# BARROW REPUBLICAN NEWS

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#### **MEETINGS**

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., <u>July 20</u>	7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder F	ire Dept.)
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., <u>Aug 3</u>	7:00 PM
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., <u>Aug 4</u>	6:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Aug 4	<b>6:00</b> PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 6	7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., <u>Aug 11</u>	7:00 PM
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Aug 18	7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 20	7:00 PM
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., <u>Aug 20</u>	7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., <u>Aug 25</u>	7:00 PM

#### **VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE** (26)

Ken Young – Chr.	Terry Raber	Kathy Hopkins
Mike Pentecost – 1 <sup>st</sup> VC	David Gunter	Teeny Allison
Leonard Koonce – 2 <sup>nd</sup> V	C 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	7/10-86/-5/148	
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C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	David Gunter	678-900-5318	
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Marty Rahinsky	770-868-8919	
C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.	June Miller	770-867-5932	

Barrow 10<sup>th</sup> District Rep. DuWayne Anderson

# **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

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

LOCAL ELECTED REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP!

7:30 PM

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July 20, 2015

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# LEO SMITH, GAGOP DIRECTOR MINORITY ENGAGEMENT PAT GRAHAM, COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

# MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 6/30/15)

Membership	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15
Regular	51	56	48	46	44	63	39	36	24
Advanced	61	<b>75</b>	68	58	59	71	59	41	53
Barrow 100	11	13	<b>17</b>	16	17	13	8	13	7
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	87
Renewals	73	106	113	105	112	101	95	82	83
New	50	38	21	16	9	51	15	10	4

# www.barrowgop.org

# ANNUAL BARROW GOP BBQ

5:00 PM - SATURDAY - AUGUST 22, 2015 WINDER LIONS CLUB - 354 E. BROAD ST.

U.S. REP. JODY HICE & OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

ADULTS - \$ 15.00 AGES 6-12 - \$ 7.50 AGE 5 & UNDER - FREE

# CONTACT KEN YOUNG FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

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

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<b>July 20</b> (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
<b>Aug 17</b> (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
<b>Aug 22</b> (Sat)	ANNUAL BARROW BBQ
Sept 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Oct 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
<b>Nov 16</b> (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Dec 7 (Mon)	HOLIDAY DINNER

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Independence Day & Cal Coolidge Birthday – <u>July 4</u> (Saturday)
George W. Bush Birthday – <u>July 6</u> (Monday)
Gerald Ford Birthday – <u>July 14</u> (Tuesday)
Air Force Day – <u>August 1</u> (Saturday)
Coast Guard Day – <u>August 4</u> (Tuesday)
Herbert Hoover Birthday – <u>August 10</u> (Monday)
Benjamin Harrison Birthday – <u>August 20</u> (Thursday)

#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - 2015**

Monica Durden June Davis Garey Huff
C.J. Johnson Brad Smith Harry Downing
Roger Wehunt

## 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 Holsenbeck Elementary John Reavis DuWavne Anderson Lions Club Barrow County Rec. Dept. Bob Lanham Apalachee High School Kathy Hopkins Winder Community Center Terry Raber County Line Elementary June Miller The Church at Winder Cal Neff

## 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

#### FROM THE CHAIR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2015. If you have not already renewed, please bring it to our July 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 State Rep. Regina Quick. She gave us her report on the 2015 General Assembly session. We also heard from Virginia Galloway, Regional Field Director for the Faith & Freedom Coalition.

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Our 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. We are looking for BBQ sponsors 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. It is critical for our members to sell/buy as many tickets as possible.

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Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **July 20**, **2015** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our speakers will be Leo Smith, GAGOP Director for Minority Engagement, and Pat Graham, Barrow County Commission Chairman. There will be some BBQ planning items.

We will also be considering rule changes to create the new officer position of Assistant Secretary, and add this position to the Executive Committee as well. Please see the next page for details on these proposed changes.

Be early for a good seat. Invite a friend! It will be worth your time. Mark your calendars.

As a result of the resignation of Charles Powell from the Executive Committee due to scheduling conflicts, the voting members of Commission District 4 chose a new representative. He is David Gunter. Congratulations!

Ken Young

#### ADDITIONAL LINKS

"Tolerance and Freedom, What's the Difference" – *AFA Journal* – Stacy Long – May 2015 – <a href="www.afajournal.org/recent-issues/2015/may/tolerance-and-freedom-what-s-the-difference/">www.afajournal.org/recent-issues/2015/may/tolerance-and-freedom-what-s-the-difference/</a>

"The Flaw In Marco Rubio's Tax Reform Plan" – Forbes – Avik Roy – May 25, 2015 –

 $\frac{www.forbes.com/sites/theapothecary/2015/05/06/the-flaw-in-marco-rubios-tax-reform-plan-social-engineering/$ 

#### PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

To be considered at our July 20, 2015 Monthly Meeting

# SECTION II THE BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

- 4. Secretary
- 5. Assistant Secretary
- 6. Treasurer
- 7. Assistant Treasurer
- 8. All minimum Advanced level members . . .
- 9. Such additional officers and members as may be . . .
- F. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following . .
  - 4. Secretary
  - 5. Assistant Secretary
  - 6. Treasurer
  - 7. Assistant Treasurer
  - 8. No more than one (1) representative of each County Commission District
  - 9. Such non-voting members as follows . . .

