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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., July 18 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Aug 1 7:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Aug 2 6:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Aug 2 6:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 4 6:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Aug 9 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Aug 16 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 18 6:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Aug 18 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Aug 23 7:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (27)

Ken Young – Chr.	Lucretia Hughes	Kathy Hopkins
Mike Pentecost – 1 st VC	David Gunter	Teeny Allison
Leonard Koonce – 2 nd VC	Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper
Mark Staley – Sec.	June Miller	Julia Bridges
Terry Raber – 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

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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!

7:30 PM

July 18, 2016

STATE SENATOR FRANK GINN (rescheduled)
DEE TOLIVER - COME ALIVE MINISTRIES

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 6/30/16)

Membership	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16
Regular	56	48	46	44	63	39	36	26	27
Advanced	75	68	58	59	71	59	41	55	55
Barrow 100	13	17	16	17	13	8	13	7	9
Barrow 360	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Students					4	3	2	2	1
Total	144	134	121	121	152	110	92	91	93
Renewals	106	113	105	112	101	95	82	85	75
New	38	21	16	9	51	15	10	6	18

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ANNUAL REPUBLICAN BBQ

5:00 PM - SATURDAY - AUGUST 27, 2016
WINDER LIONS CLUB - 354 E. BROAD ST.

U.S. SENATOR DAVID PERDUE
& OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

CONTACT KEN YOUNG
FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION
SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
July 18-21 (Mon-Thur)	National Convention
Aug 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Aug 27 (Sat)	Annual Barrow GOP BBQ
Sept 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Oct 17 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Nov 8 (Tue)	GENERAL ELECTION
Nov 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

- Independence Day – July 4 (Monday)
- Calvin Coolidge Birthday – July 4 (Monday)
- 1st Official Meeting Republican Party – July 6 (Wednesday)
- George W. Bush Birthday – July 6 (Wednesday)
- Gerald Ford Birthday – July 14 (Thursday)
- Natl Korean War Veterans Armistice Day – July 27 (Wed)
- Air Force Day – August 1 (Monday)
- Coast Guard Day – August 2 (Tuesday)
- Herbert Hoover Birthday – August 10 (Wednesday)
- Benjamin Harrison Birthday – August 20 (Saturday)

2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Michael Shelley

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2015 – 2017 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

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| 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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INAUGURATION CEREMONY

FOR BARROW COUNTY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS
WEDNESDAY, **DECEMBER 21, 2016** - 10:00 AM
COURTROOM #4, NEW COURTHOUSE
652 BARROW PARK DR., WINDER, GA 30680

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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, **July 23, 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, JULY 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 **July 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.

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Our 23rd Annual Barrow Republican BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, **August 27, 2016**, at 5:00 PM in the Winder Lions Club. U.S. Sen. David Perdue and Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp will be two of the main speakers. More information will be forthcoming. 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 several statewide elected officials with us as well. It is crucial for our members to sell/buy as many tickets as possible.

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We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. We heard from our State Rep. Tom Kirby on the 2016 General Assembly session, and from Steven Quinn with StudentsFirst Georgia. There will be a constitutional amendment on the **November 8** General Election ballot that you need to consider very carefully. We also heard a short report on the 2016 State Convention and BBQ preparations. (State Sen. Frank Ginn will be rescheduled to our July meeting.)

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **July 18, 2016** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our first guest speaker will be State Sen. Frank Ginn. He will give us updates on the General Assembly and the 2017 session. Our second guest speaker will be Dee Toliver. She will give us an update on Come Alive Ministries, an important pro-life group in Barrow County. (Due to his election as a 2016 National Alternate At-Large from Georgia at the State Convention, Alex Gimenez and “Cuba and Obama” will be rescheduled. Alex will be in Cleveland, OH, and cannot attend our July meeting.)

Bring a friend. It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend! Be early for a good seat.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Yes, I Have Voted” – *Macon Telegraph* – Larry Walker – March/April 2016 – www.macon.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/article72267127.html

“When Excess Is A Virtue” – *Forbes* – Paul Johnson – April 19, 2016 – www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2016/03/23/when=excess-is-a-vritue/#21d04ba134b5

“The judge who knelt before God” – *AFA Journal* – Ed Vitagliano – May 2015 – www.afajournal.org/past-issues/2016/may/the-judge-who-knelt-before-god/

BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP FACTS

From *The Heritage Foundation*

At least 400,000 babies are born in the United States every year to illegal immigrants. Over ten years that adds up to about 4 million people gaining citizenship by birth.

All of these babies are U.S. citizens.

The hospital bills for these births are almost always paid by U.S. taxpayers.

While illegal immigrants themselves do not qualify for welfare, they can obtain Medicaid and food stamps on behalf of their U.S.-born children. Findings in one study show that “nationwide, 40 percent of illegal alien-headed households receive some type of welfare.”

