

BARROW

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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Jan 19 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Feb 2 7:00 PM
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Feb 3 6:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Feb 3 6:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Feb 5 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Feb 10 7:00 PM
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Feb 17 7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Feb 19 7:00 PM
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Feb 19 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Feb 24 7:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (21)

Ken Young – Chr. Scott Hang Kathy Hopkins
Mike Pentecost – 1st VC Ralph Jones Teeny Allison
Leonard Koonce – 2nd 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

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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

January 19, 2015

EMILY MATSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GEORGIA LIFE ALLIANCE
CALL FOR 2015 CONVENTIONS

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 12/31/14)

Membership	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14
Regular	24	51	56	48	46	44	63	39	36
Advanced	50	61	75	68	58	59	71	59	41
Barrow 100	11	11	13	17	16	17	13	8	13
Barrow 360	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
Students							4	3	2
Total	85	123	144	134	121	121	152	110	92
Renewals	72	73	106	113	105	112	101	95	82
New	13	50	38	21	16	9	51	15	10

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WE NOW NEED YOUR 2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

2015 CONVENTIONS - SPRING CYCLE

**PRECINCT MEETINGS
COUNTY CONVENTION
DISTRICT CONVENTION
STATE CONVENTION**

ATTEND JANUARY 19 FOR DETAILS

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LOWER TAXES ***** LIMITED GOVERNMENT
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan 19 (Mon) Monthly Meeting
Feb 16 (Mon) Monthly Meeting
Mar 14 (Sat) Prec. Mtgs./County Convention
Mar 16 (Mon) Monthly Meeting
Apr 18 (Sat) District Convention
Apr 20 (Mon) Monthly Meeting
May 15-16 (Fri/Sat) State Convention
May 18 (Mon) Monthly Meeting
June 15 (Mon) Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Richard Nixon Birthday – January 9 (Friday)
M.L. King, Jr. Holiday – January 19 (Monday)
Roe v. Wade Day of Infamy – January 22 (Thursday) – 41st
William McKinley Birthday – January 29 (Thursday)
Ronald Reagan Birthday – February 6 (Friday)
Boy Scouts Founded – February 8 (Sunday)
Abraham Lincoln Birthday – February 12 (Thursday)
Presidents Day – February 16 (Monday)
George Washington Birthday – February 22 (Sunday)



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
The Church at Winder (new)	

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“New Jersey governor Chris Christie made a big bet on a casino in Atlantic City and lost. After putting \$260 million in tax credits on the table, plus millions for worker training and infrastructure investments, the taxpayers of New Jersey are saddled with a white elephant: The casino, housed in the largest and most prominent building in Atlantic City, has gone into bankruptcy twice and will close its doors in September [2014], putting some 3,100 people out of work. Governor Christie should have known better: Investors had been walking away from the projects for years, with Morgan Stanley taking a loss of nearly \$1 billion rather than moving forward as an investor and the Export-Import Bank of China considering and then rejecting an investment in the casino. Gambling has always been a rotten business, but with casinos springing up everywhere from rural New York to the suburbs of Philadelphia, Atlantic City’s former monopoly position for East Coast gambling has been steadily eroding. The next time a politician comes along talking about making “investments” for jobs and growth, remember that government is a terrible gambler and a worse investor. Leave it to government to turn gambling into a business where the house always loses.” (*National Review*)

“In Winooski, Vt., the owners of Sneakers Bistro took down a sign advertising their bacon, after a Muslim woman complained that it was insensitive to people who don’t eat pork. On Facebook, the owners wrote, ‘We removed the sign that was located on public property as a gesture of respect for our diverse community.’ No such respect had been extended to Vermont’s vegetarians, for some reason.” (*National Review*)

FROM THE CHAIR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2015. If you want to get a jump on renewing your financial commitment with the local Party (where we think your money is best spent), please bring it to our **January 19** meeting, mail it to our P.O. Box 1054, Winder, GA, 30680-1054, or go on-line to 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 extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of former State Senator Bob Guhl, who represented part of western Barrow County from 1993-2002. He passed away on Sunday, November 30, 2014 in Social Circle.

We had a great time at our Annual Holiday Dinner on December 1, 2014. Thanks to all who attended, and special appreciation to Deb Golder and Teeny Allison for their help.

Please mark **March 14, 2015** (Saturday) on your calendars and appointment books. That is the date for our 2015 Precinct Meetings and County Convention at 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM, respectively. We will be electing officers for 2015-2017, and selecting delegates and alternates to the 2015 District and State Conventions. I will be making my recommendations to the **March 14** 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 2015-2017 (voting members).

