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STATE SEN. DAVID SHAFER
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STATE REP. BRAD RAFFENSPERGER
CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

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MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Oct 16 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 2 6:00 PM
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Nov 6 7:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Nov 7 6:00 PM
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Nov 7 6:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Nov 14 7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 16 6:00 PM
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 16 7:00 PM
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Nov 21 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Nov 28 7:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 9/30/17)

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	

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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!

Ajit Pai, head of the Federal Communications Commission, is starting to undo one of the mistakes of the Obama years. The FCC imposed sweeping new regulations on the Internet in the name of “net neutrality,” which became a cause of the left. The concern was that service providers would favor preferred web-sites and hinder access to others. Never mind that there was no evidence that this was happening or about to happen, and never mind as well that the governing law passed by Congress was a deregulatory one. After the FCC acted, investment in broadband declined - something that, as Pai points out, has not previously happened except in a recession. Net freedom is a policy that worked phenomenally well until the FCC started moving away from it in the last few years, and luckily we are returning to it. (*National Review*)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 16 (Sat)	Statham Sunflower Festival
Sept 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Oct 16 (Mon)	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

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)
Warren Harding Birthday – November 2 (Thursday)
Change Clocks Back 1 Hour – November 4 (Saturday) - PM
GOP Elephant Birthday – November 7 (Tuesday)
Marine Corp Day – November 10 (Friday)
Veterans Day – November 11 (Saturday)
James Garfield Birthday – November 19 (Sunday)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - 2017

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2017 – 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethlehem Community Center	
Bethabra Church	Marty Rahinsky
Bramlett Elementary	John Stevens
Westside Middle School	David Gunter
Satham Fire Dept.	Richard Pepper
Winder-Barrow High School	
Satham Elementary	
Winder First Baptist Church	John Reavis
Winder 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
Cedar Creek Baptist Church	
County Line Elementary	June Miller
The Church at Winder	

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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, **October 21, 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, OCTOBER 21, 2017
9:00 AM**

FROM THE EDITOR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2018. If you have not already renewed, please bring yours to our **October 16** 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 heard from Houston Gaines, candidate for House District 117.

Those of our members who live in House District 117 (small part east and north of Statham) should be aware of the special election on Tuesday, **November 7, 2017** to fill the seat of Regina Quick of House District 117. Don't forget to vote! For early voting information, please call 770.307.3110.

Ken Young gave the BBQ financial report. Chairman Clay Kelley announced our Annual Dinner on Monday, **December 4, 2017**, at 7:00 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. The cost is \$ 10.00 per person.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **October 16, 2017** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our guest speakers will be State Sen. David Shafer, candidate for Lt. Governor, and State Rep. Brad Raffensperger, candidate for Georgia Secretary of State. Make plans to attend! Be early for a good seat. Bring a friend! It will be worth your time.

Ken Young

PEANUTS – AN AMERICAN FAVORITE

America's obsession with peanut butter boils down to the key ingredient, the peanut. Peanuts are such a versatile vegetable; yes, that's right, vegetable! Salty, sweet, crunchy, creamy, boiled or roasted – peanuts are a delicious source of protein and a tasty snack.

A peanut is considered a legume, a pod where the fruit or seed is used as food. Peanuts grow on plants that fruit below the ground and flower above.

Georgia continues to produce over half of the peanuts in the United States annually, including those use in Little Debbie products. (from a Little Debbie snack box)

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Why GOP-Care Lost The Public” – *Forbes* – Steve Forbes – September 5, 2017 –

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/steveforbes/2017/09/08/the-medical-insurance-battle-why-gop-care-lost-the-public/#116843105648>

“The Sanctuary City Debate” – *AMAC Advantage* – 2017 –

[www.bt.editionsbyfry.com/publication/?i=425010#{"issue_id":425010,"page":44}](http://www.bt.editionsbyfry.com/publication/?i=425010#{)

“A New Day for the Second Amendment: Donald Trump Addresses the NRA” – *American Hunter* – Chris W. Cox – July 2017 – <https://www.nra.org/articles/20170627/a-new-day-for-the-second-amendment-donald-trump-addresses-the-nra>

COLLEGE NOT NEEDED FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM

Esther Cepeda, *Gwinnett Daily Post*

The tide is turning on the “college-for-all” movement. Policymakers are finally starting to understand that, while in a perfect world every student would emerge from 12 years of public education excited and prepared for the rigors of college, this just isn’t realistic.

It’s no wonder, really. Though the career earnings of college graduates vastly outweigh the prospects of those with only a high school diploma, the reality of the student loan crisis, the fear of indebtedness and the cultural barriers to a college education (for some, this is the difficulty of mixing with people from vastly higher incomes; and for others, it’s more about feeling unwelcome on campuses with hyper-liberal student populations) are increasingly making college a nonstarter.