No European country grants birthright citizenship. Britain and Australia ended it in the 1980s. Ireland and New Zealand ended it in the last few years.

A booming birth tourism industry has spring up, with fees up to \$60,000. In 2012 about 10,000 Chinese women came to the U.S. to give birth, according to Chinese government sources.

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**2016 CONTESTED RACES
AFFECTING BARROW COUNTY**

President	Trump – R	Clinton – D	Johnson – L
U.S. Senate	Isakson – R	Barksdale – D	
10 th U.S. District	Hice – R	Leonard Ware – Ind.	(???)
State Sen. Dist. 47	Ginn – R	Jared Ward – Ind.	
Commission Dist. 2	Brown – R	Dwight Acey – D	
Commission Dist. 3	Wehunt – R	Michael Pope – D	
School Board Dist. 6	Bailey – R	B.L. Mayweather – D	

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THE ABOLITION OF CASH

Andrew Stuttaford, *National Review*, April 11, 2016

Government gathers power sometimes in great swoops, sometimes by stealth, and sometimes in slow, sly increments, foreshadowed by position papers, op-eds, and regulatory tweaks designed to address an “issue” that a careless citizenry has over looked.

It’s this slower, slyer approach that is now in motion as Big Brother’s smaller brethren take aim at cash. An advance guard of regulation has paved the way. Deposit more than \$10,000 in cash into a bank and the feds have to be told. Bring that amount into the U.S. and Customs has to be told. Get stopped by the police with “too much” cash (a conveniently elastic concept) and you risk watching it disappear into the swamp known as civil forfeiture. Meanwhile, the country’s Croesus bills have long since vanished - \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, even the \$500 that bore the face of poor murdered McKinley. Under the circumstances, they might have let him keep his mountain.

The cull has further to go. Writing in the *Washington Post* earlier this year, former treasury secretary Lawrence Summers called for a “global agreement to stop issuing notes worth more

than say \$50 or \$100.” He praised a Harvard paper by Peter Sands, the former CEO of the Standard Chartered Bank, in which Sands claimed that the arguments for eliminating notes with a denomination above the equivalent of \$50 “could well be compelling at an even lower threshold.” An even lower threshold: The ratchet turns in only one direction.

Naturally, there are good reasons for this latest government grab. There always are. The anonymity of cash makes it the criminal’s friend, and there are (just to start with) the wars on drugs and terror to think of and, of course, tax evasion.

In Europe, authoritarian creep creeps more quickly. Italy introduced a maximum limit of 1,000 for cash transactions in 2010 (the current prime minister has proposed raising it to 3,000). By taking aim at widespread tax-dodging, this was intended to bolster Italy’s finances during one of the euro zone’s uglier spasms. It was also designed to discourage Italians from withdrawing euros from banks in a period when there were legitimate concerns about banks’ stability and the possibility that money deposited with them would be converted overnight from euros into rapidly depreciating “new lire.” “Forcing” Italians away from cash would make it more difficult for them to reduce their exposure to those dangers. This was about more than tax evasion: It was about keeping Italians locked within a crumbling system.

The ratchet keeps turning. Germany has proposed a 5,000 limit of cash transactions. Mario Draghi, the president of the European Central Bank, has called for the scrapping of the 500 bill.

Meanwhile, in Scandinavia, a part of the world where governments are trusted and technology is advanced, digital payments are squeezing out cash. In Sweden, cash is now used in only about 5 percent of retail sales. Progress is progress: If people prefer to make payments electronically, that’s up to them, and if that entails a loss of privacy, that’s their choice.

But choice may well be followed by compulsion. Forget about doing away with the Benjamins; the technology now exists to kill off cash altogether. The will has been there for a while. Now there’s a way. The Danish government would like to abandon paper money altogether by 2030. Norway’s largest bank, the partly state-owned DNB, has called for cash to be phased out, moaning that 60 percent of the kroner in circulation are “outside of any [official] control.” The horror!

Excuse me while I adjust the tinfoil, but this is not (and will not be) just a Scandinavian thing: We live in an era when central banks have driven interest rates down to levels that bear little connection to economic reality. Certain key rates are now below zero in the euro zone, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, and Japan. This is a terrible idea, and its time has come. The question is not only how far negative interest rates will spread, but how low they will go.

In a speech last September, Andrew Haldane, the Bank of England’s chief economist, grumbled about the “constraint physical currency imposes” on setting negative interest rates. After considering various ways of dealing with this nuisance, he concluded that an “interesting solution” would be to “maintain the principle of a government-backed currency, but have it issued in an electronic rather than paper form.” This “would allow negative interest rates to be levied on currency easily and speedily.” Translation: Make people hold their cash in electronic form (and thus in banks); they will then have no means of escaping the levy on savings that negative interest rates effectively represent.

