

# 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., Jan 18 7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Jan 4 7:00 PM  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Jan 5 6:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Jan 5 6:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Jan 7 7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Jan 12 7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Jan 19 7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Jan 21 7:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Jan 21 7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Jan 26 7:00 PM

**VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (27)**

Ken Young – Chr.	Terry Raber	Kathy Hopkins
Mike Pentecost – 1 <sup>st</sup> VC	David Gunter	Teeny Allison
Leonard Koonce – 2 <sup>nd</sup> VC	Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper
Mark Staley – Sec.	June Miller	Julia Bridges
Lucretia Hughes – Asst. Sec.	Cal Neff	Tim Walker
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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman	Ken Young	770-867-5748
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First Vice-Chair	Mike Pentecost	770-867-3775
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Asst. Secretary	Lucretia Hughes	404-422-2558
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Treasurer	Clay Kelley	770-560-4523
	email: <a href="mailto:BKCONSLT@comcast.net">BKCONSLT@comcast.net</a>	
Asst. Treasurer	Bob Lanham	770-867-5459
	email: <a href="mailto:lanhamrj@hotmail.com">lanhamrj@hotmail.com</a>	
C.C. Dist. 1 Rep.	Richard Pepper	770-725-2777
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.	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 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 #####  
 ##### January 18, 2016 #####

**CAMPAIGN YARD SIGN SEMINAR  
 PLANNING FOR 2016 CONVENTIONS**

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 11/30/15)

Membership	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15
Regular	51	56	48	46	44	<b>63</b>	39	36	26
Advanced	61	<b>75</b>	68	58	59	71	59	41	55
Barrow 100	11	13	<b>17</b>	16	<b>17</b>	13	8	13	7
Barrow 360	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Students						4	3	2	2
Total	123	144	<b>134</b>	<b>121</b>	121	<b>152</b>	110	92	91
Renewals	73	106	<b>113</b>	105	112	101	95	82	85
New	50	38	21	16	9	<b>51</b>	15	10	6

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[www.barrowgop.org](http://www.barrowgop.org)

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015**  
**7:00 PM - WINDER WOMAN’S CLUB**  
**GUEST SPEAKER - MARK BUTLER**  
**GEORGIA LABOR COMMISSIONER**

**COST - \$ 10.00 PER PERSON**  
**MAIL PAYMENT TO P.O. BOX 1054**  
**WINDER, GA, 30680-1054, OR GO ON-LINE**  
**TO OUR WEB SITE FOR A CREDIT/DEBIT**  
**PURCHASE**

**CONTACT US FOR RESERVATIONS**  
**[PAT AT THE DOOR, NO-SHOWS MUST STILL PAY]**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>Dec 7 (Mon)</b>	<b>ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER</b>
<b>Jan 18 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Feb 15 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Mar 1 (Tue)</b>	<b>PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY</b>
<b>Mar 19 (Sat)</b>	<b>Prec. Mtgs./County Convention</b>
<b>Mar 21 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Apr 16 (Mon)</b>	<b>District Convention</b>
<b>June 3-4 (Fri/Sat)</b>	<b>State Convention (Augusta)</b>

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Pearl Harbor Day – December 7 (Monday)  
Bill of Rights Day – December 15 (Tuesday)  
Richard Nixon Birthday – January 9 (Saturday)  
M.L. King, Jr. Holiday – January 18 (Monday)  
Roe v. Wade Day of Infamy – January 22 (Friday) – 43<sup>rd</sup>  
William McKinley Birthday – January 29 (Friday)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Bill Brown

**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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**WE HONOR OUR 2015 BARROW 100 & BARROW 360 CONTRIBUTORS**

Terry England (360)	Frank Ginn	Pat Graham
Lucretia Hughes	Jimmy Lomax	Ronnie Morrow
Rod Rodriguez	Ken Young	

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO BREAKFAST!**

Everyone is invited to participate in a monthly Republican breakfast group. It is currently meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Winder, on the Saturday following our monthly meeting. The next group breakfast will be Saturday, **January 23, 2016**, at 9:00 AM. Please make plans to attend, and bring a friend!

This is an informal group of Republicans who gather to eat, fellowship, and discuss the issues. This provides a chance for our members to meet, in addition to our monthly business meetings. It is a great way to recruit new members, and stay up on what's going on.

**GOLDEN CORRAL - WINDER**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016**  
**9:00 AM**

**FROM THE CHAIR**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2016.** If you have not already renewed, please bring it to our **January 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.

Voting members of the County Committee are reminded that they must renew for 2016 by **March 31, 2016** to retain voting privileges.

We had a great meeting last month with good attendance. We heard from Kellie Austin, candidate for Public Service Commission. We also passed an operations spending resolution to cover us from Jan. 1 through Aug. 31. The updated platform was approved as well. It is now posted on our web site. Click on "About Us," then click on "Platform." We introduced 4 of the 7 elected officials in the Barrow County Court House group. Probate Judge Tammy Brown and Clerk of Court Regina McIntyre even won door prizes!

**WE NEED YOU !!!**

We're pleased that Labor Commissioner Mark Butler will be our guest speaker at our **Annual Holiday Dinner** on Monday, **December 7, 2015**, at 7:00 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. The cost is \$ 10.00 per person. Contact me as soon as possible to make reservations. Let's have a full house! [If your name(s) is on the dinner list when we give the count to the caterer about **December 2**, we will need your payment, even if you do not attend.]

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **January 18, 2016** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. To aid our 2016 candidates, we will present a campaign yard sign seminar. We will also begin early planning for the 2016 conventions.

