

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., Jan 21 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., Feb 4 7:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Feb 5 6:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Feb 5 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Feb 7 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Feb 12 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Feb 19 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Feb 21 7:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Feb 21 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Feb 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. 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

**CALL FOR 2013 CONVENTIONS
CONSIDERATION FOR DELEGATE STATUS
DVD PRESENTATION - “THE CONSERVATIVES”**

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 12/31/12)

Membership	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
Regular	15	24	51	56	48	46	44	63	9
Advanced	55	50	61	75	68	58	59	71	4
Barrow 100	9	11	11	13	17	16	17	13	1
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Students								4	4
Total	79	85	123	144	134	121	121	152	18
Renewals	73	72	73	106	113	105	112	101	4
New	6	13	50	38	21	16	9	51	10

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**WE NOW NEED YOUR 2013
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

2013 CONVENTIONS - SPRING CYCLE

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

ATTEND JANUARY 21 FOR DETAILS

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Jan 21 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |
| Feb 18 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |
| Mar 9 (Sat) | Prec. Mtgs./Cty. Convention |
| | (NEW LOCATION – WINDER <u>LIONS CLUB</u>) |
| 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

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)
Ronald Reagan Birthday – February 6 (Wednesday)
Boy Scouts Founded – February 8 (Friday)
Abraham Lincoln Birthday – February 12 (Tuesday)
Presidents Day – February 18 (Monday)
George Washington Birthday – February 22 (Friday)

2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

June Miller Julie Bridges Ray Newman
June Davis

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Rise Rabun George Ehling Ralph Jones
Jennifer Houston Elaine Wilkins Juliette Arendt
Amy Fine-Kirkpatrick Richard Allred Mark Hassler
Carolyn Edwards

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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 Sailors
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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“After winning power this spring [2012], French President Francois Hollande and his Socialist party began enacting a standard left-wing fiscal package, including 75 percent income-tax rates on the rich, and expanded wealth tax, and even a heavy new tax on beer. But now *liberte, fraternite, and egalite* have been joined by *realite*, as both the IMF and a panel appointed by Hollande’s own party have warned that high taxes are severely reducing the competitiveness of French industry. In response, Hollande has announced a plan to slash payroll taxes (which can make companies reluctant to hire new employees). It took Hollande and his fellow Socialists only a half a year to figure out that excessive taxation is a severe drag on the economy. What’s Obama’s excuse?” (*National Review*)

FROM THE CHAIR

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), bring it to our **January 21** meeting, 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. Please be encouraged to upgrade your membership to a higher level, if possible. We appreciate your support!

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. I will be making my recommendations to the **March 9** Nominations Committee based on volunteer service over the past 2 years and likelihood of attending the district and state conventions. We will also be forming the new County Committee for 2013-2015 (voting members).

In order to become a voting member for 2013-2015, our rules require 3 things: (1) Advanced membership (or greater), (2) being a delegate to the County Convention [**March 9, 2013**], and (3) notifying the new Chairman (2013-2015) that you want to be a voting member (for 2013-2015)[note – some County Convention delegates do not want to be voting members for various reasons]. Your presence on **March 9** is critical, if you want to be a voting member for the new 2-year cycle!

Current GAGOP Chair Sue Everhart’s final term ends at the May State Convention. At least two candidates are running to take her place, and they are scheduled to address our group in February and March. (Candidates for other GAGOP offices may also be given speaking time, if we are able to do that.) Please plan to attend our monthly meetings!

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **January 21, 2013** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Let’s get off to a great start in 2013! We will issue and discuss the call for the convention process in 2013, explain consideration for becoming a delegate or alternate to the District and State Conventions, begin consideration for serving on our work committees during the next 2 years, and go over basics of what our party faces. We will also see a DVD presentation entitled “The Conservatives.” It was sent to us from the Young America’s Foundation. This is the group which has provided copies of the U.S. Constitution to us for distribution. Be early for a good seat. It will be worth your time! Make plans now to attend.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Conservatives Need A Reset” – Jerry Bowyer – *Forbes* – 10/22/2012
<http://www.forbes.com/forbes/sites/jerrybowyer/2012/11/15/the-republican-party-needs-a-reset-on-immigration/>

“Make Your Point” – Teddy James – *AFA Journal* – 11/12/2012
<http://www.afajournal.org/2012/November/1112MakeYourPoint.html>

