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MEETINGS

| Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., May 18 | 7:30 PM |
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| @ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder Fir | e Dept.) |
| Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., <u>June 1</u> | 7:00 PM |
| Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., <u>June 2</u> | 6:00 PM |
| Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., <u>June 2</u> | 6:00 PM |
| Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., <u>June 4</u> | 7:00 PM |
| County Commission Meeting – Tue., <u>June 9</u> | 7:00 PM |
| Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., <u>June 16</u> | 7:00 PM |
| Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., <u>June 18</u> | 7:00 PM |
| Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., <u>June 18</u> | 7:00 PM |
| County Commission Meeting – Tue., June 23 | 7:00 PM |

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (26)

| Ken Young – Chr. | Terry Raber | Kathy Hopkins |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mike Pentecost – 1 st VC | David Gunter | Teeny Allison |
| Leonard Koonce – 2 nd | 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 | |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

| Chairman | Ken Young | 770-867-5748 | | |
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| First Vice-Chair | Mike Pentecost | | | |
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| C.C. Dist. 2 Rep. | DuWayne Anderson | 404-285-0978 | | |
| C.C. Dist. 3 Rep. | Cal Neff | 770-307-4699 | | |
| C.C. Dist. 4 Rep. | Charles Powell | 770-586-5850 | | |
| C.C. Dist. 5 Rep. | Marty Rahinsky | 770-868-8919 | | |

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.

Reg. \$ 15, Adv. \$ 25, Barrow 100 \$ 100, Barrow 360 \$ 360

June Miller

770-867-5932

ALL LOCAL ELECTED REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP YEARLY. THANKS!

7:30 PM

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May 18, 2015

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STATE REP. TERRY ENGLAND STATE SEN. FRANK GINN 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

| MEMBERSHIP | COMPARISON | (as | of | 4/30/15) |
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| Membership | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 |
|------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Regular | 51 | 56 | 48 | 46 | 44 | 63 | 39 | 36 | 15 |
| Advanced | 61 | 75 | 68 | 58 | 59 | 71 | 59 | 41 | 50 |
| Barrow 100 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 6 |
| 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 | 74 |
| Renewals | 73 | 106 | 113 | 105 | 112 | 101 | 95 | 82 | 71 |
| 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!!!

"Two years ago, a North Korean cargo ship was stopped going through the Panama Canal. The ship was bearing sugar from Cuba. It was also bearing tons of war materiel, bound for the Kim regime. Just the other day, a Chinese ship was stopped in the Colombian port of Cartagena. The ship was steaming toward Cuba. The captain said it was bearing grain. The grain turned out to be 99 missile heads, 100 tons of gunpowder, 3,000 cannon shells, etc. You might get the idea that the Castro regime and its fellow Communists in the East are up to no good." (*National Review*)

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

| May 15-16 (Fri/Sat) | State Convention - Athens |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| May 18 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |
| June 15 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |
| July 20 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |
| Aug 17 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |
| Aug 22 (Sat) | ANNUAL BARROW BBQ |
| Sept 21 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |

LOOKING AHEAD

National Day of Prayer – <u>May 7</u> (Thursday)
Peace Officers Memorial Day – <u>May 15</u> (Friday)
Armed Forces Day – <u>May 16</u> (Saturday)
Memorial Day Observed – <u>May 25</u> (Monday)
D-Day – <u>June 6</u> (Saturday)
George H.W. Bush Birthday – <u>June 12</u> (Friday)
Flag Day – <u>June 14</u> (Sunday)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - 2015

Mark Still John McKay Linda Young Debi Krause Connie Wehunt Billy Parks Melinda Williams Joe Goodman Pat Graham Clay Pentecost Michael Shelley Isaiah Berry Dan Blechinger Linda Blechinger Scott Vickery Kenny Shook

2015 - 2017 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 DuWayne Anderson Bob Lanham Barrow County Rec. Dept. Apalachee High School Kathy Hopkins Midway Methodist Church Winder Community Center Terry Raber Cedar Creek Baptist Church

