

# 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., Sept 15 7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 2 7:00 PM  
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Oct 6 7:00 PM  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Oct 7 6:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Oct 7 7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Oct 14 7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 16 7:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 16 7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Oct 21 7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Oct 28 7:00 PM

**VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (21)**

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

|                   |   |              |
|-------------------|---|--------------|
| Chairman          | Ken Young   | 770-867-5748 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:kenyoung276@hotmail.com">kenyoung276@hotmail.com</a>   |              |
| First Vice-Chair  | Mike Pentecost  | 770-867-3775 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:MCPWinder@aol.com">MCPWinder@aol.com</a>               |              |
| Second Vice-Chair | Leonard Koonce  | 706-351-7441 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:lkoonce1967@gmail.com">lkoonce1967@gmail.com</a>       |              |
| Secretary         | Deborah Golder  | 404-697-7243 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:DeborahHGolder11@aol.com">DeborahHGolder11@aol.com</a> |              |
| Treasurer         | Clay Kelley   | 770-560-4523 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:bkconslt@comcast.net">bkconslt@comcast.net</a>         |              |
| Asst. Treasurer   | Bob Lanham  | 770-867-5459 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:lanhamrj@hotmail.com">lanhamrj@hotmail.com</a>         |              |
| C.C. Dist. 1 Rep. |   |              |
| C.C. Dist. 2 Rep. | Jimmy Lomax   | 770-867-5027 |
| C.C. Dist. 3 Rep. |   |              |
| C.C. Dist. 4 Rep. | Ralph Jones   | 770-867-2270 |
| 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 #####

##### September 15, 2014 #####

MICHAEL McNEELY  
 GAGOP FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 8/31/14)

| Membership | '06 | '07 | '08       | '09        | '10        | '11       | '12        | '13 | '14 |
|------------|-----|-----|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----|-----|
| Regular    | 24  | 51  | 56        | 48         | 46         | 44        | <b>63</b>  | 39  | 35  |
| Advanced   | 50  | 61  | <b>75</b> | 68         | 58         | 59        | 71         | 59  | 41  |
| Barrow 100 | 11  | 11  | 13        | <b>17</b>  | 16         | <b>17</b> | 13         | 8   | 13  |
| Barrow 360 | 0   | 0   | 0         | 1          | 1          | 1         | 1          | 1   | 0   |
| Students   |     |     |           |            |            |           | 4          | 3   | 2   |
| Total      | 85  | 123 | 144       | <b>134</b> | <b>121</b> | 121       | <b>152</b> | 110 | 91  |
| Renewals   | 72  | 73  | 106       | <b>113</b> | 105        | 112       | 101        | 95  | 81  |
| New        | 13  | 50  | 38        | 21         | 16         | 9         | <b>51</b>  | 15  | 10  |

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

**FOR NOVEMBER 4 GENERAL ELECTION**

Last Day to Register to Vote - **OCTOBER 6**

For Absentee Ballot Applications - call 770.307.3110

Early In-Person Voting Begins - **OCTOBER 13**  
 Monday-Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM

County Annex, 233 E. Broad St., Winder, GA, 30680

Early Voting Ends - **OCTOBER 31**

**Special Saturday Voting - OCTOBER 25**  
 9 AM – 4 PM, 233 E. Broad St., Winder, GA, 30680

No Early In-Person Voting - **NOVEMBER 3**

Voting @ Precinct Locations - **NOVEMBER 4**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

|                      |                                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sept 15 (Mon)</b> | Monthly Meeting                   |
| <b>Sept 20 (Sat)</b> | <b>Statham Sunflower Festival</b> |
| <b>Oct 20 (Mon)</b>  | Monthly Meeting                   |
| <b>Nov 4 (Tue)</b>   | <b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>           |
| <b>Nov 17 (Mon)</b>  | Monthly Meeting                   |
| <b>Dec 1 (Mon)</b>   | <b>HOLIDAY DINNER</b>             |
| <b>Dec 2 (Tue)</b>   | <b>State General Run-Off</b>      |
| <b>Jan 6 (Tue)</b>   | <b>Federal General Run-Off</b>    |

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Patriot Day – September 11 (Thursday)  
William Taft Birthday – September 15 (Monday)  
Constitution Day – September 17 (Wednesday)  
POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 19 (Friday)  
Rutherford Hayes Birthday – October 4 (Saturday)  
Chester Arthur Birthday – October 5 (Sunday)  
Dwight Eisenhower Birthday – October 14 (Tuesday)  
Theodore Roosevelt Birthday – October 27 (Monday)  
Navy Day – October 27 (Monday)

