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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Jan 21 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Jan 3 7:00 PM
 Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., Jan 7 7:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Jan 8 6:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Jan 8 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Jan 8 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Jan 15 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Jan 17 7:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Jan 17 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Jan 22 6:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (27)

Ken Young – Chr.	Scott Hang	Bill Sailors
Larry Ballard – 1 st V.C.	Clay Pentecost	Teeny Allison
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

January 21, 2013

**GUEST SPEAKER - TO BE ANNOUNCED
CALL FOR 2013 CONVENTIONS
CONSIDERATION FOR DELEGATE STATUS**

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 11/30/12)

Membership	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12
Regular	26	15	24	51	56	48	46	44	63
Advanced	74	55	50	61	75	68	58	59	71
Barrow 100	10	9	11	11	13	17	16	17	13
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Students									4
Total	110	79	85	123	144	134	121	121	152
Renewals	83	73	72	73	106	113	105	112	101
New	27	6	13	50	38	21	16	9	51

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!**

2013 CONVENTIONS - SPRING CYCLE

**PRECINCT MEETINGS
COUNTY CONVENTION
DISTRICT CONVENTION
STATE CONVENTION**

ATTEND JANUARY 21 FOR DETAILS

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Feb 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Mar 9 (Sat)	Prec. Mtgs./Cty. Convention
	(NEW LOCATION – WINDER LIONS CLUB)
Mar 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Apr 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Apr 20 (Sat)	District Convention
May 17-18 (Fri/Sat)	State Convention (Athens)
May 20 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
June 17 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Pearl Harbor Day – December 7 (Fri)
Bill of Rights Day – December 15 (Sat)
Richard Nixon Birthday – January 9 (Wednesday)
M.L. King, Jr. Holiday – January 21 (Monday)
Day of Infamy – Roe v. Wade – January 22 (Tuesday)
William McKinley Birthday – January 29 (Tuesday)

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2011 – 2013 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethlehem Community Center	Jimmy Lomax
Bethabra Baptist Church	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
Midway Methodist Church	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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WE HONOR OUR 2012 BARROW 100 & 360 MEMBERS

Frank Ginn	Eva Elder	Terry England
Jerry Hood	Pat Graham	Skip James
Clay Kelley	Jimmy Lomax	Ray Newman
Mike Pentecost	Doug McKillip	Brad Smith
Belen Rubio (360)	Cator & Jim Hartley	

Thank you for your support!!!!

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“Divorce has been declining since the 1980s, which is good news for children – but only for those children whose parents bother to marry in the first place. A new study by the Institute for American Values and the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia shows that a growing threat to marriage and children’s well-being is cohabitation, which has increased 14-fold since 1970, with 40 percent of American children experiencing it by age twelve. W. Bradford Wilcox, one of the authors of the report, explains that ‘children in cohabiting relationships are more likely to do poorly in school, to use drugs, to have emotional problems, and to be abused, compared with children in intact, married families.’ What makes the trend particularly worrisome is its adoption by the working and lower-middle classes, even as marriage seems to have strengthened as a norm among members of the college-educated upper-middle class. It’s a tale of two Americas you aren’t likely to hear about on the campaign trail.” (*National Review*)

FROM THE CHAIR

Please keep in mind that a new 2-year election cycle is beginning. All of the statewide offices and a U.S. Senate seat will be up for re-election in 2014. We need your continued support and involvement. We will also be electing new officers in 2013.

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2013. If you want to get a jump on renewing your financial commitment with the local Party (where we think your money is best spent), mail it to our P.O. Box 1054, Winder, GA, 30680-1054, or go on-line at our web site for a credit/debit purchase. We appreciate your support!

Our annual Holiday Dinner took place on Monday, **December 3, 2012** in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our special guest speaker was Lt. Governor Casey Cagle. We also got an unexpected surprise visit from our current Congressman Rob Woodall. (We will not be in his new district in January.) We appreciate both of these elected officials for their time at our dinner. We had a great time of food, fellowship, and fun. Thanks to all who participated in our end-of-year bash!

Please mark **MARCH 9, 2013** (Saturday) on your calendars and appointment books. That is the date for our 2013 Precinct Meetings and County Convention at 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM, respectively. We will be electing officers for 2013-2015, and selecting delegates and alternates to the 2013 District and State Conventions. We will also be forming the new County Committee for 2013-2015 (voting members).

We had a great meeting last month with good attendance. Gabriel Sterling, Vice-President of Landmark Communications, gave us his post-election analysis. He touched base on several things of importance to us in the future.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **January 21, 2013** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. We do not have a speaker at this time. If we do get a speaker, check our web site for the announcement. With all that we need to cover on the conventions, we might have a DVD presentation. Be early for a good seat. It will be worth your time! Make plans now to attend. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and yours!

