

# BARROW REPUBLICAN NEWS

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BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY  
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**MEETINGS**

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

##### March 16, 2015 #####

\*\*\* WEAR GREEN NIGHT \*\*\*  
**JOHN PADGETT, STATE CHAIRMAN**  
**CANDIDATE for RE-ELECTION**  
**MICHAEL McNEELY, STATE FIRST VICE-CHAIR**  
**CANDIDATE for RE-ELECTION**  
**DEBBIE McCORD, STATE SECRETARY**  
**CANDIDATE for STATE SECOND VICE-CHAIR**  
**KIRK SHOOK, STATE ASST. SECRETARY**  
**CANDIDATE for STATE SECRETARY**

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 2/28/15)

| Membership | '07 | '08       | '09        | '10        | '11       | '12        | '13 | '14 | '15 |
|------------|-----|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Regular    | 51  | 56        | 48         | 46         | 44        | <b>63</b>  | 39  | 36  | 10  |
| Advanced   | 61  | <b>75</b> | 68         | 58         | 59        | 71         | 59  | 41  | 22  |
| Barrow 100 | 11  | 13        | <b>17</b>  | 16         | <b>17</b> | 13         | 8   | 13  | 3   |
| Barrow 360 | 0   | 0         | 1          | 1          | 1         | 1          | 1   | 0   | 1   |
| Students   |     |           |            |            |           | 4          | 3   | 2   | 2   |
| Total      | 123 | 144       | <b>134</b> | <b>121</b> | 121       | <b>152</b> | 110 | 92  | 38  |
| Renewals   | 73  | 106       | <b>113</b> | 105        | 112       | 101        | 95  | 82  | 37  |
| New        | 50  | 38        | 21         | 16         | 9         | <b>51</b>  | 15  | 10  | 1   |

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## WE NEED YOUR 2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**2015 PRECINCT MEETINGS**  
**2015 COUNTY CONVENTION**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - 9:00 AM**  
**WINDER LIONS CLUB**  
**INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN US !!!**

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**REPUBLICAN: THE FREEDOM PARTY**  
**LOWER TAXES \*\*\*\*\* LIMITED GOVERNMENT**  
**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

|                            |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Mar 14 (Sat)</b>        | <b>Prec. Mtgs./County Convention</b> |
| <b>Mar 16 (Mon)</b>        | Monthly Meeting                      |
| <b>Apr 18 (Sat)</b>        | <b>District Convention</b>           |
| <b>Apr 20 (Mon)</b>        | Monthly Meeting                      |
| <b>May 15-16 (Fri/Sat)</b> | <b>State Convention</b>              |
| <b>May 18 (Mon)</b>        | Monthly Meeting                      |
| <b>June 15 (Mon)</b>       | Monthly Meeting                      |

## LOOKING AHEAD

Change Clocks **Ahead 1 Hour** – March 7 (Saturday) – PM  
Girl Scouts Founded – March 12 (Thursday)  
National Medal of Honor Day – March 25 (Wednesday)  
Army Day – April 6 (Monday)  
Tax Protest Day – April 15 (Wednesday)  
Ulysses Grant Birthday – April 27 (Monday)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - 2015

|                |                 |               |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Regina Quick   | Ren Buckland    | Rod Rodriguez |
| Ray McIntyre   | Regina McIntyre | Tammy Brown   |
| Charles Powell | Linda Powell    | Clay Kelley   |

## 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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A nine-year-old boy in Kermit, Texas, has been suspended for bringing a ring to school, telling a friend that it was forged in Middle Earth and had magic powers, and threatening to make him disappear. School officials deemed this a “terroristic threat” serious enough to keep him home for a day. Defenders of the school point out that the boy is a repeat offender: His two previous offenses were calling a black classmate “black” and bringing to school a children’s science encyclopedia that contained a section on pregnancy. Sauron’s eye was not half so observant as the modern school’s enforcers. (*National Review*)

In December, President Obama declared a new day between the United States and Cuba. The Castro dictatorship is having trouble accepting this dawn. Raul Castro said his regime would not cede “a millimeter”: It would continue exactly as before. If normalization of relations with the United States were to proceed, he said, the U.S. would have to meet several conditions, including the handing over of the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base to the dictatorship. Come to think of it, that would be a neat way for Obama to keep a campaign promise. The Castros’ arrest of innocent people continues apace. As part of an apparent bargain with Obama, the government released some political prisoners. One of them was the rapper known as “El Critico.” But the Castros are always loath to leave cells vacant. Another rapper, El Dkano, has been imprisoned on the charge of *peligrosidad predelictiva*. That means “dangerousness likely leading to a crime.” The Castros’ Cuba is written by Orwell. (*National Review*)

## FROM THE CHAIR

**WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2015.** If you have not already renewed, please bring it to our Precinct Meetings on Saturday, **March 14**, to our **March 16** 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!

