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BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
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MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Oct 17 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Nov 1 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 3 7:00 PM
 Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., Nov 7 7:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Nov 8 6:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Nov 8 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Nov 15 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 17 7:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 17 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Nov 22 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
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Pat Graham		

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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

October 17, 2011

GEORGIA ATTORNEY GENERAL SAM OLENS REDISTRICTING & OTHER UPDATES

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 9/30/11)

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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If you could resist a smile when hearing this news, you're a better man than we: President Obama's ratings in the Arab world are now lower than those of George W. Bush, when he left office. We could cite many examples of Obama's conceit and hubris, but take just one, from the '08 campaign: "I truly believe that the day I'm inaugurated . . . not only does the country look at itself differently, but the world looks at America differently." The candidate continued, "The world will have confidence that I am listening to them, and that our future and our security is tied up with our ability to work with other countries in the world." Not so easy, is it, Mr. President? (*National Review*)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct 8 (Sat)	Bethlehem Star Festival
Oct 15-16 (Sat/Sun)	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
Mar 10 (Sat)	Prct. Mtgs/Cty. Convention
Mar 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Apr 14 (Sat)	District Convention

LOOKING AHEAD

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)
Warren Harding Birthday – November 2 (Wed)
Set Clocks Back 1 Hour – November 5 (Sat) – PM
GOP Elephant Birthday – November 7 (Mon)
Marine Corp Day – November 10 (Thur)
Veterans Day – November 11 (Fri)
James Garfield Birthday – November 19 (Sat)

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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 Sailers
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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“Moderation in the pursuit of freedom is no virtue. Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice.” (U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater)

“The recent welfare state riots in Great Britain offer America a glimpse of our future – unless we reverse course, which is, really, the struggle between two distinctly different views of the role of government playing out in the 2012 presidential election. Well beyond the elections, though, conservatives have to rethink how we approach government and turn this nation.

“Prime Minister David Cameron addressed the riots: ‘We have been unwilling for too long to talk about what is right and what is wrong. We have too often avoided saying what needs to be said, about everything from marriage to welfare to common courtesy . . . Children without fathers. Schools without discipline. Reward without effort. Crime without punishment. Rights without responsibilities. Communities without control. Some of the worst aspects of human nature tolerated, indulged – sometimes even incentivized – by a state and its agencies than in parts have become literally demoralized.’ Britain’s damaged society, he said, has been one that ‘incites laziness, that excuses bad behavior, that erodes self-discipline, that discourages hard work.’” (Jim Wooten, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 8/25/2011)

FROM THE CHAIR

Good News – The brick we purchased nearly 3 years ago for the Barrow County Museum, 74 W. Athens St., Winder, has been installed in a section of walkway in front of the museum. It says, “The Barrow County Republican Party, The Freedom Party.” Better late than never.

Many thanks to all who helped in Statham and Auburn on **September 17**. We appreciate all of your participation.

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. Invited guests are U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, U.S. Rep. Rob Woodall, Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp, Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black, the Gwinnett state delegation and county officials.

Our annual Holiday Dinner is scheduled for Monday, **December 5, 2011**, at 7:00 PM in the Winder Woman’s club. The cost will be \$ 8.00 per person. Our guest speaker will be Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols. You gave pay in advance at our monthly meetings (please see Clay Kelley). Please make plans to attend for a great time!

We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. Suzi Voyles of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women spoke to us about their group and plans for 2012. There may be some ladies in Barrow who might be interested in starting a federated club or satellite. There were reports from Membership & Technology and the recent State Committee meeting. The revised/amended Platform proposal was passed. **WE ARE SEEKING ON-LINE AND-VERTISING TO OFFSET OUR WEB SITE COSTS.** We also agreed to waive membership costs for Teen and College Republicans. Please contact Dan Blechinger or me, and we will get you set up. Thanks!

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **October 17, 2011** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speaker will be the Attorney General of Georgia, Sam Olens. He will be giving us updates on redistricting and other state matters. We will also have committee reports and consider the proposed resolution which is included in this newsletter. **Please review it thoughtfully before the October 17 meeting!** Make plans now to attend. Be present early for a good seat. It will be worth your time.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Why the Constitution’s Tenth Amendment Matters So Much” – Chip Mellor and Clark Neily – *Forbes* – 5/9/2011
<http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2011/0509/opinions-mellor-neily-capital-flows-tenth-amendment-matters.html>

“Fighting Off Power Grabs” – Rep. Marsha Blackburn – *The American Spectator* – 5/17/2011
<http://spectator.org/archives/2011/05/17/fighting-off-power-grabs>

“Measuring America’s Foes” – Paul Johnson – *Forbes* – 2/14/2011
<http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2011/0214/opinions-paul-johnson-curent-events-americas-foes.html>

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SOCIAL SECURITY

Whereas: It is recognized that people are living longer and healthier lives, and

Whereas: The Social Security Income (SSI) program has evolved and/or metamorphosed into much more than its original intent with additions of unwarranted coverage, and

Whereas: The payment of future SSI benefits will place undue and unsustainable tax burdens on future generations, and

Whereas: The Congressional budget Office (CBO) reports that this year alone (2011), Social Security will pay out \$ 45 billion more in retirement, disability and survivors benefits that it collects in payroll taxes, and

Whereas: It is estimated the current SSI program trust funds will be depleted by the year 2037.