#### **GRIM LEGACY OF 1960s RIOTS**

The left is again advocating urban riots as a response to racial grievances. See how that worked out 50 years ago.

## Watts (Los Angeles) - 1965

Population 1965: 32,000 2000: 34,830

#9 most deadly neighborhood in L.A.

Political Party in control: DEMOCRAT

# Chicago - 1968

Population 1960: 3.56 million 2013: 2.72 million

#1 most segregated city in America

Political Party in control: DEMOCRAT

# Detroit - 1967

Population 1960: 1.67 million 2013: 689,000

#1 most dangerous city in America

Political Party in control: DEMOCRAT

#### Cleveland - 1966, 1968

Population 1960: 876,000 2013: 390,000

#9 most segregated city in America

#5 most dangerous city in America

Political Party in control: DEMOCRAT

#### Baltimore - 1968

Population 1960: 939,000 2013: 622,000

#6 most dangerous city in America

#40 most violent city in the world

Political Party in control: DEMOCRAT

# Philadelphia - 1968

Population 1060:2.0 million 2013: 1.5 million

#4 most segregated city in America

Political Party in control: DEMOCRAT

Multiple sources as reported in the Limbaugh Letter

# TAXES TAKE BIG BITE OF CITIZEN'S MONEY PIE

AFA Journal, June 2015

... Each state's Tax Freedom Day is the day that residents of that state have worked long enough to pay all tax obligations at the federal, state, and local levels.

This year, Americans worked 114 days to pay federal, state, and local taxes for 2015. April 24 was Tax Freedom Day, the date when Americans have together earned enough to pay the nation's yearly tax burden. For 2015, America's federal tax bill amounts to \$3.28 trillion, and the total of all taxes is \$4.85 trillion, or 31% of national income.

cnsnews.com, 3/31/15; taxfoundation.org, 3/30/15

Ratings from best (50) to worse (1) - Tax Freedom Date

- 50. Louisiana 3/30/15
- 49. Alabama 4/2/15
- 48. South Dakota 4/4/15
- 47. Tennessee 4/5/15
- 46. Mississippi 4/7/15 44. Kentucky - 4/8/15
- 44. New Mexico 4/8/15
- 43. South Carolina 4/9/15
- 42. West Virginia 4/10/15
- 36. Alaska 4/11/15
- 36. Arizona 4/11/15
- 36. Oklahoma 4/11/15
- 36. Maine 4/11/15
- 36. Idaho 4/11/15
- 36. Missouri 4/11/15
- 34. Arkansas 4/12/15

## 34. Georgia - 4/12/15

- 32. Texas 4/13/15
- 32. Iowa 4/13/15
- 28. Ohio, Montana, North Carolina, Nebraska 4/14/15
- 25. Florida 4/15/15
- 25. Nevada 4/15/15
- 25. Hawaii 4/15/15
- 24. Indiana 4/16/15
- 21. Michigan 4/17/15
- 21. Utah 4/17/15
- 21. Wyoming 4/17/15
- 19. D.C. 4/18/15
- 19. Kansas 4/18/15
- 17. Vermont 4/19/15
- 17. New Hampshire 4/19/15
- 16. Oregon 4/20/15
- 15. Pennsylvania 4/21/15
- 13. Colorado 4/22/15
- 13. Wisconsin 4/22/15
- 11. Virginia 4/24/15
- 9. North Dakota 4/25/15
- 9. Washington 4/25/15
- 7. Delaware, Maryland, Illinois 4/28/15
- 5. Minnesota 4/29/15
- 5. Massachusetts 4/29/15
- 4. California 4/30/15
- 3. New York 5/4/15
- 1. Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey 5/9/15

#### A CONSTITUTIONALIST AGENDA

Five priorities for the GOP

#### Ramesh Ponnuru & Reihan Salam

For Republicans, defending the Constitution is like the weather: They all talk about it, but nobody ever does anything. Or, at least, does anything practical.

Conservatives think that modern government has drifted too far from the constitutional design, to the country's detriment. Too often, though, the remedies they offer are either fanciful or plainly inadequate. In the former category are proposals for constitutional amendments to provide more structural protection for constitutional principles that have fallen by the wayside: supermajority requirements for tax increases, for example, as a means of restoring limits on the federal government. Whatever the merits of these ideas, the very high bar the Constitution erects for formal amendment limits their utility. In the latter category are pledges to appoint only originalist judges. That goal is certainly an important one, but it sometimes causes conservatives to neglect the duties of the other branches of the government, and of citizens, in preserving the constitutional order.

