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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Apr 20 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., May 4 7:00 PM
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., May 5 6:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., May 5 6:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 7 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 12 7:00 PM
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., May 19 7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 21 7:00 PM
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., May 21 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 26 7:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (26)

Ken Young – Chr. Terry Raber Kathy Hopkins
Mike Pentecost – 1st VC David Gunter Teeny Allison
Leonard Koonce – 2nd VC Cal Neff Tim Walker
Mark Staley – 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 Dennis Hevener Fe Hevener
Richard Pepper Sara Pepper

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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

April 20, 2015

ALEX JOHNSON
CANDIDATE FOR STATE GOP CHAIRMAN
MICHELLE MILLER
CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 3/31/15)

| Membership | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Regular | 51 | 56 | 48 | 46 | 44 | 63 | 39 | 36 | 10 |
| Advanced | 61 | 75 | 68 | 58 | 59 | 71 | 59 | 41 | 41 |
| Barrow 100 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 4 |
| Barrow 360 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Students | | | | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 123 | 144 | 134 | 121 | 121 | 152 | 110 | 92 | 58 |
| Renewals | 73 | 106 | 113 | 105 | 112 | 101 | 95 | 82 | 55 |
| New | 50 | 38 | 21 | 16 | 9 | 51 | 15 | 10 | 3 |

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WE NEED YOUR 2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN US !!!

“When President Obama made his deal with the Castros, a sweetener, for the democratic side, was the release of 53 political prisoners. In recent days, the regime has arrested 65 Cubans who attempted to attend Mass at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity. Some of them had been among the 53 released. Will the Obama administration keep an eye on Cuba and its political prisoners? Or are they to be forgotten, now that the Cold War mentality has been banished and harmony ushered in?”
(National Review)

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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
July 20 (Mon) Monthly Meeting
Aug 17 (Mon) Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Army Day – April 6 (Monday)
Tax Protest Day – April 15 (Wednesday)
Ulysses Grant Birthday – April 27 (Monday)
National Day of Prayer – May 7 (Thursday)
Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15 (Friday)
Armed Forces Day – May 16 (Saturday)
Memorial Day Observed – May 25 (Monday)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - 2015

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| Leonard Koonce | Richard Pepper | Sara Pepper |
| Henry Petree | Betty Petree | Mark Staley |
| David Perkins | David Crosby | Marty Rahinsky |
| Beverly Kelley | Cal Neff | Terry Raber |
| John Reavis | Linda Reavis | Chris Sullivan |
| John Stevens | Lynn Stevens | |

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

David Gunter Lucretia Hughes

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2015 – 2017 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Bethlehem Community Center | Jimmy Lomax |
| Bethabra Baptist Church | Marty Rahinsky |
| Bramlett Elementary | John Stevens |
| Westside Middle School | Linda Powell |
| Stham Fire Dept. | Leonard Koonce |
| Winder-Barrow High School | |
| Stham Elementary | |
| Holsenbeck Elementary | John Reavis |
| Lions Club | DuWayne Anderson |
| Barrow County Rec. Dept. | Bob Lanham |
| Apalachee High School | Kathy Hopkins |
| Midway Methodist Church | |
| Winder Community Center | Terry Raber |
| Cedar Creek Baptist Church | |
| County Line Elementary | June Miller |
| The Church at Winder | Cal Neff |

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The sheer brazenness of President Obama’s dissembling on gay marriage – confirmed by David Axelrod in a new book – might gall even the most hard-bitten of cynics. Obama, Axelrod writes, “was in favor of same-sex marriages during the first presidential campaign, even as [he] publicly said he only supported civil unions, not full marriages,” but he felt that he could not admit as much for fear of losing black churchgoers. Thus it was confirmed that the “change” candidate had fallen back on a “sacred” religious belief that he did not possess, in order to mislead a group he claimed to be representing, in furtherance of a policy that he now openly describes as a “civil right.” There is a word for this sort of conduct. But it is not hope.” (*National Review*)

Our Party Secretary Deb Golder lost her life in a one-car accident on March 9, 2015. We will miss her deeply, and appreciate her support and service. Please keep her family in your prayers.

