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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Nov 21 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Dec 1 7:00 PM
 Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., Dec 5 7:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Dec 6 6:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Dec 6 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Dec 13 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Dec 15 7:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Dec 15 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Dec 20 7:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (30)

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	John Reavis	June Miller
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Shane Coley
Dan Blechinger	Linda Blechinger	Don Lloyd
Ellen Reed	Judy Doorn	Pat Graham
Michael Howington	DuWayne Anderson	Bill Sailors

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C.C. Dist. 2 Rep.	DuWayne Anderson	404-285-0978
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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 #####
 ##### November 21, 2011 #####

BRIAN BURDETTE, 10th DISTRICT GOP CHAIR,
U.S. REP. PAUL BROUN, 10th DISTRICT

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 10/31/11)

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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VOTE NOVEMBER 8

Jimmy Carter wasn't the only hapless one-term president, but he was the most hapless recently. What makes a Carter? It is more than falling poll numbers and a grim economy. The president himself must seem incapable of addressing these woes. An air of rigidity and stubbornness embodies his incapacity. Check, check, and check. But there is one great difference between Obama and Carter: Having no liberal or fantasy alternative (Ted Kennedy, John Anderson) and being invested in his role as racial history maker, the major media will not harp on his shortcomings, as they did with Carter. The world of media, on the other hand, is a lot bigger than it was in 1979.

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LOWER TAXES *** LESS GOVERNMENT**
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Dec 5 (Mon)	HOLIDAY DINNER
Jan 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Feb 20 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Mar 6 (Tue)	Presidential Primary
Mar 10 (Sat)	Prct. Mtgs/Cty. Convention
Mar 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Apr 14 (Sat)	District Convention
Apr 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
May 18-19 (Fri/Sat)	State Convention
May 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

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)
Pearl Harbor Day – December 7 (Wed)
Bill of Rights Day – December 15 (Thur)

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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 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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New details continue to trickle out regarding Operation Fast and Furious, the sting operation in which the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives allowed Mexican drug cartels to buy thousands of firearms at American gun shops – and then let the guns and their new owners “walk.” It recently came to light that Fast and Furious guns were tied to at least two crime scenes in the U.S. The congressional committee investigating the program is having limited success, and President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder still maintain that they knew nothing about the operation. If indeed they didn’t, why didn’t they? This is one of many questions the government has yet to answer about this confusing, dangerous program. (*National Review*)

The Obama administration had been contemplating intrusive new rules on ozone emissions but suddenly reversed itself. The news came as a surprise to the president’s environmentalist buddies – and, more significantly, to the EPA, which was not involved in the decision-making process and whose chief administrator was informed of the decision less than 24 hours before it was announced. That the Obama administration, which fancies itself a post-ideological, technocratic outfit guided by experts and “the science,” did not bother to consult with the experts at the agency in charge of the regulation suggests that the White House is running scared from its own policies and their deplorable economic consequences. This is an excellent thing. (*National Review*)

FROM THE CHAIR

In addition to municipal elections on **November 8**, there are two very important issues for all Barrow County voters. The first is a proposal to change the current full-time commission chairman (no vote but with veto) handling daily operations form of government to a new style with a part-time commission chairman (voting with no veto) and a professional county manager handling daily operations. The second proposal is to allow packaged liquor sales in unincorporated parts of the county on Sundays from 12 noon to 12 midnight. Please make your voice heard with your vote!

We appreciate all of the precinct chairmen who attended the recent meeting in preparation for 2012. We want to be more prepared than ever before!

At the **October 29** new 10th District GOP organizational meeting, Mike Pentecost of Barrow was elected as Assistant Treasurer. Congratulations!

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. We need to collect your money at our **November 21** monthly meeting, or let us know that you will attend and pay on **December 5**, so we can give a good count to the caterer. We appreciate your help on this! Please make plans to attend for a great time!

We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens gave us an excellent presentation on changes to the AG office since January and updates on several important cases like HB 87, Obamacare, water disputes, etc. There were reports on the recent Precinct Chairmen’s meeting and the recent State Committee meeting. The Social Security resolution passed with unanimous consent.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **November 21, 2011** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speaker will be Brian Burdette, Chairman of the new 10th U.S. District GOP Committee. He will be introducing us to the new District Committee arrangement, which should last until the next U.S. Census in 2020. (We may also hear from current 10th U.S. Rep. Paul Broun, Jr. of Athens. He will be running for re-election in the new 10th District in 2012.) We will also consider the proposed resolution which is included in this newsletter.

