

# 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., May 20                      7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., June 3                      7:00 PM  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., June 4                      6:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., June 4                      7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., June 6                      7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., June 11                      7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., June 18                      7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., June 20                      7:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., June 20                      7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., June 25                      6:00 PM

**VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (24)**

Ken Young – Chr.	Scott Hang	Kathy Hopkins
Ray Newman – 1 <sup>st</sup> V.C.	Ralph Jones	Teeny Allison
Mike Pentecost – 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.C.	Jimmy Lomax	Charles Chase
Deborah Golder – Sec.	June Miller	Julia Bridges
Clay Kelley – Tr.	Leonard Koonce	Charles Powell
Bob Lanham – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	John Sorah
DuWayne Anderson	Judy Doorn	Marty Rahinsky

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C.C. Dist. 3 Rep.		
C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	Scott Hang	770-231-6699
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	John Stevens	770-995-5865
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 #####  
##### May 20, 2013 #####

**STATE REPS. TERRY ENGLAND & REGINA QUICK  
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW**

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 4/30/13)

Membership	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
Regular	15	24	51	56	48	46	44	<b>63</b>	25
Advanced	55	50	61	<b>75</b>	68	58	59	71	50
Barrow 100	9	11	11	13	<b>17</b>	16	<b>17</b>	13	6
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Students								4	3
Total	79	85	123	144	<b>134</b>	<b>121</b>	121	<b>152</b>	84
Renewals	73	72	73	106	<b>113</b>	105	112	101	71
New	6	13	50	38	21	16	9	<b>51</b>	13

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[www.barrowgop.org](http://www.barrowgop.org)

**WE NOW NEED YOUR 2013  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

“The president can now cite empirical evidence that he has fulfilled at least half his pledge of ‘hope and change.’ Sixty-eight percent of likely voters, according to a poll by the *Hill* newspaper, believe that Barack Obama has ‘significantly changed America.’ Unfortunately, 56 percent of that group think he has altered America for the worse. Just 35 percent of them think he has changed the country for the better. Americans seem to feel better off when Barack Obama doesn’t keep his promises than when he does.” (*National Review*)

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>May 17-18 (Fri/Sat)</b>	<b>State Convention (Athens)</b>
<b>May 20 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>June 8 (Sat)</b>	Winder Juneteenth Celebration
<b>June 17 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>June 29 (Sat)</b>	Auburn Indep. Day Celebration
<b>July 15 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Aug 19 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Aug 24 (Sat)</b>	<b>ANNUAL BCRP BBQ</b>
<b>Sept 16 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Dec 2 (Mon)</b>	<b>Annual Holiday Dinner</b>

**LOOKING AHEAD**

National Day of Prayer – May 2 (Thursday)  
Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15 (Wednesday)  
Armed Forces Day – May 18 (Saturday)  
Memorial Day (Observed) – May 27 (Monday)  
D-Day – June 6 (Thursday)  
George H.W. Bush Birthday – June 12 (Wednesday)  
Flag Day – June 14 (Friday)

**2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Terry England            Mitch Churchill        Scott Hang  
Dan Blechinger        Linda Blechinger      Rickey Bailey  
Elias Flores            Phyllis Flores        Billy Parks  
Henry Petree            Betty Petree            Isaiah Berry  
Araminta Bythewood

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**2013 – 2015 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS**

Bethlehem Community Center            Jimmy Lomax  
Bethabra Baptist Church                Marty Rahinsky  
Bramlett Elementary                      John Stevens  
Westside Middle School                 Linda Powell  
Statham Fire Dept.                        Leonard Koonce  
Winder-Barrow High School  
Statham Elementary  
Holsenbeck Elementary                 John Reavis  
Lions Club                                  Terry Raber  
Barrow County Rec. Dept.                Bob Lanham  
Apalachee High School                    Kathy Hopkins  
Midway Methodist Church  
Winder Community Center                Ken Young  
Cedar Creek Baptist Church              Scott Hang  
County Line Elementary                 June Miller  
Bethlehem First Baptist Church

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**FROM THE MAILBAG**

“Dear Ken and the Barrow GOP.

Thank you so much for the generous donation! We always enjoy participating in your meetings, and we appreciate your support. We couldn’t run our club without your loyal contributions.  
Sincerely,

The UGACRs  
(signed by several)

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**ADVERTIZE ON OUR WEB SITE  
GOOD BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**

**FROM THE CHAIR**

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2013.** If you have not already renewed, please bring it to our **May 20** 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 do not think for a moment that your support and help are not needed. See the next page. Obama has targeted Georgia to make it a blue state in 2016. Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed would love to take a seat in the U.S. Senate in 2014. Please help us!

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Our Barrow delegation attended a great District Convention in Greensboro on **April 20**. 21 of our 26 delegates and 4 of our 11 alternates were present. After elevating the 4 alternates to delegate-voting status, we were just 1 shy of 100 percent voting strength. We were the second largest delegation after Walton County (27).