**ABBREVIATED CALL FOR THE
BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
ELECTION DISTRICT (PRECINCT) MASS
MEETINGS**

Pursuant to the Call of the Georgia Republican State Executive Committee for Precinct, Rule 9.2 District, County Congressional District, and State Mass Meetings and Conventions, the Barrow County Republican Committee hereby makes and issues this, Official Call, to all legal and qualified voters of Barrow County, Georgia, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policies and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes, to unite under this Call in the selection of Delegates and Alternates to the Barrow County Convention to be held pursuant to this Call. There shall be Election District (Precinct) Mass Meetings on **March 9, 2013** at 9:00 o'clock A.M. at 354 E. Broad St., Winder, Georgia, at the Winder Lions Club, which shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention to be held on **March 9, 2013**, at same location. Registration begins at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on **March 9, 2013**. Anyone arriving after 9:00 o'clock A.M. will not be allowed to participate.

COUNTY CONVENTION

The Barrow County Convention is hereby called to convene at 354 E. Broad St., Winder, Georgia, at the Winder Lions Club on Saturday, **March 9, 2013**, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of electing Delegates and Alternates to the Republican Tenth U.S. Congressional District and State Conventions. Party officers for 2013-2015 will also be elected. Only those Delegates and Alternates elected in the respective Election District (Precinct) Mass Meetings held on **March 9, 2013**, shall be entitled to participate. The Convention itself shall be open to the public.

Ken Young, Chairman
Barrow County Republican Party

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**WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE
2013 PRECINCT MEETINGS AND
COUNTY CONVENTION**

Many of our newer members may not be aware of the significance of the upcoming Precinct Mass Meetings and County Convention set for Saturday, **March 9, 2013**, at the Winder **LIONS** Club, 354 E. Broad St., Winder (**NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR**). The following is information to explain what will be happening on this important date.

Temporary Precinct Meeting Chairpersons will be appointed by the current Barrow GOP Chairman Ken Young. At 9:00 AM on **March 9**, these people will call the 16 individual precinct meetings to order. All participants at these meetings must be duly registered in accordance with State Republican Party rules and Georgia State Election Code. The first order of precinct meeting business is to elect new Precinct Chairpersons for 2013-2015 (and other Precinct officers, if desired by the precinct meeting participants). The new Precinct Chairperson will conduct the rest of the precinct meeting. Each precinct meeting will then elect Delegates and Alternates to the 2013 Barrow County Republican Convention. All Delegates will receive name tags for Convention usage.

When all of the elections are completed, the paperwork (in triplicate) will be processed and routed to the appropriate local Party representatives. Other precinct business may take place at this meeting. It will be a good time to get acquainted with other Republicans in your precinct, and plans for future precinct work can be discussed.

At 10:00 AM on **March 9**, the current local Party Chairman Ken young (serving as Temporary Convention Chairman) will call the 2013 County Convention to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Presentation of the State Call, and Introduction of Elected Officials, the Convention will elect the 2013 Permanent Convention Chairperson and Permanent Convention Secretary. Convention committees will then be dismissed to conduct their work (Credentials, Nominations, Rules). During this time, there may be announcements and speeches in the convention hall.

After the Convention committees return and report, the 2013-2015 Barrow County Republican officers will be elected. These include County Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson, Second Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The Convention will then elect Delegates and Alternates to the 10th U.S. Congressional District Republican Convention to be held on Saturday, **April 20, 2013** (likely in Greensboro, Georgia). Delegates and Alternates will also be elected to the State Republican Convention to be held on Friday and Saturday, **May 17-18, 2013**, in Athens, Georgia. Those who qualify and desire will also form the new County Committee (voting members) for 2013-2015.

Your participation in the 2013 Precinct Mass Meetings will strengthen the Barrow County Republican Party. With your help, we have made a major impact. Headed for **November 2014**, the next election cycle has begun.

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AN EXPLANATION

There should be a delicate balance between nominees/officials and their political Party. It is a team concept which leads to success. If an official does not maintain a minimum level of support to the Party, then the Party likely will not be excited about his or her re-election efforts. If a Party places undue demands on an official, then problems can develop as well.

Too many of our elected representatives years ago paid memberships at qualifying, only to drop out of any Party support upon taking office. In many cases, those officials would not have been elected without our Party label and election support.