Before dismissing this as a form of madness that only Europeans could embrace, check out what Harvard's Kenneth Rogoff has been saying. Writing in the *Financial Times* in May 2014, he argued that replacing paper money with an electronic alternative "would kill two birds with one stone." It would strike a blow against crime, and it would free central banks from a bind that has "handcuffed" them since the financial crisis. "At present, if central banks try setting rates too far below zero, people will start bailing out into cash." Indeed, they will: To its credit, the central bank of Switzerland, one of the countries now burdened with negative interest rates, has made it clear that it has no plans to junk its thousand-franc bills. It accepts that these are used as a store of value, something that Rogoff, no friend of the saver, might regard as reprehensible but the sensible Swiss do not. There has been a 17 percent increase in the number of these bills in circulation in the last year.

"Hoarding cash may be inconvenient and risky," wrote Rogoff in a related paper, "but if rates become too negative, it becomes worth it." He would clearly prefer to see that emergency exit locked and the key thrown away, leaving savers helpless in the face of whatever central bankers (and not only central bankers) might dream up.

An open-minded sort, Rogoff did concede that there might be a problem or two with such a set-up, including the fact that "society may want to preserve the right for individuals to make anonymous payments in certain activities," a telling choice of words. It's not the rights of the individual that count, but what "society" (defined by whom?) "may want."

Another Alpine nation, Austria, is aware of the menace to privacy that a cashless society could be. Its deputy economy minister, Harald Mahrer, had vowed to fight rules curtailing the use of cash: "We don't want someone to be able to track digitally what we buy, eat, and drink, what books we read and what movies we watch."

And this is more than a matter of books, movies, and meals. It's worth noting that the German proposals to restrict cash transactions ran into opposition across the political spectrum, from the leftist Greens to the populist-right party Alternative for Germany on through to the classical liberals of the Free Democratic Party. After Hitler and Honecker, Germans understand how totalitarianism works, and they know too that the slippery slope is all too real.

The abolition of cash is a notion that we should reject out of hand. It puts too much faith in technology, and it puts too much trust in the state. It eliminates privacy to a degree that ought to be unacceptable to any free society, and it leaves people dangerously exposed to having their savings confiscated by negative interest rates or, more traditionally, by way of a savage wealth tax perhaps. It leaves them with nowhere to hide.

To those making the case against cash or high-denomination bills, that, of course, is the whole point, but it is a point they are pushing too far. Their tightly controlled, fully tax-compliant society could easily, given a sufficiently malign government, be as dysfunctional as one where the "shadow economy" (not to be confused with the "criminal economy") is flourishing. The ability to dodge the system acts as a brake on overreach by the system. For example, there's no sense in pushing taxes so high that people decide it's worth the risk of not paying them. Tax evasion should not be endorsed (I write, nervously aware of the IRS), but the potential, if somewhat paradoxical, benefit to society from the *threat* of tax evasion can be. Make tax

impossible (or close to impossible) to dodge and there's far less to hold back the demands of a greedy state.

And yes, there is cash's role as crime's discreet accomplice. Well, as I alluded to before, government already has a wide range of powers to combat that. To ask for much more seems excessive. To borrow a famous comment a wise man once made: "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

That wise man? He is on the \$100 bill.

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OUT TO LUNCH

Zap! Pow! Bam! Libs have a new arch-enemy: super-hero lunchboxes. As reported by *National Review*, the website Imgur posted a Wonder Woman lunchbox pic, along with a redacted letter from an unnamed school district informing the parents of student Laura that their daughter's super-hero lunchbox was banned. Why? "The dress code we have established requests that the children not bring violent images into the building in any fashion." They go on: "We have defined 'violent characters' as those who solve problems using violence. Super heroes certainly fall into that category." This is moral equivalence for the lunchbox set – because libs don't get the difference between using violence for evil and using necessary violence to *fight* evil. So much for truth, justice, and the American Way. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

Chen Guangcheng, the blind legal activist from China, made a daring run to the U.S. embassy in 2012. Soon, he was allowed to fly to the United States, where he is in exile. In her 2014 memoir, *Hard Choices*, Hillary Clinton cites the Chen matter as one of the human-rights achievements of her tenure as secretary of state. She and her staff did "what Chen said he wanted every step of the way," she writes. That's interesting. In his new memoir, *The Barefoot Lawyer*, Chen says that U.S. officials were extremely nervous about upsetting their Chinese counterparts: There was an important summit coming up. U.S. officials pressured him to leave the embassy and return to the arms of the Chinese government, says Chen. He was supposed to trust that all would be well. "Negotiating with a government run by hooligans," he writes, "the country that most consistently advocated for democracy, freedom, and universal human rights had simply given in." It was only pressure from the U.S. Congress and public, says Chen, that won his trip to America. Perspectives on events vary, of course – but it seems clear that someone isn't telling the truth here: Chen or Hillary. Even David Brock can't make that a tough choice. (*National Review*)