**WELCOME - NEW MEMBER** Greg Howard

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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    |

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**2014 CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTION RACES**

|                                | <u>REP</u> | <u>DEM</u> | <u>LIB</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| U.S. Senate                    | Perdue     | Nunn       | Swafford   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> U.S. District | Hice       | Dious      |            |
| P. Service Comm.               | McDonald   | Blackman   | Gilmer     |
| P. Service Comm.               | Everette   |            | Monds      |
| Governor                       | Deal       | Ja. Carter | Hunt       |
| Lt. Governor                   | Cagle      | Stokes     |            |
| Sec. of State                  | Kemp       | D. Carter  |            |
| Attorney General               | Olens      | Hecht      |            |
| Insurance Comm.                | Hudgens    | Johnson    | Metz       |
| Labor Comm.                    | Butler     | Shipp      |            |
| Agriculture Comm.              | Black      | C. Irvin   |            |
| GA School Supt.                | Woods      | Morgan     |            |
| GA House District 114          | Kirby      | Thomas     |            |
| School Board District 1        | Krause     | Kinney     |            |

**FROM THE CHAIR**

We had a good meeting with good attendance in August. We saw the special presentation “A Time for Choosing – The Next Generation” provided by the Young America’s Foundation. We completed preparations for the BBQ.

**Another great BBQ!** Although we did not reach the size of our 2013 BBQ, we had another great crowd. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who did something to contribute to another successful effort. Great fun and food! Thanks for your support!

We heard from our current Congressman Paul Broun, our new Congressional nominee Jody Hice, and Bonnie Perdue, wife of our U.S. Senate nominee David Perdue. We also heard from Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, Secretary of State Brian Kemp, Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens, and Attorney General Sam Olens. State Rep. Tom Kirby told us about his fall campaign, and GAGOP Chairman John Padgett closed out the speaking portion of our program.

Special thanks to our BBQ sponsors – State Rep. Terry England, State Rep. Regina Quick, State Sen. Frank Ginn, Barrow Commission Chair Pat Graham, Jody Hice for Congress, Smith Memory Chapel, State Rep. Tom Kirby, and Barrow Sheriff Jud Smith. We could not have done it without you!

We also hosted 5 non-profit exhibitors – Georgia Fair Tax, Georgia Carry, Come Alive Ministries, Winder Lions Club, and the Northeast Georgia Veterans Homeless Shelter.

BBQ straw poll results are posted on the “Events” page of our web site – [www.barrowgop.org](http://www.barrowgop.org). They include 2016 Presidential Candidates and the question about a transportation tax.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **September 15, 2014** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speaker will be Michael McNeely, GAGOP First Vice-Chairman. There may be a candidate speaker or two as well. We will be discussing the plans for the fall general election campaign. Mark your calendars! Be early for a good seat. Invite a friend! It will be worth your time.

**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

- “Remembering A Modern Civil Rights Fighter” – James W. Porter II – *American Rifleman* – June 2014 – [www.nrpublications.org/index.php/17624/presidents-column-50/](http://www.nrpublications.org/index.php/17624/presidents-column-50/)
- “CDC Releases Abortion Data Update” – *AFA Journal* – May 2014 – [www.afajournal.org/archives/2010-present/2014/may/issues/cdc-releases-abortion-data-update.aspx](http://www.afajournal.org/archives/2010-present/2014/may/issues/cdc-releases-abortion-data-update.aspx)
- “Refocus Conservatism Around Economic Mobility” – Avik Roy – *Forbes* – March 3, 2014 – [www.forbes.com/sites/theapothecary/2014/02/22/refocus-conservatism-around-economic-mobility/](http://www.forbes.com/sites/theapothecary/2014/02/22/refocus-conservatism-around-economic-mobility/)
- “Onward to Chicago!” – Paul Kengor – *The American Spectator* – May 2014 – [www.spectator.org/articles/58753/onward-chicago](http://www.spectator.org/articles/58753/onward-chicago)

## IS THE LOCAL REPUBLICAN PARTY DYING, OR AM I LOSING MY MIND?

My 62-year-old hurt right knee talked to me all night long. Pain meds helped little. My lower back was so tight, I could not walk upright very well. It seemed like every joint ached. If you had asked me, my reply would have been, "Yes, it feels like someone turned me upside down, and beat my bare feet with a hammer."

