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STATE SCHOOL SUPT. RICHARD WOODS
“SCHOOL BOARD NIGHT”
RECOGNIZING BOARD MEMBERS

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MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., <u>Sept 21</u>	7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)	
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., <u>Oct 1</u>	7:00 PM
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., <u>Oct 5</u>	7:00 PM
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., <u>Oct 6</u>	6:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., <u>Oct 6</u>	6:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., <u>Oct 13</u>	7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., <u>Oct 15</u>	7:00 PM
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., <u>Oct 15</u>	7:00 PM
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., <u>Oct 20</u>	7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., <u>Oct 27</u>	7:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 9/30/15)

Membership	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15
Regular	51	56	48	46	44	63	39	36	25
Advanced	61	75	68	58	59	71	59	41	53
Barrow 100	11	13	17	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	88
Renewals	73	106	113	105	112	101	95	82	84
New	50	38	21	16	9	51	15	10	4

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VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (27)

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	Lucretia Hughes

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C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	David Gunter	678-425-4127
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Marty Rahinsky	770-868-8919
C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.	June Miller	770-867-5932

Barrow 10th 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!

A group of tourists from various democratic countries were having a leisurely trip through China, exploring ancient sites. They watched a BBC documentary on Genghis Khan, to further their understanding of that long-ago brute. They were then arrested and detained by the Chinese, for watching "terrorist propaganda." After an international campaign, they were released and deported. Imagine if they had been watching a documentary on the fate of human-rights activists in China. (National Review)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 19 (Sat)	Statham Sunflower Festival
Sept 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Oct 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Nov 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Dec 7 (Mon)	HOLIDAY DINNER
Jan18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Feb 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Mar 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
June 3-4 (Fri/Sat)	State Convention (Augusta)

LOOKING AHEAD

Patriot Day – September 11 (Friday)
William Taft Birthday – September 15 (Tuesday)
Constitution Day – September 17 (Thursday)
POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 18 (Friday)
Rutherford Hayes Birthday – October 4 (Sunday)
Chester Arthur Birthday – October 5 (Monday)
Columbus Day – October 12 (Monday)
Dwight Eisenhower Birthday – October 14 (Wednesday)
Navy Day – October 27 (Tuesday)
Theodore Roosevelt Birthday – October 27 (Tuesday)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Tom Kirby

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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
Statham Fire Dept.	Leonard Koonce
Holsenbeck Elementary	John Reavis
Lions Club	DuWayne Anderson
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

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**2015 BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN BBQ
STRAW POLL RESULTS**

2016 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Donald Trump	21 votes	29.6 %
Ted Cruz	16 votes	22.5 %
Ben Carson	11 votes	15.5 %
Carly Fiorina	9 votes	12.7 %
Scott Walker	5 votes	7.1 %
Mike Huckabee	3 votes	4.2 %
Rand Paul	2 votes	2.8 %
Jeb Bush	1 vote	1.4 %
Chris Christie	1 vote	1.4 %
John Kasich	1 vote	1.4 %
Undecided	1 vote	1.4 %

FROM THE CHAIR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2015. If you have not already renewed, please bring it to our **September 21** 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.

We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. We heard from State Rep. Tom Kirby concerning General Assembly issues, and from Rob Jenkins, author/columnist on “How Conservatives Can Win The Culture War In One Generation.” We also elected Lucretia Hughes as our first Assistant Secretary. Congratulations!

We had another great BBQ on **August 22!** Many thanks to all of our volunteers who did something to contribute to another successful effort. Great food and fun! Thanks for your support!

We heard from our new Congressman Jody Hice about his first year, and from Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp on the “SEC” Presidential Primary on **March 1, 2016.** We also heard from Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols and PSC candidate Michelle Miller.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS! – State Rep. Terry England, State Rep. Regina Quick, State Rep. Tom Kirby, State Sen. Frank Ginn, Barrow Commission Chair Pat Graham, Barrow Sheriff Jud Smith, Smith Memory Chapel, the Hotels Equity Group, the Wilkes County GOP, and Advance the GOP. We could not have done it without you!

