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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., July 15 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 1 7:00 PM
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Aug 5 7:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Aug 6 6:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Aug 6 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Aug 13 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 15 7:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 15 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Aug 20 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Aug 27 6:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (24)

Ken Young – Chr.	Scott Hang	Kathy Hopkins
Ray Newman – 1 st V.C.	Ralph Jones	Teeny Allison
Mike Pentecost – 2 nd 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. 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 #####
July 15, 2013

**STATE SEN. RENEE UNTERMAN
HUMAN TRAFFICKING & HEALTH CARE ISSUES**

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 6/30/13)

Membership	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
Regular	15	24	51	56	48	46	44	63	34
Advanced	55	50	61	75	68	58	59	71	56
Barrow 100	9	11	11	13	17	16	17	13	8
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Students								4	3
Total	79	85	123	144	134	121	121	152	102
Renewals	73	72	73	106	113	105	112	101	88
New	6	13	50	38	21	16	9	51	14

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ANNUAL BARROW GOP BBQ

**5:00 PM - SATURDAY - AUGUST 24, 2013
WINDER LIONS CLUB - 354 E. BROAD ST.**

**U.S. SENATE & 10th U.S. REP. CANDIDATES
GREAT FOOD, MUSIC, & FUN**

**ADULTS - \$ 15.00 AGES 6-12 - \$ 7.50
AGE 5 & UNDER - FREE**

**CONTACT KEN YOUNG
FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION**

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Aug 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Aug 24 (Sat)	ANNUAL BCRP BBQ
Sept 13-14 (Fri-Sat)	Winder Jug Tavern Festival
Sept 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Sept 21 (Sat)	Statham Sunflower Festival
Oct 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Nov 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Dec 2 (Mon)	Annual Holiday Dinner

LOOKING AHEAD

Independence Day – July 4 (Thursday)
Calvin Coolidge Birthday – July 4 (Thursday)
1st Official Meeting – Republican Party (1854) – July 6 (Sat)
George W. Bush Birthday – July 6 (Saturday)
Gerald Ford Birthday – July 14 (Sunday)
National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day – July 27 (Sat)
Air Force Day – August 1 (Thursday)
Coast Guard Day – August 4 (Sunday)
Herbert Hoover Birthday – August 10 (Saturday)
Benjamin Harrison Birthday – August 20 (Tuesday)

2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Cator Hartley Jim Hartley Doug Garrison
Harry Downing Steve Worley Frank Ginn

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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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LOOKING FOR BBQ SPONSORS!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013 - 5:00 PM

REAGAN LEVEL (\$ 500.00)

Space for sponsor banner/sign (provided by sponsor)
10 Tickets, Reserved Table, Recognition at the BBQ

PATRIOT LEVEL (\$250.00)

6 Tickets, Reserved Table, Recognition at the BBQ

LIBERTY LEVEL (\$ 100.00)

2 Tickets, Recognition at the BBQ

Call 770.867.5748 or email: kenyoung276@hotmail.com
For more information

**WE NEED ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO
HELP FIND BBQ SPONSORS!!!**

FROM THE CHAIR

WE NEED NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2013. If you have not already renewed, please bring it to our **July 15** 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 need your help in selling and/or buying as many BBQ tickets as you can. We are looking for a great time on Saturday, **August 24, 2013** at 5:00 PM in the Winder Lions Club. We still need some volunteers to provide desserts and tea. Please contact me if your name is not on the list, and I'll add it. The Yargo Community Band will be performing, and we are using the new Shane's Rib Shack in Bethlehem as our caterer. Lots of food, music, and fun (door prizes)!

All announced Republican candidates for U.S. Senate and our 10th Congressional District have been invited to speak. We are expecting all of the Congressional and most of the Senate candidates to attend, if not all. It may be the first time all of these candidates will be together at the same event. With big decisions facing us in 2014, **THIS IS YOUR FIRST MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM THESE FOLKS!** Next year's BBQ will be after the July primary election. We are also inviting all of them to speak at our monthly meetings (one Senate and one Congressional candidate at a time).

We had a great meeting last month with good attendance. We heard from State Sen. Frank Ginn and State Rep. Tom Kirby who gave us their report on the 2013 Legislative Session. We also passed the resolutions calling for a revision to the implementation of the current federal Fair Tax proposal and opposing the S. 744 amnesty of the U.S. Senate. Both resolutions passed unanimously.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **July 15, 2013** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our speaker will be State Sen. Renee Unterman. She will be giving us a report on efforts to fight human trafficking and an update on health care issues. We will also be considering 2 resolutions supporting core moral values and opposing "nationalized" Common Core State Standards (see page 3). Be early for a good seat. It will be worth your time! Make plans now to attend.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

"Gun Owners and Gun Vendors Take A Stand" – Wayne LaPierre – *The American Hunter* – 4/2013
<http://www.nrapublications.org/index.php/15258/standing-guard-36?>

