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## MEETINGS

**Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., July 16 7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 2 7:00 PM  
 Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon. Aug 6 7:00 PM  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Aug 7 6:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Aug 7 7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Aug 14 7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 16 7:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 16 7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Aug 21 7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Aug 28 7:00 PM

## VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (29)

|                                      |                  |              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Ken Young – Chr.                     | Scott Hang       | Bill Sailors |
| Larry Ballard – 1 <sup>st</sup> V.C. | Clay Pentecost   | Teeny Hang   |
| Ray Newman – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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     | Ellen Reed   |
| Dan Blechinger                       | Linda Blechinger | Don Lloyd    |
| Michael Howington                    | Judy Doorn       | Pat Graham   |
| DuWayne Anderson                     | Shane Coley      |              |

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

|                   |  |              |
|-------------------|--|--------------|
| Chairman          | Ken Young  | 770-867-5748 |
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| Treasurer         | Clay Kelley  | 770-560-4523 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:bkconslt@comcast.net">bkconslt@comcast.net</a>        |              |
| Asst. Treasurer   | Bob Lanham   | 770-867-5459 |
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| C.C. Dist. 2 Rep. | DuWayne Anderson   | 404-285-0978 |
| C.C. Dist. 3 Rep. |  |              |
| 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!**

##### 7:30 PM #####  
##### July 16, 2012 #####

**MIKE GRIFFIN, GEORGIA RIGHT TO LIFE  
STAN WISE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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## MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 6/30/12)

| Membership | '04 | '05 | '06 | '07       | '08        | '09        | '10        | '11       | '12 |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----|
| Regular    | 26  | 15  | 24  | 51        | <b>56</b>  | 48         | 46         | 44        | 41  |
| Advanced   | 74  | 55  | 50  | 61        | <b>75</b>  | 68         | 58         | 59        | 71  |
| Barrow 100 | 10  | 9   | 11  | 11        | 13         | <b>17</b>  | 16         | <b>17</b> | 10  |
| Barrow 360 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0         | 0          | 1          | 1          | 1         | 1   |
| Students   |     |     |     |           |            |            |            |           | 4   |
| Total      | 110 | 79  | 85  | 123       | <b>144</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>121</b> | 121       | 127 |
| Renewals   | 83  | 73  | 72  | 73        | 106        | <b>113</b> | 105        | 112       | 100 |
| New        | 27  | 6   | 13  | <b>50</b> | 38         | 21         | 16         | 9         | 27  |

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[www.barrowgop.org](http://www.barrowgop.org)

## ANNUAL BARROW GOP BBQ

**5:00 PM - SATURDAY - AUGUST 18, 2012  
WINDER LIONS CLUB - 354 E. BROAD ST.**

**GREAT FOOD, MUSIC, & FUN  
10<sup>th</sup> U.S. REP., STATE & LOCAL CANDIDATES**

**ADULTS - \$ 15.00 AGES 6-12 - \$ 7.50  
AGE 5 & UNDER - FREE**

**CONTACT KEN YOUNG  
FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION**

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

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>July 9 (Mon)</b>       | <b>Auburn Candidate Forum</b>     |
| <b>July 16 (Mon)</b>      | <b>Monthly Meeting</b>            |
| <b>July 19 (Thur)</b>     | <b>Statham Candidate Forum</b>    |
| <b>July 31 (Tue)</b>      | <b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>           |
| <b>Aug 18 (Sat)</b>       | <b>Annual Barrow GOP BBQ</b>      |
| <b>Aug 20 (Mon)</b>       | <b>Monthly Meeting</b>            |
| <b>Sept 7-8 (Fri/Sat)</b> | <b>Winder Jug Tavern Festival</b> |
| <b>Sept 15 (Sat)</b>      | <b>Statham Sunflower festival</b> |
| <b>Sept 17 (Mon)</b>      | <b>Monthly Meeting</b>            |
| <b>Nov 6 (Tue)</b>        | <b>BHO Going Home!</b>            |

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Independence Day – July 4 (Wed)  
Calvin Coolidge Birthday – July 4 (Wed)  
First Official Meeting of the Republican Party – July 6 (Fri)  
George W. Bush Birthday – July 6 (Wed)  
Gerald Ford Birthday – July 14 (Sat)  
National Korean War Vets Armistice Day – July 27 (Fri)  
Air Force Day – August 1 (Wed)  
Coast Guard Day – August 4 (Sat)  
Herbert Hoover Birthday – August 10 (Fri)  
Benjamin Harrison Birthday – August 20 (Mon)