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 (2015-2017) 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!

Icy weather forced us to cancel our monthly meeting in February. We have rescheduled Debbie McCord, GAGOP Secretary, candidate for GAGOP Second Vice-Chair, and Kirk Shook, GAGOP Asst. Secretary, candidate for GAGOP Secretary, to our March meeting.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **March 16, 2015** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our originally scheduled guest speakers will be John Padgett, GAGOP Chairman, who is running for re-election, and Michael McNeely, GAGOP First Vice-Chair, who is running for re-election. Be early for a good seat. Invite a friend! It will be worth your time. Mark your calendars. Let’s make it a **WEAR GREEN NIGHT**.

Ken Young

## ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Georgia’s Appellate Courts Set For Change” – *James* – Randy Evans – Nov/Dec 2014 – [www.gapundit.com/2014/12/12/randt-evans-report-perdues-legacy-solidified-deals-second-term/](http://www.gapundit.com/2014/12/12/randt-evans-report-perdues-legacy-solidified-deals-second-term/)

“Free Speech Is Essential To Protecting The Bill Of Rights” – *American Rifleman* – James W. Porter II – January 2015 – [www.nrapublications.org/index.php/19094/presidents-column-57/](http://www.nrapublications.org/index.php/19094/presidents-column-57/)

“How our Congress can prevent future Fergusons” – *AFA Journal* – Star Parker – February 2015 – [www.afajournal.org/recent-issues/2015/February/how-our-congress-can-prevent-future-fergusons/](http://www.afajournal.org/recent-issues/2015/February/how-our-congress-can-prevent-future-fergusons/)

“Congress’ Bias For More Taxes” – *Forbes* – Steve Forbes – February 9, 2015 – [www.forbes.com/sites/steveforbes/2015/01/21/congress-is-biased-against-real-tax-cuts/](http://www.forbes.com/sites/steveforbes/2015/01/21/congress-is-biased-against-real-tax-cuts/)

**ABBREVIATED CALL FOR THE  
BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY  
ELECTION DISTRICT (PRECINCT) MASS  
MEETINGS**

Pursuant to the Call of the Georgia Republican Party State Executive Committee for Precinct, Rule 9.2 District, County Congressional District, and State Mass Meetings and Conventions, the Barrow County Republican Committee hereby makes and issues this, Official Call, to all legal and qualified voters of Barrow County, Georgia, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policies and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes, to unite under this Call in the selection of Delegates and Alternates to the Barrow County Convention to be held pursuant to this Call. There shall be Election District (Precinct) Mass Meetings on **March 14, 2015** at 9:00 o'clock A.M., at 354 E. Broad St., Winder, Georgia, at the Winder Lions Club, which shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention to be held on **March 14, 2015**, at same location. Registration begins at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on **March 14, 2015**. Anyone arriving after 9:00 o'clock A.M. will not be allowed to participate.

**COUNTY CONVENTION**

The Barrow County Convention is hereby called to convene at 354 E. Broad St., Winder, Georgia, at the Winder Lions Club on Saturday, **March 14, 2015**, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of electing Delegates and Alternates to the Republican Tenth U.S. Congressional District and State Conventions. Party officers for 2015-2017 will also be elected. Only those Delegates and Alternates elected in the respective Election District (Precinct) Mass Meetings held on **March 14, 2015**, shall be entitled to participate. The Convention itself shall be open to the public.

