

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., Feb 18 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., Mar 4 7:00 PM
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Mar 5 6:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Mar 5 7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Mar 7 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Mar 12 7:00 PM
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Mar 19 7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Mar 21 7:00 PM
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Mar 21 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Mar 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

February 18, 2013

**GUEST SPEAKER - B. J. VAN GUNDY
CURRENT GAGOP 2ND VICE-CHAIRMAN
CANDIDATE FOR GAGOP CHAIRMAN**

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 1/31/12)

Membership	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
Regular	15	24	51	56	48	46	44	63	13
Advanced	55	50	61	75	68	58	59	71	19
Barrow 100	9	11	11	13	17	16	17	13	3
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Students								4	3
Total	79	85	123	144	134	121	121	152	38
Renewals	73	72	73	106	113	105	112	101	23
New	6	13	50	38	21	16	9	51	12

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**WE NOW NEED YOUR 2013
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

2013 CONVENTIONS - SPRING CYCLE

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

ATTEND FEBRUARY 18 FOR DETAILS

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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
July 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

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)
Precinct Mtgs./County Convention – March 9 (Saturday)
Change Clocks Ahead 1 Hour – March 9 (Saturday) PM
Girl Scouts Founded – March 12 (Tuesday)
National Medal of Honor Day – March 25 (Monday)

2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Ken Young Mel Golder Deb Golder
Dennis Hevener Fe Hevener Teeny Allison
Marvin Keech Nancy Keech DuWayne Anderson
Ray McIntyre Regina McIntyre Clay Kelley
Bob Lanham Bobby Patterson Clay Pentecost
Mike Pentecost David Perkins Charles Powell
Scott Vickery Natalie Hopkins Amy Kelley
Reade Milner

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Rod Rodriguez Mark Staley



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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WHITE HOUSE FACTS

- * George Washington is the only president never to have slept in the White House.
- * Construction began in 1792, and the home first was occupied by John Adams and his wife, Abigail, in 1800.
- * Total cost of the original structure was \$ 232,372.
- * On Aug. 24, 1814, during the War of 1812, British troops burned the White House in retaliation for an earlier burning of Canadian government buildings in York, Ontario, by the United States. James Monroe moved into the rebuilt White House in 1817.
- * Running water was piped into the residence in 1833, a central heating system was installed in 1837, and electricity lit up the home in 1891.

- * Today, the home’s square footage is about 55,000. It features 6 levels, 8 staircases, 3 elevators, 28 fireplaces and 132 rooms, including 35 bathrooms.
- * The White House fence encloses 18 acres of land. The grounds and garden crew consist of 13 full-time staff members.
- * The nation’s Executive Mansion officially became known as the White House during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt, who directed that all government correspondence use the title.
- * It takes 570 gallons of white paint to cover the exterior.

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 **February 18** 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!

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **February 18, 2013** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speaker will be B.J. Van Gundy, who is the current 2nd Vice-Chair of the GAGOP. He is a candidate for GAGOP Chairman for the 2013-2015 term. May have other speakers as well. It will be worth your time! Make plans now to attend. Be early for a good seat.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

- “The Financial Crisis and the Bank Deregulation Myth” – John Allison – *Forbes* – 12/10/2012
<http://www.cato.org/publications/commentary/financial-crisis-bank-deregulation-myth>
- “Lessons Learned” – Sen. Jon Kyl – *The American Spectator* – 12/28/2012
<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/12/28/lessons-learned>
- “A Resistance Movement Rises Up Against Obamacare” – Grace Marie Turner – *Forbes* – 12/10/2012
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/garcemarieturner/2012/12/10/a-resistance-movement-rises-against-obamacare>

**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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“Democracy as practiced in our constitutional republic is fragile. It is not the natural state of humanity. Look around the world and see how many nations come close to America in economic strength, endowed rights and standards of morality. What we have is not inherited, as from a will. It must be fought for, sometimes in war, but always against our lower nature, which too often succumbs to the temptation to give people what they want, rather than when they need; to trade goodies for votes, preserving not the country, but political careers. “A self-indulgent nation cannot long exist, at least not as the nation delivered to us by our forefathers. Our ancestors learned to do without in order to retain things of real value. I was taught that excessive debt was a great evil because it contributed to a loss of freedom. If that is true for individuals, it is truer still for our country.

“America is slowly descending into a kind of economic slavery. We are increasingly in servitude to others who are financing our debt. We are shackling our posterity with a debt load we are unlikely to pay off.

“Things might be different if the president and Congress saw themselves as stewards. Instead, they behave as they do because they have little or no skin in the game.”
(Cal Thomas, *Gwinnett Daily Post*, 12/6/2012)

MICHIGAN'S WATERSHED MOMENT

George F. Will, *Human Events*, week of December 17, 2012

Rick Snyder, who is hardly a human cactus, warned Michigan's labor leaders. The state's mild-mannered Republican governor, currently in his first term in his first public office, has rarely been accused of being, or praised for being, a fire-breathing conservative. When unions put on Michigan's November ballot two measures that would have entrenched collective-bargaining rights in the state Constitution, Snyder told them they were picking a fight they might regret.