And it’s not just stressed-out students who are making these calculations; parents are also re-evaluating the return on investment of a college education.

According to a newly released survey from the education journal EdNext, this may not be attributable to the often-blamed issue of parents being confused or uninformed about the costs of college.

In the survey, parents were asked whether they would prefer their child to attend a university to earn a four-year degree, a community college to earn a two-year degree or neither. The survey respondents were divided into four randomly selected groups with one getting no information about costs or benefits of a college degree. A second received information about the earnings differential between adults with associate’s and bachelor’s degrees, and a third was instead told the average costs of obtaining the two degrees. The fourth group was given both cost and earnings information.

What the researchers found was that though the majority of respondents said they wanted their child to pursue a four-year university degree, the percentage who preferred their child to pursue a four-year degree dropped 7 points when only cost information is provided, and increased by 8 points when respondents received only earnings information.

However, when both these pieces of information were supplied, the percentages of those who said they wanted their children to attend college were essentially the same as when no information about either costs or benefits was given.

Based on these results, one could conclude that college is an intuitive choice that parents make based on their beliefs about whether it could lead to a better life, with financial considerations not a main barrier to college aspiration.

The researchers concluded: “Less-educated families do not seem to lack the information they need to make college and career choices. Their decisions do not change when they are given the opportunity to compare costs and benefits, suggesting no reason to question the rationality of their preferences . . . Inasmuch as simultaneous information on costs and benefits does not alter the choices made (on average), it is likely that the choice itself is a conscious one that is partly shaped by available financial information.”

According to the National Student Clearinghouse, which tracks college enrollments, the number of students in colleges and universities has now dropped for five straight years, and this year 81,000 fewer high school graduates nationwide are heading to higher-education institutions. If fear or cost uncertainty isn’t

the main driver making parents more wary of college, we must grapple with what, exactly, is causing the cooling attitudes toward higher education and resultant lower matriculation rates.

Is it the roiling social unrest on campuses? Or the fact that as studies seem to show, even students at elite institutions are graduating with no better critical thinking skills than they came in with?

Most likely is that the college-for-all push has led to a dearth of viable alternatives for those who simply do not want to start their adult lives with more, expensive schooling – even if it’s likely to increase lifetime earnings.

While college is an important and desirable rite of passage for many, policymakers must pay more attention to the segment of the population that is looking for different pathways into the middle class.

As Microsoft President Brad Smith said recently during an announcement of a skills-based learning program, “We need new approaches, or we’re going to leave more and more people behind in our economy.”

Yes. And transitioning away from believing that college is the only way to attain the American dream must begin with acknowledging that non-white-collar work is an important part of our economy deserving of both respect and more attentive cultivation.

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Apparently, “fake news” has a biological cause: faulty brain function. In a research paper titled “Study into the Mental Resilience of Journalists,” neuroscientist Dr. Tara Swart found that “the highest functions of the human brain operate at a lower level in journalists than the average population.” Surprised? Me neither. As reported by Buy Benson at Townhall, Dr. Swart studied 40 journalists using blood tests, heart rate monitors, and brain profile questionnaires. She found that reporters seems to be missing critical brain cells – due to being more boozehound than newshound. No, they aren’t just drinking the Kool-Aid. Dr. Swart found that the combination of excessive alcohol, a poor diet, too much coffee, and stress has resulted in mental imbalance. This lunacy is evident every time they report on the trump Administration. Give ‘em a ticket for journalistic negligence: the drive-by media are driving drunk. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

Few American activist organizations are more toxic and destructive than the Southern Poverty Law Center. Founded with the worthy goal of opposing the vicious white supremacy of the pre-civil-rights era, it has morphed into the worst sort of left-wing identity group. One of its modern specialties is allegedly defining which American organizations qualify as “hate groups,” and since it now carries the banner of LGBT rights, it has taken to labeling standard expressions of Christian sexual morality “hateful” or intolerant. That means Christian organizations such as the Alliance Defending Freedom – a Christian public-interest law firm that recently won a victory at the Supreme Court – are placed in the same category as vicious racist militias. The media dutifully report the SPLC’s designations, and Americans are thus treated to ridiculous headlines such as “Attorney General Jeff Sessions Criticized for Speaking to ‘Hate Group.’” The SPLC obviously has the right to say what it wants, but the media are under no obligation to listen. (*National Review*)

HOW TO MOTIVATE, MANAGE MILLENNIALS

Rob Jenkins, *Gwinnett Daily Post*

In my leadership development seminars, I'm often asked how to motivate today's young adult workers – the so-called “millennial” generation. Apparently, none of the old methods seem to work anymore.

