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JOHN WATSON
CANDIDATE FOR GAGOP CHAIRMAN
STATE REP. TERRY ENGLAND
GA HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIRMAN

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MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Apr 17 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., May 1 7:00 PM
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., May 2 6:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., May 2 6:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 4 6:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 9 7:00 PM
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., May 16 7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 18 6:00 PM
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., May 18 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 23 7:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 3/31/16)

Membership	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17
Regular	48	46	44	63	39	36	26	30	20
Advanced	68	58	59	71	59	41	55	55	42
Barrow 100	17	16	17	13	8	13	7	9	4
Barrow 360	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Students				4	3	2	2	1	2
Total	134	121	121	152	110	92	91	96	69
Renewals	113	105	112	101	95	82	85	77	62
New	21	16	9	51	15	10	6	19	7

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VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (29)

Clay Kelley – Chrm.	Lucretia Hughes	Kathy Hopkins
DuWayne Anderson – 1 st VC	Teeny Allison	Terry Raber
Leonard Koonce – 2 nd VC	Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper
Mark Staley – Sec.	June Miller	Beverly Kelley
Debbie Reid – Asst. Sec.	Tim Walker	Dianne Craig
Bob Lanham – Tr.	Charles Powell	Ken Young
Mike Pentecost – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Marty Rahinsky
David Gunter	Gary Taylor	Janice Jones
Terry England	Pat Graham	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Clay Kelley	770-560-4523
	email: BKCONSLT@comcast.net	
First Vice-Chair	DuWayne Anderson	404-285-0978
	email: reb7771@windstream.net	
Second Vice-Chair	Leonard Koonce	706-351-7441
	email: lkoonce1967@gmail.com	
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	email: staley93@hotmail.com	
Asst. Secretary	Debbie Reid	706-684-0065
	email: debbier72956@comcast.net	
Treasurer	Bob Lanham	770-867-5459
	email: lanhamrj@hotmail.com	
Asst. Treasurer	Mike Pentecost	770-868-6046
	email: MCPWinder@aol.com	
C.C. Dist. 1 Rep.	Lucretia Hughes	404-422-2558
C.C. Dist. 2 Rep.	Gary Taylor	678-449-5775
C.C. Dist. 3 Rep.	Open	
C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	David Gunter	678-425-4127
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Dianne Craig	678-367-9593
C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.	June Miller	770-867-5932
Barrow 10 th 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!

WE NOW NEED YOUR 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Tim Scott, the Republican junior senator from South Carolina, demonstrated grace under Twitter. When user “Simone” accused Scott, who has said he will vote to confirm Sessions, and William Smith, a longtime aide to Sessions who is also black, of being “house niggas,” Scott tweeted back a one-word riposte: “Senate.” Amid the avalanche of opprobrium, Simone deleted her tweet and then her Twitter account. A little later, Scott tweeted, “Disagree without being disagreeable.” We couldn’t agree with you more, Senator. (*National Review*)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr 17 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Apr 22 (Sat)	District Convention (Grnsboro)
May 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
June 2-3 (Fri/Sat)	State Convention (Augusta)
June 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
July 17 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Aug 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Sept 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Army Day – April 6 (Thursday)
Tax Protest Day – April 15 (Saturday)
Ulysses Grant Birthday – April 27 (Thursday)
National Day of Prayer – May 4 (Thursday)
Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15 (Monday)
Armed Forces Day – May 20 (Saturday)
Memorial Day Observed – May 29 (Monday)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - 2017

David Gunter	Janice Gunter	Linda Young
Ansel Garrett	Kathy Garrett	Tim Walker
Billy Parks	John Stevens	Lynn Stevens
John Reavis	Linda Reavis	Kathy Hopkins
Chris Sullivan	Rolando Alvarez	Jean Short
Bill J. Brown	Michael Shelley	Lucretia Hughes
Debbie Reid	Tom Kirby	Scott Vickery
Roger Wehunt	Connie Wehunt	Isaiah Berry
Ben Hendrix		