In order to become a voting member for 2015-2017, our rules require 3 things: (1) Advanced membership (or greater), (2) being a delegate to the County Convention [**March 14, 2015**], and (3) notifying the new Chairman (2105-2017) that you want to be a voting member (for 2015-2017)[note – some County Convention delegates do not want to be voting members for various reasons]. Your presence on **March 14** is critical, if you want to be a voting member for the new 2-year cycle!

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **January 19, 2015** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Let’s get off to a great start in 2015! Our guest speaker will be Emily Matson, Executive Director, Georgia Life Alliance. Also, we will issue and discuss the call for the convention process in 2015, explain consideration for becoming a delegate or alternate to the District and State Conventions, and go over the basics of what our Party faces. It will be worth your time. Mark your calendars. Be early for a good seat. Invite a friend!

Ken Young

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - 2014

Jud Smith

ADDITIONAL LINK

“America’s Missing Wealth” – *Forbes* – Rich Karlgaard – October 20, 2014 – www.forbes.com/sites/richkarlgaard/2014/09/30/maericas-missing-wealth/

THINGS THAT REPUBLICANS MUST DO NOW

George Will

Unlike the dog that chased the car until, to its consternation, he caught it, Republicans know what to do with what they have caught. Having completed their capture of control of the legislative branch, they should start with the following six measures concerning practical governance and constitutional equilibrium:

Abolish the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. This creature of the labyrinthine Dodd-Frank law violates John Locke's dictum: "The legislative cannot transfer the power of making laws to any other hands. . . . The power of the legislative . . . (is) only to make laws, and not to make legislators." The CFPB is empowered to "declare," with no legislative guidance or institutional inhibitions, that certain business practices are "abusive." It also embodies progressivism's authoritarianism by being, unlike any entity Congress has created since 1789, untethered from all oversight mechanisms: Its funding, "determined by the director," comes from the Federal Reserve.

Repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board. This expression of the progressive mind is an artifact of the Affordable Care Act and may be the most anti-constitutional measure ever enacted. It certainly violates the first words of the first section of the first article of the Constitution: "All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress." The IPAB's purported function is to achieve the ACA's purpose of cost containment by reducing Medicare spending. When the IPAB's 15 presidential appointees make what the ACA calls a "legislative proposal" limiting reimbursements to doctors, this proposal *automatically* becomes *law* unless Congress passes a similar measure cutting Medicare spending. Under this constitutional travesty, an executive branch agency makes laws unless the legislative branch enacts alternative means of achieving the executive agency's aim. The ACA stipulates that no measure for the abolition of the IPAB can be introduced before 2017 or after Feb. 1, 2017, and must be enacted by Aug. 15 of that year. So, one Congress presumed to bind all subsequent Congresses in order to achieve progressivism's consistent aim – abolishing limited government by emancipating presidents from restraint by the separation of powers. This impertinence by the 11th Congress requires a firm rebuke by the 114th.

Repeal the ACA's tax on medical devices. This \$29 billion blow to an industry that provides more than 400,000 jobs is levied not on firms' profits but on gross revenues, and comes on top of the federal (the developed world's highest) corporate income tax, plus state and local taxes. Enough Democrats support repeal that a presidential veto might be overridden.

Improve energy, economic and environmental conditions by authorizing construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. The pipeline would reduce the risk of spills by reducing the transportation of oil in railroad tankers.

Mandate completion of the nuclear waste repository in Nevada's Yucca Mountain. The signature achievement of Harry Reid's waning career has been blocking this project, on which approximately \$15 billion has been spent. So, rather than nuclear waste being safely stored in the mountain's 40 miles of tunnels 1,000 feet underground atop 1,000 feet of rock, more than 160 million Americans live within 75 miles of one of more of the 121 locations where 70,000 tons of waste are stored.

Pass the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act. It would require that any regulation with at least a \$100

million annual impact on the economy – there are approximately 200 of them in the pipeline – must be approved without amendments by joint resolution of Congress and signed by the president. "In effect," writes the Hudson Institute's Christopher DeMuth, "major agency rules would become legislative proposals with fast-track privileges." By requiring legislative complicity in especially heavy federal burdens, REINS is an ingredient in the recipe for resuscitating Congress, which has been far too eager to cede legislative responsibilities to the executive branch.

Such measures may be too granular to satisfy the grandiose aspirations of those conservatives who, sharing progressives' impatience with our constitutional architecture. Aspire to have their way completely while wielding just one branch of government.

