

BARROW

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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Oct 15 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 1 **6:00 PM**
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Nov 5 7:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Nov 6 **6:00 PM**
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Nov 6 **6:00 PM**
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Nov 13 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 15 **6:00 PM**
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 15 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Nov 20 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Nov 27 7:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (27)

| | | |
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| Clay Kelley – Chrm. | Lucretia Hughes | Kathy Hopkins |
| Leonard Koonce – 1 st VC | Terry Raber | Terry England |
| Debbie Reid – 2 nd VC | Richard Pepper | Sara Pepper |
| Dianne Craig – Sec.. | June Miller | Beverly Kelley |
| Teeny Allison – Asst. Sec. | Tim Walker | Pat Graham |
| 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 |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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|-------------------|---|--------------|
| 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. | Marty Rahinsky | 770-868-8919 |
| C.C. Dist. 6 Rep. | June Miller | 770-867-5932 |

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

October 15, 2018

**GUEST SPEAKER(S)
TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 9/30/18)

| Membership | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '17 | '18 |
|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Regular | 46 | 44 | 63 | 39 | 36 | 26 | 30 | 26 | 26 |
| Advanced | 58 | 59 | 71 | 59 | 41 | 55 | 55 | 48 | 47 |
| Barrow 100 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 6 |
| 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 | 82 |
| Renewals | 105 | 112 | 101 | 95 | 82 | 85 | 77 | 77 | 74 |
| New | 16 | 9 | 51 | 15 | 10 | 6 | 19 | 7 | 8 |

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FOR NOVEMBER 6 GENERAL ELECTION

**Last Day to Register to Vote – OCTOBER 9
For Absentee Ballot Applications – call 770.307.3110**

**Early In-Person Voting Begins – OCTOBER 15
Monday-Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM
Elections Office, 233 E. Broad St., Winder, GA 30680
Early Voting Ends – NOVEMBER 2**

**Special Saturday Voting – OCTOBER 27
9 AM – 4 PM, 233 E. Broad St., Winder, GA 30680**

**No Early In-Person Voting – NOVEMBER 5
Voting @ Precinct Locations – NOVEMBER 6**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Oct 15 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |
| Nov 6 (Tue) | GENERAL ELECTION DAY |
| Nov 19 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |
| Dec 3 (Mon) | Annual Holiday Dinner |
| Jan 21 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |
| Feb 18 (Mon) | Monthly Meeting |
| Mar 9 (Sat) | County Convention |
| Apr 13 (Sat) | District Convention |
| May 17-18 (Fri/Sat) | State Convention |

LOOKING AHEAD

- Rutherford Hayes Birthday – October 4 (Thursday)
- Chester Arthur Birthday – October 5 (Friday)
- Columbus Day – October 12 (Friday)
- Dwight Eisenhower Birthday – October 14 (Sunday)
- Theodore Roosevelt Birthday – October 27 (Saturday)
- Navy Day – October 27 (Saturday)
- Warren Harding Birthday – November 2 (Friday)
- Change Clocks Back 1 Hour – November 3 (Saturday) - PM
- General Election Day – NOVEMBER 6** (Tuesday)
- GOP Elephant Birthday – November 7 (Wednesday)
- Marine Corps Day – November 10 (Saturday)
- Veterans Day – November 11 (Sunday)
- James Garfield Birthday – November 19 (Monday)

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2017 – 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

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| 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 | |
| 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 20, 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, OCTOBER 20, 2018
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 15** 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 **September 17**. We heard from Mike Scupin and Ron Hooper, who gave a presentation on the Georgia Republican Assembly. We were very successful at the Statham Sunflower festival with our booth on **September 15**. We passed out about 75 Kemp for Governor signs, about 950 small Georgia state flags, wooden nickels, BCRP pens, copies of the U.S. Constitution, and other signs and campaign materials. Thanks to all who helped!

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **October 15, 2018** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. This will be our last monthly meeting before the **November 6** General Election. Our guest speaker(s) was not determined at press time. It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend! Be early for a good seat. Bring a friend!

Ken Young

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TOUTED PRE – K ADVANTAGE DEBUNKED

After studying correlations between pre-K programs and their measurable impact on student achievement, Dr. Russ Whitehurst of the Brookings Institute believes any evidence of positive impact is weak. Touted as an opportunity for all children to succeed in both school and life despite economic disparities, the bipartisan push to increase access to government-funded pre-K is not the most cost-effective way to ensure student success, according to Whitehurst.

