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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Mar 18 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Apr 1 7:00 PM
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Apr 2 6:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Apr 2 7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 4 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Apr 9 7:00 PM
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Apr 16 7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 18 7:00 PM
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 18 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Apr 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 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 #####
March 18, 2013

MICHAEL McNEELY for STATE FIRST VICE- CHAIR
RON JOHNSON for STATE SECOND VICE - CHAIR

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 2/28/13)

Membership	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
Regular	15	24	51	56	48	46	44	63	15
Advanced	55	50	61	75	68	58	59	71	29
Barrow 100	9	11	11	13	17	16	17	13	4
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Students								4	3
Total	79	85	123	144	134	121	121	152	51
Renewals	73	72	73	106	113	105	112	101	39
New	6	13	50	38	21	16	9	51	12

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**WE NOW NEED YOUR 2013
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

**PRECINCT MEETINGS &
COUNTY CONVENTION**

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED OR IN LINE TO REGISTER BY 9:00 AM, OR YOU CAN NOT PARTICIPATE IN YOUR PRECINCT MEETING. BE EARLY!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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
Aug 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

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)
Army Day – April 6 (Saturday)
Tax Protest Day – April 15 (Monday)
Ulysses Grant Birthday – April 27 (Saturday)

2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Jimmy Lomax	Bill Reinhardt	Jimmy Terrell
John McKay	Sandy McKay	Linda Young
Ansel Garrett	Kathy Garrett	Tammy Brown
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Leonard Koonce
Marty Kahinsky		

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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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“The International Energy Agency released a study concluding that the United States will become the world’s largest natural-gas producer by 2015 and the world’s largest oil producer by 2017, displacing Saudi Arabia. This is a development to be welcomed. But political barriers remain in the way of a North American energy renaissance. Oil markets are highly integrated, and for producers and refiners to maximize output, they have to be able to connect. That means Canadian oil-sands producers need easy access to U.S. markets, but the Obama administration has hobbled them with its hostility to the Keystone pipeline. Federal rules restricting domestic-oil exports stand in the way of innovations such as blending heavy Canadian oil with the light oil produced in North Dakota to create a more versatile product. And of course the administration could bow to anti-fracking hysteria and simply shut the whole thing down through an EPA crackdown on gas production. We possess great quantities of oil and gas – and face great risk that Washington will prevent us from using them.” (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 **March 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! We are off to a similar pace this year as in 2012, which is great news.

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!

We had a great meeting last month with good attendance. We prepared for 2013 conventions, and set the 2013 Holiday Dinner date for Monday, **December 2, 2013** at 7:00 PM. We heard from current GAGOP Second Vice-Chair B.J. Van Gundy who is running for GAGOP Chairman, and Laurens County Asst. Public Defender Catherine Bernard who is running for GAGOP First Vice-Chair. New State Party officers will be elected at the State Convention in May.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **March 18, 2013** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our speakers will be Michael McNeely, current Douglas County GOP First Vice-Chair, candidate for GAGOP First Vice-Chair, and Ron Johnson, current 9th District GOP Third Vice-Chair, candidate for GAGOP Second Vice-Chair. Voting members will also hold elections for the six new Commission District reps. to the new BCRP Executive Committee. Make plans now to attend. Be early for a good seat. It will be worth your time!

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“The Truth You’re Not Allowed to Know” – Wayne LaPierre – *American Hunter* – 12/2012

<http://www.nrapublications.org/index.php/14586/standing-guard-32/>

“Peering Into The Abyss” – Paul Johnson – *Forbes* – 12/5/2012

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2012/12/05/peering-into-the-abyss/>

“Into The Wilderness” – *The American Spectator* – 12/04/2012

<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/12/04/into-the-wilderness>

ANOTHER GETTYSBURG?

The original United States of America ended on December 20, 1860, with the withdrawal of South Carolina. Ten other southern states would follow, and the eleven would form the Confederate States of America. The War of Northern Aggression (Civil War) began at Ft. Sumter, South Carolina, and ended at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, with Lee's surrender to Grant.

The South suffered a double whammy in the summer of 1863. On July 4, Vicksburg Mississippi fell after a long siege by Union forces. On July 3, Union forces repelled Lee's advance into Pennsylvania at Gettysburg. Confederate miscues, Pickett's Charge stopped, a strong Union defense, God's providence (?) – the tide turned against the CSA and led to her defeat in 1865.