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

Ken Young

**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

"Three Court of Appeals Judges Will Be Chosen" – *James Magazine* – Randy Evans – Sept/Oct 2015 – [www.insideradvantage.com/james-magazine/2015-09/James\\_September-October\\_2015.pdf](http://www.insideradvantage.com/james-magazine/2015-09/James_September-October_2015.pdf)

"China Syndrome" – *Forbes* – Rich Karlgaard – September 7, 2015 – [www.forbes.com/sites/richkarlgaard/2015/08/19/china-syndrome/](http://www.forbes.com/sites/richkarlgaard/2015/08/19/china-syndrome/)

"Political Correctness and Presidential Politics" – *AFA Journal* - Tim Wildmon – October 2015 – [www.afajournal.org/recent-issues/2015/october/political-correctness-and-presidential-politics/](http://www.afajournal.org/recent-issues/2015/october/political-correctness-and-presidential-politics/)

"When The Policeman Abdicates" – *Forbes* – Paul Johnson – September 7, 2015 – [www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2015/08/19/when-the-policeman-abdicates/](http://www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2015/08/19/when-the-policeman-abdicates/)

# CIVICS IS NO LONGER AN OPTION

Cal Thomas

*“Don’t know much about history.” – Sam Cooke*

It’s an old joke, but one that is a commentary on our times. A pollster asks: “What do you think about the level of ignorance and apathy in the country?” The person replies: “I don’t know and I don’t care.”

Each week, Jesse Watters of Fox News interviews mostly young people about politics, government, current events and history. He claims their displays of ignorance are not edited. The worst part is that the interviewees don’t seem to care that they know little about their government and country. In a recent episode, interviewees couldn’t name President Obama’s accomplishments or any of the Republican presidential hopefuls.

I recently saw Larry Pressler, the former senator from South Dakota, at O’Hare Airport in Chicago. Pressler now teaches a course on civics at The George McGovern Center for Leadership and Public Service at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D.

“Why civics at the college level?” I asked. “Aren’t young people supposed to learn about their government in high school, or earlier?”

“They’re not learning it there,” Pressler replied. “It isn’t being taught.”

When I was in high school, we were expected to read and memorize the Declaration of Independence and study the history and importance of the Bill of Rights, as well as understand how a bill becomes law and how the three branches of government are supposed to function.

A May 2011 article by Mark Hansen in the ABA Journal entitled “Flunking Civics: Why America’s Kids Know So Little,” addressed the problem: “Those under the age of 25 are less likely to vote than were their elders or younger people in previous decades, according to a 2003 report by the Silver Spring, Md.-based Campaign for the Civic Mission of School, a coalition of about 40 organizations, including the American Bar Association . . . students also are less interested in public or political issues than were previous generations, and they exhibit gaps in their knowledge of fundamental democratic principles and processes.”

Partly, I suspect, this is due to the deepening cynicism about politics and politicians, exacerbated by the packaged and insincere comments of too many of our leaders. It may also be caused by the political indifference of parents. But largely, I think, it is the failure of too many schools to teach about our own government and the next generation’s responsibility to preserve it.

Pressler thinks young people must learn about our constitutional republic in order for it to remain strong: “My thinking is turning toward mandating that high school students, vocational students, even college students learn the basic functioning and interactions of federal, state, tribal, county and municipal governments and how much their votes really count in all of these elections.”

At the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Mrs. Powel of Philadelphia reportedly asked Benjamin Franklin, “Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?” Franklin responded: “A republic, if you can keep it.”

The current generation – tied to social media and their smartphones with no requirement they serve their country in the mili-

tary or anywhere else – doesn’t seem interested in “keeping it.” They must be awakened from their indifference because, as Ronald Reagan said: “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

At the end of 2014, The Wall Street Journal reported that more states were requiring civics in order to graduate from high school. As the Journal noted then, this was sorely needed because, “about two-thirds of students tested below proficient on the civics portion of the National Assessment of Educational Progress in both 2006 and 2010.” Citing the Education Commission of the States, WSJ added this sobering stat: “Only 10 states require a social studies test to graduate from high school.”

More should. In fact, all should.

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## FEW ADULTS BELIEVE MEDIA UNBIASED

According to a 2015 poll by Newseum Institute, only 24% of adults surveyed believe news media are unbiased in reporting news. This is a decline of 17 percentage points from last year.

In another 2015 poll, Pew Research asked Millennials (18-34 years old), Generation X (35-50 years old), and Baby Boomers (51-69 years old) to choose their favorite news sources from a list of 42 sources including TV, websites, radio, and social media.

Facebook turned out to be the most used news source by both Millennials (61%) and generation X (51%), followed by CNN (44% of Millennials and 45% of Generation X) and local TV (37% of Millennials and 46% of Generation X). The top three news sources for Baby Boomers are local TV (60%), NBC News (47%), and Fox News (47%). Online sources are also popular for Generation X and Millennials, with about 25% of each group using Yahoo News, and 33% of Millennials also using Google News.

facstandtrends.net, 6/11/15; onenewsnow.com, 7/13/15

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Owing to budget constraints, the State of Alabama has decided to close 31 part-time, satellite Department of motor Vehicles offices. Predictably, this has caused an uproar. Why? Because Alabama last year implemented a voter-ID law. According to Jesse Jackson, the closures are evidence of an effort to “suppress the vote” of black Alabamians. “This new Jim Crow isn’t subtle,” Jackson opined. What Jackson and other agitators have ignored is that (free) voter IDs are available in every county in the state through the local election registrar and that the closed satellite-DMV offices were typically located in the same building as registrars. So the dark cloud of voter suppression amounts to . . . visiting a different bureaucrat’s office in the same building, but down the hall. (*National Review*)