Now be it therefore Resolved: By the Barrow County Republican Party that we, as a people, a state, and a nation, return to the values of individual responsibility and accountability by demanding a congressional review of the changes and additions to the program since its inception and begin eliminating those portions not in keeping with the program's original intent.

TO GET A MANDATE, GOP MUST WIN ANOTHER ELECTION

By Michael Barone
Human Events, 7/25/2011

Those who consider themselves constitutional conservatives should take care to consider not only the powers that the Constitution confers on the different branches of government and reserves to the states and the people, but also the schedule that the Constitution sets up for sharp changes and reversals of public policy.

The entire House of Representatives is elected every two years. The voters in 2010, with unusual clarity, elected a House determined to reverse the Obama Democrats' vast increase in the size and scope of government.

But determination is not enough. Barack Obama, elected in 2008, remains in office, armed with a veto. The friendly mainstream media permit him to use euphemisms to insist on tax increases that were roundly rejected by the voters in 2010.

And the Senate, two-thirds of which was elected in the Democratic years of 2006 and 2008, retains a Democratic majority that, though unable to pass its own budget, can frustrate House Republicans' attempts to deliver on their more recent mandate.

The lesson is that you have to win at least two elections in a row to make the kind of policy changes that the Obama Democrats made in 2009 and 2010 and that House Republicans want to make now.

The good news for Republicans is that there has been a convergence of voting in congressional and presidential elections.

Starting in the 1950s, accelerating in the '60s and '70s, and continuing in the '80s, many Americans split their tickets, often electing Republican Presidents but electing Democratic House majorities for 40 years.

In the middle 1990s, that changed. The Democratic percentage of the vote for president and for the House of Representatives have differed by no more than 1 percent starting in 1996.

In addition, the percentages for the two parties in the popular vote for the House in the last three off-year elections have been almost exactly the same as the percentages for the parties in the vote for president two years later.

In 1998, the popular vote for the House was 49 percent to 48 percent Republican. In 2000, the popular vote for president was 48 percent to 48 percent Democratic.

In 2002, the popular vote for the House was 51 percent to 46 percent republican.. In 2004, the popular vote for president was 51 percent to 48 percent Republican.

In 2006, the popular vote for the House was 53 percent to 45 percent Democratic. In 2008, the popular vote for president was 53 percent to 46 percent Democratic.

Obviously, this is not good news for Barack Obama, since the popular vote for the House in 2010 was 52 percent to 45 percent Republican. Translate those numbers into electoral votes, and you have something like a 331 to 207 Republican victory.

Now it is possible, even in a period when the congressional and the presidential vote have converged, for a president to improve on his party's off-year performance. Bill Clinton did so in 1996, running 5 percent ahead of his party's House performance two years before, by sharply changing course on public policy.

And it seems that in the negotiations on the debt limit, Obama is trying to depict himself as following a similar course.

He has said he would support billions in spending cuts – though without providing any specifics. He has said that he would be willing to “look at” means-testing Medicare – though it's unclear this commitment amounts to anything.

He has encouraged the pliant press to depict Republicans' opposition to “revenues” – translated into English that means tax increases – as “intransigence.”

But it's Obama who has been intransigent about insisting on tax increases that voters endorsed tepidly at most in 2008 and that they clearly repudiated in 2010.

Obama promised to fundamentally transform America, and he and his party have managed to increase the federal government's share of gross domestic product from 21 percent to 25 percent – a huge policy change. They are striving now to keep it at that level permanently.

Republicans want to reverse that enormous policy change, and many are ready to denounce any debt limit deal that leaves them short of that goal.

Before doing so, they ought to consult the Constitution. To achieve the changes they want and that voters endorsed in 2010, they need to win again in 2012. The deal that gets them closer to that is what they ought to be seeking now.

