

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 17 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., Oct 1 7:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Oct 2 6:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Oct 2 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 4 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Oct 9 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Oct 16 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 18 7:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 18 7:00 PM
 County Commission Work Session – Tue., Oct 23 6:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (27)

Ken Young – Chr.	Scott Hang	Bill Sailors
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	Shane Coley
Bob Lanham – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	June Miller
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Ellen Reed
Dan Blechinger	Linda Blechinger	Don Lloyd
DuWayne Anderson	Judy Doorn	Pat Graham

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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 #####
 ##### September 17, 2012 #####

LINDA HERREN
 GEORGIA NATIONAL GOP COMMITTEEWOMAN

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 8/31/12)

Membership	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12
Regular	26	15	24	51	56	48	46	44	41
Advanced	74	55	50	61	75	68	58	59	71
Barrow 100	10	9	11	11	13	17	16	17	12
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Students									4
Total	110	79	85	123	144	134	121	121	129
Renewals	83	73	72	73	106	113	105	112	101
New	27	6	13	50	38	21	16	9	28

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www.barrowgop.org

CHECK OUR “HOME” PAGE FOR UPDATES

BARROW GOP CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS
 BROCK OFFICE BLDG., 20 N. BROAD ST., WINDER

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY - 1:00-7:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY - 1:00-4:00 PM
 SATURDAY - 9:00 AM-12 Noon

CLOSED - SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 15 and OCTOBER 13
 FOR LOCAL FESTIVALS

TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 7-8 (Fri/Sat)	Winder Jug Tavern Festival
Sept 15 (Sat)	Statham Sunflower Festival
Sept 17 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Oct 13 (Sat)	Bethlehem Star Festival
Oct 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Nov 6 (Tue)	BHO Going Home!
Dec 3 (Mon)	Holiday Dinner
Jan 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Feb 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Mar 9 (Sat)	Prec. Mtgs./Cty. Convention
Mar 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Apr 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Patriot Day – September 11 (Tue)
William Taft Birthday – September 15 (Sat)
U.S. Constitution Day – September 17 (Mon)
POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 21 (Fri)
Rutherford Hayes Birthday – October 4 (Thur)
Chester Arthur Birthday – October 5 (Fri)
Columbus Day – October 12 (Fri)
Dwight Eisenhower Birthday – October 14 (Sun)
Theodore Roosevelt Birthday – October 27 (Sat)
Navy Day – October 27 (Sat)
General Election Day – November 6 (Tue)

2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

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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
Statham 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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2012 ANNUAL BBQ REPORT

INCOME	Sponsors	\$ 2,450.00
	Ticket Sales	\$ 2,666.68
	Total	\$ 5,116.68
EXPENSES	Total	\$ 2,736.28
NET FUNDS RAISED		\$ 2,380.40

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

FROM THE CHAIR

With the July primary over, we will be addressing races where Democrats or third party candidates will be opposing our GOP nominees in November. These include, President, 1 PSC race, State Senate District 47, Sheriff, and County Commission District 3.

NOTE - Rule Reminder – **Section III** – “If a member shall publicly support a candidate in opposition to the official Republican nominee in a general election, that member shall be considered removed from Party position effective the date of public support.” This will be enforced.

Many thanks to all who helped with our 2012 BBQ! We had a great time with so many Republicans. U.S. Rep. Rob Woodall, State Reps. Terry England & Tom Kirby, State Sen. Frank Ginn, and State Rep.-Elect Regina Quick addressed the crowd. Lots of fun to go around! We are collecting feedback on ways to improve next year’s BBQ. Please contact me as soon as you can, so you don’t forget.

Looking for volunteers to help us at our campaign headquarters! We are located in the Brock Office Bldg., 20 N. Broad St., Winder, between the old County Court House and the Chamber of Commerce bldg. (RR depot). Please contact me as soon as possible if you will help.

We had a great meeting last month with good attendance. Our Treasurer Clay Kelley gave a preliminary BBQ report. A Campaign Budget Resolution (Sept. 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013) was amended and approved by the County Committee. Open House and open hours for our campaign HQ were announced. Volunteers are needed for Winder Jug Tavern Festival (**Sept. 7-8**), Statham Sunflower Festival (**Sept. 15**), and Bethlehem Star Festival (**Oct. 13**). Please contact me as soon as possible.

ROMNEY/Ryan SIGNS & BUMPER STICKERS – We are trying everything we can to get what we need for Barrow County as soon as possible. Delays are inevitable due to the late National Convention. Check the “Home” page of our web site on a regular basis for updates – www.barrowgop.org.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **September 17, 2012** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speaker will be Linda Herren, Georgia National GOP Committeewoman. Campaign materials and yard signs for candidates will be available. Be prepared in advance for your questions, and we will get in as many as time allows. Be early for a good seat. It will be worth your time! Make plans now to attend.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Obamacare threatens religious freedom” – Ed Vitagliano – *AFA Journal* – July-August 2012 – <http://www.onenewsnow.com/Journal/editorial.aspx?d=1611648>

“The Rising Price of the Falling Dollar” – Charles Kadlec – *Forbes* – 5/21/2012 – <http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2012/0521/capital-flows-oil-rise-price-falling-dollar.html>

“Why I Voted ‘No’ on Ryan” – Rep. Tim Huelskamp – *The American Spectator* – 6/19/2012 – <http://spectator.org/archives/2012/06/19/why-i-voted-no-on-ryan>

“Reasons For Rejoicing” – Paul Johnson – *Forbes* – 4/23/2012 – <http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2012/0423/current-events-progress-war-reasons-for-rejoicing-paul-johnson>

RON PAUL'S 'AUDIT THE FED' BILL PASSES

John Hayward, *Human Events*, Week of July 30, 2012

On a bipartisan vote of 327-98, Rep. Ron Paul's "Audit the Fed" bill passed the House.