"The Welfarians" – Daniel J. Flynn – *The American Spectator* – 5/30/2013
<http://spectator.org/archives/2013/05/30/the-welfarians>

"The War On Drugs – A Defining Moment" – Paul Johnson – *Forbes* – 3/25/2013 –
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2013/03/05/the-war-on-drugs-a-defining-moment>

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED
AT OUR JULY 15, 2013 MONTHLY MEETING**

**SUPPORTING JUDEAN/CHRISTIAN
MORAL VALUES**

WHEREAS, the majority of Americans for decades and beyond, have shown individual and collective support for the core foundational moral values set forth in Judean/Christian biblical teachings; and

WHEREAS, these same teachings are the core basis for the founding and birth of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, these same core moral teachings are incorporated in the fabric of the Republican Party from its inception to present time; and

WHEREAS, these important teachings have defined and separated the Republican Party from other political parties who have attempted to distance America from a conservative moral standard base; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party stands for a higher biblically based set of conservative moral Judean/Christian values, in both its base presentation, within the party, and in its dealings in local, state, and national political elections; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States contains many judicial principles found in biblical core values;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Committee of the Barrow County Republican Party calls on our state Republican Party leaders:

To openly proclaim, and officially adopt, in both Republican Party literature, electronic, and non-electronic communication, and all other forms of accepted individual/media related communications, the Republican Party's unconditional support for the important Judean/Christian values, that built our great nation, and contributed significantly to the core moral values that built and define the Republican Party at all levels of operation.

To ensure that these Judean/Christian core values always remain as the cornerstone of the Republican Party's individual and collective foundational baseline of operation.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED
AT OUR JULY 15, 2013 MONTHLY MEETING**

**OPPOSING "NATIONALIZED"
COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, in 2010 state officials committed Georgia to participation in the Common Core State Standards Initiative through the federal Race to The Top grant; and

WHEREAS, this participation required our state to adopt the Common Core standards in K-12 English language arts and mathematics, and to commit to implementing the national PARCC assessments, all without legislative oversight and without open public vetting by citizens; and

WHEREAS, adoption of Common Core obliterates Georgia's constitutional autonomy over the education of our children in English language arts and mathematics, placing control in the hand of the federal government and unaccountable private interests in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Common Core standards have been evaluated by experts as mediocre at best, and based on questionable philosophies; and

WHEREAS, the Common Core standards will inevitably lead to a national curriculum, in violation of the General Education Provisions Acts, Dept. of Education Organization Act, and Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, the Common Core scheme will be expanded to include national standards and curriculum in science, social studies, and other subjects; and

WHEREAS, neither the Common Core standards nor the PARCC assessments were ever piloted to determine their effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, both the Common Core standards and the PARCC tests will impose an enormous unfunded mandate on our state and our local school districts; and

WHEREAS, Common Core is part of a national scheme that includes collection and sharing of massive amounts of personal student and teacher data;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Committee of the Barrow County Republican Party calls on our state leaders:

* To withdraw our state from the Common Core State Standards Initiative; and

* To withdraw our state from the PARCC assessment scheme, and any other testing aligned with the Common Core standards; and

* To prohibit all state officials from entering into any agreement that cedes any measure of control over Georgia education to entities outside the state and ensure that all content standards and curriculum decisions are adopted through a transparent statewide process fully accountable to the citizens of Georgia; and

* To prohibit the collection of personal student data for any non-educational purpose, and the sharing of personal data except with schools or education agencies within the state.

Both resolutions respectfully submitted for consideration by the County Committee of the Barrow County Republican Party in Winder, Georgia.

COAL MEETS MARKETS

Jerry Taylor & Peter Van Doren
National Review, February 25, 2013

While Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign fades in the rear-view mirror, the issues he ran on – particularly, his charge that President Obama is engaged in an economically disastrous "war on energy" – continue to inflame many conservatives. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the consternation over the shutdowns of coal-fired power plants across America, shutdowns that many conservatives blame on the Obama administration. The Right should resist the temptation to score political points, however, and should instead cheer the closing of those plants.

Over the course of president Obama's first term, 135 coal-fired power generators were shut down, and at least another 175 have announced that they will go dark by 2016. By 2020, about one-sixth of today's coal-fired generating capacity will likely have disappeared. Why should conservatives applaud this news? There are two very good reasons.

The first reason is that these coal-fired power plants are being replaced by cheaper gas-fired plants. The gas-fired plants come courtesy of the revolution in hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”), which has delivered a vast supply of low-cost natural gas to an electricity market that has struggled with steadily rising coal prices since 2001. Smaller coal-fired plants are now more expensive to operate than gas-fired plants, and the price gap is narrowing for large plants as well.

Some have claimed that it’s not cheap gas that’s killing coal; it’s the regulations coming out of President Obama’s EPA, regulations that will cost coal-fired generators an estimated \$126-144 billion in compliance expenditures. To be sure, the EPA regulations are expensive, but fuel costs are a much more important factor in the decline of coal. An analysis from the Brattle Group, a consultancy specializing in economics, concludes that future coal-plant closures will be “due mainly to lower expected gas prices.”

