BARROW REPUBLICAN NEWS

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MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., <u>Apr 17</u>	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		

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (29)

Clay Kelley – Chrm.	Lucretia Hughes	Kathy Hopkins
DuWayne Anderson – 1st Y	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	

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Terry England	Pat Graham		
			Tim Scott, the Republican junior senator from S
EXECUTIVE CO	MMITTEE		demonstrated grace under Twitter. When user '
Chairman	Clay Kelley	770-560-4523	cused Scott, who has said he will vote to confirm
ema	il: BKCONSLT@comca	st.net	William Smith, a longtime aide to Sessions who
First Vice-Chair	DuWayne Anderson	404-285-0978	being "house niggas," Scott tweeted back a one-
ema	nil: reb7771@windstrear	<u>n.net</u>	"Senate." Amid the avalanche of opprobrium, S
Second Vice-Chair	Leonard Koonce	706-351-7441	her tweet and then her Twitter account. A little
ema	il: <u>lkoonce1967@gmail</u>	.com	tweeted, "Disagree without being disagreeable."
Secretary	Mark Staley	770-539-0976	agree with you more, Senator. (National Review
en	nail: staley93@hotmail.c	<u>com</u>	
Asst. Secretary	Debbie Reid	706-684-0065	%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
en	nail: debbier72956@com	cast.net	
Treasurer	Bob Lanham	770-867-5459	REPUBLICAN: THE FREEDOM

email: lanhamri@hotmail.com

770-868-6046 Mike Pentecost Asst. Treasurer

email: MCPWinder@aol.com

Lucretia Hughes C.C. Dist. 1 Rep. 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 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!

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7:30 PM

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April 17, 2017

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

	MEMBERSHIP	COMPARISON	(as	of	3/31/16)
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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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WE NOW NEED YOUR 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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PARTY LOWER TAXES ****** LIMITED GOVERNMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

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

Monthly Meeting

Sept 18 (Mon)

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Ben Hendrix

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Bronti Rudloff James Cooper

2017 - 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethabra Church Marty Rahinsky John Stevens **Bramlett Elementary** Westside Middle School **David Gunter** Statham Fire Dept. Richard Pepper Winder First Baptist Church John Reavis DuWayne Anderson Lions Club 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

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 –

 $\underline{https://www.forbes.com/sites/currentevents/2016/12/14/democracies-in-upheaval/\#73cb652ea432}$

2017 DISTRICT DELEGATES (29) GREENSBORO

Cal Neff	Clay Kelley	Wayne Grimes
Dianne Craig	Leonard Koonce	June Miller
John Reavis	Linda Reavis	Bob Lanham
Kathy Hopkins	John Stevens	Lynn Stevens
Mike Pentecost	Lucretia Hughes	Josephine Jones
David Gunter	Terry Raber	Beverly Kelley
DuWayne Anderson	Charles Powell	Marty Rahinsky
Tim Walker	Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper
Debbie Reid	Janice Jones	Gary Taylor
Terry England	Teeny Allison	

2017 DISTRICT ALTERNATES (5)

Preston Kelley	Janice Gunter	Linda Powell
Bronti Rudloff	Joe Rudloff	

2017 STATE DELEGATES (22) AUGUSTA

Ken Young	Clay Kelley	Terry Raber
Lucretia Hughes	Teeny Allison	Bob Lanham
Kathy Hopkins	Leonard Koonce	June Miller
Dianne Craig	John Stevens	Lynn Stevens
Mike Pentecost	Beverly Kelley	David Gunter
John Reavis	Linda Reavis	DuWayne Anderson
Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper	Tim Walker
Debbie Reid		

2017 STATE ALTERNATES (9)

Gary Taylor	Janice Jones	Cal Neff
Wayne Grimes	Josephine Jones	Terry England
Janice Gunter	Bronti Rudloff	Joe Rudloff

TRUMP SHOULD COMMIT TO A TRANSPARENCY REVOLUTION

Judicial Watch, The Verdict, January 2017

The day after Donald Trump was elected President of the United States, November 9, 2016, Judicial Watch called upon the president-elect to commit his administration to a "transparency revolution." Here is Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton's statement:

"Judicial Watch congratulates President-elect Trump.

"There is no doubt that Judicial Watch changed history with its Clinton email investigations. The election results show that corruption matters to the American people. At a minimum, President-elect Trump should commit to a transparency revolution. The Trump administration and new Congress must focus on restoring the rule of law and accountability after the eight years of a lawless Obama administration. Corruption in government is an overwhelming problem. We expect, but won't rely on DC politicians to do the right thing. Judicial Watch will continue its independent investigations and lawsuits in order to

hold politicians of both political parties accountable to the rule of law."

Donald Trump's remarkable victory on Election Day is still sinking in. Judicial Watch supporters can take satisfaction that the American people resoundingly rejected Hillary Clinton corruption. JW's work exposing her email scandals had consequences. Judicial Watch did not do this work to prevent Hillary Clinton from winning the Oval Office; JW did it to hold her, her aides and her co-conspirators in the Obama administration accountable to the law. This effort continues irrespective of the election results.

The corrupted leadership of the FBI and Justice Department didn't want to do much with what Judicial Watch exposed. And, certainly Congress, led by a weak Republican leadership, did virtually nothing on the Clinton email issue. But, the American people didn't ignore Judicial Watch's work. One expert called Judicial Watch one of the great "disruptors" of our new media age:

"Judicial Watch is a conservative gadfly, yes, but it is acting more like a newsroom staffed by lawyers – a scary thought, to the government at the very least. With an ample, donor-funded war chest, the nonprofit is taking journalists to school in deploying one of their most valued weapons, the Freedom of Information Act, doing so more effectively than any news organization in recent memory. Mainstream news organizations are happy to take its costly court-won revelations and run with them."

. . .

"I hope Donald Trump understands that the American people want him to 'clean house' in Washington, D.C.," said Judicial Watch President, Tom Fitton. "Now, it is time for Trump to follow through with his promises to root out corruption and hold accountable those responsible for it, including Hillary Clinton and Barrack Obama."

ELECTRIC SHOCK

The sound you hear is the sobbing of duped Prius owners. According to Green Car Congress, a new study published in Atmospheric Environment – yes, you guessed it, one of my favorite journals – found that total emissions from electric vehicles equal emissions from internal combustion vehicles. For those of you in Rio Linda, that means electric cars aren't any "cleaner" than gasoline-burners. Your Prius isn't "saving the planet." For once, this research team added in all the reallife pollution "costs" - they factored in the additional weight of electric vehicles, tire wear, brake wear, road wear, and road dust. Turns out, the electric cars generate more pollutants from road dust and road wear than cars that run on eeeevil gasoline, which balances out other factors. And these researchers didn't even calculate for the source of the electricity that powers electric cars: fossil fuels. But don't hold your breath that libs will ever ditch their Leaf of Volt. Snobbery will remain their driving force. (Limbaugh Letter)

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 reelection 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.

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 techno-logy 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)