June Miller

Cal Neff

County Line Elementary

The Church at Winder

2015-2017 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

| Chairman | Brian Burdette | Greene Co. |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1st Vice-Chair | Matt Brewster | Clarke Co. |
| 2 nd Vice-Chair | Kirk Shook | Oglethorpe Co. |
| 3 rd Vice-Chair | Mary Alice Carter | Jasper Co. |
| Secretary | Karen Schwind | Clarke Co. |
| Asst. Secretary | Janice Westmoreland | Baldwin Co. |
| Treasurer | Jay Hanley | Oconee Co. |
| Asst. Treasurer | Mike D'Antonio | Greene Co. |

Barrow County District Rep. DuWayne Anderson

WALTON COUNTY GOP BBQ

Tuesday, MAY 26, 2015 - 5:00 PM

Roy Roberts' Nunnally Farm - Cost \$ 15.00 Per Person

FROM THE CHAIR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2015. If you have not already renewed, please bring it to our May 18 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 Alex Johnson, candidate for GAGOP Chairman. New State Party officers will be elected at the State Convention on **May 15-16** in Athens. We also heard from Michelle Miller, candidate for Public Service Commission. We also passed a rule change affecting our representation on the 10th District Committee, and elected DuWayne Anderson to represent Barrow County for 2015-2017. Work committee assignments were also made (see next page).

On **April 30**, the new Platform Committee met for the first time. A copy of our current platform may be found on our web site. If you have any input for the review/updating process for our next platform, please contact chairman Lynn Stevens.

Also on **April 30**, the new Rules Committee met for the first time. Copies of our current local rules are available at our monthly meetings, and I can send e-copies upon request. If you have any input for the current review of our rules, please contact chairman John Reavis.

Our 22nd Annual Barrow Republican BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, **August 22, 2015**, at 5:00 PM in the Winder Lions Club. Our new Congressman Jody Hice will be one of the main speakers. More information will be forthcoming. We are looking for BBQ sponsors and exhibitors for that day. Please contact me as soon as possible for availability and prices. I am hoping we can have as many GOP presidential campaigns as possible represented on **August 22**, to make available candidate information. Let's make this BBQ one of the best!

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our speakers will be State Rep. Terry England and State Sen. Frank Ginn. They will give us their report on the recent session of the General Assembly. There may also be some BBQ planning items. It will be worth your time. Mark your calendars. Be early for a good seat. Invite a friend!

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

"The rise (and possible) fall of Obamacare" – *AFA Journal* – Anne Reed – April 2015 – www.afajournal.org/recent-issues/2015/april/the-rise-and-possible-fall-of-obamacare/

"The Real Minimum Wage: Zero" – Forbes – Avik Roy – February 9, 2015 – www.forbes.com/sites/theapothecary/2015/01/21/the-real-minimum-wage-zero/

| 2015 S | TATE | DELEGATES | (20) |
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ATHENS

A LEGACY OF LIBERALISM Dr. Thomas Sowell

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

2015 STATE ALTERNATES (16)

Leonard Koonce

ATHENS

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

Terry England

2015-2017 BARROW WORK COMMITTEES

ELECTIONS - Ken Young (Chair)

John Stevens, Mike Pentecost, Clay Kelley, Later Additions

PLATFORM - Lynn Stevens (Chair)

Julia Bridges, June Miller, Lucretia Hughes, Mike Pentecost, Clay Kelley

RULES - John Reavis (Chair)

DuWayne Anderson, Cal Neff, Bob Lanham, John Stevens

FINANCE - Clay Kelley (Chair)

Bob Lanham, Ken Young

RESOLUTIONS - Ken Young (Chair)

Lucretia Hughes, Mark Staley, John Stevens

MEMBERSHIP - Bob Lanham (Chair)

Marty Rahinsky, Kathy Hopkins, David Gunter

HOLIDAY DINNER - Teeny Allison (Chair)

Kathy Hopkins, Linda Powell, Linda Reavis, David Gunter, Tim Walker

ANNUAL BBQ - Ken Young (Chair)