A practical constitutionalist agenda for the Congress would attempt both to strengthen constitutional principles such as federalism and the separation of powers to habituate legislators to the idea that they have a role to play on these questions. The agenda would also illustrate how these principles would make for better government. Here are a few ideas that conservative congressmen, and presidential candidates, should be considering.

Medicaid reform: Medicaid is usually, and understandably, discussed in terms of the budget and health care. It is thesecond largest item in most state budgets, and overall spending on it totaled \$449 billion in 2013. Most of the expansion of insurance coverage that has taken place under Obamacare has come in the form of larger Medicaid rolls. The program has repeatedly caused state-budget crises, but for all its cost it does not appear to have done a lot to improve the health of its low-income beneficiaries: Mostly it seems to provide them with financial security and its attendant psychological benefits.

The program's joint federal-state structure has abetted its growth while making it immune to reform. State governments have been able to increase benefits and expand eligibility while the federal government has picked up more than half of the tab. That is a formula for spending more money on the program than either a purely federal or a purely state responsibility. It is also the setup for all kinds of squalid behavior. (States, for example, enact "hospital taxes" to spend on Medicaid, get matching money from the feds, and then give the tax money back to the hospitals.)

As Michael Greve has argued in *The Upside-Down Constitu- tion*, the founders envisioned a sharper division between state
and federal responsibilities, a division that enabled competition
and accountability. The best way to move back in that direction
would be for the federal government to cash out most of its
spending on Medicaid and give it back to the beneficiaries to
help them buy insurance in the private market. The federal
government should simultaneously make it easier for states to
do the same thing with most of their Medicaid spending. And
the federal contributions should no longer reward states for
higher spending.

People with low incomes would have better insurance that still provided them financial security, and the individual-insurance market would be strengthened by their participation in it. At the budget crises, the program would no longer grow on autopilot, and its design would be simpler and more transparent for voters.

The REINS Act: Many Republicans have, to their credit, advocated legislation requiring a congressional vote before major regulations can take effect, and it was one of the first bills House Republicans passed when they took Congress in 2011. Republicans have mostly described the legislation as a way of safeguarding economic growth and economic liberty, but it too has a constitutional dimension: It is a means of countering the tendency of modern government to vest legislative power in unelected agencies.

Congressmen might well shrink from having to vote on major regulations: Over the last few decades they have increasingly preferred to enact statues with vague goals and leave agencies to develop the controversial implementing regulations. The congressmen can then support, oppose, or keep quiet about those regulations without having to take responsibility for them. The REINS Act would make it harder for Congress to dodge its duties, and a more accountable regulatory state would probably be at least a modestly less intrusive one.

## Bring agency spending under congressional control:

Another step toward reining in agencies would be to make their funding depend on Congress. Congressional power over spending – a powerful protection for self-government that predates the Constitution – has been eroded as government agencies have been given independent funding streams. The immigration bureaucracy gets its funding from customs fees and the like; the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has a statutory right to funding from the Federal Reserve, which makes it an independent agency within an independent agency, self-government buried under several layers of bureaucracy.

It's fine for specific fees to be dedicated to specific government programs, but how the money is spent has to be subject to ongoing congressional review. Changing the law to that effect would not guarantee that Congress would get its way every time it fought the president over the conduct of an agency. Still less would it guarantee that Congress would use its spending authority wisely. It would, however, bring Congress closer to having the leverage it should have.

Eliminate the deduction for state and local taxes: Believers in federalism should loathe the state- and local-tax deduction, which in effect transfers resources from the taxpayers living in low-tax states to those living in high-tax states and, worse, raises the average state tax rate. Getting rid of it entirely would have a number of beneficial effects. In 2015, the deduction will reduce federal revenues by \$80.6 billion, a price tag substantially higher than that of the much-maligned mortgage-interest deduction. This revenue could be used to finance a large tax cut that would benefit all taxpayers, not just those in high-tax states. Alternatively, it could be used to reduce deficits. Eliminating the deduction would also make voters in states such as New York, New Jersey, and California more tax-sensitive, as they would no longer be shielded from the full impact of their tax bills.

Allow states to go their own way on marijuana: Public opinion on marijuana is changing rapidly. A narrow majority of Americans now favors marijuana legalization, and a number of states are experimenting with creating their own legal marijuana markets. The problem is that while there are a number of new

marijuana businesses that are legal under state law, they remain illegal under federal law. This has led to a great deal of uncertainty and confusion, yet it also creates an opportunity for conservatives.

