patriot Level (\$ 250): Terry England, Jud Smith, Steve Worley, Frank Ginn, Smith Funeral Home, Cooper-Barnette-Page (Bruce Page) - \$ 100 Level: Mike Rice, Shane Coley. Also, we are grateful to our exhibitors: Betsi Burgess (Stand With Israel), Rachel Little (Herman Cain cam-

paign), Ren Buckland (Ron Paul campaign), John Douglas (Rick Perry campaign). The Yargo Community Band performed patriotic and other music. We heard from Rob Woodall, Sue Everhart, Brian Kemp, and Jason Thompson. Shirley Lanham won the Beans In A Jar contest, guessing the exact number of **2012**. Special mention – thanks to Scott Hang who repaired the stairs entering the Band Door, which allowed safe entry for the band members. This new arrangement for the band made it less distracting while they were leaving during the speeches.

2011 BBQ STRAW POLL RESULTS

1. Rick Perry - 38 votes - 35.51%
 2. Herman Cain - 32 votes - 29.90%
 3. Ron Paul - 10 votes - 9.35%
 4. Mitt Romney - 8 votes - 7.48%
 5. Newt Gingrich - 5 votes - 4.67%
 6. (tie) Michele Bachmann - 2 votes - 1.87%
 6. (tie) Sarah Palin - 2 votes - 1.87%
 8. Tim Pawlenty - 1 votes - 0.94%
 9. Other - Jeb Bush - 1 vote - 0.93%
- Undecided - 8 votes - 7.48%
Total Votes - 107

We will have booth space at the Satham Sunflower Festival on Saturday, **September 17, 2011**, which is U.S. Constitution Day. We will be distributing small U.S. flags, free bumper stickers, and free copies of the U.S. Constitution. If you have not signed up to assist and are interested in helping, please contact me as soon as possible.

The Gwinnett County GOP will have their BBQ on Saturday, **October 22, 2011** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Bethesda Park in Lawrenceville, off Ronald Reagan Parkway. Advanced tickets are \$ 12.00 per single or \$ 20 per couple. Ages 6 and under are free. More details later.

We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. D.A. King, President of the Dustin Inman Society, spoke to us about HB 87 and the efforts to enforce immigration laws in Georgia. There were reports from Membership & Technology and BBQ. We approved a proposal to add a merchant’s account to our web site to allow for on-line payments of memberships and donations. **WE ARE ALSO SEEKING ON-LINE ADVERTISING TO OFFSET COSTS.** There was a District Committee meeting report as well. The resolution on banning federal earmarks was approved.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **September 19, 2011** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speaker will be Suzi Voyles, President of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women, who will tell us about the GRFW and their preparation for the 2012 elections. (Barrow ladies, let’s have a good turnout and bring your friends!) We will also have reports on the BBQ, Executive Committee meeting, State Committee meeting, GAGOP Fish Fry, and Membership & Technology. The Platform Committee will present a revised proposal for adoption. **PLEASE REVIEW THE REVISED PROPOSED PLATFORM THOUGHTFULLY BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING!** A copy is included in the newsletter. It will be worth your time. Make plans now to attend and bring a friend. Be present early for a good seat.

Ken Young

CURRENT BARROW GOP PLATFORM

Introduction

The Barrow County Republican Party offers this platform as a guide to voters and candidates for office within Barrow County. Not every Republican will share all the beliefs or support every plank in this document. As a guide, it offers a means for the voters of Barrow County to identify with the basic ideas of the Republican Party, and provides a standard to which an individual voter or candidate can compare their own philosophy.

Section 1. Taxes

The Barrow County Republican Party recognizes that taxes are inevitable if there is government. We believe in fiscally conservative, common sense tax practices and fair taxes such as the fair tax or flat tax. Generally speaking, increasing taxes on Barrow County citizens will be interpreted as an attempt to create a bigger government. As Barrow County grows we expect nothing greater than a proportionate growth in tax receipts.

Section 2. Gun Rights

We cannot disarm criminals by disarming the law-abiding citizen. Because such a plan would only make us easier victims, we oppose and reject any attempt to lessen in any way the right of all law-abiding citizens to own and bear arms as guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. We urge our elected officials to do no less.

Section 3. Criminal Justice

The Barrow Republican Party believes that making our cities, counties, and state safer places to live requires stronger sentencing, a limitation on plea bargains, an end to paroles for convenience, and a stronger emphasis on the rights of victims.

Section 4. Property Rights

The right to keep and own property is crucial in a free society. We oppose laws and regulations that limit or restrict the use and transfer of private property beyond the requirements of public use.

Section 5. Education

We support quality public education for all our citizens. We encourage the pursuit of academic excellence, as opposed to political correctness, as the primary goals of our schools. We look forward to the removal of federal and state influence in local curricula determination. We reaffirm our support for private and home schooling as options to traditional public education.

Section 6. Illegal Immigration

We support legal immigration and the integrity of our borders. We oppose taxpayer dollars being spent on support of illegal aliens.

