# BARROW REPUBLICAN NEWS

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#### **MEETINGS**

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

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

Clay Kelley – Chrm.	Lucretia Hughes	Kathy Hopkins
DuWayne Anderson – 1st V	VC Teeny Allison	Terry Raber
Leonard Koonce – 2 <sup>nd</sup> VC	Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper
Debbie Reid – Sec.	June Miller	Beverly Kelley
Dianne Craig – Asst. Sec.	Tim Walker	Mark Staley
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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#### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Barrow 10<sup>th</sup> District Rep.

Reg. \$ 15, Adv. \$ 25, Barrow 100 \$ 100, Barrow 360 \$ 360

DuWayne Anderson

LOCAL ELECTED REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP!

7:30 PM

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March 19, 2018

#### JAY FLORENCE CANDIDATE FOR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER SECRETARY OF STATE BRIAN KEMP CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

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# MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 2/28/18)

Membership	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18
Regular	46	44	63	39	36	26	30	26	11
Advanced	58	59	71	59	41	55	55	48	14
Barrow 100	16	17	13	8	13	7	9	7	3
Barrow 360	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Students			4	3	2	2	1	2	2
Total	121	121	152	110	92	91	96	84	31
Renewals	105	112	101	95	82	85	77	77	28
New	16	9	51	15	10	6	19	7	3

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# IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018!!!

#### 2018 CANDIDATE QUALIFYING

## PREMIER BROKERS OF GEORGIA 20 N. BROAD ST., WINDER

Monday	MARCH 5	9 AM to 1 PM
Tuesday	MARCH 6	5 PM to 8 PM
Wednesday	MARCH 7	8 AM to Noon
Thursday	MARCH 8	5 PM to 8 PM
Friday	MARCH 9	8 AM to Noon

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#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>Mar 5-9</b> (Mon-Fri)	<b>Candidate Qualifying</b>
Mar 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

Apr 16 (Mon) Monthly Meeting
May 21 (Mon) Monthly Meeting
Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD FROM THE EDITOR

Change Clocks Ahead 1 Hour – <u>March 10</u> (Saturday) – PM
National Medal of Honor Day – <u>March 25</u> (Sunday)
Army Day – <u>April 6</u> (Friday)
Holocaust Remembrance Day – <u>April 12</u> (Thursday)
Tax Protest Day – <u>April 16</u> (Monday)
Ulysses Grant Birthday – <u>April 27</u> (Friday)

#### 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Leonard Koonce Tim Walker Ben Hendrix Ansel Garrett Kathy Garrett Tammy Brown

#### **WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS**

Stephanie Bramlett Thomas Cox

#### 2017 - 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethlehem Community Center Bethabra Church Marty Rahinsky **Bramlett Elementary** John Stevens Westside Middle School **David Gunter** Statham Fire Dept. Richard Pepper Winder-Barrow High School Statham 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

## **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, **March 24, 2018**, 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, MARCH 24, 2018 9:00 AM WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2018. If you have not already renewed, please bring yours to our March 19 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 crowd attending our last monthly meeting on **February 19**. We heard from Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, candidate for Governor. Shane Mobley, candidate for Insurance Commissioner, did not appear. The voting members of County Commission District 5 also elected Marty Rahinsky as their new representative to the Executive Committee. Several non-binding primary election ballot questions were also approved by the County Committee (see next page).

## 2018 CANDIDATE QUALIFYING FEES

### Commission Districts 4, 5, 6 [each] \$ 180.00 School Board Districts 1, 3, 4, \$ 18.00 School Board District 7 (at-large), 9 (at-large) \$ 18.00

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our guest speakers will be Jay Florence, candidate for Insurance Commissioner, and Secretary of State Brian Kemp, candidate for Governor. Make plans to attend! Be early for a good seat. Bring a friend! It will be worth your time. So close to St. Patrick's Day, please feel free to wear GREEN. Special door prizes are planned.

#### Ken Young

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING - MARCH 5-9, 2018

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION - MAY 22, 2018

PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION - JULY 24, 2018

GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 6, 2018

#### ADDITIONAL LINKS

"Benjamin Banneker – An American Patriot" – *AMAC Advantage* – Bill Bennett and John T.E. Cribb – Winter 2018 – bt.e-

ditionsbyfry.com/publication/?i=471647#("issue\_id":471647,"p age":64)

"Abortion War Zone" – *AFA Journal* – Jordan Chamblee – January-February 2018 – <a href="https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2018/january-february/abortion-war-zone/">https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2018/january-february/abortion-war-zone/</a>

# PRIMARY BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR THE MAY 22, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

1. Would you support a higher state sales tax in exchange for

the elim	ination of stat	e income tax	es?	C
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YES	<del></del>	NO		
or states		_	funding to citie ictions to be "Sa	
YES _		NO		

# MORALITY IS NOT DETERMINED BY INDIVIDUAL CHOICE!

Rush Limbaugh, The Limbaugh Letter, January 2018

The left mocked "family values" for fifty years and now they're stunned to discover brutes among them. They tore down every standard of decency and now they're dismayed to see they're drowning in sewage. They've spent decades sneering at the traditions and institutions that served as societal guardrails and now they're astonished they've gone off a cliff.