I've noticed this myself. For example, in the way the quality of the service at fast-food restaurants has deteriorated noticeably just in the last five years. As I write this, I'm sitting in a well-known national chain where, to order lunch, I had to explain to the young man behind the counter what a “regular cheese-burger” is.

There are, however, a few outliers – companies that hire lots of millennials yet have a well-earned reputation for good service. Chick-Fil-A and Quik-Trip are two that come to mind. Not coincidentally, those companies are among the fastest growing in their respective industries.

What sets such places apart? The first thing you notice when you walk in is that the employees don't look miserable. They smile – a lot. They're polite and friendly. The product is delivered quickly and is generally of good quality.

Imagine that.

So how do those companies do it? I think there are four keys.

Management sets the tone. At Chick-Fil-A, managers smile and say “my pleasure” just as much as the workers. In fact, it's kind of hard to tell them apart, except maybe by the color of their shirts and the fact that they're a little older.

I've never once been in a fast-food place where the manager was up front working hard, smiling and interacting with customers, and the employees weren't. Generally, if the guy behind the counter is surly, then the managers are, too – either that, or else they're in the back.

There's no “I” in “team.” Something else places like CFA and QT get right: They've obviously persuaded employees that they're all on the same team, so that what one does reflects on everyone.

In other words, they've made rank-and-file workers feel like they're part of something bigger than themselves. That's a powerful motivator, as human beings are naturally wired to seek acceptance within a community.

Pay matters. We're often told that money isn't the only, or even the most, important factor in motivating people. That may well be true – but it doesn't mean what you pay people doesn't matter. Of course it does.

The best companies, I've observed, tend to pay their workers a little more than their competitors down the street. Not necessarily a lot more – maybe just an extra 50 cents or dollar an hour – but enough to make a difference.

Expectations matter, too. In return for higher pay, managers feel justified in holding their employees to a higher standard. And they're not afraid to fire those who don't measure up.

The message is: “I'll pay you well, but I expect a lot in return.” Most people (even millennials) will take that deal – and those who refuse can be gradually weeded out, until only the best workers remain.

MELTDOWN

Late last year, four *New York Times* journalists joined a Columbia University team of scientists to fly across Antarctica's Ross Ice Shelf, the world's largest chunk of floating ice. A series of overwrought dispatches from the frozen tundra followed, all with the same dire message: Armageddon is here. The science is settled; melting ice from Antarctica will result in a catastrophic deluge of water. The earth has “entered the early stages of an unstoppable disintegration.” The resultant rising sea levels of six feet or more, “double the maximum increase that an international climate panel projected only four years ago,” will threaten “the continued existence of the world's great coastal cities.” Indeed, the sea levels could rise so rapidly that “millions of coastal refugees would have to flee inland, potentially straining societies to the breaking point.” To avoid this catastrophe, American taxpayers must throw at least \$25 million to the National Science Foundation . . . or else. All this from just looking out the window of a plane! Don't forget Al Gore predicted an imminent 20 foot rise in sea levels in 2005, then went out and bought a \$9 million beachfront home in Montecito, CA. Proof positive that a rising tide lifts all scam artists. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

We're into the Soviet-revisionism portion of Bill Nye's career. As part of his new Netflix show *Bill Nye Saves the World*, Nye recently aired a segment titled “My Sex Junk,” which features Nye, who holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, gyrating in the background as actress Rachel Bloom sings about how “sexuality's a spectrum.” But in a 1996 episode of Nye's previous show *Bill Nye the Science Guy*, a young woman explains that “inside each of our cells are these things called chromosomes, and they control whether we become a boy or a girl. See, there are only two possibilities: XX, a girl, or XY, a boy.” There is some dispute about who did the deleting – Netflix or Buena Vista TV, which holds the program's distribution rights – but the episode in its Netflix version no longer includes that scene. Hypothesis: What's changed in the two-decade interim between shows has nothing to do with science. (*National Review*)

RED – LIGHT BLUES

More wackiness from the people's republic of Oregon. After his wife got a ticket based on a red-light camera, Swedish-born electronics engineer Mats Jarlstrom of Beaverton, OR started looking into the state's traffic-flow system. Jarlstrom spent hours studying the timing of yellow lights, and then presented his research on traffic improvements to the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying. Instead of welcoming Jarlstrom's meticulous efforts and recommendations, reports the institute for justice, the uncivil civil servants basically told the engineer to go play in traffic. It gets worse. After opening an *investigation* into Jarlstrom, the Board fined him \$500 – for unlawfully engaging in the “practice of engineering” without an Oregon engineering license. Don't even dream of saying the Oregon Board of Examiners have their heads up their posteriors – unless you're an Oregon-licensed proctologist. (*Limbaugh Letter*)