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HOUSTON GAINES
CANDIDATE FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 117
STATE REP. GEOFF DUNCAN
CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR

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MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Sept 18 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Oct 2 7:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Oct 3 6:00 PM
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Oct 3 6:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 5 6:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Oct 10 7:00 PM
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Oct 17 7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 19 6:00 PM
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Oct 19 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Oct 24 7:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 8/31/17)

Membership	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17
Regular	48	46	44	63	39	36	26	30	26
Advanced	68	58	59	71	59	41	55	55	48
Barrow 100	17	16	17	13	8	13	7	9	7
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	84
Renewals	113	105	112	101	95	82	85	77	77
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
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	email: staley93@hotmail.com	
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Asst. Treasurer	Mike Pentecost	770-868-6046
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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!

The Center for Medical Progress (CMP) recently released brand-new, appalling footage from its investigations of the National Abortion Federation’s annual conventions. Posing as fetal-tissue buyers at the conventions, CMP investigators recorded panel presentations and conversations, many of which revealed illegal activity on the part of Planned Parenthood officials and clinics. Planned Parenthood abortionists and executives admitted on camera to performing banned abortion procedures, partnering with biotech firms to receive compensation for providing intact fetal tissue, and altering abortion procedures to obtain more-valuable organs to sell at higher prices. The footage is damning, so expect liberals to look away. (*National Review*)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 16 (Sat)	Statham Sunflower Festival
Sept 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Oct 16 (Mom)	Monthly Meeting
Nov 20 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Dec 4 (Mon)	Annual Holiday Dinner
Jan 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Feb 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Patriot Day – September 11 (Monday)
William Taft Birthday – September 15 (Friday)
POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 15 (Friday)
Constitution Day – September 17 (Sunday)
Rutherford Hayes Birthday – October 4 (Wednesday)
Chester Arthur Birthday – October 5 (Thursday)
Columbus Day – October 12 (Thursday)
Dwight Eisenhower Birthday – October 14 (Saturday)
Theodore Roosevelt Birthday – October 27 (Friday)
Navy Day – October 27 (Friday)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - 2017

2017 – 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethlehem Community Center
Bethabra Church
Bramlett Elementary
Westside Middle School
Statham Fire Dept.
Winder-Barrow High School
Statham Elementary
Winder First Baptist Church
Winder Lions Club
Barrow County Rec. Dept.
Apalachee High School
Midway Methodist Church
Winder Community Center
Cedar Creek Baptist Church
County Line Elementary
The Church at Winder

Marty Rahinsky
John Stevens
David Gunter
Richard Pepper

John Reavis
DuWayne Anderson
Bob Lanham
Kathy Hopkins
Dianne Craig
Terry Raber

June Miller

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NEXT 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, **September 23, 2017**, 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, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 **September 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. Please be encouraged to upgrade your membership to a higher level, if possible. We appreciate your support!

We had a good meeting with good attendance last month. We discussed the BBQ. There was no guest speaker at this meeting.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers and supporters for another successful Annual Barrow Republican BBQ! We had a crowd of about 250 people, heard from our Congressman Jody Hice, Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black, Attorney General Chris Carr, and Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, House District 117, and Insurance Commissioner candidates. The Silent Auction was a great success. Much hard work went into this effort, and we appreciate it!

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **September 18, 2017** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our guest speakers will be Houston Gaines, candidate for House District 117 (There will be a special election in November for this seat to complete the rest of Regina Quick's term; she was appointed as a judge by the Governor recently. Congratulations!), and State Rep. Geoff Duncan, candidate for Lt. Governor. There will also be a BBQ report to let everyone know how we did this year. It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend! Be early for a good seat. Bring a friend!

Ken Young

2017 BBQ STRAW POLL RESULTS

GOVERNOR'S RACE - 2018

Secretary of State Brian Kemp	49	46.7 %
State Senator Hunter Hill	29	27.6 %
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle	8	7.6 %
State Senator Michael Williams	6	5.7 %
Marc Urbach	0	0.0 %
Undecided	13	12.4 %

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Crackdown On North Korea Unavoidable Now” – *Forbes* – Steve Forbes – July 27, 2017 –

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/steveforbes/2017/07/05/how-president-trump-must-confront-the-deadly-north-korea-crisis.#2c085f35f911>

“Peace through Strength Guides Trump Foreign Policy” – *AMAC Advantage* – 2017 – [www.bt.editionsbyfry.com/publication/?i=405439#\(“issue_id”:405439,”page”:24}](http://www.bt.editionsbyfry.com/publication/?i=405439#(“issue_id”:405439,”page”:24})

“Unaccounted For” – *AFA Journal* – Rebecca Davis – September 2016 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2016/september/unaccounted-for/>

A 2018 FORECAST:
GEORGIA STAYS GOP RED

Randy Evans, *James* magazine, July/August 2017

In 2002, the first Republican since Reconstruction won Georgia’s top prize – governor. Sonny Perdue defeated incumbent Democrat Gov. Roy Barnes in an election that virtually no one thought he would win. Democrats thought it was a fluke and Republicans thought it was a miracle. It was neither. It was a sign of times to come.