District Chairman Brian Burdette (Greene) and the other 7 incumbent officers were re-elected for 2-year terms, including our Mike Pentecost as Asst. Treasurer. Mike and I were fortunate to retain our State Committee memberships for 2013-2015 out of a possible 13 at-large positions. I hope to be reappointed as District Rules Chairman.

Note – The 2013 State Convention in Athens will occur before our next monthly meeting.

We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. We approved a new operations spending resolution to get us through the end of 2013. Appointments to our work committees were made and approved. We heard from Buckhead Young Republicans Chairman Gregg Williams who is running for GAGOP Second Vice-Chair. New State Party officers will be elected at the State Convention in May. Barrow School Board member Lynn Stevens also gave her thoughts on the Common Core problems facing our public schools.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **May 20, 2013** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our speakers will be State Reps. Terry England and Regina Quick. They will be giving us a report on the 2013 Legislative Session. We will also be considering 2 resolutions (see page 4). It will be worth your time. Make plans now to attend! Be early for a good seat.

Ken Young

**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

“Peddling Tolerance at a Post Racial University” – Erick Erickson – *RedState Report* – 3/2013  
<http://redstate.com/2013/02/14/peddling-tolerance/>

“The Billionaire Versus We, The People” – Wayne LaPierre – *The American Hunter* – 1/2013  
<http://www.nrapublications.org/index.php/14746/standing-guard-33/>

“Two Awful Anniversaries” – Steve Forbes – *Forbes* – 3/4/2013 – <http://www.forbes.com/sites/steveforbes/2013/02/13/two-awful-anniversaries/>

## 2013 STATE DELEGATES (20)

Ken Young	Clay Kelley	Teeny Allison
Terry England	Deb Golder	Josephine Jones
Ren Buckland	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
Terry Raber	John Stevens	Lynn Stevens
Mike Pentecost	Ray Newman	DuWayne Anderson
Charles Powell	Linda Powell	Bob Lanham
June Miller	Leonard Koonce	

## 2013 STATE ALTERNATES (18)

Beverly Kelley	Dennis Hevener	Fe Hevener
Ronnie Morrow	Scott Hang	Marty Rahinsky
Kathy Hopkins	Natalie Hopkins	Ralph Jones
David Perkins	Judy Doorn	Mel Golder
Dan Blechinger	Linda Blechinger	Reade Milner
Julie Bridges	John Sorah	Amy Kelley

### **ELI MANSOUR**

#### **CHAIRMAN, UGA COLLEGE REPUBLICANS**

“I am a Republican because I want a bright future for my generation, and the Republican Party has the best solutions to our nation’s problems. The \$16 trillion national debt poses a serious problem for everyone today and could become a burden on future generations for years to come. Despite promising to do otherwise, President Obama and congressional Democrats have presided over reckless spending that has added trillions to the debt. I agree with my fellow Republicans that our nation’s economic problems should be fixed primarily through market-based, not government-based, solutions.

On the foreign policy front, the United States needs to remain a close friend of Israel, one of our most dependable allies, and we should not apologize for promoting American values.

The Republican Party is also the party committed to upholding the Constitution with respect to gun rights, civil liberties, and religious freedom. The GOP is the party with the solutions that will keep the United States the most prosperous nation in the world.”

#### **MAYOR REED SUPPORTS THE TURN GA BLUE CAMPAIGN**

Earlier this year, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed went on the record and said that he believes that Georgia will be a blue state by the 2014 and 2016 elections. While speaking at the Atlanta Press Club’s Newsmaker Luncheon, he said, “I think Georgia is on an irreversible path to a Democratic majority.” He continued to estimate that it would take about \$10 million for the Democrats to turn our state blue.

Demographers have predicted that the growth in Georgia’s Hispanic and African-American populations will make the state more purple as the years progress.

This campaign started at the grassroots level during Obama’s first run in 2008, launching a twitter and blog. This humble

beginning has quickly spread to fundraising, vast social media networking, and the support of Democratic politicians and pundits alike. Georgia Democrat Party Chair Mike Berlon said, “We’re going to surprise a lot of people in 2014, and in 2016 and 2018 the state is going to look much different.”

This is something that we as a party must not stand for. We cannot rest upon our laurels and believe that Georgia will remain a proud red state without getting everyone we can involved and working to keep it that way. We must do everything in our power to not allow our state to be bought by the Democratic Party.