UNIONS SAY NO TO NORTH CAROLINA

The latest sign of unhappiness on the left with Barack Obama and the Democratic Party came . . . as more than 12 trade unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO told the Democratic National Committee they will sit out the national convention in Charlotte, N.C., next year because they despise the state's "regressive policies aimed at diluting the power of workers." In a letter to Democratic National Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the 13 building trade unions representing more than 2.5 million workers declared that they found it "troubling that the party so closely associated with basic human rights would choose a state with the lowest unionization rate in the country." Michael Monroe, chief of staff of the AFL-CIO Building Trades division, told the Associated Press that the decision by the unions (including the Painters, Laborers, and Electrical Workers) represents a "broad frustration with the Democratic Party and all elected officials, broad frustration with the lack of a union agenda." (*National Review*)

OBAMACARE TO MANDATE FREE BIRTH CONTROL

President Obama approved a recommendation from the Institute of Medicine . . . making birth control free under the Affordable Care Act. The guidelines will require all new health insurance plans to cover FDA-approved contraceptives, breast-feeding support, and well-women visits and prevent insurance companies from having co-insurance, co-payment, or a deductible for these services. Other services include domestic violence counseling, HIV testing, and voluntary sterilization. Groups such as Planned Parenthood and NARAL hail this regulation as a huge step forward in women's health, blaming the high rate of unplanned pregnancies in the United States compared to other industrialized nations on women not being able to afford preventative care. Opponents of the measure argue that such preventative does not prevent any illness or treat any pre-existing condition, and that it is forcing taxpayers to pay for women's choices. Pro-life advocates insist that certain types of contraceptives can be used as abortifacents, and violate federal statutes that prevent tax dollars from being used for abortion. (*AFA Journal*)

You can't make this stuff up. Nevada's electric company, NV Energy, has long preached the gospel of energy efficiency, even funding propaganda campaigns to get consumers to become more energy efficient. Voila, consumers became more energy efficient. So now the company is seeking rate increases to compensate for money lost due to . . . energy efficiency. According to *The Las Vegas Sun*, NV Energy says its programs to replace old air conditioners and refrigerators with newer models and to push energy-efficient light bulbs have worked too well. They've taken a \$35 million hit to the bottom line. So the utility is requesting a rate increase of almost five percent. News flash: this is what going "green" gets you. Detergents that don't clean clothes, dishwasher soap that doesn't clean dishes, and energy conservation programs that mean higher rates for lower usage. It's a environmentalist wacko power trip. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

A "pole" tax on strip clubs that let patrons consume alcohol is constitutional, according to the Texas Supreme Court. It upheld a \$5-a-customer fee levied on clubs that sell alcohol on the premises where live nude entertainment is offered. A portion of the fee is used to fund a state sexual assault victim program. In the court's view, that tax wasn't designed to suppress nude dancing . . . a form of free speech. Instead, it was aimed at the societal problems caused when such entertainment is combined with the consumption of alcohol (*Combs v. Texas Entertainment Association*).

The clubs are mulling an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. But in the past, the High Court has upheld ordinances that directly restricted adult entertainment. (*Kiplinger Tax Letter*)

In other MSNBC news, Contessa Brewer has done it again. This beautiful anchorwoman's career has been a joy to follow. In the summer of 2009, she said, "There are questions about whether this has racial overtones." She was talking about a pro-gun rally outside a hall where President Obama was giving a speech. "I mean, here you have a man of color in the presidency and white people showing up with guns." Her network was showing a man packing heat. They were showing only the middle of his body. Then it turned out the man was black. Oops. A couple of months later, she introduced Jesse Jackson as . . . Al Sharpton. Do all the reverends look alike to her? A conservative would have been impaled. Now she has had an exchange with Rep. Mo Brooks, an Alabama Republican. She was trying to educate him about economics, telling him that, without the Democrats' massive spending, we would be in a depression. Brooks said he disagreed. Brewer asked, sniffily, "Do you have a degree in economics?" With calm courtliness, he replied, "Yes, ma'am, I do. Highest honors." Every once in a while, watching MSNBC is a pleasure. (*National Review*)

Ali Farzat is one of the most valuable people in the Arab world. A Syrian, he is the region's best-known cartoonist. He made particular sport of Saddam Hussein, and Hussein threatened to kill him. He was blamed in Baathist Iraq (of course), Jordan, and Libya. In 2001, he started a satirical magazine in Syria, the first independent magazine since the bath party seized power in 1963. Its initial run of 50,000 copies sold out immediately. The magazine lasted only until 2003, when government pressure got too great. In the last several months, Farzat has been a huge inspiration to the freedom protestors in his country. He has poked fun at the dictatorship and provided ordinary people with a kind of voice. In recent days, he drew a cartoon of Syria's dictator, Bashar Assad, trying desperately to hitch a ride with Moammar Qaddafi, who is driving a getaway car. Cartoons like that proved too much for the dictatorship. They beat Farzat to a pulp, breaking both of his hands. Earlier, they had killed the popular singer Ibrahim Hashush, ripping out his vocal cords. They often send specific messages, the Baathists. (*National Review*)