It was in 2006 when the country turned blue with Democrats winning control of the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, a majority of state legislatures and a majority of governorships. Yet, one gubernatorial election that Democrats did not win was in Georgia. Governor Sonny Perdue easily defeated then Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor.

In 2010 when term-limited Perdue left office, Democrats believed that they had their best chance of regaining political control. Instead, not only did Republican Nathan Deal win the governorship but Georgia Republicans won every single constitutional office and increased their margins in the Legislature to numbers sufficient to pass constitutional amendments. There was no doubt that Georgia had gone red.

Since then Georgia Democrats have been singing a different song. Citing changing demographics, they now concede Georgia indeed went red but insist that now it is swinging back purple. While it sounds right to many (like the pundits predicting a Hillary Clinton win last November), so far there is no evidence to support it. Indeed, Georgia Democrats have continued to lose ground since then – including the ouster of the last white Deep South congressman, John Barrow.

In 2014, Georgia Democrats tested their new theory by recruiting the grandson of President Jimmy carter (Jason Carter) as their candidate for governor and the daughter of former senior Sen. Sam Nunn (Michelle Nunn) for U.S. Senate. Georgia Democrats fared no better. In 2014 it was a clean sweep.

The most recent attempt came just recently when national Democrats jumped on board to help Georgia Democrats attempt to win the vacant 6th District congressional seat that President Donald Trump won by less than two percentage points. Tens of millions of dollars and countless resources poured into the district held by now-Secretary of Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price.

By nationalizing a race that the president barely won, Democrats hoped that the combination of Trump’s challenges in the district along those supposed demographic changes would be enough to push them over the top. It was not. Republican Karen Handel easily won the special election runoff – dashing the hopes and dreams of a political party desperate to win.

Now all focus turns to the 2018 elections. Every constitutional office (including governor) as well as all of the state legislature will be up for re-election. Once again, Georgia Democrats and pundits are pointing to any number of political variables to insist that purple is finally here. It’s not.

If anything, the victories in last year’s presidential election in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio point to a Republican Party that itself has changed as the country and Georgia has changed. Georgia Democrats are still left without a bench of young and upcoming challengers; without a message that appeals broadly to Georgians as opposed to individual special interest groups; without the infrastructure to support candidates

statewide; and without the party leadership to implement a winning strategy.

This is not to say 2018 will be a cake walk for Republicans. And anyone who thinks they know what impact the Trump presidency will have on the midterm elections is simply delusional. Based on History, most presidents lose seats during the first midterm. Yet, the simple truth is that, unless something strange happens (and many strange things have already happened), Georgia Republicans should do just fine next year.

After all, Deal is a popular governor drawing support from all demographic groups and he led Georgia to become the first state in the nation to be the No. 1 place to do business for three years in a row. Generally, Georgians believe their state is headed in the right direction – and that is before the full impact of the thousands of new jobs headed here has been felt.

Even if Georgia was purple, Democrats would face some strong political headwinds thanks to the good work of the governor and the Republican leadership in the House and Senate.

The fact that the only ones who could beat Georgia Republicans next year will be Georgia Republicans. They have done it before. They could always do it again. Otherwise, Georgia stays red again.

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DON’T TREAD ON ME
A History of The Gadsden Flag

The Gadsden Flag is a historical American flag with a bright yellow field depicting a rattlesnake, coiled and ready to strike. Printed under the snake are the words “Don’t Tread On Me.” This flag was named after its designer, American statesman Christopher Gadsden.

Benjamin Franklin first used the rattlesnake in 1751 when he referenced it in a satirical commentary that he published in his *Pennsylvania Gazette*. As the American Revolution approached the snake became a symbol of the colonies and the American spirit.

The United States Navy was established in 1775, and before ships departed for their first mission, Gadsden presented the commander-in-chief of the Navy, Commodore Esek Hopkins, with the “Don’t Tread on Me” flag to serve as his personal standard.

The Gadsden flag is considered to be one of the first flags of the United States, and has been reintroduced many times since the American Revolution as a symbol of American patriotism.

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President Trump’s commission on election integrity asked the states for information about voter rolls. Many states are balking, with their officials portraying the request as an assault on federalism and voter privacy. The letter’s request is, however, limited to information that is publicly available under the states’ own laws. Many of the states that are denouncing the request sell this information to interested parties. And so the commission has made its first important finding: Too many state officials in charge or election integrity do not have much of that quality themselves. (*National Review*)