FROM THE CHAIR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2015. If you have not already renewed, please bring it to our **April 20** 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 had a great meeting last month with great attendance. We heard from John Padgett, candidate for re-election as GAGOP Chairman. We also heard from Debbie McCord, GAGOP Secretary, candidate for GAGOP Second Vice-Chair, and Kirk Shook, GAGOP Asst. Secretary, candidate for GAGOP Secretary. New State Party officers will be elected at the State Convention in May in Athens.

We elected Commission District Representatives to the new Executive Committee (see page 1), and set membership dues for 2015-2017 (same amounts).

Our local rules allow the voting members of the County Committee to consider adding more voting members between the odd-year County Conventions. We have only done this thrice since 1995, and only in odd-years (too much going on during election years). If you want to be considered for addition as a voting member, please contact me (or fill out the blue form at our next meeting). Your request will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. There is no guarantee that anyone will be added.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **April 20, 2015** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our speakers will be Alex Johnson, candidate for GAGOP Chairman, and Michelle Miller for PSC. **We will also be voting on a rule change.** It allows the County Committee to select a voting member who is not our Chairman, to represent us on the 10th District Committee (please see next page). We will also be making work committee assignments. Invite a friend! It will be worth your time. Mark your calendars. Be early for a good seat.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Addressing Georgia’s Water Needs One Way or Another” – *James* – Brad Carver – Nov/Dec 2014 – www.insideradvantage.com/james-magazine/2014-12/James_Year-end-2014.pdf

“Guns in The Home: The New Target” – *American Rifleman* – James W. Porter II – February 2015 – www.nrapublications.org/index.php/19179/presidents-column-58/

“Heads up . . . presidential politics just around the corner” – *AFA Journal* – Tim Wildmon – February 2015 – www.afajournal.org/recent-issues/2015/february/heads-up-presidential-politics-just-around-the-corner/

“The Ultimate Lifesaver - Capitalism” – *Forbes* – Steve Forbes – December 29, 2014 – www.forbes.com/sites/steveforbes/2015/12/10/the-ultimate-lifesaver-capitalism-2/

2015 DISTRICT DELEGATES (26) GREENSBORO

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| Jimmy Lomax | Bob Lanham | Kathy Hopkins |
| John Stevens | Lynn Stevens | Marty Rahinsky |
| Julia Bridges | June Miller | DuWayne Anderson |
| Charles Powell | Linda Powell | Ren Buckland |
| Teeny Allison | Clay Kelley | Terry Raber |
| Cal Neff | Mike Pentecost | Ken Young |
| Richard Pepper | Sara Pepper | Lucretia Hughes |
| John Reavis | Linda Reavis | Scott Hang |
| Leonard Koonce | Rod Rodriguez | |

THE REAL ENEMY IS “FASCISM LIGHT”

Rob Jenkins, *Gwinnett Daily Post*

I’m constantly hearing these days that our government is becoming progressively (pun intended) more socialist. I have a different take. I believe the biggest threat to our republic is not socialism but neo-fascism.

I know calling people “fascists” isn’t very nice, so let me take a few moments to explain what I mean before telling you why I believe neo-fascism is the greater danger.

First of all, contrary to what we’ve been told, fascism is not a philosophy of the extreme right. It’s actually a form of statism, which makes it by definition a leftist ideology.

Remember, “Nazi” was short for “National Socialists.” Mussolini, who was more intellectually invested in fascism than Hitler, called it the “third way,” by which he meant a third left-wing alternative to socialism and communism.

Under communism, the government owns the means of production. Socialists allow capital to remain ostensibly in private hands then “redistribute” via confiscatory taxes. Fascism incorporates elements of both, but instead of owning seeks merely to control. Thus “private” enterprise can’t operate without dispensation from the ruling class.