Ken Young, Chairman  
Barrow County Republican Party

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**WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE  
2015 PRECINCT MEETINGS AND  
COUNTY CONVENTION**

Many of our newer members may not be aware of the significance of the upcoming Precinct Mass Meetings and County Convention set for Saturday, **March 14, 2015**, at the Winder Lions Club, 354 E. Broad St., Winder. The following is information to explain what will be happening on this important date. Temporary Precinct Meeting Chairpersons will be appointed by the current Barrow GOP Chairman Ken Young. At 9:00 AM on **March 14**, these people will call the 16 individual precinct meetings to order. All participants at these meetings must be duly registered in accordance with State Republican Party rules and Georgia State Election Code. The first order of precinct meeting business is to elect new Precinct Chairpersons for 2015-2017 (and other Precinct officers, if desired by the precinct meeting participants). The new Precinct Chairperson will conduct the rest of the precinct meeting. Each precinct meeting will then elect Delegates and Alternates to the 2015 Barrow County

Republican Convention. All Delegates will receive name tags for Convention usage.

When all of the elections are completed, the paperwork (in triplicate) will be processed and routed to the appropriate local Party representatives. Other precinct business may take place at this meeting. It will be a good time to get acquainted with other Republicans in your precinct, and plans for future precinct work can be discussed.

At 10:00 AM on **March 14**, the current local Party Chairman Ken Young (serving as Temporary Convention Chairman) will call the 2015 County Convention to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Presentation of the State Call, and Introduction of Elected Officials, the Convention will elect the 2015 Permanent Convention Chairperson and Permanent Convention Secretary. Convention committees will then be dismissed to conduct their work (Credentials, Nominations, Rules). During this time, there may be announcements and speeches in the convention hall.

After the Convention committees return and report, the 2015-2017 Barrow County Republican officers will be elected. These include County Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson, Second Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The Convention will then elect Delegates and Alternates to the 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congressional District Republican Convention to be held on Saturday, **April 18, 2015** in Greensboro, Georgia. Delegates and Alternates will also be elected to the State Republican Convention to be held on Friday and Saturday, **May 15-16, 2015**, in Athens, Georgia. Those who qualify and desire will also form the new County Committee (voting members) for 2015-2017.

Your participation in the 2015 Precinct Mass Meetings will strengthen the Barrow County Republican Party. With your help, we have made a major impact. Headed for **November 2016**, the next election cycle has begun.

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**Percentage saying, the Islamic religion is more likely to encourage violence among its believers.**

|              | Feb. 2014 | July 2014 | Sept. 2014 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Total        | 38 %      | 43 %      | 50 %       |
| Men          | 42 %      | 46 %      | 53 %       |
| Women        | 34 %      | 40 %      | 48 %       |
| White        | 40 %      | 47 %      | 53 %       |
| Black        | 34 %      | 41 %      | 38 %       |
| Hispanic     | 37 %      | 36 %      | 49 %       |
| 18-29        | 27 %      | 27 %      | 33 %       |
| 30-49        | 36 %      | 46 %      | 49 %       |
| 50-64        | 44 %      | 47 %      | 56 %       |
| 65+          | 46 %      | 52 %      | 64 %       |
| Republican   | 54 %      | 60 %      | 67 %       |
| Independent  | 38 %      | 39 %      | 47 %       |
| Democrat     | 28 %      | 35 %      | 42 %       |
| Protestant   | 43 %      | 53 %      | 59 %       |
| Catholic     | 41 %      | 38 %      | 53 %       |
| Unaffiliated | 26 %      | 30 %      | 35 %       |

Survey conducted by Pew Research Center, Sept. 2-9, 2014  
*AFA Journal*

## JUDICIAL ACTIVISM, JUDICIAL ABDICATION

*National Review*, November 3, 2014

Are the people of the United States owed at least the opportunity to make an argument, before philosopher-kings in robes change the meaning of their Constitution? We would have thought so. Are they owed an opinion that at least takes a stab at rational justification for the most consequential change in law, politics, and culture inflicted on them by the federal courts in a generation? We would have thought that too.

But the justices of the Supreme Court ducked these responsibilities in October, denying appellate review of decisions by three federal circuit courts to impose same-sex marriage on five states. This choice nearly immediately brought the number of states with same-sex marriage to 24 – only a few of them having chosen it democratically – and that number will rapidly climb to 30 when these three circuits impose their redefinition of marriage on the remaining states in their jurisdictions. At that point, with a new meaning of marriage reigning in the majority of the country, it will be very hard to turn back.

