

# BARROW

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 BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY  
 P.O. BOX 1054      WINDER, GA 30680-1054

**MEETINGS**

**Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Mar 21      7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Apr 4      7:00 PM  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Apr 5      6:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Apr 5      6:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 7      7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Apr 12      7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Apr 19      7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 21      7:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 21      7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Apr 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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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 #####  
 ##### March 21, 2016 #####

VICKI WILLARD for RNC COMMITTEEWOMAN  
 TIM SANDERS for CHIEF MAGISTRATE

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 2/29/16)

Membership	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16
Regular	56	48	46	44	<b>63</b>	39	36	26	12
Advanced	<b>75</b>	68	58	59	71	59	41	55	26
Barrow 100	13	<b>17</b>	16	<b>17</b>	13	8	13	7	6
Barrow 360	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Students					4	3	2	2	1
Total	144	<b>134</b>	<b>121</b>	121	<b>152</b>	110	92	91	46
Renewals	106	<b>113</b>	105	112	101	95	82	85	40
New	38	21	16	9	<b>51</b>	15	10	6	6

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

**IT’S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016 !!!**

**2016 CANDIDATE QUALIFYING**

**PREMIER BROKERS OF GEORGIA  
 20 N. BROAD ST., WINDER**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>MARCH 7</b>	<b>9 AM to 1 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MARCH 8</b>	<b>5 PM to 8 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>MARCH 9</b>	<b>8 AM to Noon</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>MARCH 10</b>	<b>5 PM to 8 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>MARCH 11</b>	<b>8 AM to Noon</b>

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**LOWER TAXES \*\*\*\*\* LIMITED GOVERNMENT**  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<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>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Apr 16 (Sat)</b>	<b>District Convention</b>
<b>Apr 18 (Mon)</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>May 16 (Mon)</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>June 3-4 (Fri/Sat)</b>	<b>State Convention (Augusta)</b>
<b>June 20 (Mon)</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Change Clocks Ahead 1 Hour – March 12 (Saturday – PM)  
National Medal of Honor Day – March 25 (Friday)  
Army Day – April 6 (Wednesday)  
Tax Protest Day – April 15 (Friday)  
Ulysses Grant Birthday – April 27 (Wednesday)

**2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Linda Young	Ansel Garrett	Kathy Garrett
Dennis Hevener	Fe Hevener	David Crosby
Melinda Williams	Ray McIntyre	Regina McIntyre
Jud Smith	Clay Pentecost	Terry Raber
Roger Wehunt	Connie Wehunt	Marty Rahinsky
Buddy Ouzts	John McKay	Scott Vickery
Garey Huff	Tim Sanders	Pat Graham
Bobby Patterson	David Perkins	Kenny Shook

**WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS**

Tim Searcy	Dianne Craig	Rolando Alvarez
Mike Rice		

**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

**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO BREAKFAST!**

Everyone is invited to participate in a monthly political 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, **March 26, 2016**, at 9:00 AM. Please make plans to attend, and bring a friend!

This is an informal group of conservatives 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, MARCH 26, 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 **March 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.

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 great attendance. We heard from State School Supt. Richard Woods concerning education issues. The 2016 Primary Ballot Questions were also approved.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **March 21, 2016** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speakers will be Vicki Willard, candidate for GA RNC Committeewoman, and Tim Sanders, candidate for Chief Magistrate.

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

Ken Young

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**2016  
PRECINCT MEETINGS & COUNTY CONVENTION  
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016  
WINDER LIONS CLUB  
354 E. BROAD ST., WINDER  
9 AM & 10 AM, RESPECTIVELY  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8 AM**

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**2016 CANDIDATE QUALIFYING FEES**

Sheriff	\$ 2,270.25
Coroner	\$ 35.00
Tax Commissioner	\$ 1,894.94
Probate Judge	\$ 1,894.94
Chief Magistrate	\$ 1,894.94
Clerk – Superior Court	\$ 1,894.94
County Commission Chairman	\$ 750.00
Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 [each]	\$ 180.00
School Board Districts 2, 5, 6, 8 (at-large) [each]	\$ 18.00

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**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

“Gubernatorial Candidates Waiting in the Wings” – James – Randy Evans – November/December 2015 – [www.insideradvantage.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/James.pdf](http://www.insideradvantage.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/James.pdf)

“Faith of our fathers” – *AFA Journal* – Tim Wildmon – December 2015 – [www.afajournal.org/recent-issues/2015/december/faith-of-our-fathers/](http://www.afajournal.org/recent-issues/2015/december/faith-of-our-fathers/)

“Pulling Down State Credit Ratings” – *Forbes* – Amity Shlaes – November 2, 2015 – [www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2015/10/14/pulling-down-state-credit-ratings/#63b4f5f97f9d](http://www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2015/10/14/pulling-down-state-credit-ratings/#63b4f5f97f9d)

**WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE  
2016 PRECINCT MEETINGS AND  
COUNTY CONVENTION**

Many of our newer members may not be aware of the significance of the upcoming Precinct Mass Meetings and County Convention set for Saturday, **March 19, 2016** at the Winder Lions Club, 354 E. Broad St.

