

# BARROW REPUBLICAN NEWS

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

**MEETINGS**

**Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Nov 20 7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Dec 4 7:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Dec 5 6:00 PM  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Dec 5 6:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Dec 7 6:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Dec 12 7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Dec 19 7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Dec 21 6:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Dec 21 7:00 PM

**VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (29)**

Clay Kelley – Chrm.	Lucretia Hughes	Kathy Hopkins
DuWayne Anderson – 1 <sup>st</sup> VC	Teeny Allison	Terry Raber
Leonard Koonce – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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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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 <sup>th</sup> 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 #####

##### November 20, 2017 #####

**JIM BECK**  
**CANDIDATE FOR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**  
**STATE REP. BUZZ BROCKWAY**  
**CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE**

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 10/31/17)

Membership	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17
Regular	48	46	44	<b>63</b>	39	36	26	30	26
Advanced	68	58	59	71	59	41	55	55	48
Barrow 100	<b>17</b>	16	<b>17</b>	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	<b>134</b>	<b>121</b>	121	<b>152</b>	110	92	91	96	84
Renewals	<b>113</b>	105	112	101	95	82	85	77	77
New	21	16	9	<b>51</b>	15	10	6	19	7

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**ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017**  
**7:00 PM - WINDER WOMAN’S CLUB**

**GUEST SPEAKER - TERRY ENGLAND**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 116**

**COST - \$ 10.00 PER PERSON**  
**CONTACT US FOR RESERVATIONS**  
**[PAY AT DOOR, NO-SHOWS MUST PAY]**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>Nov 20 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Dec 4 (Mon)</b>	<b>Annual Holiday Dinner</b>
<b>Jan 15 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Feb 19 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Mar 19 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Apr 16 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>May 21 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting

**LOOKING AHEAD**

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)  
Pearl Harbor Day – December 7 (Thursday)  
Bill of Rights Day – December 15 (Friday)

**FROM THE EDITOR**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2018.** If you have not already renewed, please bring yours to our **November 20** 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!

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - 2018**

Ken Young                      Bill Brown                      Wayne Grimes

**WELCOME - NEW MEMBER**

Pat Brewer

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We had a good meeting with good attendance last month. We heard from State Sen. David Shafer, candidate for Lt. Governor, and State Rep. Brad Raffensperger, candidate for Secretary of State.

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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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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.

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Our Annual Holiday Dinner is scheduled for Monday, **December 4, 2017** at **7:00 PM** in the Winder Woman's club. Our speaker will be State rep. Terry England. The cost is \$ 10.00 per person. We are taking reservations. Please contact Chairman Clay Kelley (770.560.4523) or Treasurer Bob Lanham (770.867.5459) as soon as possible to get your name(s) on the list. You can pay at the door. Great food, fun, fellowship, and door prizes from Santa!

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Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **November 20, 2017** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our guest speakers will be Jim Beck, candidate for Insurance Commissioner, and State Rep. Buzz Brockway, candidate for Georgia Secretary of State. Please bring your money for the Holiday Dinner. Be early for a good seat. Bring a friend! It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend!

Ken Young

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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, **November 18, 2017**, at 9:00 AM. (Different date due to Thanksgiving.) 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, NOVEMBER 18, 2017  
9:00 AM**

**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

“A Blood-Soaked Money-Wasting Scandal” – *Forbes* – Steve Forbes – May 16, 2017 – <https://www.forbes.com/sites/steveforbes/2017/05/02/how-trump-can-attack-the-blood-soaked-money-wasting-scandal-of-how-the-pentagon-develops-weapons/#377ef2c35659>

“Second Amendment Belongs to All Americans, Regardless of Race, Creed, or Gender” – *American Hunter* – Pete R. Brownell – August 2017 – <https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2017/07/27/president-s-column-second-amendment-belongs-to-all-americans-regardless-of-race-creed-or-gender/>

## IS THE U.S. TURNING TO FASCISM?

Rob Jenkins, *Gwinnett Daily Post*

“Progressives” have literally lost their collective mind since the election of Donald Trump, and it’s easy to understand why.

After eight years of Obama, and anticipating an easy Hillary Clinton victory, they believed they were that close (holds thumb and forefinger a half-inch apart) to achieving their ultimate nirvana of complete control – getting to tell the rest of us not only what to do but what we’re allowed to think.