We hosted 8 vendors/exhibits – Advance The GOP, Conservative Republican Women of Northeast Georgia, Come Alive Ministries, Georgia Life Alliance, Georgia Carry, Georgia Fair Tax, Georgia Fair Taxation Act, and Operation Alert PTSD. Five candidates also had tables – Tim Echols for PSC, Michelle Miller for PSC, Caroline Evans for Barrow Chief Magistrate, Gov. Scott Walker for President, and Dr. Ben Carson for President.

BBQ presidential straw poll results are posted on the “Events” page of our web site – www.barrowgop.org – and on this page.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **September 21, 2015** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our speaker will be State School Supt. Richard Woods. We are designating this meeting as “School Board Night”, and will introduce/recognize our local school board members. We should also have a BBQ report ready for you as well.

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

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Society’s Lottery Winners” – *Forbes* – Rick Karlgaard – June 15, 2015 –

www.forbes.com/sites/rickkarlgaard/2015/05/27/societys-lottery-winners/

“Olens Gains in Influence . . . Eyes 2016 Gubernatorial Run” – *James Magazine* - Randy Evans – May/June 2015 –

www.insideradvantage.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/James_May-June-2015_web.pdf

“Is Britain Moving Out Of Europe?” – *Forbes* – Paul Johnson – June 15, 2015 –

www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2015/05/27/is-britain-moving-out-of-europe/

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ONLY THE BEGINNING

Cal Thomas

“Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”

What Winston Churchill said in 1942 following a British military victory in North Africa might also be said about Friday’s narrow 5-4 decision by the Supreme Court legalizing marriage between people of the same sex.

That the majority threw a bone to religious people, their churches and institutions, saying they could continue to preach and teach that homosexual marriage is wrong, will almost certainly be challenged by gay activists and secularists whose goal is to drive religious people, and especially Christians, out of the public square.

What might be a preview of things to come occurred last week when the Fairfax County (Va.) School Board voted 10-2 to approve a “gender identity” curriculum for children starting in seventh grade. News reports said the crowd that showed up for the vote overwhelmingly opposed the decision, but majorities no longer matter. Minorities rule, except on the Supreme Court.

Given their political clout and antipathy to Christian doctrines, some gay activists are likely to go after the tax-exempt status of Christian colleges that prohibit cohabitation of unmarried students, or openly homosexual ones, as well as churches that refuse to marry them. As with legal challenges to the owners of bakeries that have been in the news for refusing to bake a cake for same-sex weddings, activists who demand total conformity to their agenda will seek to put out of business and silence anyone who believes differently.

This is diversity? No, this is enforced orthodoxy of a different kind and thus in violation of the Constitution and the special protection the Founders gave to people of faith. It was Thomas Jefferson, a deist who edited his own version of the Bible, who said, “No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of the civil authority.”

In the Supreme Court’s decision reversing history, tradition and, yes, the biblical authority it tacitly acknowledges in the friezes on its wall honoring Moses and other law-givers, five unelected judges have imposed on more than 300 million Americans what many still believe to be an “abomination.” That may be changing, but the political process, not the court, should decide.

In his strongly worded minority opinion on same-sex marriage, Chief Justice John Roberts said, “The court is not a legislature.” Nonetheless, the day before, Roberts acted as a legislator in again upholding the Affordable Care Act and its provision for providing federal subsidies to people in states that did not set up insurance exchanges, in violation of the language of that law. Roberts took upon himself the right to interpret what Congress intended, rather than let the law speak for itself.