Such is a part of the aftermath of working our annual Barrow Republican BBQ. There are other volunteers who experienced similar woes. This event and other local Republican activities would never fly, if we did not have such dedicated unsung heroes. God bless them all! I appreciate every one of them.

The problem is this. There are not enough other folks willing to help them (even occasionally), the ones who do step up to the plate are getting older and weaker, and their numbers get smaller every year. It will only get worse, as we all approach death, as we live another day closer to eternity.

We dodged a bullet on August 23, 2014. Our treasurer/ticket man was still recovering from a stroke. Our chairman cautiously avoided moves with his back and legs which could have immobilized him. If any of our servers had gone down, our number of backups was slim. Help from 4 UGA College Republicans got us through another BBQ in ticket checking and filling drinks. Yet we almost did not have them this year, because most of the CRs were working on individual campaigns.

There is a great temptation for the few worn-out workers to hang it up. If they do, the current Barrow County Republican Party's effectiveness is dead. In the future, a BCRP may continue to be the qualifying agent for candidates wanting to run for office. The influence we have now will disappear, if more local Republicans fail to step in and work to keep things going in the right direction.

We are not alone. People are seeing similar problems in other groups like civic clubs, churches, etc. 10 percent do 90 percent of the work, and 100 percent claim the credit. "Misery loves company." It still does not make it right.

The official worrier rejoices when he sees actual people entering the Lions Club on BBQ day. He is reminded yearly by others that everything will work out, and it does. If a problem arises, veteran BBQ staff get it done. For 8 years, it has been my privilege and pleasure to feel like a general watching our troops secure successful victory. Our success comes from our team approach and implementation. What is going to happen when there is no team left?

Membership trends listed on the first page of this newsletter are not encouraging. Whether someone blames us for the RNC or GWB or BHO or amnesty, and quits, or whether we are victims of our own success, or whatever, younger and other folks have got to take up the challenge. My time is numbered. Since 1994, except for 2 years, this has been my second full time job. My earthly tabernacle can not continue with the same load. I will help where I can.

What will YOU do? Do you believe our guiding conservative principles enough to DO something? "Faith without works is dead."

Ken Young

## SMARTEST GUY IN THE ROOM

You've heard me describe Obama the theoretician, sipping cocktails and pontificating in the Ivy League faculty lounge. Obama and his ilk have zero real-world experience, but they think they know how to run everything due to their innate superiority. They truly believe this. Meanwhile the world explodes, because the so-called smartest people in the room . . . aren't.

Well, I was even more right than I knew. A stunning 9/5/13 piece in *The Wall Street Journal* reports that Russia moved two warships, two support vessels, and three amphibious troop and equipment movers off the Syrian coast. Russian satellites and radar sites are feeding Syria intelligence on U.S. military movement. Oh, and on top of the "arsenal of advanced Russian-made weapons systems, including a recent shipment of upgraded Yak-hont anti-ship missiles" delivered to Assad already, Russia promised Syria "advanced S-300 air-defense systems." Which could, as *The Journal* puts it, "shift the regional military balance." No kidding, Sherlock.

Have you heard any of this? Of course not. The media is too busy sitting at Obama's feet to report Russian military moves. Because Reagan and Bush were the warmonger bloodthirsty cowboys stumbling into war, and Obama is genius Professor Peacenik.

But here's the amazing part. *The Journal* reports that the "tense standoff" between Obama and Russian president Vladimir Putin "is the outgrowth of previously undisclosed calculations" by White House and State Departments Wizards of Smart engaged in – wait for it – a "brainstorming exercise." They relied on the CIA's "classified personality profile of Mr. Putin, prepared by the agency for Mr. Obama . . . [which] says he was bullied in his youth . . . [and] describes Mr. Putin as insecure."

Major fail.

Turns out, Putin hasn't behaved according to the brainstormers' predictions. So now Obama-ites "acknowledge they have struggled to understand Mr. Putin . . . whose motivations have confounded" them. Worse, "Mr. Obama's attempts to make a personal connection, such as complimenting Mr. Putin's judo skills during their last meeting, have fallen flat." Smart diplomacy!

It's embarrassing – and destabilizing. We've got a bunch of children who have no clue how the world works. And Putin the Secure has eaten Obama the Ditherer's geopolitical lunch.

Rush Limbaugh, *Limbaugh Letter*