That dream has withered on the vine as the left has watched Trump make inspired Cabinet appointees (like Jeff Sessions for attorney general) and contemplated his likely Supreme Court nominees. And so, in their psychotic rage, they are reduced to calling names, like “racist,” “bigot,” and “fascist.”

Let’s examine that last one for a moment. Whenever I hear a leftist say “fascist,” I’m reminded of the line by the Indigo Montoya character in the movie “The Princess Bride”: “You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means.”

Generally, when the left calls someone a “fascist,” what they’re really saying is that they think he’s a mean, scary man. Perhaps the word they’re looking for is “tyrant” or maybe “despot.”

So let’s go with that. Is Donald Trump a potential tyrant? Well, yes, of course. All presidents are potential tyrants, as the founders understood very well. That’s why they conceived the idea of separation of powers and wrote it into the U.S. Constitution.

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Mamet put it this way in his delightful essay for the *Village Voice* back in 2008 titled “Why I’m no longer a brain-dead liberal.”

“The Constitution, written by men with some experience of actual government, assumes that the chief executive will work to be king, the Parliament will scheme to see off the silverware, and the Judiciary will consider itself Olympian and do everything it can to much improve (destroy) the work of the other two branches. So the Constitution pits them against each other, in the attempt not to achieve stasis, but rather to allow for the constant corrections necessary to prevent one branch from getting too much power for too long.”

Barack Obama is clearly Exhibit A. During his two terms, he frequently lamented the fact that the Constitution prevented him from enacting his full agenda, often threatened to bypass Congress altogether, and several times attempted to follow through on that threat. Fortunately, separation of powers kept him in check, at least to some extent.

No doubt the same will be true of Donald Trump. But to my leftist friends, I can promise this: No one will be more diligent in fighting any attempted unconstitutional overreach by President Trump than the true conservatives in Congress.

So, will Trump be a tyrant? The answer is no, although like his predecessor(s), he might very well try. But is he a fascist? We’ll examine that question next week.

## PART II: IS THE UNITED STATES DESCENDING INTO FASCISM?

Rob Jenkins, *Gwinnett Daily Post*

As I observed last week, when “progressives” use the term “fascist,” they usually don’t know what they’re talking about. Most of the time, what they really mean is “totalitarian dictator.”

But totalitarianism is not unique to fascism. Hitler was certainly a brutal dictator, but so were Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot, and that darling of the modern left, Fidel Castro – and they were all communists, not fascists.

Progressives also tend to associate fascism with extreme nationalism, but once again that doesn’t compute. Sure, the Nazis fit that description – but has there ever been a more rabidly nationalistic bunch than the Soviets, except maybe the Chicomcs?

Obviously, “fascism” doesn’t mean what the left thinks it means. Instead, it’s a very specific economic and political philosophy – a philosophy of the left, at that, despite progressive propaganda insisting it’s some sort of far-right ideology. Remember, “Nazi” was short for “National Socialists.”

I offered a more detailed explanation of fascism in a column I wrote a couple of years ago. Suffice it to say, for now, that fascism creates an unholy alliance between corporations and government, in which the former strive shamelessly to curry favor and the latter picks economic winners and losers.

Perhaps you recognize this model by its modern name: “crony capitalism,” which is actually not capitalism at all. It’s just fascism-light.

To those who worry the U.S. is descending into fascism, following the election of Donald Trump, I would respond that we’ve actually been there for some time – perhaps going back to George W. Bush and his proposed federal bailout of the automobile industry.

Of course it was Barack Obama who actually followed through on the bailout, as he constantly brags. If that isn’t a case of the federal government picking economic winners and losers, I don’t know what is – unless it’s the feds blatant subsidizing of inefficient “green energy” companies – Solyndra, anybody? – while at the same time plotting the demise of the coal industry.

Or their collusion with textbook giant Pearson Education to create Common Core standards and materials, from which Pearson has profited mightily.

Or their seduction of the health insurance industry in a failed attempt to make Obamacare viable.

I could go on, but the real question is whether Trump will embrace similar policies. Unfortunately, his recent attempts to keep campaign promises by preventing companies from leaving the U.S. indicates some tendency in that direction.

However, I believe Trump is ultimately more pragmatic than ideologue. Unlike progressives, he is not laboring under the false Malthusian notion that the economy is finite – that for some to win, others have to lose. He understands that the best way to grow the economy is to grow all sectors rather than picking and choosing.

So while Trump’s fascistic proclivities may bear watching, I believe in the long run we will have less crony capitalism under him than we did under either Obama or Bush.