**2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Beth Sims                      Danny Yearwood                      Larry Wilburn  
Isaiah Berry

**WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS**

Marvin Keech                      Nancy Keech

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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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**LOOKING FOR BBQ SPONSORS!**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012 - 5:00 PM**

**REAGAN LEVEL (\$ 500.00)**

Space for sponsor banner/sign (provided by sponsor)  
10 Tickets, reserved Table, Recognition at the BBQ

**PATRIOT LEVEL (\$ 250.00)**

6 Tickets, Reserved Table, Recognition at the BBQ

**LIBERTY LEVEL (\$ 100.00)**

2 Tickets, Recognition at the BBQ

**CALL 770.867.5748 or email: [kenyoung276@hotmail.com](mailto:kenyoung276@hotmail.com)  
for more information**

**WE NEED ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO HELP  
FIND BBQ SPONSORS!!!**

**FROM THE CHAIR**

We welcome new financial contributors to join us and help us in the cause! You can bring your check, cash, money order (we can also take credit/debit card purchases) to our next monthly meeting, mail it to our P.O. Box 1054, Winder, GA, 30680-1054, or use our **on-line payment option** on our web site as soon as possible. Thanks for your continued support!

If you missed the Winder Candidate Forum, the next two opportunities to hear the candidates are in Auburn on Monday, **July 9, 2012**, and in Statham on Thursday, **July 19, 2012**. Both of these forums begin at **7:00 PM**. Please pass the word to your friends and neighbors!

**IF YOU DON'T VOTE IN THE JULY 31 PRIMARY,  
DON'T COMPLAIN!**

We need your help in selling and/or buying as many BBQ tickets as you can. We are looking for a great time on Saturday, **August 18, 2012** at 5:00 PM in the Winder Lions Club. We still need some volunteers to provide desserts. Please contact me if you are not on the list, and I'll add your name. Georgia Fair Tax, Oconee Regional Republican Women, Georgia Citizens Action Project, and Barrow County Farm Bureau will be hosting table exhibits. Looking forward to it!

There will be an Executive Committee meeting on Monday, **July 30, 2012** at 7:00 PM in the Brock Office Building., 20 N. Broad St., Winder. This meeting is just for Executive Committee members. If you have any input or suggestions, please contact someone on the Executive Committee. Thanks!

We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. Rodney Upton, candidate for new State House District 114 (AHS area), and State Sen. Frank Ginn, candidate for new State Senate District 47 addressed the group. We also approved two minor rule changes and began updating Freedom Compact signatures.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **July 16, 2012** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our guest speakers will be Mike Griffin of Georgia Right To Life and Stan Wise, who is running for re-election to the Public Service Commission. We will also be making final preparations for our BBQ on **August 18, 2012**. Campaign materials and yard signs for primary candidates will be available. 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**

"The 4% Solution America Needs Growth" – Rich Karlgaard – *Forbes* – 12/19/2011

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/richkarlgaard/2012/04/18/the-4-solution-america-needs-growth/2/>

"Bully Pulpit" – Gerald Nachman – *The American Spectator* – 11/15/2011

<http://spectator.org/archives/2011/11/15/bully-pulpit>

"The Weak Dollar Caused the Great recession" – Brian Domitrovic – *Forbes* – 5/7/2012

<http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2012/0507/capital-flows-crisis-weak-dollar-great-recession.html>

## CLUELESS ABOUT JOB CREATION

### OBAMA'S INVINCIBLE IGNORANCE.

Fred Barnes, *The Weekly Standard*, April 23, 2012

Does President Obama have the foggiest idea how jobs are created in America? There's not much evidence he does, beyond lip service to the helpfulness of the private sector.

When the president begins a speech these days with praise for free markets, look out! What comes next are proposals for more government intervention in the economy and high taxes. That's the recipe, Obama says, to "encourage our long-term growth and stabilize our budget."

He said so in his Republicans-are-Social Darwinists speech in Washington two weeks ago to newspaper editors. Near the outset, Obama declared: "I know that the true engine of job creation in this country is the private sector, not Washington, which is why I've cut taxes for small-business owners 17 times over the last three years."

Those cuts have had minimal effect, and not surprisingly. They were tiny and temporary, and few small-business owners bothered to claim them, if indeed they were eligible to do so. Meanwhile, the president has persistently sought to raise their income taxes.

