

# 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., Aug. 19 7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Sept 3 6:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Sept 3 7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Sept 5 7:00 PM  
 Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., Sept 9 7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Sept 10 7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Sept 17 7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Sept 19 7:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Sept 19 7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Sept 24 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

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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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 #####

##### AUGUST 19, 2013 #####

## MATT THOMPSON REPORT ON BARROW COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 7/31/13)

Membership	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
Regular	15	24	51	56	48	46	44	63	38
Advanced	55	50	61	75	68	58	59	71	58
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	108
Renewals	73	72	73	106	113	105	112	101	94
New	6	13	50	38	21	16	9	51	14

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

## ANNUAL BARROW GOP BBQ

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

**U.S. SENATE & 10<sup>th</sup> 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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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<b>Aug 19 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Aug 24 (Sat)</b>	<b>ANNUAL BCRP BBQ</b>
<b>Sept 13-14 (Fri-Sat)</b>	Winder Jug Tavern Festival
<b>Sept 16 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Sept 21 (Sat)</b>	Statham Sunflower Festival
<b>Oct 21 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Nov 18 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Dec 2 (Mon)</b>	<b>Annual Holiday Dinner</b>
<b>Jan 20 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Feb 17 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Air Force Day – August 1 (Thursday)  
Coast Guard Day – August 4 (Sunday)  
Herbert Hoover Birthday – August 10 (Saturday)  
Benjamin Harrison Birthday – August 20 (Tuesday)  
Patriot Day – September 11 (Wednesday)  
William Taft Birthday – September 15 (Sunday)  
Constitution Day – September 17 (Tuesday)  
Natl. POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 20 (Friday)

**2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Richard Pepper      Sara Pepper      Jerry Hood  
Joe Robinson      David Crosby      Jud Smith

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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  
Satham Fire Dept.      Leonard Koonce  
Winder-Barrow High School  
Satham 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](mailto:kenyoung276@hotmail.com)

For more information

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

**MANY THANKS TO OUR ELECTED  
OFFICIALS WHO RENEWED THEIR  
MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2013**

**SCHOOL BOARD**

Randall Holland  
Garey Huff  
Connie Wehunt  
Lynn Stevens  
Rickey Bailey  
Mark Still  
Mitch Churchill

**COURT HOUSE**

Jud Smith  
David Crosby  
Regina McIntyre  
Tammy Brown  
Melinda Williams  
June Davis

**COUNTY COMMISSION**

Steve Worley  
Pat Graham  
Isaiah Berry  
Billy Parks  
Ben Hendrix

**STATE LEVEL**

Terry England  
Frank Ginn

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“Deciding a legal challenge to a state university’s practice of discriminating among applicants on the basis of race should be easy: Congress passed a law forbidding it – you may have heard of it; it’s the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 – and so the university has to stop. The Supreme Court is in its fourth decade of making the issue unnecessarily complicated while putting itself at the center of the action. That tradition continues in its decision in Abigail Fisher’s challenge to the University of Texas for its racial discrimination against whites and Asians. Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing for the majority, ignored the Civil Rights Act (as, alas, did the other justices). He decided that the Constitution allows state universities to engage in racial discrimination, but only if they really have to do so to gain the educational benefits of racial diversity. Justice Kennedy does not explain exactly how to discriminate in order to get these benefits at an acceptable cost to the principle of equal treatment. He leaves to a lower court the judgment about whether the University of Texas passes that test, but implicitly stands ready, as always, to second-guess. Past admonitions from the Court to universities have produced no detectable change to their practice of discrimination. The Court gets to keep pretending to may down the law, and the universities get to keep pretending to follow it.” (National Review)

Some years ago, Representative Charles Rangel said that tax cuts were racist – or rather, that tax-cutters were. The way he put it was, “It’s not ‘spic’ or ‘nigger’ anymore. They say, ‘Let’s cut taxes.’” In more recent days, Martin Bashir, an MSNBC host, said that “IRS” was the new “N-word.” “Three letters that sound so innocent, but we know what you mean.” Maybe we could agree that everything is racist, including “and” and “the,” and be done with it?” (National Review)

## FROM THE CHAIR

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2013.** If you have not already renewed, please bring it to our **August 19** 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!