At 9:00 A.M. on **March 19, 2016**, Precinct Chairpersons or Temporary Precinct Meeting Chairpersons will call the 16 individual precinct meetings to order. All participants at these meetings must be duly registered in accordance with State Republican Party rules and Georgia State Election Code. Precincts without Chairpersons will elect these officers. All Precinct Chairpersons will then conduct the rest of the precinct meetings. Each precinct meeting will elect Delegates and Alternates to the 2016 Barrow County Republican Convention. All Delegates will receive name tags for Convention usage.

When all of this is completed, the paperwork (in triplicate) will be processed and routed to the appropriate local Party representatives. Other precinct business may take place at this meeting.

At 10:00 A.M. on **March 19**, the current local Party Chairman Ken Young will call the 2016 County Convention to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Presentation of the State Call, and Introduction of Dignitaries, Convention committees will be appointed and dismissed to conduct their work (Credentials, Nominations, Rules). During this time, there will be announcements and speeches in the convention hall.

After the Convention committees return and report, the Convention will then elect Delegates and Alternates to the 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congressional District Republican Convention to be held on Saturday, **April 16, 2016**, in Greensboro, Greene County, Georgia. Delegates and Alternates will also be elected to the State Republican Convention to be held Friday and Saturday, **June 3-4, 2016**, in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia.

At the District/State Conventions, Delegates and Alternates will be elected to the Republican National Convention, Monday through Thursday, **July 18-21, 2016**, in Cleveland, Ohio, to nominate the next Republican President.

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**ONE MORE YEAR TO GO FOR ME**

This is my ninth year as your local Party Chairman. We are at the midway point of my fifth two-year term. In March 2017, we will elect officers for the new 2017-2019 term.

Thank you for your support over these last 9 years, and for your continued support over the next year. I am honored that you placed your trust in me, and deeply appreciate the opportunity to be your Chairman.

**This will be my last year as Barrow County GOP Chairman.** Next March, about the second or third Saturday, someone else will be elected and take the reins. Will it be you? Our members need to plan ahead, for some of them to step up to the plate. Training is available. Don't wait until 2017.

Ken Young

**PRIMARY BALLOT QUESTIONS  
FOR THE MAY 24, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION**

1. Would you support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to limit a member of the U.S. Congress, whether House or Senate or combined, to total of twelve (12) years of service?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

2. Would you support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to allow the removal of a U.S. Senator by a two-thirds vote of his or her state legislature?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you support a convention of state delegations per Article V of the U.S. Constitution, which could propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution, requiring three-fourths approval of the fifty states for adoption?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

4. Would you support a higher state sales tax in exchange for the elimination of state income taxes?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

5. Would you support an amendment to the Georgia state constitution to allow legal gambling on horse racing?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

6. Would you support an amendment to the Georgia state constitution to allow legal gambling in casinos?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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**BREAK UP THE BUDGET**

Ramesh Ponnuru, *National Review*, October 5, 2015

Republicans are once again contemplating a defeat on the budget followed by recriminations. This season the defeat will concern Planned Parenthood: Some Republicans think that they should take a stand against federal funding for the organization in the bill to keep the government funded at the start of the new fiscal year; the top-ranking Republicans in Congress think they are sure to lose that fight and so don't want to start it.

But before Planned Parenthood, there was the standoff in the spring over funding for the Department of Homeland Security. Republicans wanted to deny funding for the implementation of President Obama's unilateral amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants. And before that, in late 2013, was the struggle to defund Obamacare, which resulted in a partial shutdown of the federal government. In both episodes, Republicans were divided and defeated.

One group of Republicans blames the party's leaders for being too timorous to fight these battles through to the end; another blames conservative backbenchers for starting unwinnable fights. Both groups should turn their minds to the possibility that the way Congress considers spending legislation stacks the deck against conservative victories. While reform of that

process might not be as exciting as factional infighting, and cannot substitute for either intelligence or courage among politicians, it might help.

Congressional Republicans could, for example, break up the budget – or at least the portion of the budget that is subject to yearly congressional funding decisions – into many smaller pieces. Congress currently divides the budget into twelve large bills, with each subcommittee of the House and Senate appropriations committees responsible for one. It could, however, fund the different departments of the federal government in dozens of smaller bills, and it should.