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Bronti Rudloff James Cooper

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2017 – 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethabra Church	Marty Rahinsky
Bramlett Elementary	John Stevens
Westside Middle School	David Gunter
Statham Fire Dept.	Richard Pepper
Winder First Baptist Church	John Reavis
Lions Club	DuWayne Anderson
Barrow County Rec. Dept.	Bob Lanham
Apalachee High School	Kathy Hopkins
Midway Methodist Church	Dianne Craig
Winder Community Center	Terry Raber
County Line Elementary	June Miller

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POLITICAL BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to participate in a monthly political breakfast group at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Winder. The next group breakfast will be Saturday, **April 29, 2017**, at 9:00 AM. (This is due to the District Convention on **April 22**.) 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, APRIL 29, 2017
9:00 AM

FROM THE EDITOR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2017. If you have not already renewed, please bring yours to our **April 17** 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!

Thanks to all who participated in our Precinct Meetings and County Convention on **March 18**. Congratulations to our new officers: Chairman Clay Kelley, First Vice-Chair DuWayne Anderson, Second Vice-Chair Leonard Koonce, Secretary Mark Staley, Asst. Secretary Debbie Reid, Treasurer Bob Lanham, and Asst. Treasurer Mike Pentecost. We also elected 29 delegates and 5 alternates to the District Convention, and 22 delegates and 9 alternates to the State Convention.

We had a great meeting with good attendance last month. We heard from Ginger Howard, our GA National Committeewoman, who gave us an update on the RNC. We also heard from Michael Welsh, 12th District GOP Chairman, who is running for GAGOP Chairman in 2017. We also elected Commission District Representatives to the new Executive Committee (see page 1), and set membership dues for 2017-2019 (same amounts).

Our local rules allow the voting members of the new County Committee to consider adding more voting members between the odd-year County Conventions. We have only done this four times since 1995 and only in odd-years (too much going on during election years). If you want to be considered for addition as a voting member, please contact Chairman Clay Kelley (or fill out the blue form at our next meeting). Your request will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. There is no guarantee that anyone will be added.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **April 17, 2017** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speakers will be John Watson, who is running for GAGOP Chairman at the 2017 State Convention, our State Rep. Terry England, House Appropriations Chairman, and Carolyn Fisher, Candidate for GAGOP First Vice-Chair. Bring a friend! It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend! Be early for a good seat.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Trump Infrastructure Smart?” – *Forbes* – Rich Karlgaard – December 20, 2016 – <https://www.forbes.com/sites/richkarlgaard/2016/1/30/is-trump-infrastructure-smart/#2e9d66e1506f>

“Planned Parenthood . . . 100 Years of Destruction” – *AFA Journal* – Teddy James – January 2017 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2017/January/planned-parenthood-100-years-of-destruction/>

“Democracies in Upheaval” – *Forbes* – David Malpass – December 30, 2016 – <https://www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2016/12/14/democracies-in-upheaval/#73cb652ea432>

**GEORGIA'S 2017 LEGISLATURE ALSO SHAPES
2018 ELECTIONS**

Josh Belinfante, *James* magazine, January/February 2017

In the Book of Ecclesiastes, we learn that there is a season for everything. For Georgia legislative politics, that season officially starts with the Wild Hog Supper and Georgia Chamber's Eggs and Issues breakfast. Weather closed the former, and the latter gave us a glimpse of what to expect during the 2017 legislative session. But more broadly, the final two years of a governor's term-limited term brings additional, and predictable, dynamics to play. All these considerations promise that the 2017 legislative session will be one that could set up the fault lines for next year's state wide elections.

As background, all constitutional offices will be up for re-election in 2018, and Gov. Nathan Deal cannot run for a third term. There are a handful of Georgians giving serious thought to running for governor and, as we saw in 2014 when U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss decided not to seek re-election, vacancies in top spots cause a cascading effect impacting races from the governor's mansion to the city hall.

Consequently, those eying different offices may consider the broader consequences of a vote more keenly than in previous years. Likewise, some issues may percolate to the top of the agenda that may not have otherwise, and other issues that were expected to generate significant attention may fall off completely. Due to this dynamic, some policymakers and advocates will seek to act boldly and tackle the tougher issues now, before the pressures of the 2018 campaigns grow more intense.