Please review it thoughtfully before the November 21 meeting! We will conduct an election to fill the vacant Assistant Treasurer position, and consider a proposed operations spending resolution that will be in effect from **January 1** through **August 31, 2012**. Be present early for a good seat. It will be worth your time. Make plans now to attend.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Give This Tax Credit Its Due” – Rep. Trent Franks – *The American Spectator* – 8/24/2011
<http://spectator.org/archives/2011/08/24/give-this-tax-credit-its-due>

“Actually, We’re *Not* All in This Together” – Edward H. Crane – *Forbes* – 6/6/2011
<http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2011/0606/opinions-edward-crane-capital-flows-actually-not-in-together.html>

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Whereas, the United States Department of Education (DoED) is currently a Cabinet Level department of the United States Government, and

Whereas, the DoE was created by the Department of Education Organization Act (Public Law 96-88) and signed into law by Jimmy Carter on October 17, 1979, and

Whereas, the powers of the U.S. Congress are recognized and listed in Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, and

Whereas, Education of the American people is not listed as a power nor a responsibility of the Federal Government, and

Whereas, Amendment X to the U.S. Constitution states “*The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.*”,

Now therefore be it Resolved by the Barrow County Republican Party that we, as a people and a state, demand the Department of Education be abolished and the responsibility for education be returned to the respective states and citizens as required by the U.S. Constitution, Amendment X.

STATE GOP RULE CHANGE

In order for the Georgia Republican Party to comply with Republican National Committee Rules 15 (b) (1 & 2) and 16, should the Georgia Secretary of State, under provisions of the Georgia Election Code, select a date for the 2012 Presidential Preference Primary prior to April 1, 2012 [he selected March 6, 2012 – K.Y.], the following provisional rule establishing proportional delegate allocation for the Republican National Convention in 2012 shall be deemed to amend by substitution GRP Rule 7.3 (B). Passed unanimously by the State Committee on September 24, 2011.

7.3 B) Delegates and Alternates shall be apportioned as follows:

- 1) No State at large Delegate or Alternate shall be allocated to any candidate who receives 20% or less of the vote in the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary.
- 2) No fractional Delegate or Alternate shall be allocated.
- 3) In each Congressional District, the three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates shall be allocated proportionally based on the following: (1) any candidate who receives the majority (50% + 1) of the Congressional District’s Presidential Preference Primary vote shall be allocated all three (3) of the Congressional District delegates and alternates; (2) if no candidate receives the majority (50% + 1) of the Congressional District’s Presidential Preference Primary vote, the candidate receiving the highest number of the Congressional District’s Presidential Preference

Primary votes shall be allocated two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates and the candidate receiving the second highest-number of the Congressional District’s Presidential Preference Primary votes shall be allocated one (1) delegate and (1) alternate.

4) At large Delegates and Alternates shall be allocated by numerical slot to the candidate(s) receiving more than 20% of the vote based on his or her percentage of the Statewide Presidential Preference Primary vote. Any remaining Delegates and Alternates not allocated initially shall be apportioned sequentially and in order to candidate(s) receiving an initial allocation. For the purpose of this allocation, RNC Delegates (State Chairman, National Committee Woman and National Committee Man) shall be considered at large delegates and be allocated to the candidate receiving the largest percentage of the vote.

5) All Delegates and Alternates shall file a qualification oath as required by O.C.G.A. 21-2-196.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Since the Pilgrims observed the initial Thanksgiving holiday in 1621, this occasion has served as a singular expression of the transcending spiritual values that played an instrumental part in the founding of our country.

One hundred and twenty years ago, in the midst of a great and terrible civil conflict, President Lincoln formally proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving to remind those “insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God” of this Nation’s bounty and greatness. Several days after the dedication of the Gettysburg battlefield, the United States celebrated its first national Thanksgiving. Every year since then, our Nation has faithfully continued this tradition. The time has come once again to proclaim a day of thanksgiving, an occasion for Americans to express gratitude to their God and their country.

In his remarks at Gettysburg, President Lincoln referred to ours as a Nation “under God.” We rejoice in the fact that, while we have maintained separate institutions of church and state over our 200 years of freedom, we have at the same time preserved reverence for spiritual beliefs. Although we are a pluralistic society, the giving of thanks can be a true bond of unity among our people. We can unite in gratitude for our individual freedoms and individual faiths. We can be united in gratitude for our Nation’s peace and prosperity when so many in this world have neither.

As was written in the first Thanksgiving Proclamation 120 years ago, “No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most high God.” God has blessed America and her people, and it is appropriate we recognize this bounty.

President Ronald Reagan
September 15, 1983