In Washington, Obama didn't suggest, much less propose, a single incentive or spur to private investment, yet he insisted "we continue to make investments in growth today." These consist solely of government-funded jobs, such as "putting some of our construction workers back to work" and "helping states to rehire teachers."

Obama yearns for a hefty increase in hiring by state and local governments. If hiring were "on par to past recoveries, the unemployment rate would probably be about a point lower than it is right now." Restoring "huge cuts in state and local government" is "part of the challenge we have in terms of growth."

The lesson here is that Obama has learned no lesson from what Edward Lazear of the Hoover Institution has called the "worst economic recovery in history" – that is, the Obama recovery. The economy has grown at a rate of 2.4 percent since the recession ended in June 2009, a full percentage point below average long-term growth. But the president is sticking with his plan for a government-led economic boom. This is Obamanomics: If it doesn't work, then double down.

Obama once told a group of investors that the private sector didn't need incentives to invest because his administration's massive subsidies of green technology would lead the way. Now the mention of "green jobs" has become a laugh line. The main news from the green sector is another company bankrolled by Obama going belly-up.

In *The Escape Artists: How Obama's team Fumbled the Recovery*, Noam Scheiber describes the president's "obsession" with green jobs. Economic adviser Christina Romer "would march in with an estimate of the jobs all the investments in clean energy would produce; week after week, Obama would send her back to check the numbers. 'I don't get it,' he'd say, "We make these large-scale investments in infrastructure. What do you mean there are no jobs' But the numbers rarely budged.

Obama's latest fixation is the Buffett Rule, named after billionaire Warren Buffet. "We can't afford to keep spending more money on tax cuts for wealthy Americans," the president said last week. (Note: Under Obamanomics, untaxed earnings of private citizens are "spending.") The new rule would force

those earning more than \$1 million to pay at least 30 percent of their annual income, whether earnings (already taxed at a marginal rate of 35 percent) or capital gains (now taxed at 15 percent), in income tax. "This is not just about fairness," the president said. "This is also about growth." And thus about jobs, and more.

But not deficit reduction, according to Jason Furman, the deputy director of the White House National Economic Council. He said the 30 percent tax was "never our plan to bring the deficit down and get the debt under control." It would raise only \$ 4 billion to \$ 5 billion a year, a peewee bite out of Obama's \$ 1.3 trillion deficit for fiscal year 2012.

Obama and Vice-President Biden claim deficit reductions anyway. The new tax floor is "about we as a country being willing to pay for those [government] investments and closing our deficits," Obama said. "That's what this is about." Biden defended the tax hike with a question. "Do we pay down those deficits, cutting wherever we can, as we've been doing, while at the same time investing in things we know we must invest in, in order for the economy to grow and create good middle-class jobs?"

One response to the Buffett Rule has been to dismiss it as a campaign gimmick. Yes, it is that, but it's much more. Obama, Biden, and their allies believe raising taxes will boost the economy by paying for increased government spending. They believe the investor class of millionaires and billionaires will invest as robustly as ever, producing growth and jobs, even if subjected to higher income taxes and a doubled rate on capital gains. They're wrong on both counts.

Obama has taken recently to quoting Ronald Reagan, while ignoring Reagan's formula for recovering from the deep recession in 1981 and 1982. It consisted of tax and spending cuts, the exact opposite of Obama's policy. By mid-1984, Reagan noted happily in a letter that job growth had exceeded 300,000 a month for more than a year. The Obama economy, which the president says is "gaining speed" and "getting strong," hasn't come close to that.

Obama has his excuses. State and local governments are supposedly at fault for not hiring more. And if the construction industry were functioning normally, that would shave another percentage point off the jobless rate, he claims. In March, the rate of unemployment was 8.2 percent. But by Obama's figuring, it should be 6.2 percent.

The president doesn't realize how lucky he is. There have been twice as many dropouts from the economy as jobs added since he became president. Were the dropouts counted as unemployed, the jobless rate would be well above 11 percent. And Obama would be hard put to come up with an excuse.