Modern Republican presidents, beginning with Dwight Eisenhower, have had a checkered record when it comes to their Supreme Court appointments. Ike called his nomination of Earl Warren, who quickly tacked left, “the biggest damned fool mistake I ever made.” There have been several other justices nominated by Republican presidents who have turned out to be liberal wolves in conservative clothing. Their names comprise a judicial hall of shame: Blackmun, Burger, Stevens, O’Connor, Kennedy, Souter and now, at least based on his Obamacare

position, Roberts. This never seems to work in reverse, with liberals becoming conservative once on the bench.

I asked Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush about this mixed GOP track record during his recent visit to Washington, where he spoke to a conservative gathering. Bush said that if elected president he would conduct extensive interviews with potential nominees to the court to make sure they have a conservative constitutional view of the law. He allowed that even then there were no “guarantees” a justice would remain conservative.

If the zeitgeist and politics are more persuasive to some justices than the Constitution and the intent of the Founders, then justices should be held accountable by the political system and their terms limited.

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The Environmental Protection Agency has spent years looking for a reason to throw a wet blanket over hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” the modern oil-and-gas-extraction technique that turned the United States into a net exporter of petroleum and fueled an energy renaissance in Texas, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and everywhere else the business has been permitted to thrive. (New York, under the feckless government of Andrew Cuomo, has banned the technique.) But in its long-awaited report on the matter, the EPA came up with bupkis, concluding that fracking has “not led to widespread, systemic impacts on drinking water.” Other studies have found that fracking is in fact less likely to cause groundwater contamination than are conventionally drilled wells, which is not entirely surprising inasmuch as there is often a mile or so of rock between groundwater and fracked wells, which generally are quite deep. All petroleum extraction brings with it an environmental impact, but the main challenge of fracking – the disposal of contaminated wastewater – has little to do with drilling per se, and drilling companies have worked closely with regulators to address that issue through recycling. Reasonable adults – a set that excludes Governor Cuomo – understand that as an environmental question the choice is not between fracking and butterflies, but between fracking and conventional petroleum drilling (and coal mining), in which case natural gas is an attractive option. As we heard in another context: The debate is over, and the science is settled. (*National Review*)

HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS

Now researchers claim that global warming causes shrinkage. In goats. I am not making this up. As reported at The Daily Caller, Durham University scientists in England say Alpine Chamois goats weigh less than they did 30 years ago. Funded by the Natural Environment Research Council – which explains a lot – the Durham scientists conclude that the Chamois have reacted to global warming by resting more and avoiding the search for food. Remarkable, since temps haven’t risen in 18 years. But this, my friends, is what’s considered “settle science” in a peer-reviewed journal. Meanwhile, all that’s been proven is that belief in global warming shrinks brains. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

GEORGIA SHOULD END “SANCTUARY” COUNTIES

D.A. King

On July 1, 2015 an illegal alien who had been deported five times killed a 32-year-old American woman, Kate Steinle, in San Francisco, a “sanctuary city” where local law enforcement refuses to honor requests from federal authorities to detain illegals for ICE pickup.

According to government data, about 120 immigrants released back into the community have gone on to be charged with subsequent killings. This is not a new occurrence, but the killing can be greatly reduced if local governments act to protect the people they were elected to serve by cooperating with the little real immigration enforcement efforts the Obama regime allows.

Sanctuary cities (and counties) are already “illegal” under federal law and have been since 1996.

So, for common-sense Georgians looking for an issue to push in the next General Assembly, know this: sheriffs in Fulton, DeKalb and Clayton counties have – quite proudly – made it policy to not honor ICE detainers for illegal aliens.

If you doubt that astounding mindless and dangerous fact, just take a look at the websites of the illegal alien lobby groups like the corporate-funded GALEO where the Executive Director Jerry Gonzales congratulates the counties for advancing the anti-enforcement cause.

Gonzales says releasing criminal illegal aliens serves to “keep families together but to also enhance public safety.” Tell that to the Steinle family.

So far, there is silence from the governor and most state legislators on these sanctuary counties – as well as the near-certainty that the consequences will be dire for more innocent Americans.