For months now, many have analyzed the election results of November 6, 2012. Many Republicans are still dealing with the shock. Our "wizards of smart," as Rush Limbaugh would say, told us the GOP would win a big victory with all of our nation's economic woes, recapturing the White House and the U.S. Senate. So much for the "wizards of smart."

Although our local results were great from top to bottom, many local Republicans are disappointed in the RNC and the national campaign. In putting things into perspective, I wonder if our Party has experienced a modern version of Lee's defeat at Gettysburg. The election was winnable, the opportunity was lost, and the feeling is unsettling for future elections.

If Romney received 3 million fewer votes than McCain (2008), even as Obama received 10 million fewer votes than he did in 2008, the GOP conservative base was not motivated, while Obama energized his base, especially younger voters and women. Already facing an uphill battle against the bias of the liberal media, will it be too late to come back, before the current USA is beyond the point of no return from full-fledged liberalism?

Our predicament has not occurred overnight. After years of taking Christianity out of public influence, banning prayer in public schools, abortions for convenience, no-fault divorce, Great Society welfare, reverse discrimination, irresponsible larger federal tyranny over the states and individuals, attacking traditional marriage, class warfare, stealing our purchasing power by Federal reserve inflated/devalued paper money, cultural immorality, etc., it is clear that the USA has drastically changed.

Are we faced with a losing battle against anti-Christian generations? Is the sense of inevitability before us? While I do not claim to have all the answers, I know if we quit our efforts for our core principles, there is no hope. While we may be successful on a local and state level, we face an uphill battle on the national level.

Ken Young

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"Talking on MSNBC with Al Sharpton, Harry Belafonte said president Obama should "work like a Third World dictator" and imprison his opposition. Belafonte is a great admirer of Fidel Castro and other monsters. We are usefully reminded that Americans are not immune to what a great Frenchman called the totalitarian temptation." (*National Review*)

NEW STUDY CONFIRMS ECONOMY WAS DESTROYED BY DEMOCRAT POLICIES

Robert Moon, www.examiner.com, December 21, 2012

A new study from the widely respected National Bureau of Economic Research released this week has confirmed beyond question that the left's race-baiting attacks on the housing market (the Community Reinvestment Act – enacted under Carter, made shockingly aggressive under Clinton) is directly responsible for imploding the housing market and destroying the economy.

The study painstakingly sorted through failed home loans that caused the housing market collapse and identified an overwhelming connection between them and CRA mortgages. Again, let's review.

President Bush went to Congress repeatedly for years warning them that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were going to destroy the economy (17 times in 2008 alone). Democrats continuously ignored him, shut down his proposals along party lines and continued raiding the institutions for campaign contributions on their way down.

John McCain also co-sponsored urgently critical reforms that would have prevented the housing market collapse, but Democrats shut that down as well, along party lines, and even openly ridiculed anyone who suggested reforms were necessary . . . to protect their taxpayer-funded campaign contributions as the economy raced uncontrollably toward the cliff.

No one was making bad loans to unqualified people until Democrats came along and threatened to drag banks into court and have them fined and branded as racists if they didn't go along with the left's Affirmative Action lending policies . . . all while federally insuring their losses. Even the New York Times warned in the late 1990s that Democrats continuing to force banks into lowering their standards would lead to this exact catastrophe.

Obama himself is even on the record personally helping sue one lender (Citibank) into lowering its lending standards to include people from extremely poor and unstable areas, which even one of the left's favorite blatantly partisan "fact-checkers," Snopes, admits (while pretending to 'set the record straight').

Even the New York Times admitted that there is "little evidence" of any connection between the "Republican" deregulation measures Obama blames, like the Gramm-Blanch Liley Act (signed into law by a Democrat), and the collapse of the housing market.

But non-Fox media have spent years deliberately and relentlessly inoculating people against the facts, training them to mindlessly blame Bush for being in charge when Democrat policies destroyed the economy. So here we sit, to this day, still watching Obama excuse and shrug off endless economic failures, illegal government takeovers and utter national bankruptcy with zero accountability.

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"Egyptian prosecutors are investigating a popular television comedian for insulting the president. That could never happen here. When do popular television comedians insult the president?" (*National Review*)