Fragmenting the budget would run counter to a theory that many congressional conservatives have implicitly accepted in recent years. They assumed that tying together as many items in the budget as possible would give them leverage over a liberal president. Congress could pass a bill to fund the government but attach a provision denying all money to Obamacare, and President Obama would have to relent to keep the government running. Or Congress could pass a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security but deny funds for Obama's immigration order, and he would have to relent to keep the department running.

One lesson of these fights is that this theory is wrong: Tying all of this spending together doesn't increase congressional conservatives' control over any of it. It reduces that control. During the immigration fight, the Obama administration's most frequently made argument, which suggests it was also its most effective argument, was that holding up the Department of Homeland Security's budget endangered the war on terrorism.

Republicans would have been better off if they had been able to advance two bills: one funding the department except for the immigration services, and the other funding the immigration services but prohibiting them from implementing the dispute Obama orders. The administration would have been hard pressed to object to the first bill, and could not have scared the public quite as easily about the second.

Indeed, Republicans' conduct during these showdowns has shown that they occasionally grasp the utility of splitting up the budget. During the shutdown in October 2013, Republicans at one point moved bills to fund portions of the government unrelated to health care. They understood that they were not giving up leverage but taking some away from the Democrats.

We should expect conservatives to fare better, on average, with many small budget bills than with a few big ones. If the National Endowment for the Arts required congressional action and a presidential signature to fund it every year, it would probably not have survived this long: At some point there would have been a House or Senate majority unwilling to pass legislation funding it or a president unwilling to sign that legislation. But Congress doesn't make an affirmative decision specifically on the NEA: It includes the money in bills funding the Interior Department. There has never been a majority in either house of Congress willing to shut down the department over the program – and it is impossible to kill the program through that bill unless the House, the Senate, and the presidency are all controlled by opponents of it or people willing to give in to them.

There is, however, a practical force working toward agglomerating many spending decisions into one bill. In recent years, especially, Congress has often failed to pass the appropriations bills on time and has had to pass "continuing resolutions," or CRs, to keep funding many of the operations of the government after the old appropriations or CRs expired.

But that practice too ought to change. Congress should enact an "automatic CR," as Heritage Foundation president Jim DeMint proposed when he was a senator, along with Representative Jeb Hensarling of Texas. They called it the "Government Shutdown Prevention Act." It stipulated that when congress failed to enact spending bills in time for the new fiscal year, the affected agencies would be able to keep spending either at the previous year's level, at the level the House had provided for if it had passed a spending bill, or at the level the Senate had provided for if it had, whichever was the lowest.

With such a law in place, there would be very little pressure to rush through massive budget bills. Liberal congressmen and presidents, it is true, would be able to resist bills with spending cuts or conservative reforms, secure in the knowledge that programs would still be funded. But liberals would have to give up on funding increases if they took that course. Conservative congressmen and presidents, meanwhile, would also have security against liberal policy changes, and the history of shutdowns suggests that conservatives have more to gain from taking shutdowns off the table.

A small-is-beautiful approach to budget bills and an end to shutdowns would not, however, be a panacea. The Department of Homeland Security and the immigration service within it are largely "self-funded," that is, funded through fees that they charge rather than from congressional appropriations. Even if Congress fails to pass the annual bill funding them, they can keep going. Obamacare is largely outside the appropriations process, too. Planned Parenthood gets some of its federal money from Title X, which is subject to appropriations; but is also gets federal money from Medicaid, which isn't.

That suggests another long-term reform that ought to be on conservatives' agenda: moving more of the budget back under congressional control. If Republicans have the presidency and Congress in 2017, they should pass a law denying the immigration service the ability to spend any money, including money that comes to them via fees, without congressional authorization. They should do the same for self-funded agencies.

These reforms, once in place, would be particularly helpful for congressional conservatives the next time they faced off against a liberal president. But they are not shortsightedly focused on that scenario. Breaking up the budget would tend to make limiting government easier regardless of who runs which chamber. An automatic CR that keeps spending growth under tight control would work in favor of conservatives even if liberals controlled Congress. And while greater congressional control of the budget would sometimes work in favor of liberals in Congress, it too would tend to work to the advantage of conservatives, both because they have been less likely to use executive discretion to shape domestic policy and because the bureaucracy is not their friend.

No set of reforms is going to make it easy for conservatives to limit the size and scope of government or to reassert congressional control over it. The current budget process, though, seems to work systematically to frustrate conservative ambitions. When conservatives in Washington get tired enough of the results, perhaps they will try to change it.