But if, as is likely, the result of Congress doing these and similar things is a blizzard of presidential vetoes, even this would be constructive. The 2016 presidential election would follow a two-year demonstration of how reactionary progressivism is in opposing changes to the nation's trajectory. Congressional actions provoking executive rejections would frame the argument about progressivism. And as Margaret Thatcher advised, first you win the argument, then you win the vote.

"Due to Moochelle's dictatorial food rules, kids all over the nation are going hungry; over a million children are dumping school lunches in the garbage. Enter Brian Wansink, former Obama USDA honcho. Author of *Slim by Design: Mindless Eating Solutions for Everyday Life*, Wansink told Slate that it's possible to 'get kids to mindlessly eat better by redesigning a healthier lunch tray.' Wansink's fool-the-eye trays 'magically make the entrée, the starch, and the dessert look huge and satisfying (even if they were smaller), make the vegetable and fruit look enticing, keep the vegetable hot and the fruit cold, and make everything look like it was going to taste better.' It's Obama leftism in a nutshell: everything is optics, a con, a sham – to keep its victims 'mindless.'" (*Limbaugh Letter*)

Pakistani men sexually exploited at least 1,400 children in Rotherham, England, from 1997 to 2013. The abuse was facilitated by local government leaders, social-services workers, and law-enforcement personnel who, for reasons of cultural sensitivity, refused to investigate. The "Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham" details the stomach-turning abuse Rotherham-area children suffered for nearly two decades: rape, beating, mock execution, trafficking. Victims' families were terrorized. One victim reported that "'gang rape' was a usual part of growing up" in her part of Rotherham. But when a Home Office researcher reported this to local authorities in 2002, she was assigned to a "diversity and ethnicity" class. Even when a teenage victim identified – by name – 250 men who had raped her, police refused to pursue the case. So devoted were they to their multicultural ideals, Officials kept silent and perpetuated a very real "rape culture," doubly victimizing Rotherham's young. (*National Review*)

CALVIN COOLIDGE'S PHILOSOPHY

Cal Thomas

At a dinner sponsored by the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation last Thursday (I am an unpaid national advisory board member), there was a debate about wealth redistribution. A team of Canadian students who think government should “spread the wealth around” faced off against a team of American students who think government has no business doing any such thing.

The theme continued when former Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas) debated Chrystia Freeland, a member of Canadian Parliament. While all of this was informative, civil, interesting and at times entertaining, the final speaker, CNBC commentator Larry Kudlow, may have uttered the most profound thought of the evening.

While Kudlow takes the traditional conservative position when it comes to economics, he said what would help individuals as well as the nation the most is for people to “get married.” He said it loudly, and the super-sophisticated New Yorkers in the room fell momentarily silent. When the shock wore off, many heads began to nod.

Kudlow’s point was that marriage gives people a reason to work, a home one hopes is stable, and children for whom two parents feel responsible.

Sociologists have reached the same conclusion over many years. In her book, “One Marriage Under God: The Campaign To Promote Marriage in America,” sociologist Melanie Heath writes, “Married people” – for whatever reason – “are happier, healthier and better off financially.”

The point I took from the speakers at the Coolidge dinner was that the real power to influence a life does not lie in or emanate from Washington, D.C., whichever party is in power. Instead, it comes from the millions of personal decisions each person makes for his or her own life.

How many politicians today would dare to admonish people who are living together to get married? And yet for not just economic reasons, doesn’t it seem the wisest course for most to take when one considers the benefits? Cohabitors may look at their divorced parents as an excuse, not a sufficient reason. One might better consider successful marriages, instead of failed ones, and emulate what made the good ones work.

At the Coolidge dinner, the organization’s chairwoman, Amity Schlaes, passed out buttons that said “Coolidge in ’16.” Although the 30th president died in 1933, his ideas and philosophy of life are being given new life by events like these. If his ideas worked – and Coolidge’s did because they were born from a Puritan ethic that founded and sustained America well into the 20th century, making the 1920s roar economically – why not reconsider those ideas, updating them as necessary and applying them to solve today’s problems, rather than skipping from one failed policy to another?

Back to marriage. The Coolidges had an unusual relationship, but it worked for them. Grace was vivacious and outgoing, her husband quite the opposite. And yet there was genuine love.

Few men have ever uttered more noble words about their wives than what Coolidge said of his: “She has borne with my infirmities and I have rejoiced in her graces.”

Larry Kudlow seemed to be suggesting – and I would agree with him – that you don’t get that kind of affirmation outside of a committed marital relationship, which also makes for stronger families, economies and nations.