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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. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Renee Unterman who gave us updates on health issues and the problem of human trafficking. We also passed the resolutions in support of Judeo-Christian moral values and opposition to the Common Core standards. Both resolutions passed unanimously.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **August 19, 2013** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our speaker will be Matt Thompson from the Barrow County public school system. He will give a presentation on the current status of BCS, and there will be some surprises. It will be worth your time! Make plans now to attend. Be early for a good seat!

Ken Young

## ADDITIONAL LINKS

"Requiem for a Grand Old Party" – Patrick J. Buchanan – *RedState Report* – 6/2013  
<http://buchanan.org/blog/requiem-for-a-grand-old-party-5560>

"President Lincoln: Confess national sins, pray for forgiveness" – Randall Murphree – *AFA Journal* – 4/2013  
<http://www.afajournal.org/2013/April/042013prayer.html>

"IRS Scandal – Tip Of The Iceberg" – David Malpas – *Forbes* – 6/24/2013 – <http://www.forbes.com/search/?q=irs%20scandal>

## THE PATH TO A BALANCED BUDGET SHOULD INCLUDE THREE SOCIAL SECURITY REFORMS

David C. John, *Human Events*, week of February 18, 2013

Projected federal budget deficits pose a dire threat to America's future. President Obama and Congress should settle on a firm path to balance the federal budget within the next 10 years. That path will necessarily include changes to Social Security. Demands that Social Security should be taken off the table are both misguided and wrong.

Although the Social Security trust fund has, on paper, bonds sufficient to last a bit more than 20 years, it is already running massive cash-flow deficits. Annual deficits will continue for at least the next 75 years. Repaying the trust fund bonds will take increasing amounts of general revenues that will either squeeze out other spending or cause even higher deficits. And after the bonds run out, the program faces automatic 25 percent benefit cuts for every recipient.

Real deficit reduction must go beyond just reducing discretionary spending. It should include the first steps toward fixing Social Security.

### **The grim financial picture**

According to the Social Security Administration, Social Security has been running deficits since 2010 and owes \$11.3 trillion more in benefits over the next 75 years than it will receive in payroll taxes. In order to pay all of its promised benefits, Social Security will require massive annual injections of funding in addition to what the program receives from payroll taxes.

Social Security's trust fund gives it the legal authority to receive general tax money to pay its benefits until about 2032. However, general revenue funds used to pay Social Security benefits would not be available to pay for anything else. That is why Social Security is part of the spending debate. And after 2032, Social Security benefits would be cut by 25 percent.

### **1. Fix the Annual Inflation Adjustment**

Social Security's annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) protects retirees against inflation reducing the purchasing power of their monthly benefits. Thus, the index used to set the annual COLA should provide the most accurate estimate of inflation. However, Social Security does not use the best available inflation index.

The current index fails to account for changes in how people buy products and services when the prices of similar items change. For instance, if the price of gasoline goes up while overall food prices drop, today's inflation index assumes that consumers will buy the same amount of both gas and food. In reality, of course, the amounts would change, as would the amounts of many other items, as consumers seek to make the best use of their limited income dollars.

This more realistic type of behavior can be measured in a "chained" index, which has been available since 1999 and measures inflation for about 87 percent of the workforce. This more accurate measure shows that inflation is actually about 0.3 percentage points per year less than is shown by the index that Social Security uses.

Using this index instead of the current outdated index would better reflect the actual increases in inflation that affect seniors. It would result in real savings to Social Security, especially over time, while still protecting the value of seniors' monthly benefits from being eroded by inflation. This more accurate

measure would also reduce the cost of that protection to taxpayers.

Both the problem and its simple solution have been understood for decades. The improved index can be implemented quickly and without complication.

## **2. Increase the full retirement age**

On average, Americans are living longer than in the past. Some of this improvement is due to conquering childhood diseases and other causes of early death. For this reason, when discussing Social Security, the number that really matters is how much longer people who have reached age 65 will live. That statistic is a better estimate of how long they will collect benefits.

Data from numerous government agencies show that more people are reaching age 65, and once they do, they are living longer than in the past. For example, the Centers for Disease Control say that just between 2000 and 2006, life expectancy for people who reached age 65 increased 0.9 years.