The current marijuana debate highlights the important but much-neglected constitutional distinction between interstate commerce and in-state commerce. In Gonzales v. Raich, the Supreme Court ruled that Congress had the power to criminalize the local cultivation and use of marijuana under the commerce clause even if state law authorized it. In his concurring opinion, Justice Antonin Scalia observed that Congress has the power to regulate in-state activities that do not have an impact on interstate commerce when doing so is "necessary to make a regulation of interstate commerce effective." But what if regulating in-state activities is not necessary to achieve this goal? Recently, William Baude, a law professor at the University of Chicago, has argued that constitutional doctrine should recognize that though Congress has the right to regulate interstate commerce, it can regulate in-state commerce only insofar as doing so is essential to achieving a legitimate constitutional purpose. One could argue that the failure to regulate in-state commerce in marijuana will lead to negative spillover effects that cross state borders. If a state can demonstrate that it is capable of regulating its in-state marijuana market effectively, however, the justification for federal interference is greatly weakened.

With this principle in mind, Congress could pass a law formally declaring that the federal government would recognize the legal status of marijuana businesses under state law as long as in-state marijuana markets met certain requirements. The same principle could extend to other policy questions as well, such as the federal role in establishing a minimum drinking age. If a state moves to lower its drinking age while pursuing various other steps that would reduce the harms associated with alcohol consumption, should the federal government try to make states keep their minimum drinking age at 21? By limiting federal interference in the regulation of in-state markets to what is strictly necessary to achieve legitimate constitutional purposes, we will foster more creativity and experimentation at the state level

These ideas, and others like them, cannot of course be the entirety of Republicans' legislative agenda over the next few years or their campaign platform in 2016. They do not need to be the first items on which Republicans act in 2017 should they have control of the government then. But they ought to be part of the party's agenda. Shoring up the constitutional architecture is a unifying theme for conservatives, and the past few years have given conservatives increasing reason to be concerned about government lawlessness. What Republicans have so far lacked is an agenda that demonstrates that they take seriously the concerns the voice and won't just drop their rhetoric as soon as they take power. That's something they can change.

"Our rights do not come from God, your honor, and you know that. They come from man. That's your faith, that's my faith, but that's not our country. Our laws come from collective agreement and compromise." (CNN anchor Chris Cuomo, speaking to Judge Roy Moore about homosexuality and the legality of homosexual marriage – *AFA Journal*)

#### **ICE HOTLINE**

To the Regime, the U.S. is home to illegals and the rest of us are just taking up space. As The Washington Times reports, Homeland Security wants to know about any gripes that fence-jumpers may have about their treatment here. So they've created complaint hotlines. I am not making this up. There are three customer service hotlines for aggrieved illegals: at Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE], Customs and Border Protection [CBP], and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. (That's the agency tasked with handling the millions of applications for Obama's executive amnesty.) The hotlines ask illegals to "please tell us about your experience," and whether aliens regard their treatment as "contrary to the new DHS enforcement policies." Indeed, border agents find that newly arrived illegals have been coached by pro-amnesty groups on how to pressure ICE agents doing their jobs. Border agents aren't too happy. National Border Patrol Council spokesman Shawn Moran suggests hotlines for agents to register their gripes about the Regime ignoring our immigration laws. But everyone knows that would be a firing offense. (Limbaugh Letter)

# MAINE FOOD STAMPS, REQUIRE WORK OR TRAINING

Under the leadership of Gov. Paul R, LePage (R), the state of Maine has declined a federal waiver that extends the period of time in which food stamps can be secured. The state had allowed the waiver since 2008 but has now reinstated certain proactive requirements.

Thus, for Maine's able-bodied adults without minor dependents (Abawds) to receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beyond three months (within a three year period), they must now do one of three things: 1) work 20 hours per week, 2) take state job-training courses, or 3) volunteers six for about six hours per week. Some exceptions may apply.

"You've got to incentivize employment, create goals, and create time limits on these welfare programs," explained Mary Mayhew, Maine commissioner of Health and Human Services. The number of Abawds receiving food stamps has dropped from 12,000 to 2,350 – nearly 80% - since January 2015. (nytimes.com, 4/11/15; thebigstory.ap.org, 3/24/15)

#### **BULLY KING**

The food police have set their sights on Burger King. Under pressure from the aggressive left-wing advocacy group Center for Science in the Public Interest [CSPI], the chain has stopped marketing soft drinks with its kids' meals. According to *USA Today*, the move was "in response to growing demands by consumers and activists." Make that "activists pretending to be consumers." CSPI's director, Margo Wootan, said the change "will help children eat better now, as soda is the leading source of calories in children's diets." Let's see: BK has been pressured to replace Coke (106 calories) with apple juice (120 calories) or low-fat chocolate milk (160 calories). But logic doesn't matter to CSPI. They're leftists, so their agenda is to ensure that nowhere in America can you "have it your way." (*Limbaugh Letter*)