Peter Furniss, the CEO of Footprint Power, agrees. Speaking about the Salem (Mass.) Harbor Power Station, which Footprint bought in August 2012, he explained: “When we were first looking at the overall project, it really was a toss-up as to whether it would be more the environmental rules or the gas price that was going to drive coal plants to shut down. It now is very clearly the gas price.”

Should we at least decry the economic dislocations that follow from all this? No. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that, in 2020, only 3,100 fewer people will be employed in coal mining than were employed in 2010, while the total output of coal mines will increase from \$20.9 billion in 2010 to \$27.7 billion in 2020. The job losses will be the result of increased productivity rather than declining coal production.

Complaints about the impact these coal-plant shutdowns will have on consumers are equally ill founded. The Brattle Group analysts concluded that shutdowns will not lead to any regional shortages of power, and while conceding that “it is plausible that there will be at least a transitory increase in wholesale energy prices,” they also said; “We generally expect that the effects on wholesale energy prices will not be very large or long-lasting.” One might expect the predicted loss of 49 to 57 gigawatts of coal-fired generating capacity by 2016 to put stress on the generation sector, but the market can replace that much capacity – and more – in relatively short order. For example, 97 gigawatts of new electrical generating capacity came online between 2007 and 2011, a period of relatively slack demand.

The second reason conservatives should cheer the demise of old coal-fired power plants is that the survival of those plants stems from government interference in markets. Their closure will end the state-sponsored transfer of wealth from everyone else in the electricity-generation business to the owners of these old plants.

Almost all of the coal plants being shuttered were in operation before the passage of the Clean Air Act of 1970. That’s important, because the Clean Air Act imposed emission limits only on facilities built after its passage. Plants already in operation when the act was passed were to be regulated by the states. The EPA could require pre-1970 plants to adopt “best available control technologies” (as determined by the EPA) to limit air pollution – the same standards required of post-1970 power plants – but only if they underwent non-routine modifications that increased emissions.

Environmentalists didn’t mind this provision too much, because they thought the pre-1970 plants could not operate

profitably for more than a decade or two. Their confidence was greatly misplaced, for two reasons. First, plant owners were able to modernize their grandfathered facilities without restriction until 1994, because the EPA did little to enforce the provisions requiring updated anti-pollution equipment. After 1994, the EPA decided to police modifications on a case-by-case basis. Those efforts have involved frequent trips to the federal courts to adjudicate difficult disputes about what constitutes a non-routine modification, which is legally equivalent to building a new plant. The industry’s legal and administrative resistance to enforcement added almost 20 years to the life of the old power plants, but court rulings against the industry’s position have now ended that tactic.

Second, the law’s exemptions provided a tremendous cost advantage from pre-1970 facilities relative to post-1970 facilities, and, until recently, industrial obsolescence has not increased costs enough to overcome this state-bequeathed advantage. Installation of a full complement of pollution-control devices, as required for new coal-fired power plants under the Clean Air Act, adds about 25 percent to a plant’s construction cost, and retrofitting those devices onto existing plants would certainly cost even more. New EPA regulations and legal consent decrees have increased the costs of existing plants, but those increases are a minor consideration compared with the doubling of coal prices and the halving of natural-gas prices, which has finally offset the advantage provided by the unfettered right to pollute.

This is a good thing. The proper measure of whether the government is too large is not how much it taxes, spends, or regulates; it’s how much wealth is redistributed as a result. By grandfathering old coal-fired power plants, the government bestowed an artificial economic advantage on them, and, as a consequence, revenue that would otherwise have gone to owners of post-1970 coal-fired plants, gas-fired plants, nuclear power plants, and renewable-energy plants went instead to the owners of pre-1970 coal-fired plants.

That this wealth transfer occurred indirectly, via regulatory policy, rather than directly, via fiscal policy, is not particularly important. We would surely object to a proposal to levy a special tax on every post-1970 power plant, with the proceeds going to owners of pre-1970 coal-fired plants; yet the exemption for pre-1970 plants brings about exactly the same result.

Some conservatives argue that the Clean Air Act’s pollution-control regulations are indefensible, and that while it’s unfortunate that new plants are forced to comply with them, at least the old plants do not also have to do so. But can we really believe that their emissions impose no significant health harms on anyone? Most of the coal-fired plants that have been or will be retired during the Obama administration lack *any* pollution-control devices. One can question current emission standards and regulatory approaches without denying that *some* regulation to control pollutants is necessary.

Environmentalists’ blanket hostility to fossil fuels has encouraged many who are hostile to environmentalists to defend the use of all such fossil fuels. But that sentiment should not lead us to blindly defend the existence of all coal-fired generation anywhere, under any circumstances. Thanks to the revolution in hydraulic fracturing, the Clean Air Act’s economic favoritism is coming to an end, and low-cost natural-gas-fired power is reducing wholesale electricity prices. Those who believe in free markets should be pleased.