The Supreme Court set this train in motion in 2013. Justice Kennedy and the Court's liberals struck down part of the Defense of Marriage Act, finding its attempt to protect the definition of marriage as the union of a man and a woman unconstitutional because – well, he never quite got around to explaining what part of the Constitution it violated. Federal courts took the ruling as an invitation to find all the old marriage laws unconstitutional on various theories. The Court now refuses to say whether the laws do or do not violate its understanding of the Constitution.

Under the Supreme Court's rules, four of the nine justices can accept a case for review. Why aren't there four justices willing to review these cases? The simplest explanation is that so far there has been no "circuit split," with contrary rulings from different federal appeals courts. But that's more an excuse than an explanation here: The justices take plenty of cases in the absence of such division, if they think they're important. And what could be more consequential than whether the people get to decide the legal meaning of our society's most fundamental institution?

The four conservative justices, fearful of what Justice Kennedy will do if he has the chance, seem to prefer kicking this particular can down the road for now. That strategy probably can't be sustained until the next Court vacancy during a Republican administration, but what else – they might think – can be done right now? The four liberal justices, on the other hand, may not be ready to foist same-sex marriage on the whole country, fearing the backlash that would be caused by a transparently political ruling that could not be connected to the text, history, or principles of our Constitution. Their choice to shrink from taking this step may be the best thing about this bad news.

And we do think the American people will have cause to regret same-sex marriage. To disconnect marriage from sexual complementarity is to redefine it so completely that other principles are lost. The divorce revolution has damaged both permanence and fidelity as basic features of marriage – but with marriage redefined so that child-rearing is no longer central to its reason for being, they begin not to make sense. Neither does limiting marriage to couples, even forbidding marriage between the closest blood relations. Polygamy and "polyamory" are therefore the next obvious developments.

Indeed, the redefinition of marriage undermines its fundamental purpose: to steer people toward patterns of sexual behavior that facilitate the flourishing of the children that sex sometimes produces. If its purpose is instead to facilitate the emotional happiness of adults, it is hard to see why the government should be involved or why a formal institution is necessary.

We have never really had a debate over these ideas about marriage, for various reasons. Conservatives too often rested their case on tradition and majority sentiment, which proved worthless when majority sentiment turned against tradition. The media have covered the issue thoughtlessly: Many outlets have adopted the phrase "marriage equality" as though it were a neutral description of what is at issue. And the courts, above all, short-circuited the debate by pretending that the country had already adopted same-sex marriage in principle when it ratified the Fourteenth Amendment.

The redefinition of marriage is often said to have served the cause of liberty. Yet defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman restricted nobody's freedom. Same-sex couples were free to live as they chose; they lacked only official recognition of their unions. The new dispensation, on the other hand, comes with actual threats to the freedom of association and religion.

In that new dispensation, constitutional legitimacy comes from a confluence of the polls and the dominant opinion of judges rather than from following the established process of lawmaking. The courts – first state courts, then lower federal courts, and finally the Supreme Court – have not made us a freer or more equal country, just a less self-governing one.

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Libs have been wailing about the "vanishing polar ice caps" for as long as I can remember. Meet a culprit: the global warming wackos themselves, whose carbon footprints are literally trashing the South Pole. According to *The Japan Times*, a surge in "eco-tourists" is the biggest threat to Antarctica's environment – along with the infrastructure to house, feed, transport, and pamper them. Since 1990, the number of yearly visitors has swelled from 5,000 to 40,000, with many arriving via \$20,000 cabins on luxury cruise ships. Because they sojourn on the 1 percent of Antarctica that is ice-free, an Australian government study finds, the pollution they leave behind is wiping out the South Pole's native wildlife. Yep, the Al Gore wannabes touring Antarctica to bemoan mankind's carbon output are actually causing the damage. But it will be a cold day in hell before they admit it. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

Figures. As reported by *The [UK] Telegraph*, a UK government study shows that those who obsess about global warming actually use more electricity than those who don't. Great Britain's Department of Energy and Climate Change (don't you love that?) asked participants if they agreed or disagreed with this statement: "The effects of climate change are too far in the future to really worry me." Those who agreed with the statement – that is, people with common sense – actually used less electricity, surprising those who conducted the Household Electricity Survey. These results ran "counter to the hypothesis that households concerned about climate change use less electricity." This doesn't surprise me, or anyone who's paid attention to energy-guzzling, carbon footprint-exploding Al Gore and his ilk. (*Limbaugh Letter*)