As a Party, we have maintained our part of the delicate balance. **THE ONLY DEMAND WE HAVE EVER PLACED ON OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS IS THAT THEY DO THEIR VERY BEST WHILE REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT.** As a Party, we have not pushed agendas, other than the principles of our Party platform (lower taxes, less and limited government, equal opportunity for all citizens, etc.). We do communicate our positions to our officials just as other groups and constituents.

To expect our Republican officials to support us with yearly memberships is not asking too much. From our perspective, in getting elected **WITH OUR POLITICAL LABEL**, they get far more from us in return.

If an incumbent or challenger dislikes the above position, they are encouraged to run as nominees of other Parties or as Independents.

THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Charles Krauthammer, *Human Events*, November 12, 2012

They lose and immediately the chorus begins. Republicans must change or die. A rump party of white America, it must adapt to evolving demographics or forever be the minority.

The only part of this that is even partially true regards Hispanics. They should be a natural Republican constituency: striving immigrant community, religious, Catholic, family-oriented, and socially conservative (on abortion, for example).

The principal reason they go Democratic is the issue of illegal immigrants. In securing the Republican nomination, Mitt Romney made the strategic error of (unnecessarily) going to the right of Rick Perry. Romney could never successfully tack back.

For the party in general, however, the problem is hardly structural. It requires but a single policy change: Border fence plus amnesty. Yes, amnesty. Use the word. Shock and awe – full legal normalization (just short of citizenship) in return for full border enforcement.

I've always been of the "enforcement first" school, with the subsequent promise of legalization. I still think it's the better policy. But many Hispanics fear that there will be nothing beyond enforcement. So, promise amnesty right up front. Secure the border with *guaranteed* legalization to follow on the day the four border state governors affirm that illegal immigration has slowed to a trickle.

Imagine Marco Rubio advancing such a policy on the road to 2016. It would transform the landscape. He'd win the Hispanic vote. Yes, win it. A problem fixable with a single policy initiative is not structural. It is solvable.

The other part of the current lament is that the Republican Party consistently trails among blacks, young people and (unmarried) women. (Republicans are plus-7 among married women.) But this is not for reasons of culture, identity or even affinity. It is because these constituencies tend to be more politically liberal – and Republicans are the conservative party.

The country doesn't need two liberal parties. Yes, Republicans need to weed out candidates who talk like morons about rape. But this doesn't mean the country needs two pro-choice parties either. In fact, more women are pro-life than are pro-choice. The problem here for Republicans is not policy but delicacy – speaking about culturally sensitive and philosophically complex issues with reflection and prudence.

Additionally, warn the doomsayers, Republicans must change not just ethnically but ideologically. Back to the center. Moderation above all!

More nonsense. Tuesday's exit polls showed that by an eight-point margin (51-43), Americans believe that government does too much. And Republicans are the party of smaller government. Moreover, onrushing economic exigencies – crushing debt, unsustainable entitlements – will make the argument for smaller government increasingly unassailable.

So why give up? Republicans lost the election not because they advanced a bad argument but because they advanced a good argument not well enough. Romney ran a solid campaign, but he is by nature a Northeastern moderate. He sincerely adopted the new conservatism but still spoke it as a second language.

Behind him, the party has an extraordinarily strong bench. In Congress – Paul Ryan, Marco Rubio, Kelly Ayotte, (the incoming) Ted Cruz and others. And the governors – Bobby Jin-

dal, Scott Walker, Nikki Haley, plus former governor Jeb Bush and the soon retiring Mitch Daniels. (Chris Christie is currently in rehab.)

There may not be a Reagan among them, but this generation of rising leaders is philosophically rooted and politically fluent in the new constitutional conservatism.

Ignore the trimmers. There's no need for radical change. The other party thinks it owns the demographic future – counter that in one stroke by fixing the Latino problem. Do not, however, abandon the party's philosophical anchor. In a world where European social democracy is imploding before our eyes, the party of smaller, more modernized government owns the ideological future.

Romney is a good man who made the best argument he could, and nearly won. He would have made a superb chief executive, but he (Like the Clinton machine) could not match Barack Obama in the darker arts of public persuasion.

The answer to Romney's failure is not retreat, not aping the Democrats' patchwork pandering. It is to make the case for unrestrained, rationalized and reformed government in stark contradistinction to Obama's increasingly unsustainable big-spending, big-government paternalism.

Republicans: No whimpering. No whining. No reinvention when none is needed. Do conservatism, but do it better. There's a whole generation of leaders ready to do just that.

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MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountainside
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our father's God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King!

Samuel F. Smith, 1832