"I know when people talk about independence and having this privacy of the central bank, it means they want secrecy, and secrecy is not good," the Associated Press quotes Paul as saying. Critics of his bill maintain that such secrecy is essential for insulating the Federal Reserve from political pressure.

Those who want an audit wonder when the rest of us will get some insulation from the Fed. Paul has long maintained that the Federal Reserve is "the most important enabler of government profligacy," and found it unacceptable that such an immense financial resource is walled off from the Congressional keepers of the national purse.

As for the threat of political interference in the Fed, Paul asked on Tuesday, "[W]ell, how can it be more political if the Treasury Department from the executive branch gets together with the Federal Reserve and bails out their friends?"

A limited audit of Federal Reserve emergency loan programs, released last year, supported Paul's concerns. "The Federal Reserve Banks awarded 103 contracts worth \$659.4 million during the period prescribed by the report," according to the Washington Times. "About two-thirds of the contracts were awarded noncompetitively – including eight of the 10 highest-value contracts – due to 'exigent circumstances,' such as the time-sensitive nature of the emergency programs."

Congressman Paul's son, Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.), was quick to call for a vote in his house of Congress. "An audit of the Federal Reserve is more urgent than ever. A GAO report from July 2011 revealed the Fed bailed out banks and corporations to the tune of \$16 trillion in taxpayer dollars," Senator Paul said in a statement. "A full and thorough audit will finally bring transparency and accountability to the secretive institution that devalues Americans' savings, drives inflation and enables big government."

The odds of survival for the Federal Reserve Transparency Act in the Senate are poor, but whatever transpires, Ron Paul has been able to cap off a long career with a successful bipartisan vote on his signature issue. There is little doubt that far more people agree with him about auditing the Fed than when he began his quest. That's quite an achievement. Now we'll learn if the Senate is ready to summon Hercules, hand him a broom, and tell him he's got some stables to clean out.

ROBERTS FORCES US TO DEAL WITH HEALTH CARE POLITICALLY - AND THAT'S JUST FINE

Erick Erickson, *Human Events*, Week of July 2, 2012

Having gone through the opinion, I am not going to beat up on John Roberts. I am disappointed, but I want to make a few points. John Roberts is playing a different game than the rest of us. We're on poker. He's on chess.

First, I get the strong sense from a few anecdotal stories about Roberts over the past few months and the way he has written this opinion that he very, very much was concerned about keeping the Supreme Court above the partisan fray and damaging the

reputation of the court long term. It seems to me the left was smart to make a full frontal assault on the court as it persuaded Roberts.

Second, in writing his case, Roberts forces everyone to deal with the issue as a political, not a legal issue. In the past twenty years, Republicans have punted a number of issues to the Supreme Court asking the court to save us from ourselves. They can't do that with Roberts. They tried with McCain-Feingold, which was originally upheld. This case is a timely reminder to the GOP that five votes are not a sure thing.

Curtailing the Commerce Clause

Third, while Roberts has expanded the taxation power, which I don't really think is a massive expansion from what it was, Roberts has curtailed the Commerce Clause as an avenue for Congressional overreach. In so doing, he has affirmed the Democrats are massive taxers. In fact, I would argue that this might prevent future mandates in that no one is going to go around campaigning on new massive tax increases. On the upside, I guess we can tax the hell out of abortion now. Likewise, in a 7 to 2 decision, the court shows a strong majority still recognizes the concept of federalism and the restraints on Congress in forcing state to adhere to the whims of the federal government.

Fourth, in forcing us to deal with this politically, the Democrats are going to have a hard time running to November claiming the American people need to vote for them to preserve Obamacare. It remains deeply, deeply unpopular with the American people. If they want to make a vote for them a vote for keeping a massive tax increase, let them try.

Fifth, the decision totally removes a growing left-wing talking point that suddenly they must vote for Obama because of judges. The Supreme Court as a November issue for the left is gone. For the right? That sound you hear is the marching of libertarians into Camp Romney, with noses held, knowing that the libertarian and conservative coalitions must unite to defeat Obama and Obamacare.

Congressional Republicans must act

Finally, while I am not down on John Roberts like many of you, I will be very down on Congressional Republicans if they do not now try to shut down the individual mandate. Force the Democrats on the record about the mandate. Defund Obamacare. This now, by necessity, is a political fight and the GOP sure as hell should fight.

60 percent of Americans agree with them on the issue. And guess what? The Democrats have been saying for a while that individual pieces of Obamacare are quite popular. With John Roberts's opinion, the repeal fight takes place on GOP turf, not Democrat turf. The all or nothing repeal has always been better ground for the GOP and now John Roberts has forced everyone onto that ground.

It seems very, very clear to me in reviewing John Roberts's decision that he is playing a much longer game than us and can afford to with life tenure. And he probably just handed Mitt Romney the White House.