In other words, fascism creates a kind of unholy alliance between corporations and government, in which the former strive shamelessly to curry favor and the latter picks economic winners and losers.

Post-World War II, after the collapse of fascist regimes in Germany and Italy, a somewhat watered-down version of their economic model remained in vogue throughout Europe. Historians now refer to it as “corporatism,” but I think we could just as easily label it “neo-fascism” or “fascism light.”

What has that got to do with America in 2015? Just think about what’s been going on in this country for the last decade, from the automotive industry bailout to federal funding of dubious “green initiatives” to the testing-industry-driven rush to Common Core to the collusion between the government and the insurance industry to drive up rates, also known as Obamacare.

Consider this, too: the gap between haves and have-nots in this country is wider now than it’s been in nearly 30 years, with much of that discrepancy occurring just since 2009, according to a recent study by the Economic Policy Institute.

If our current administration is really made up of redistributionists, then either they’re the worst redistributionists in history or – more likely – they’re intentionally redistributing upwards. That’s what we sometimes refer to as “crony capitalism,” but we ought to be calling it by its true name: corporatism, a.k.a. fascism light.

The real danger of this ideology is that it crosses party lines. I’m not going to name names here, but believe me when I say there are dyed-in-the-wool corporatists in both parties. Together, they run Washington.

The only solution is to elect candidates, regardless of party, who support a true free enterprise system, one that does not favor any particular group, corporation or industry and in which everyone has an equal opportunity to prosper.

2015 DISTRICT ALTERNATES (10) GREENSBORO

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| Dennis Hevener | Fe Hevener | Beverly Kelley |
| Pat Graham | Tim Walker | Terry England |
| Dan Blechinger | Linda Blechinger | Ralph Jones |
| Josephine Jones | | |

2015 STATE DELEGATES (20) ATHENS

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| Jimmy Lomax | Bob Lanham | Kathy Hopkins |
| John Stevens | Lynn Stevens | Marty Rahinsky |
| Julia Bridges | June Miller | DuWayne Anderson |
| Charles Powell | Ken Young | Ren Buckland |
| Teeny Allison | Clay Kelley | Terry Raber |
| Cal Neff | Mike Pentecost | Scott Hang |
| Leonard Koonce | Terry England | |

2015 STATE ALTERNATES (16) ATHENS

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|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Richard Pepper | Sara Pepper | Linda Powell |
| John Reavis | Linda Reavis | Lucretia Hughes |
| Dennis Hevener | Fe Hevener | Beverly Kelley |
| Pat Graham | David Gunter | Ralph Jones |
| Dan Blechinger | Linda Blechinger | Josephine Jones |
| Rod Rodriguez | | |

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

UNDER CONSIDERATION ON APRIL 20, 2015

SECTION IV BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES

COUNTY CHAIRPERSON

Duties and Functions:

e. Represents the Party on the 10th District GOP Committee.

PROPOSED CHANGE

e. Represents the Party on the 10th District GOP Committee, unless the County Committee elects another voting member to that position.

[If this change is approved on **April 20, 2015**, an election will be held on that same night to elect someone to this position.]

LEGAL POT BRINGS PROBLEMS

Mashable.com, 1/3/15

Colorado and Washington are one year into their experiments with marijuana legalization. While many expected interference from the federal government, the real problem, according to marijuana suppliers, is the black market. The black market and medical dispensaries sell the drug at lower prices than legal marijuana stores can charge.

One major argument for legalizing marijuana is always that it will produce tax dollars.

While both states did see a small statewide profit, that increase may well be lost defending the law that allows the drug to be sold legally. For example, Nebraska and Oklahoma have filed suits against neighboring Colorado, alleging that they are being overrun with marijuana.

Supporters of legalized pot in those states promised the removal of problems such as low tax income, the booming black market, and decrease in abuse of state medical systems. But it hasn't happened.