Also, in the last years of a governor's administration, some may unwisely view the governor as less powerful than before. Not so. The Georgia Constitution makes the governor one of the strongest in the nation. He controls the revenue estimate, which sets the ceiling on what the General Assembly can spend each year. Agencies can promulgate rules relatively quickly, and those rules carry the force of law. The governor has the single most potent bully pulpit in state politics, and the veto (or "last vote") of both budget items and legislation remains one of the governor's most powerful tools. Some who have mounted challenges to a governor's power have found the experience to be, in the words of John Locke, "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short."

Finally, there is more uncertainty in Washington than at any time in the past eight years. The fate of Obamacare, environmental regulations, banking, financial services laws and several others are anyone's guess. This too will dramatically impact state lawmakers' decisions on a host of issues.

This is the season in which the legislators now find themselves. And these external but predictable, cyclical forces will weigh on decisions about how and when to address truly difficult issues. Will legislators fund Medicaid as in the status quo? Will they address Certificate of Need, and if so, will the legislation tweak or abolish the regulatory process? Do legislators believe that the HOPE Scholarship is in danger and, if so, is casino gaming the solution? And what are the governor and legislators going to do to improve education and reform education funding? Will transportation, and particularly mass transit, receive significant attention given the call for more focus by the speaker of the House of Representatives? Each question brings uncertain answers, particularly when they are juxtaposed with the pressures that arise when statewide elections are two

years away. I wish all who vote on – and advocate for and against – legislation the best of luck in this season. Turn, turn turn.

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According to Colonel John Dorrian, a U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, the Islamic State is using chemical weapons. Experts confirm that, to date, 52 chemical attacks have been carried out by IS, about a third of them in Mosul. Traces of chlorine and mustard sulfur have been identified on the clothing of victims. Where IS obtains these chemicals is not clear, but they do not match those found in the stocks previously built up by Saddam Hussein. As deadly as they are demoralizing, chemical weapons are difficult to defend against without specialized equipment. Cornered, ISIS is evidently contemptuous of international treaties banning chemical warfare, but Colonel Dorrian says its technology is "rudimentary," and that alone may save the million or so unfortunates still in Mosul from the very worst. (*National Review*)

RESURRECTION ISLAND

Reports of the Marshall Islands' death have been greatly exaggerated. As our old buddy Bjorn Lomborg reports in *The Wall Street Journal*, environmentalist wackos are always wailing that the Pacific island chain is sliding into the sea because of climate change. Nope. As new research by Auckland [NZ] University scientists Murray Ford and Paul Kench shows, the Marshall Islands are . . . growing. Yes, believe it or not, someone actually checked the beach. Ford and Kench compared the shoreline on several of the islands from the mid-20th century to that of today, and found that the total land area of the Marshall Islands has noticeably increased. But don't expect the left to admit it. Take Marshall Islands' President Hilda Heine, who claimed residents are fleeing the islands because "climate change is threatening the nation's existence." Lomborg points out the exodus is due to the fact that the local economy sucks wind – over 52 percent of the population lives below the poverty line and only 39 percent are unemployed. "Hype and exaggeration serve no one," Lomborg warns. Well, no one except the hacks in politics, the media, academia, and the environmentalist wacko movement.

"I have looked into the eyes of the worst people on the planet," writes James E. Mitchell. "I have sat with them and felt their passion as they described what they see as their holy duty to destroy our way of life." Mitchell was responsible for the "enhanced interrogation" of jihadists, and he has now written a memoir. One of the jihadists with whom he spent a lot of time was Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of 9/11. According to Mitchell, Mohammed told him that he expected the United States to turn tail, as in Lebanon 18 years before. Or to file suit in court, as after other jihadist attacks on America. But he and his group hit a snag. "How was I supposed to know that cowboy George Bush would announce he wanted us 'dead or alive' and then invade Afghanistan to hunt us down?" Mohammed expected the jihad to prevail, because "we do not need to defeat you militarily; we only need to fight long enough for you to defeat yourself by quitting." Let's prove him wrong again. (*National Review*)