Both measures lost resoundingly in the state with the fifth highest rate of unionization (17.5 percent, down from 28.4 percent in 1985) and, not coincidentally, the sixth highest unemployment rate (9.1 percent). And Republicans decided to build upon that outcome by striking a blow for individual liberty and against coerced funding of the Democratic Party. Hence the right-to-work laws passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature to prohibit the requirement of paying union dues as a condition of employment.

The unions' frenzy against this freedom is as understandable as their desire to abolish the right of secret ballots in unionization elections: Freedom is not the unions' friend. After Colorado in 2001 required public employees unions to have annual votes reauthorizing collection of dues, membership in the Colorado Association of Public Employees declined 70 percent. After Indiana's government in 2005 stopped collecting dues from unionized public employees, the number of dues-paying members plummeted 90 percent. In Utah, the automatic dues deductions for political activities was ended in 2001; made voluntary, payments from teachers declined 90 percent.

After a similar measure in Washington state in 1992, the percentage of teachers making contributions fell from 82 to 11. The Democratic Party's desperate opposition to the liberation of workers from compulsory membership in unions is because unions are conveyor belts moving coerced dues money into the party.

Nationwide, resentment of union power has been accumulating like steam in a boiler. The Wall Street Journal reports that in the last four years "nearly every state . . . has enacted some form of pension changes" clawing back unsustainable benefits promised to unionized government employees. The most conspicuous battle was in Wisconsin, where Republican Gov. Scott Walker survived organized labor's attempt to recall him as punishment for restricting collective bargaining by unionized government workers. After Walker's reforms, Indiana under Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels became the 23rd right-to-work state, and the first in the industrial Midwest.

By becoming the 24th right-to-work state, Michigan is belatedly becoming serious about what Daniel Boorstin, the late historian and Librarian of Congress, called entrepreneurial federalism. This is the wholesome competition among states to emulate others' best practices, and to avoid and exploit others' follies.

Indiana and Wisconsin are fortunately for them, contiguous to Illinois, where Democratic power is completely unrestrained and spectacularly unsuccessful. Indiana noticed Wisconsin's competitive advantage in attracting businesses from Illinois and elsewhere. Michigan also has noticed. Yet unions call what Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin have done a "race to the bottom." This flapdoodle and folderol come from unions that

have contributed mightily to Michigan's painful acquaintance with the bottom.

Oblivious employees

If you seek a monument to Michigan's unions, look, if you can without wincing, at Detroit, where the amount of vacant land is approaching the size of Paris. And where the United Auto Workers, which once had more than 1 million members and now has about 380,000, won contracts that crippled the local industry – and prompted the growth of the non-unionized auto industry that is thriving elsewhere. Detroit's rapacious and oblivious government employees unions are parasitic off a near-corpse of a city that has lost 25 percent of its population just since 2000.

The Wall Street Journal reports that because some government workers with defined benefit pensions can retire in their 40s, "many retirees living into their 80s are drawing benefits for nearly twice as long as they work."

Many liberals who, with solemn self-congratulation, call themselves "pro-choice" become testy when the right to choose is not confined to choosing to kill unborn babies. They say the right to choose is not progressive when it enables parents to choose their children's schools, or permits workers to choose not to fund unions' political advocacy.

Democrats who soon will celebrate two of their party's saints at Jefferson-Jackson Day dinners should jettison either their opposition to right-to-work laws or their reverence for Jefferson, who said: "To compel a man to furnish contributions of many for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

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"Now cracks a less than noble effort: A tax on saturated fats in Denmark has been repealed by that country's center-left government. The levy of 16 kroner per kilogram of fats was having little effect on eating habits, and drove consumers across the border to make their sinful purchases. Prices of basic foods, including butter, cheese, and cream, substantially increased, perhaps most appallingly, the nation's largest dairy producer noted that Danish consumers were resorting to lower quality cheeses. The law's repeal will put an end to one other odd occurrence: shoppers' traveling to Sweden for the lower taxes and cheaper prices." (*National Review*)

"In the second presidential debate, Obama claimed that Mitt Romney's plan to eliminate federal funding for Planned Parenthood would affect 'millions of women all across the country, who rely on Planned Parenthood for not just contraceptives care' but 'mammograms.' These millions of women must be very poorly served, since Planned Parenthood does not, with few exceptions, provide mammograms, as *National Review's* correspondent Eliana Johnson was told repeatedly when she called five New York clinics about scheduling one. It does provide abortions. It performed over 330,000 in 2011. For some reason, the president did not mention these hundreds of thousands of women." (*National Review*)