Alaska and Oregon have also legalized marijuana and face different problems. It appears that wherever marijuana has been legalized, problems have not only stayed, they have grown.

OH DEER

Limbaugh Letter

Cayuga Heights, NY was invaded by a mob of deer, spreading Lyme disease and destroying local gardens. Culling the herd via hunting was the obvious solution, but this area houses the esteemed Cornell University, a liberal enclave, where common sense is forbidden. Instead, clueless officials decided to *sterilize* the female deer. So they paid \$ 2,984 per deer – to catch, anesthetize, and operate on 77 does, according to the website Legal Insurrection. It was a colossal waste of time. As *The Washington Post* reports, “the total number of deer remained steady over five years. Something strange was going on.” That’s because the geniuses behind this project didn’t realize that tubal ligation would force the does into heat every month, instead of once a year – attracting new bucks into the area. The only thing “strange” going on was the inability of Cornell scholars to connect the dots. Now Tufts University is getting into the act, with a \$ 1,300-per-doe approach: a contraception vaccine for deer. Doing the same thing over and over, expecting different results. Yes, that’s the definition of insanity. It’s also the definition of liberalism.

“Cheating. Bullying. Cybersexting. Hazing. Molestation. Suicide. Drug abuse. Murder. Scanning the headlines of the latest scandals in America’s schools, it’s quite clear that the problem is not that there’s too much God in students’ lives. The problem is that there isn’t nearly enough of him.” (Michelle Malkin, from “One nation under godlessness,” onenewsnow, 11/14/14

Ayaan Hirsi Ali has faced a lot worse than a slap in the face by Brandeis University. Somalia-born, she has been genitally mutilated, beaten, and hounded from one country to another by Muslims, which has made her a fierce critic of Islam. In Holland, she made a film with Theo van Gogh, about the treatment of women in the Muslim world. Van Gogh was murdered. The killer impaled a note to van Gogh’s chest, warning Hirsi Ali that she was next. She has since devoted her life to the cause of girls and women in repressive societies. It was for this reason that Brandeis decided to award her an honorary degree. But then the “Muslim community” made its objection clear, and, whaddaya know? Brandeis decided that an award to Hirsi Ali was not in line with the university’s “core values.” Those values, by the way, have allowed Brandeis to honor Harry Belafonte, a fervent supporter of the Castro dictatorship and other brutal regimes. Add appeasement to the list of those core values. (*National Review*)

FAN OUT

Limbaugh Letter

A recent protest by environmentalist wackos in the People’s Republic of Madison, WI went over like a lead balloon. As reported by The Gateway Pundit, a ragtag group of demonstrators shouting “Coal has got to go!” outside the Madison Public Service commission were accompanied by a large blow-up power plant prop, inflated by a fan. Naturally, the protestors used solar-powered batteries. Which went bust. So thanks to the unreliability of wind and solar to get anything done, the power plant balloon went limp and petered out in the middle of the protest. A perfect demonstration of green impotence.

Staples has not beheaded any Christians or roasted any pilots to death, but the office-supply chain has finally discovered what it takes to truly raise the passion of the Obama administration: cutting employees’ hours in response to Obamacare. “When I hear large corporations that make billions of dollars in profits trying to blame our interest in providing health insurance as an excuse for cutting back workers’ wages, shame on them,” the president said. First, Staples does not make “billions of dollars in profits,” or even a measly single billion in profits – Obama, like many Democrats, doesn’t seem to know his millions from his billions. Staples had, in fact, been closing stores even as it prepared to acquire rival Office Depot: Such is life in a declining retail industry. Staples had adopted a policy that part-timers are not to be scheduled for more than 25 hours a week, which keeps them under the threshold past which it must subsidize health insurance for them under the Affordable care Act, and at least one of its store managers published an oafish notice – publicized by *Buzzfeed* – threatening to fire part-timers who exceeded 25 hours. Obama and the Democrats put a tax on full-time employment, and now they are complaining as businesses respond to the disincentives they themselves created. (*National Review*)