Clay Kelley, Scott Hang, Mike Pentecost, Linda Reavis, John Stevens, Lynn Stevens, Leonard Koonce, Mark Staley, Teeny Allison, David Gunter, Marty Rahinsky, Rod Rodriguez Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said there were "phrases that serve as an excuse for not thinking." One of these phrases that substitute for thought today is one that depicts the

New York Times writer Nicholas Kristof asserts that there is "overwhelming evidence that centuries of racial subjugation still shape inequity in the 21st century" and he mentions "the lingering effects of slavery." But before we become overwhelmed,

current problems of blacks in America as "a legacy of slavery."

that evidence should be checked out.

The evidence offered by Mr. Kristof in the November 16th issue of the New York Times seems considerably short of overwhelming, to put it charitably. He cites a study showing that "counties in America that had a higher proportion of slaves in 1860 are still more unequal today." Has he never heard statisticians' repeated warnings that correlation is not causation?

The South long remained a region that blacks fled by the millions – for very good reasons. But, in more recent years, the net migration of blacks has been from the North to the South. No doubt they have good reasons for that as well.

But there is no reason to believe that blacks today are unaware of the history of slavery or of the Jim Crow era in the South. Indeed, there are black "leaders" who seem to talk about nothing else. Yet blacks who are moving back to the South seem more concerned with the present and the future than with the past.

Kristof's other "overwhelming" evidence of the current effects of past slavery is that blacks do not have as much income as whites. But Puerto Ricans do not have as much income as Japanese Americans. Mexican Americans do not have as much income as Cuban Americans. All sorts of people do not have as much income as all sorts of other people, not only in the United States, but in countries around the world. And most of these people were never enslaved.

If we wanted to be serious about evidence, we might compare where blacks stood a hundred years after the end of slavery with where they stood after 30 years of the liberal welfare state. In other words, we could compare hard evidence on "the legacy of slavery" with hard evidence on the legacy of liberals.

Despite the grand myth that black economic progress began or accelerated with the passage of the civil rights laws and "war on poverty" programs of the 1960s, the cold fact is that the poverty rate among blacks fell from 87 percent in 1940 to 47 percent by 1960. This was before any of those programs began.

Over the next 20 years, the poverty rate among blacks fell another 18 percentage points, compared to the 40-point drop in the previous 20 years. This was the continuation of a previous economic trend, at a slower rate of progress, not the economic grand deliverance proclaimed by liberals and self-serving black "leaders."

Ending the Jim Crow laws was a landmark achievement. But, despite the great proliferation of black political and other "leaders" that resulted from the laws and policies of the 1960s, nothing comparable happened economically. And there were serious retrogressions socially.

Nearly a hundred years of the supposed "legacy of slavery" found most black children being raised in two-parent families in 1960. But thirty years after the liberal welfare state found the great majority of black children being raised by a single parent.

The murder rate among blacks in 1960 was one-half of what it became 20 years later, after a legacy of liberals' law

enforcement policies. Public housing projects in the first half of the 20th century were clean, safe places, where people slept outside on hot summer nights, when they were too poor to afford air conditioning. That was before admissions standards for public housing projects were lowered or abandoned, in the euphoria of liberal non-judgmental notions. And it was before the toxic message of victimhood was spread by liberals. We all know what hell holes public housing has become in our times. The same toxic message produced similar social results among lower-income people in England, despite an absence of a "legacy of slavery" there.

If we are to go by evidence of social retrogression, liberals have wreaked more havoc on blacks than the supposed "legacy of slavery" they talk about. Liberals should heed the title of Jason Riley's insightful new book, "Please Stop Helping Us."

WIZARDS OF SMART

Limbaugh Letter

Three smart guys – reputed geniuses – are all worried about artificial intelligence. Theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking recently warned that ultimately, "full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race." Microsoft founder Bill Gates put himself "in the camp that is concerned about super intelligence." Tesla's Elon Musk called AI "potentially more dangerous than nukes." Since that apparently didn't sound scary enough, he warned, "With artificial intelligence we are summoning the demon." Whoa.