PROPOSED BARROW GOP PLATFORM

Section A. Principles

The Barrow County Republican Party takes the term Republican seriously. A Republic is a society organized based on the rule of law, with all individuals treated equally under the law. Therefore, in simplest terms, the Barrow County Republican Party measures all government action by the following test: Does this action defend the life, liberty and property of the individual?

Section 1. Taxes

The Barrow County Republican Party recognizes that taxes are inevitable if there is government. We believe in fiscally conservative, common sense tax practices and fair taxes such as the fair tax or flat tax. Generally speaking, increasing taxes on Barrow County citizens will be interpreted as an attempt to create bigger government. We expect Barrow County government to be a good steward of the resources of Barrow County citizens.

Section 2. Gun Rights

The individual's right to defend his life, liberty and property should never be questioned. We cannot disarm criminals by disarming the law-abiding citizen. Because such a plan would only make us easier victims, we oppose and reject any attempt to lessen in any way the right of all law-abiding citizens to own and bear arms as guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. We urge our elected officials to do no less.

Section 3. Criminal Justice

The Barrow County Republican Party believes that making our cities, counties, and state safer places to live requires stronger sentencing, a limitation on plea bargains, and end for paroles for convenience, and a stronger emphasis on the rights of victims.

Section 4. Property Rights

As stated in both the U.S. Constitution and the Georgia State Constitution individuals have the right to private property. The right to keep and own property is sacred, and crucial in a free society. We oppose laws and regulations that limit or restrict the use and transfer of private property.

Section 5. Education

The Barrow County Republican Party recognizes that learning about the principles and foundations of a free society is essential. Therefore, we support quality public education for all our citizens. We encourage the pursuit of academic excellence as the primary goal of our schools. We look forward to the elimination of the Federal Department of Education and removal of federal and state influence in local curricula determination. We reaffirm our support for private and home schooling as options to traditional public education. We oppose the impact of political correctness on the education system.

Section 6. Immigration

We support legal immigration and demand that the federal government secure our borders, as required by the U.S., Constitution. We oppose any taxpayer dollars being spent on illegal aliens except for their deportation. We oppose amnesty for illegal aliens and demand that the political influence and voting rights of U.S. citizens be defended from encroachment by illegal aliens.

CURRENT BARROW GOP PLATFORM

Section 7. Infrastructure

Republicans recognize the need for public services. Many public services require at least some government guidance. We believe that there must be a cohesive plan developed by governmental agencies in conjunction with the private sector to address traffic, and other growth issues. However, the role of government should extend only as far as absolutely necessary to provide reasonable service. To the extent the private sector can supply a service, government should yield to private business, thus ensuring the fairest, most competitive, most efficient means of achieving the desired service.

Section 8. Health Care Reform

We must not allow expanded government control of health care. A further intrusion by government at any level will only serve to destroy the quality and limit the availability of what is the finest system of health care in the world. Any growth in provision of health facilities and resources must be through charitable, non-governmental civic organizations, or private business. Individuals and private organizations must directly bear a significant portion of the fiscal responsibility required to ensure an enduring, high quality health system. Free markets and responsible patronage is the most powerful and efficient means of ensuring innovative and affordable quality health care.

Section 9. Abortion

We support equal opportunity for all people. This is a basic right that extends to all people including the unborn. We oppose using public revenues for abortion, and will not fund organizations that advocate it.

Section. 10. Welfare

Private organizations should be encouraged to increase their commitment as the government decreases its involvement. We recognize the ideal goal is to end dependency. This will allow for the elimination of welfare programs, lower taxes, and the opportunity for the free market economy to provide economic growth and jobs.

Section 11. Non-Essential Services

Essential services provided for by our government are those deemed indispensable. Without essential services our freedom, security, community and future would be in jeopardy. Those services that are not indispensable are non-essential services and should be provided in the private sector.

Summary

The Barrow County Republican Party recognizes the importance of the participation of the county's citizens in the process of government. We encourage every citizen's active participation in community, school and government organizations and meetings.

The price of freedom is constant vigilance. We invite all citizens of Barrow County, indeed every American, to become more aware and more involved in the world around them.

PROPOSED BARROW GOP PLATFORM

Section 7. Infrastructure

Republicans recognize the need for infrastructure. To the extent the private sector can supply any service, government should yield to private business, thus ensuring the fairest, most competitive, most efficient means of achieving the desired service for the people of Barrow County.

Section 8. Health Care Reform

We must prevent expanded government control of healthcare as we work toward the elimination of all government intervention in the healthcare market, beginning with the immediate repeal of Obamacare. Free markets and responsible patronage is the most powerful and efficient means of ensuring innovative and affordable quality healthcare.

Section 9. Abortion

We support equal opportunity for all people. As recognized by the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Georgia State Constitution, life is a basic right that extends to all people including the unborn. We oppose using public revenues for abortion, and will not fund organizations that advocate it.

Section 10. Welfare

Welfare is a destructive force in society that must be eliminated. We must encourage labor and production so that we may all prosper together. Charity is the responsibility of the individual, not the state.

Drop Existing Section 11. Non-Essential Services

Summary

The price of freedom is constant vigilance. We invite all citizens of Barrow County, indeed every American, to become more aware and more involved in limiting government and securing our freedom.