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"Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is worried that a threatened increase in corporate taxes may 'dampen enthusiasm' among investors. He has further expressed concern that businesses need a more predictable tax environment and need to be made to feel that capital is welcome. Unfortunately, Geithner shared these insights in the process of lecturing India's finance minister, rather than his own boss." (*National Review*)

## HOW TO LOSE GRACEFULLY

### WHAT YOU CAN LEARN FROM DEFEATED CANDIDATES

Peggy Post, *USA Weekend*, Oct. 20-22, 2006

It's election season. When the voting is over, the winners will celebrate. But what about the losers? Losing stinks. Losing is hard. Nonetheless, losing is a part of life.

So, what should a candidate do when the election is over and he has lost? Follow a few basic rules: Concede. Be polite. And don't wallow. Abide by the three principles that all etiquette is based on – respect, consideration, and honesty – as the basis for your actions.

It's a tradition for the candidates to speak privately and for the defeated to concede with dignity. After that, any public remarks from the losing camp should be succinct and eloquent: "I'd like to commend the Rainsville campaign on their victory. I wish them the best." Or, "We fought hard, but the people of Michigan chose a different path, and I respect their decision." And don't forget to thank those who helped you along the way.

Whether it's an election or a promotion, corner office or bidding war that you've lost, don't wait for the victor to come to you. Being a good loser shows you have integrity – something every good competitor needs to win.

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## NEW IMMIGRATION LAWS

1. There will be no special bilingual programs in the schools.
2. All ballots will be in this nation's language.
3. All government business will be conducted in our language.
4. Non-residents will NOT have the right to vote no matter how long they are here.
5. Non-citizens will NEVER be able to hold political office.
6. Foreigners will not be a burden to the taxpayers. No welfare, no food stamps, no health care, or other government assistance programs. Any burden will be deported.
7. Foreigners can invest in this country, but it must be an amount at least equal to 40,000 times the daily minimum wage.
8. If foreigners come here and buy land . . . options will be restricted. Certain parcels including waterfront property are reserved for citizens . . . naturally born into this country.
9. Foreigners may have NO protests; NO demonstrations; NO waving of a foreign flag, NO political organizing; NO bad-mouthing our president or his policies. These will lead to deportation.
10. If you do come to this country illegally, you will be actively hunted and, when caught, sent to jail until your deportation can be arranged. All assets will be taken from you.

Too strict? The above laws are current immigration laws of

MEXICO

## THINKER

It started out innocently enough. I began to think at parties now and then – just to loosen up and be a part of the crowd.

Inevitably, though, one thought led to another and soon I was more than just a social thinker.

I began to think alone – "to relax," I told myself – but I knew it wasn't true. Thinking became more and more important to me, and finally I was thinking all the time.

That was when things began to sour at home. One evening I turned off the TV and asked my wife about the meaning of life. She spent that night at her mother's.

I began to think on the job. I knew that thinking and employment don't mix, but I couldn't help myself.

I began to avoid friends at lunchtime so I could read Thoreau, Muir, Confucius, Camus and Kafka. I would return to the office dizzied and confused, asking, "What is it exactly that we are doing here?"

One day the boss called me in. He said, "Listen, I like you, and it hurts me to say this, but your thinking has become a real problem. If you don't stop thinking on the job, you'll have to find another job."

This gave me a lot to think about. I came home early after my conversation with the boss. "Honey," I confessed, "I've been thinking."

"I know you've been thinking," she said, "and I want a divorce!" "But Honey, surely it's not that serious." "It is serious," she said, her lower lip quiver.

"You think as much as college professors and college professors don't make any money, so if you keep on thinking, we won't have any money!"

"That's a fallacious syllogism," I said impatiently.

She exploded in tears of rage and frustration, but I was in no mood to deal with the emotional drama.

"I'm going to the library," I snarled as I stomped out the door.

I headed for the library, in the mood for some John Locke. I roared into the parking lot with NPR on the radio and ran up to the big glass doors.

They didn't open. The library was closed.

To this day, I believe that a Higher Power was looking out for me that night.

Leaning on the unfeeling glass and whimpering for Emerson, a poster caught my eye, "Friend, is heavy thinking ruining your life?" it asked.

You probably recognize that line. It comes from the standard Thinkers Anonymous poster.

That is why I am what I am today: a recovering thinker.

I never miss a TA meeting. At each meeting we watch a non-educational video; last week it was "Porky's." Then we share experiences about how we avoided thinking since the last meeting.

I still have my job, and things are a lot better at home. Life just seemed easier, somehow, as soon as I stopped thinking. I believe the road to recovery is nearly complete for me.

Today I took the final step . . . I joined the Democratic Party.

Selected