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#### **TOP 10 GOP 2016 PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS, AS OF DECEMBER 2012**

*Human Events*, December 10, 2012

(Note – this was **before** Rand Paul’s filibuster in 2013)

1. WISCONSIN REP. PAUL RYAN: 7 - 1
2. FLORIDA SEN. MARCO RUBIO: 8 - 1
3. LOUISIANA GOV. BOBBY JINDAL: 11 - 1
4. FORMER ALASKA GOV. SARAH PALIN: 15 - 1
5. FORMER FLORIDA GOV. JEB BUSH: 16 - 1
6. KENTUCKY SEN. RAND PAUL: 18 - 1
7. VIRGINIA GOV. BOB McDONNELL: 20 - 1
8. FORMER PA SEN. RICK SANTORUM: 25 - 1
9. NEW JERSEY GOV. CHRIS CHRISTIE: 30 - 1
10. INDIANA GOV. MIKE PENCE: 35 - 1

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“Ben Bernanke testified before Congress, and Republicans grilled him for what Senator Bob Corker (R., Tenn.) called his “dovish” policies on inflation. Bernanke pointed out that inflation has run at an average of 2 percent on his watch, lower than that under almost any postwar Fed chairman. Not since the mid-1960s have prices been more stable. The Republicans should have adopted a different line of criticism. The Fed had it within its power to keep nominal spending growing at a stable rate, which would have helped to steady the economy. Instead, over the last five years, it first let nominal spending drop at the fastest rate since 1938 and then kept it growing very slowly. The results have been a sharp recession, a weak recovery, and a lack of certainty about the path of monetary policy. Inflation is not the only way a central bank can fail.” (*National Review*)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
AT OUR MAY 20, 2013 MONTHLY MEETING**

**FAVORING PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR  
COUNTY OFFICIALS AND  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, the members of the Barrow County Republican Party believe that voters are better prepared to exercise their civic duty when they have as much information about candidates as possible; and

WHEREAS, Political Party affiliation is a key indicator about the political philosophy of the candidates and elected officials running for and currently holding important positions of power and influence in our county, and:

WHEREAS, as a Political Party, Barrow County Republicans should continue to build on previous gains and promote conservative Republican principles in all current elected partisan offices which impact our society and county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Committee of the Barrow County Republican Party calls on our State Representatives and State Senator, to oppose any legislative proposals to establish non-partisan elections for Sheriff, Tax Commissioner, Coroner, Clerk of Superior Court, Chief Magistrate, and Probate Court Judge in Barrow County;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Committee of the Barrow County Republican Party calls on our State Representatives and State Senator to oppose any legislative proposals to establish non-partisan elections for all elective positions on the Barrow County Board of Education and the Barrow County Commission.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee for consideration by the County Committee of the Barrow County Republican Party in Winder, Georgia.

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“There are many ways to victimize vulnerable youngsters, usually in the guise of helping them. Ria Cooper, originally named Brad, became Britain’s youngest transsexual at age 17 when she underwent a year’s worth of hormone treatment, grew breast, and started living as a girl. Cooper’s medical and psychological treatment (at public expense, of course) was justified as necessary for the patient’s mental health, but since anyone could see that Cooper was undergoing an adolescence even more mercurial than that of most teens, the sequel is sadly unsurprising. After dabbling in prostitution and twice attempting suicide, he/she has decided not to have surgery and now wants to be a ‘trendy gay man.’ What would have been wrong with having him wait until adulthood before making this decision? It’s hard to see Cooper as anything but a victim of doctors who, in the interests of ideological crusading or surgical vanity, have taken a teen’s troubled adolescence and made it immeasurably worse.” (*National Review*)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
AT OUR MAY 20, 2013 MONTHLY MEETING**

**IN SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE**

WHEREAS, for centuries marriage has been defined and legally designated in Western civilization as the union of one man and one woman; and

WHEREAS, a marital union of one man and one woman is the best environment to raise and nurture any children produced by such a union; and

WHEREAS, a marital union of one man and one woman is the best environment to raise and nurture any children adopted by such a union; and

WHEREAS, there are attempts to expand the legal designation of “marriage” to include unions between homosexuals; and

WHEREAS, the reasoning behind calling unions between homosexuals as “marriage” also supports the same for unions involving more than two marital partners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Committee of the Barrow County Republican Party calls on our State Representatives, State Senator, and other State officials to support the current legal distinctions for marriage as a union between one man and one woman, exclusively, in Georgia;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that our State Representatives, State Senator, and other State officials oppose any legislative proposals to change these legal distinctions to redefine marriage.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee for consideration by the County Committee of the Barrow County Republican Party in Winder, Georgia.

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“A lot of people are finding their health-insurance premiums going up by double-digit percentages, reports Reed Abelson in the *New York Times*, “even though one of the biggest objectives of the Obama administration’s health care law was to stem the rapid rise in insurance costs for consumers.’ Obama actually promised that American families would save \$2,500 a year in premiums under that law, not that Abelson mentions it – or mentions that opponents of the law predicted that its regulations, the worst of which have not yet been implemented, would have this effect. As the months go by, expect to see a large number of businesses dropping their insurance plans, and long delays in the administration’s plans to start administering the exchanges the law directs it to set up. In each case, nothing will be as predictable as the media’s surprise.” (*National Review*)