

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., May 18 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., June 1 7:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., June 2 6:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., June 2 6:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., June 4 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., June 9 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., June 16 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., June 18 7:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., June 18 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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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
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

May 18, 2015

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

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 4/30/15)

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)*

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - 2015

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

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2015 – 2017 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

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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2015-2017 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Chairman	Brian Burdette	Greene Co.
1 st 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

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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.

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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!

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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 STATE DELEGATES (20)

ATHENS

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

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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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

A LEGACY OF LIBERALISM

Dr. Thomas Sowell

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 current problems of blacks in America as “a legacy of slavery.”

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, 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