As we go to press, *The [UK] Daily Mail* reports that the Hennna Hotel will open this July in Nagasaki, Japan, staffed by humanoids. And according to *PC Magazine*, Haohai Robot Restaurant in Harbin, China has a robot waitstaff. WiFi-connected "smart appliances" are already in the vanguard of the "smart home revolution," according to InvestorPlace. And *The Daily Beast* notes that your smart TV is spying on you.

I don't know if those are the machines these guys are worried about, and I don't know how artificial intelligence could end up taking over, like some bad science fiction movie. Regardless, these Wizards of Smart fear that machines will become more powerful but without any "humanity," without wisdom. So we'll lose to the machines, be wiped out. They are dead serious about this.

Instead of artificial intelligence, computers, and machines, I would really be happy if these geniuses would start worrying about artificial compassion. And by that I mean liberalism – out-of-control, Big Government liberalism, when compassion is forced upon us. When we are, for example, under the penalty of law, required to buy health insurance policies that we cannot afford, that cover ailments we may never suffer (such as maternity for men), and doesn't provide the doctors we want or need. When we can't use our doctor, we can't access the medical procedures we need, when regulations hurt the entire economy – all under the rubric of artificial compassion – where are these guys?

We've all been sold a bill of goods over 80 years of ruinous liberal redistributionism, which in the name of compassion spreads only misery. It's not compassion; it's malice. Which is why artificial compassion is a much bigger threat than artificial intelligence ever will be.

Abortion rights have no basis in the Constitution, Alan Dershowitz said on CNBC's Kudlow Report . . . returning to an argument he has made before. In 2001, he wrote that Roe v. Wade lacked "clear governing constitutional principles." The jurisprudential weakness of Roe and its companion case, Doe v. Bolton, is an old but neglected story, which Ramesh Ponnuru surveys . . . in his review of Clarke D. Forsythe's book Abuse of Discretion. What makes Dershowitz's agreement on this point notable is that he's pro-choice. He considers the actual lives of unborn children to be merely "potential" but holds that the proper places for deciding whether they should be protected by law are the public square and the legislature, not the courts. Further, he insists that the debate be fair. He has criticized the ACLU, for example, for abandoning its commitment for First Amendment rights when the speech under attack happens to support the pro-life position. His intellectual honesty is admirable. We encourage him to follow where it leads. (National Review)

MEAL TICKET

Limbaugh Letter

For decades, feminists have complained that traditional family life enslaves women. So, has the rise of working moms brought nirvana? Nope. Enter Kristin Wartman, who took to *The New* York Times to decry the loss of home-cooked meals. She blames the food industry, for supplying evil processed foods to busy working mothers. Her solution, as she explains in "Pay People to Cook at Home": wages for housework. Yep, get women back in the kitchen. With salaries! Wartman advocates "a new government program" – naturally – "that provides money for good food, as well as education on cooking, meal planning, and shopping . . . [to] provide wholesome, healthy meals." The cash, voila, would come from taxing foods liberals hate, "like sugary beverages, highly caloric, processed snack foods, and nutritionally poor options at fast food and other restaurants." Obviously, kitchen compliance would have to be monitored by government agencies. Followed by a drone attack on those reaching for a microwave pizza.

The mini-intifada under way in Jerusalem took a turn for the worse with the murder of four rabbis worshipping in a synagogue. Zidan Saif, a courageous Druze, came to the aid of Jews. The first policeman on the scene, he shot dead the two Palestinian murderers, but died from wounds he had received in the exchange of fire. The president of Israel attended his funeral. Many in Gaza rejoiced over this act of terrorism, and one who found it "wonderful" was Naief al-Hattab, director of a United Nations Relief and Works Agency school and the recipient of U.S. subsidies. Most shocking of all was the response in Jordan, a country that has a peace treaty with Israel. An unnamed member of its parliament called for a minute of silence and a reading from the Koran to glorify the murderers as "pure souls" and "martyrs." (National Review)