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“The Breathless Trumpeter” – Marvin Olasky – *World* – 4/21/2012 – http://www.worldmag.com/2012/04/the_breathless_trumpeter

“Recovery Drag – The Age of Cheats” – Rich Karlgaard – *Forbes* – 8/20/2012 <http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2012/0820/innovation-rules-athletics-the-age-of-cheats-rich-karlgaard.htm>

“More Medicaid? No Thanks.” – Gov. Rick Scott – *The American Spectator* – 9/13/2012 <http://spectator.org/archives/2012/09/13/more-medicaid-no-thanks>

“Vladimir Putin – The World’s Most Unlovable Man” – Paul Johnson – *Forbes* – 10/22/2012 – <http://www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2012/10/03/vladimir-putin-the-worlds-most-unlovable-man/>

FOUR MORE YEARS OF THE US'S DECLINE

Cal Thomas, *Gwinnett Daily Post*, November 8, 2012

Great nations and proud empires have always collapsed from within before they were conquered from without.

President Obama's re-election mirrors the self-indulgent, greedy and envious nation we are rapidly becoming.

Pollsters Michael Barone and Dick Morris got it horribly wrong. Both predicted a 300 electoral-vote win for Romney. It was President Obama who reached that mark.

The central message coming out of the election seems to be that we are no longer the America of our Founders, or even the America that existed during World War II, which produced our "greatest generation."

Instead, the election validates the enormous cultural shift that has been taking place since the '60s, when a countercultural bomb was dropped on society, producing moral fallout that continues to this day.

I am a child of the "greatest generation." My parents believed I should learn to take care of myself. They would have been too embarrassed to ask for help, if they needed it. If they did, they would turn to family first, or to a friend or neighbor. There were fewer social programs then, so people mostly did without, living only on what they truly needed. It said something about your character if you refused to strive toward self-sufficiency.

In 2012, nothing appears to embarrass us. Snooki. Honey Boo Boo. Reality TV wives. Look at what is paraded before us as normal. Oppose the new normal and it's you who are the anomaly.

Young people are taught in public schools, at major universities, on television and in movies, that every life choice is acceptable and every tenet open to interpretation. In politics, some proclaim it is right to oppose the successful and envy the rich to the point where they must be denigrated and penalized for their success with higher taxes. No one has to be personally responsible. No education, no motivation, no life plan? No problem. The government will take care of you.

One thing Romney might have done better is to have featured more people who had overcome government dependence by embracing the values he was promoting. Example trumps philosophy and success should trump victimhood. Inspiration follows perspiration. But in our "entitlement" age even that might have been impossible to overcome.

Other signs of cultural decay are accepted with little notice. According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 40 percent of babies born in America are born to unmarried women. Shrug. Abortion clinics continue to operate. Yawn.

There is no longer any cultural corrective because we have abandoned the concept of objective truth. Nothing is right or wrong, because that suggests a standard by which right and wrong might be defined. Personal choice is the new "standard," which is no standard at all. One might as well develop individual weights and measures.

Politicians bid for votes, making promises they can't keep to voters who will believe anything, as long as it appeals to greed, envy and their sense of entitlement. This undermines our culture. This fuels our massive debt, weakening our economic power and America's standing in the world.

Standards used to be defined and mostly accepted, if not always universally practiced. Many grew out of religious

principles. According to a recent Pew Poll, a growing number of people, especially young people, no longer believe in God or religion. In this, and in our increasing flirtation with socialism, America is becoming more like Europe. Government seems to be replacing God as the only acceptable "deity."

So what is the answer? Should conservatives throw in the towel and say America, as passed down to us by previous generations, is no more? That was President Obama's announced goal four years ago when he promised to "fundamentally transform America." He's doing it and sufficient numbers of us appear happy to let him. When they realize what they have done, however, it may well be too late to reverse course.

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"Are teachers overpaid? Andrew Biggs of the American Enterprise Institute and Jason Richwine of the Heritage Foundation have a new paper arguing that they are. Conservatives have long pointed to widening wage gaps between similarly situated public- and private-sector workers as evidence that powerful public unions have hijacked the labor market. Liberals have responded that, when one takes into account the average public-sector worker's greater education and experience, they are actually *underpaid* relative to the private sector. But what if all that education isn't worth that much? Biggs and Richwine marshal data showing that education majors enter university with below-average SAT, GRE, and IQ scores, but receive above-average GPAs, and go on to make more money than other students with similar cognitive abilities. In any generalization there are, of course, many exceptions. But if this is the rule, it is consequential. Arguing that teachers are overpaid because they are relatively dumb is not the easiest sell in a culture that values educators. But acknowledging it, and fixing it, are critical for a culture that values education." (*National Review*)

"A Russian court has upheld a law that bans gay-pride parades in Moscow anytime in the next 100 years. The term does seem excessive; surely 80 or 90 years would have done the trick. But setting that aside, along with those pesky freedom-of-speech issues, the ban is both bad and good for conservatism. On one hand, it's bad, because there are few more effective arguments against gay marriage than a gay-pride parade: 'We're here, we're queer, and never mind those lesbian bikers and whip-wielding transsexuals gyrating in bikinis to 30-year-old Grace Jones hits, we're regular family-values types, just like you.' But to see the good side, consider this comment from an *Atlantic* blogger: 'I can see the G8 meeting protest rallies, the UN General Assembly events, the websites taunting Putin and his judges, and more. The gay crowd will harass [*sic*] and torment and undermine and prevail over those trying to repress them. This ban is a gift.' At last, we know what it takes to get the Left to condemn Russia. Better half a century late than never." (*National Review*)

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MEMBERSHIPS & RENEWALS FOR 2013**