Yet today's Social Security – even after the coming increase in the full retirement age to 67 – has not kept pace with longevity increases that have already happened. To reflect this reality, the full benefits age should be increased still further to age 68 or beyond and then indexed to future changes in longevity. A gradual implementation should cause little or no disruption to the retirement plans of current workers while providing long-term savings.

## **3. Focus benefits neediest**

Changing benefit levels for higher earners is not a radical idea. One of Social Security's original purposes was to protect seniors from poverty and economic hardship. Changing benefit structure would be a step forward returning to that goal.

Today, Social Security's benefit formula pays a higher monthly retirement benefit to lower-income workers compared to their average lifetime income than it does to those who had higher incomes. But the simple fact is that the money is not there to pay full benefits even as they are income adjusted today. To do so would require ever increasing taxes on younger generations.

Social Security could further focus benefits on lower-income workers by paying still lower benefits to those with high levels of non-Social Security retirement income. An even further step would be to completely eliminate benefits to those with the highest amounts of non-Social Security income.

One way to accomplish this goal is found in The Heritage Foundation's plan: Saving the American Dream. The Heritage plan makes Social Security a true insurance program that would protect every American against retirement poverty. It focuses exclusively on a retiree's non-Social Security retirement income and reduces benefits for those with incomes above a certain level and eliminates them entirely for retirees with still higher incomes. As a truer insurance plan, if a retiree's circumstances changed and his or her retirement income dropped, Social Security would quickly re-start the person's benefits.

Upper-income workers are more likely to work at companies that offer them either traditional pensions or retirement savings plans. They are also much more likely to have extra income to put away for retirement.

This change would strengthen the Social Security programs finances markedly while avoiding the large and continuous tax increases on younger generations who need to build their own savings. It would also pave the way for other substantive reforms to Social Security and retirement savings.

## **Improving Social Security for future**

Although it is essential to reduce discretionary spending, that alone will not solve the budget situation. It is time also to focus on the real cause of America's fiscal problems: entitlement spending. The three improvements outlined above would help make Social Security more affordable, reduce today's cash-flows deficits, and start the process of heading off 2033's automatic 25 percent benefit cuts. However, these reforms are just a start.

Actually fixing Social Security will require still more reforms. The nation should ask how Social Security can be structured to better meet Americans' needs in the decades to come. That discussion should lead to more fundamental improvements, among which should be ensuring that every American is protected from retirement poverty. Making the changes proposed above as part of the current budget debate is a good way to start that conversation.

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"In late November, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that the rate and total number of abortions fell by 5 percent from 2008 to 2009. After steadily declining from its peak in 1990, the abortion rate in the U.S. has leveled off in recent years, and the decrease represents the largest annual drop in a decade. The media were quick to attribute it, with little evidence, to more effective contraceptive use and increased access to the morning-after pill. Though the sharp single-year decrease is undoubtedly good news, the CDC survey included a number of depressing data, such as that the rate of abortions is very high for black women – four times higher than among whites – and that the abortion rate for women over 40 increased. The AP report included this comforting finding from the CDC: 'The majority of abortions are performed by the eight week of pregnancy, when the fetus is about the size of a lima bean.' So that's all right, then?" (*National Review*)

"See, I told you so. According to a report published in one of my favorite journals, *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, people who are exposed to organic foods feel morally superior – and are less likely to reach out to assist others. Lead author Kendall Eskine of Loyola University divided 62 students into three groups: an organic food group, a comfort food group, and a control group. Group one was given images of fruits and vegetables labeled 'organic.' Group two's photos were of deserts. The control group had pictures of oatmeal, beans, and rice. Researchers then 'determined participants' moral judgment by asking them how many minutes they would be willing to give up to help a stranger and how harshly they judged fictional situations,' according to *The New York Daily News*. Turns out, the participants in the organic food group were judgmental, self-righteous, smug, and unhelpful. They were 'kind of jerks,' said Eskine. Liberalism in an organic nutshell." (*The Limbaugh Letter*)

"Vermont has become the fourth state in which assisted suicide is legal. For the first three years, the law will include safeguards to make sure that the people being killed are of sound mind and really want to end their lives. After that period there will be no more need for such fussiness. Like the other three states with assisted suicide, Vermont has a suicide rate significantly higher than the national average. A new study finds that in one of those states, Oregon, the rate has been increasing sharply. So here at last is one government policy that is producing its intended results." (*National Review*)