AP reports on a racketeering lawsuit filed last month in federal court in New York – basically a perv RICO case: "Six women sued Harvey Weinstein and men who served on the board of his film company . . . accusing them of functioning like an organized crime group that used agents, producers, and others to prey on young women . . . an effort [lawyers] dubbed the 'Weinstein Sexual Enterprise.'" Organized crime/sexual enterprise – a pretty good description of what's fueling the cultural fire burning through Hollywood right now.

And in the wake of all the sleaze, get this: leftist actors are upset to find that "we" are not protecting women. "We need to do better at protecting our sisters, friends, co-workers, and daughters," said Ben Affleck, who claimed the reports about Weinstein "made me sick." Matt Damon chimed in, "I just feel absolutely sick to my stomach." He said: "Men... have to be vigilant and we have to help protect and call this stuff out because we have our sisters and our daughters and our mothers."

Yes, the absolute filth and reprobate behavior oozing from every corner of liberalism is nauseating. But *we* did not stop protecting and respecting women; you on the left did. *We* did not stop believing in morality and virtue; you on the left called it prudery and utterly rejected it. *We* did not stop treasuring honesty, and integrity, and character, and God; you on the left spat on all of it.

Recently, as she pressured Rep. John Conyers (D, MI) to step down in the wake of multiple reports of sexual misconduct, Nancy Pelosi said: "As far as Capitol Hill is concerned, I'm going to be sure that everyone who works here who might be a victim of this, whether it's staff to staff, Member to staff, Member to Member, understands it's all over, there's a new day. And the courage of the women coming forward is something that is making a big difference, but also the attitude in the country, which I think some of it springs from the election of Donald trump as President."

Nope. This has nothing to do with Donald Trump – other than the fact that he has driven your side crazy. This has to do with you people on the left deciding decades ago that morality was an individual choice. You people own this, Ms. Pelosi.

Back in 1987 when I was in Sacramento, I wrote a weekly newspaper column. One day I had writer's block. To overcome it, I started jotting down one-sentence thoughts, hoping to inspire myself. These were pithy philosophical statements I knew were right: undeniable truths. Such as: "Communism kills." And: "Freedom is God given." I kept going until I looked at the collection of sentences and said, "Know what? This is the column." They became the "35 Undeniable Truths of Life."

Number 22 was: "Morality is not defined and cannot be defined by individual choice." That's it. A simple statement. In 1987, we were smack-dab in the middle of the AIDS scare. The left insisted it was Reagan's fault, if you remember – because Reagan supposedly "didn't care" and hadn't talked about it. The militant gay movement blamed Reagan, and all those who believed in traditional morality.

According to the American left back then – and today – conservatives don't have the right to "impose" our morality on anybody else; we're stiff-shirt Puritans trying to tell other people how to live. It's one of the pillars of liberalism: they demand we be nonjudgmental – toward them. They are viciously judgmental toward us every hour of every damn day, but heaven forbid anyone criticize them or point out the dangers of their ideas.

There's a very good reason why liberals do not want to be judged. Judgment brings with it the whiff of a moral structure outside themselves – which terrifies and repulses them. They don't want to be held to any standards, moral or otherwise.

Mu Undeniable Truth of Life No. 22 made the point that morality is what it is. Morality is not defined by individual choice, by what you want it to be, by what you'd rather have it be. You don't get to define what's moral and not. What's right and wrong, just and unjust, is established by God. (Undeniable Truth of Life No. 20: "There is a God.")

But for the last fifty years, there's been an attack on the very notion of right and wrong. The left has staked everything on the premise that they get to define "what's right for them." It's their absolute choice; it's whatever they want.

Well, how's that working out? This is exactly how we ended up with what we see all across the liberal culture: debauchery and abuse.

Look what happens to people who believe morality doesn't apply to them and it's nobody's business. You have unimaginably wealthy men – Matt Lauer reportedly making \$25 million a year, Harvey Weinstein, vast multimillions – in positions of enormous power where nobody could tell them what they could or couldn't do. Everybody was afraid of them and got out of the way when they behaved badly. There was no accountability – for a long time.

But now they are objects of worldwide disgust.

There are inescapable consequences for wrong behavior, which always, always carries a price. Conversely, morality is a

protection, and striving for it (though we all fall short) is a blessing.