Georgians should be speaking out in gratitude to Republican Josh McKoon from Columbus. He plans on expanding his bill, SB 16 – already aimed at ending the current loony practice of rewarding any illegal aliens with Georgia driver’s licenses – to include sanctioning local governments that refuse to protect us from criminal aliens. And he wants to require the state to obtain data from the feds on criminal aliens released by the Obama administration and make it available to the public.

McKoon has seen the reports that other states are actually hiring illegals to be public school teachers, giving them a license to practice law and putting them ahead of Americans and legal immigrants for instate tuition and taxpayer subsidized scholarships. His intent is to make sure that doesn’t happen in Georgia.

It should come as no surprise that the young conservative state senator is a constant target of the anti-borders left, including many in the liberal media blogosphere, but it should be an informative and shocking wake-up call that Republicans who ran as “conservatives” have in large part remained silent on offering their support for McKoon’s bold and potentially life-saving common sense ideas.

Unsurprisingly, Gwinnett Sheriff Butch Conway has offered his endorsement and enthusiastic support of McKoon’s efforts – including ending the practice of rewarding illegals with driver’s licenses.

Georgia’s legislators with their fingers in the air should listen to Sheriff Conway. And voters should light up the legislator’s phones.

Maybe Americans killed by illegal aliens can get as much action and attention as has the Confederate flag.

A New Jersey woman was stabbed to death in June while waiting for a gun permit. Carol Bowne, a 39-year-old hair-dresser from Berlin Township, had become convinced that her ex-boyfriend was going to harm her, and so, having taken out a restraining order, purchased an alarm system, and installed security cameras at her home, she started the interminable process of getting her home state to recognize her right to keep and bear arms. In most states, Bowne would have been able to walk into the nearest gun store, submit to a background check, and walk out with a firearm. In New Jersey, however, she was expected to go through a redundant permitting process before she ever set foot in a dealership. That process proved fatal. By state law, New Jersey is supposed to issue all permits within 30 days, but in reality petitioners tend to wait for up to seven months. According to the police chief who dealt with her case, Bowne was still waiting for her fingerprints to be processed when she was stabbed to death in her driveway. Sometimes the law is not merely an ass. (*National Review*)

SLUM LORDS

One of the stated purposes of the 2015 World Economic Forum [WEF] was to “galvanize CEO-level business leadership to advance the climate action agenda.” Which apparently meant meeting in opulent Davos, Switzerland and providing parking for 1,700 private jets ferrying the likes of Al Gore, rapper Pharrell Williams, and other pampered hypocrites. All at only \$40,000 per ticket, according to Breitbart. But they did take a few minutes to visit a fake ghetto. As CNN’s Fared Zakaria reports, one of the conference exhibits, the “Slums of Davos,” allowed WEF billionaires to “Experience” what it’s like to live on \$2 a day. A kind of Disney-version poverty pavilion, the exhibit gave them options like dealing with loan sharks, selling the clothes off one’s back, and even prostitution. Exhibit sponsors hoped the participants would learn to weigh the “impact of their decisions.” Their jets’ carbon footprints excluded, of course. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

Breitbart News reported an interesting story out of Gaza. A group of Israeli soldiers entered a mosque, looking for weapons, explosives, and rockets. They encountered a female suicide bomber about to detonate herself and kill those around her. An Israeli soldier started reciting the Jewish prayer “Shema Israel”: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” The suicide bomber hesitated and started trembling. This gave the soldiers a chance to grab her and disable the device. It turned out that the suicide bomber’s mother was “a Jew who had married a Palestinian in Israel and, after the wedding, was smuggled against her will into Gaza,” according to Breitbart report. “There she lived a life filled with abuse and humiliation, and was basically a captive.” In addition to this suicide bomber, or would-be suicide bomber, there were two small children in the mosque, and “an armored force went in and rescued” them. A prayer, and something in a woman’s conscience, had saved the day. (*National Review*)