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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Apr 16 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., May 1 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 3 7:00 PM
 Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., May 7 7:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., May 8 6:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 8 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., May 15 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 17 7:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., May 17 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 22 7:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (29)

Ken Young – Chr.	Scott Hang	Bill Sailers
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
Bob Lanham – Asst. Tr.	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	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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	e-mail: meldebgolder@aol.com	
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C.C. Dist. 2 Rep.	DuWayne Anderson	404-285-0978
C.C. Dist. 3 Rep.	Cal Neff	770-307-4699
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 YEARLY. THANKS!

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April 16, 2012

STATE REPS. TERRY ENGLAND & TOMMY BENTON 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 3/31/12)

Membership	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12
Regular	26	15	24	51	56	48	46	44	24
Advanced	74	55	50	61	75	68	58	59	49
Barrow 100	10	9	11	11	13	17	16	17	8
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Students									3
Total	110	79	85	123	144	134	121	121	84
Renewals	83	73	72	73	106	113	105	112	69
New	27	6	13	50	38	21	16	9	15

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WE'RE NOW TAKING 2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERSHIPS

"The chairman of Mercedes-Benz announced a new initiative under a huge portrait of Che Guevara. The company had put its logo on Guevara's beret. If you thought that Mercedes would be especially insensitive to an association with totalitarian killers, you were wrong. After some fussing by *National Review* types, the company apologized – to "those who took offense." A news report said, "Many political conservatives and Cuban-Americans consider [Guevara] a mass murderer who helped subjugate Cuba." Yes, and many political conservatives and Cuban-Americans believe that there are twelve months in a year. (*National Review*)

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr 14 (Sat)	District Convention
Apr 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
May 18-19 (Fri/Sat)	State Convention
May 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
May 23-25 (Wed-Fri)	Candidate Qualifying
June 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
June 25 (Mon)	Winder Candidate Forum
July 9 (Mon)	Auburn Candidate Forum
July 19 (Thur)	Statham Candidate Forum
Aug 18 (Sat)	Annual Barrow GOP BBQ

LOOKING AHEAD

- Army Day – April 6 (Fri)
- Tax Protest Day – April 15 (Sun)
- Holocaust Remembrance Day – April 19 (Thur)
- Ulysses Grant Birthday – April 27 (Fri)
- National Day of Prayer – May 3 (Thur)
- Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15 (Tue)
- Armed Forces Day – May 19 (Sat)
- Memorial Day Observed – May 28 (Mon)

2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Josephine Jones	Terry Raber	Terry England
John Reavis	Linda Reavis	Melinda Williams
Bobby Patterson	Dan Blechinger	Linda Blechinger
Scott Hang	Don Lloyd	Judy Doorn
Mark Still	June Davis	Jimmy Terrell
Betty Cherry		

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Lee Childs	Amanda Childs	Reade Milner
Any Kelley	Bill J. Brown	Natalie Hopkins

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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“The Constitution places a ‘wall of separation’ between church and state, and politicians who breach this are theocrats. Right? Evidently not if you’re a Democrat. Obama aide Valerie Jarrett took to the pulpit in Atlanta’s Ebenezer Baptist Church in January to warn the congregation that the jobs of teachers, police, and firefighters ‘are now in jeopardy because [of] Congress – well, let me be specific – because [of] the Republicans in Congress.’ Having issued a warning, Jarrett then used the church to host a voter-registration drive. In doing so, she likely caused the church to violate IRS rules that prohibit tax-exempt 501(c)3 organizations from hosting activities that favor one candidate or party over another, or explicitly engaging in politics. IRS enforcement of these rules is skewed in the extreme, and there is a fair debate over whether they should exist at all – but oh, why bother? The lady is a Democrat, and that’s the last you’re ever going to hear about this.” (National Review)

FROM THE CHAIR

We now need your 2012 membership renewals and new memberships. You can bring them to our next monthly meeting, mail them to our P.O. Box 1054, Winder, GA, 30680-1054, or use on **on-line payment option** on our web site as soon as possible. Thanks for your continued support! We are ahead of last year’s pace, and not far behind the 3-month record of 87!

SPECIAL CHALLENGE TO ALL MEMBERS! Please recruit one new member this month. If necessary, please pay for a guest membership for someone you have been trying to get active for some time. We need to set a record for memberships this year. So much is at stake!

Candidates for the 2012 elections no longer go through the local elections office for their processing. In setting up your campaign, you will have to go to the new State Ethics Commission (under a new name) for your disclosure reports, etc. on-line. Check the Secretary of State’s web site.

For those who were elected as delegates and alternates to the District Convention on Saturday, **April 14, 2012**, the cost will be \$ 30.00 in Greensboro at the Spotlight Theater Parkside Main 8, 1050 Parkside Main. It will include a continental breakfast and a lunch buffet. Guests may attend for \$ 10.00. You should have received your paperwork in the mail by now. Contact me ASAP if you have not.

For those who were elected as delegates and alternates to the State Convention on **May 18-19, 2012**, you should be receiving your paperwork in the mail.

There will be an Executive Committee meeting on Monday, **April 30, 2012 at 7:00 PM** in the Winder Woman’s Club. If any of our members have any input or suggestions, please contact someone on the Executive Committee as soon as possible (see front page). This meeting is not open to the public.

We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. We conducted our Campaign Yard Sign (& Tagging) Presentation to aid potential candidates before they order signs and plan their campaigns. It was a fun trip down “Memory Lane.”