George Washington complied his own list of undeniable truths, which he called "Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation." The bookend to my 22<sup>nd</sup> Undeniable Truth is Washington's last rule, No. 110" "Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience." That, my friends, holds the secret to a good life.

#### STARVING THE GOVERNMENT

Cal Thomas, Gwinnett Daily Post

One way to kill a predatory animal is to deny it sustenance. The tax-cut bill passed by the Senate, if it clears a conference with the House and President Trump signs it, may be the first step toward starving the big government beast.

Reporting on the Senate vote early Saturday morning reflected the biases of various outlets. Predictably, The New York Times and Washington Post characterized the cuts as favoring the "rich," while doing nothing for the poor. Bulletin: Relatively few low-income people pay federal income taxes. They join the 46 percent of Americans who pay no taxes to Washington.

Citizens Against Government Waste, a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization focused on eliminating waste and inefficiency in the federal government, expressed a view opposite that of the major media. CAGW president Thomas Schatz, said: "This taxpayer-first bill lowers tax rates on American families, simplifies the tax code, reduces the tax burden on small businesses, and makes American companies more competitive globally."

Two frustrating things about this: One is that too many people expect more from government that they expect from themselves. The Founders never intended government to be a nanny. That it has become one, egged-on by many politicians who reserve their careers by making people dependent on Washington, is why liberty shrinks and debt deepens.

The second and perhaps biggest frustration is that solutions to growing debt exist, but are ignored by many of these same politicians. They fear attacks by liberals who claim conservatives don't care about children, the sick and elderly. One need only consider Speaker Paul Ryan's proposal to reform Medicare and Social Security a few years ago. Rather than debate the merits of Ryan's proposal, a liberal group hired an actor who was shown pushing an elderly woman in a wheelchair over a cliff.

Google "cut federal spending" and you will see dozens of suggestions. Mostly liberal and some Republican politicians don't want to embrace them because cutting spending would reduce their power over us.

Two of these proposals deserve serious attention. One comes from Downsizing the Federal Government, a website designed to highlight where federal spending goes and how to reform each government department, which proposes shrinking "every federal department by cutting the most harmful programs. This study proposes specific cuts that would reduce federal spending by almost one-quarter and balance the budget in less than a decade."

The philosophy behind their proposal (which is too long to reprint, so look it up) is this: "The federal government has expanded into many areas that should be left to state and local

governments, businesses, charities and individuals. That expansion is sucking the life out of the private economy and creating a top-down bureaucratic society that is alien to American traditions. So cutting federal spending would enhance civil liberties by dispersing power from Washington."

A similar proposal comes from The Heritage Foundation, a Washington, D.C.,-based conservative think tank. Nothing has changed, except more debt, since senior fellow Brian Riedl wrote it seven years ago. It includes empowering state and local governments by transferring programs and power out of Washington to governments closer to the people, consolidating duplicative programs, of which there are many, privatizing the many programs that could be done better by the private sector, elimination of outdated and unnecessary programs and the familiar elimination of waste, fraud and abuse.

I would add reform Social Security and Medicare, the main drivers of increased spending, which President Trump has hinted Republicans may try next year.

Ignoring solutions and letting the debt increase is irresponsible. With this Congress, as with many before it, sexual harassment isn't the only example of irresponsibility.

Hundreds of bureaucrats have left the Environmental Protection Agency since Trump took office, and the New York Times says the former employees are "disheartened" about the direction of the EPA. Both are positive developments; neither is a surprise. During the 2016 election, Trump promised to streamline the agency, which had ballooned to more than 15,000 employees under Barack Obama. The Obama-era EPA was a tool with which the president bypassed Congress and implemented his executive decrees. Its regulations were crafted via tendentious readings of the relevant statutes and placed an onerous burden on states and the private sector. Now, under the direction of Scott Pruitt, the EPA is more efficient, no longer a drag on the economy, and it operates within the confines of the constitutional order. A reduction in its size and a change in its direction were sorely needed. The knee-jerk right-wing reaction to this story is the right one: The exodus of these bureaucrats is reassuring. (National Review)

In December, there was a train crash in Tacoma, Wash. As soon as the bad news broke, political opportunists started their engines. On MSNBC, Joy Reid linked the incident to the not-yet-signed tax bill and proposed that it was the direct result of a lack of infrastructure spending. It wasn't. In fact, the train had been making its inaugural high-speed journey along newly refurbished tracks, and the accident, which happened on the first day, has been attributed to a number of failures – none of them related to infrastructure. The union has reported on deficiencies in training. Moreover, it has come to light that the train was not using an anti-derailment technology called "positive train control." Had it been, it would not have entered a 30-mph zone at 80 mph. Not all tragedy can be prevented by Congress. (*National Review*)