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **April 16, 2012 at 7:30 PM** in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speakers will be our State Reps. Terry England and Tommy Benton. They will be giving us their 2012 Legislative Session report. Be prepared in advance for your questions, and we will get in as many as time allows. It will be worth your time! Make plans now to attend. Be early for a good seat.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“We Don’t Like The Future We See” – Phyllis Schlafly – *Eagle Forum* – 12/14/2011
<http://www.eagleforum.org/column/2011/dec11/11-12-14.html>

“Congress, govts nix Obama’s high speed rail” – Michael Barone – *Washington Examiner*
<http://campaign2012.washingtonexaminer.com/article/barone-congress-govs-nix-obamas-high-speed-rail>

“No Need to Panic About Global Warming” – multiple contributors – *The Wall Street Journal* – 1/27/2012
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204301404577171531838421366.html?>

2012 DISTRICT DELEGATES (24)

Larry Ballard	Dan Blechinger	Linda Blechinger
Will Dunn	Deb Golder	Pat Graham
Teeny Hang	Scott Hang	Michael Howington
Clay Kelley	Leonard Koonce	Bob Lanham
Jimmy Lomax	June Miller	Ray Newman
Mike Pentecost	Terry Raber	John Reavis
Ellen Reed	Bill Sailers	Jud Smith
Lynn Stevens	John Stevens	Ken Young

2012 DISTRICT ALTERNATES (18)

Joe Bennett	John Bernardine	Clarissa Brock
Martin Brock	Ren Buckland	Charles Chase
Amanda Childs	Lee Childs	Judy Doorn
Terry England	Kathy Hopkins	Melody Howington
Beverly Kelley	Reade Milner	David Perkins
Charles Powell	Linda Reavis	Pam Shariaf

2012 STATE DELEGATES (19)

DuWayne Anderson	Larry Ballard	Dan Blechinger
Linda Blechinger	Will Dunn	Deb Golder
Teeny Hang	Scott Hang	Kathy Hopkins
Bob Lanham	June Miller	Ray Newman
Mike Pentecost	Terry Raber	Ellen Reed
Bill Sailers	Lynn Stevens	John Stevens
Ken Young		

2012 STATE ALTERNATES (19)

Joe Bennett	John Bernardine	Clarissa Brock
Martin Brock	Ren Buckland	Amanda Childs
Lee Childs	Judy Doorn	Terry England
Melody Howington	Michael Howington	Beverly Kelley
Clay Kelley	Keith Keppner	Leonard Koonce
Reade Milner	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
Pam Shariaf		

“Gingrich also took himself for a spin through Middle East history. ‘I think we’ve an invented Palestinian people who are in fact Arabs, and who were historically part of the Arab community,’ he told the Jewish Channel. True enough – under the British Mandate, ‘Palestinian’ denoted the local Jews. But professorial Newt leaves political Newt with problems. Now that the horse has gone, why fumble with the barn door? If it was not aimless showing off, then it was a cynical feel-good appeal for Jewish votes. It was nice, however, to see Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat sputter, ‘This is the lowest point of thinking anyone can reach,’ said Erekat. Lower than blowing up pizza parlors?” (*National Review*)

“New Jersey governor Chris Christie made two nominations to the state supreme court, stressing that they would enhance its diversity: One is Asian, the other black and homosexual. Christie said zilch in his announcement about the legal philosophy of these nominees. The second nominee is on record as a supporter of same-sex marriage, appears to favor the judicial extension of the legal incidents of marriage to same-sex couples, and

2012 CANDIDATE QUALIFYING FEES

Probate Judge	\$ 1,894.94
Clerk of Superior Court	\$ 1,894.94
Chief Magistrate	\$ 1,894.94
Tax Commissioner	\$ 1,894.94
Sheriff	\$ 2,270.25
Coroner	\$ 35.00
County Commission Chairman	\$ 750.00
County Commission, District 1	\$ 180.00
County Commission, District 2	\$ 180.00
County Commission, District 3	\$ 180.00
School Board, District 2	\$ 18.00
School Board, District 5	\$ 18.00
School Board, District 6	\$ 18.00
School Board, District 8 (At-Large)	\$ 18.00

Qualifying with the Barrow County Republican Party will begin at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, **May 23, 2012**, and will end at Noon on Friday, **May 25, 2012**. Final location details will be known by **May 1, 2012**. The General Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, **July 31, 2012**, the General Primary Run-off Election will be held on Tuesday, **August 21, 2012**, if needed. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, **November 6, 2012**. The General Election Run-Off Election will be held on Tuesday, **December 4, 2012**, if needed.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM COMPARISON

<u>School System</u>	<u>\$ Per Student</u>	<u>State Rank *</u>
Clarke County	\$ 11,810	9
Madison County	\$ 9,032	61
Habersham County	\$ 8,960	64
City Commerce	\$ 8,691	76
Jackson County	\$ 8,600	83
STATE AVERAGE	\$ 8,593	
Franklin County	\$ 8,412	101
Walton County	\$ 8,383	108
Oconee County	\$ 8,290	113
Gwinnett County	\$ 7,826	128
Banks County	\$ 7,874	144
BARROW COUNTY	\$ 7,815	147
Hall County	\$ 7,747	152
City Jefferson	\$ 6,651	179

* Rank is highest spending to lowest spending

Source: Mike Buffington, *The Barrow Journal*

believes that legislators whose religious convictions inform their political positions are violating the U.S. Constitution. So it seems fair to count him as a ‘No’ vote on originalism. Christie is also trying to avoid having to veto a law establishing same-sex marriage by putting the issue to a referendum. Ducking leadership on marriage is disappointing enough; leading in the wrong direction on the rule of law is worse.” (*National Review*)