Using data from 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2017, Whitehurst analyzed state pre-K enrollment and corresponding National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores for five separate cohort groups. The correlations he discovered and documented at length between these state-enrolled pre-K students and their subsequent, unadjusted 4th-grade NAEP scores were close to zero for reading and slightly negative for math. Therefore, Whitehurst thinks it is unwise for America’s education system to place nearly all its proverbial eggs in the one basket for government-funded pre-K as a means to ensure long-term student success.

brookings.edu, 7/12/18, *AFA Journal*, October 2018

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ADDITIONAL LINKS

“China’s President May Be In Office For A Long Time. Is He On The Right Side Of History?” – *Bloomberg Businessweek* – Brian Bremner and Peter Martin – March 5, 2018 – <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-27/xi-s-power-trip-could-change-china>

“Vote 18” – *AFA Journal* – Joy Lucius – September 2018 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2018/september/vote-18/>

“Senate Passes AMAC-Sponsored Social Security Bill” – *AMAC Advantage* – Gerry Hafer – Summer 2018 – [https://digitaledition/qwinc.com/publication/?i=511026#{"issue_id":511026,"page":16}](https://digitaledition/qwinc.com/publication/?i=511026#{)

TRUMP USING TARIFFS FOR FREE TRADE

Marc Thiessen, *Gwinnett Daily Post*

Give President Trump credit. When he chastised NATO allies over their failure to spend adequately on our common defense, his critics said he was endangering the Atlantic alliance. Instead, his tough stance persuaded allies to spend billions more on defense, strengthening NATO instead.

Now, Trump is doing the same on trade. At the Group of Seven summit in Quebec, Trump was roundly criticized for publicly berating allies over their trade practices and provoking a needless trade war. Well, once again, it appears Trump is being proved right.

On Wednesday, he and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker announced a ceasefire in their trade war and promised to seek the complete elimination of most trade barriers between the United States and the European Union. “We agreed today . . . to work together toward zero trade tariffs, zero non-tariff barriers, and zero subsidies on non-auto industrial goods,” declared the two leaders in a joint statement.

Zero tariffs. Wednesday’s breakthrough with the European Union shows that, contrary to what his critics allege, Trump is not a protectionist; rather, he is using tariffs as a tool to advance a radical free-trade agenda.

In a little-noticed interview with FOX News’ Maria Bartiromo earlier this month, Trump revealed that during the G-7 summit he made a sweeping proposal. “I said, ‘I have an idea, everybody. I’ll guarantee you we’ll do it immediately. Nobody pay any more tax, everybody take down your barriers. No barriers, no tax. Everybody, are you all set? . . . You know what happened? Everybody said, ‘Uh, can we get onto another subject?’” Trump offered to eliminate all trade barriers – and his supposedly pro-free-trade allies passed. Right before his meeting with Juncker this week, he repeated the offer, tweeting, “The European Union is coming to Washington tomorrow to negotiate a deal on Trade. I have an idea for them. Both the U.S. and the E.U. drop all Tariffs, Barriers, and Subsidies!”

Trump knows that most of our trading partners don’t really want free trade; they want managed trade, where they can get access to U.S. markets while protecting certain industries from U.S. competition. Trump’s strategy to get them to drop these protectionist barriers is to impose crushing tariffs. At a rally earlier this week, Trump explained his strategy for getting to zero tariffs. “You know, other countries have tariffs on us. So, when I say, ‘Well, I’m going to put tariffs on them,’ they all start screaming, ‘He’s using tariffs,’” Trump said. “I said (to the European Union), ‘You have to change.’ They didn’t want to change. I said, ‘Okay, Good. We’re going to tariff your cars.’ . . . They said, ‘When can we show up? When can we be there?’ (Laughter.) ‘Would tomorrow be okay?’ Oh, folks, stick with us. Stick with us.”

Now Trump’s hard-line trade strategy is being vindicated. Not only is the E.U. negotiating zero tariffs, but also it agreed to immediately buy more American soybeans – which helps Trump in his trade battle with China. After Trump imposed tariffs on \$34 billion worth of Chinese goods, China responded with retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products, including soybeans. Beijing knows that China is the single largest importer of U.S. soybeans, and that about 96 percent of U.S. soybeans are grown in 18 states – all but two of which voted for Trump in 2016.

Their tariffs left soybean farmers none too happy with Trump and gave a political boost to vulnerable Senate Democrats in soy-producing farm states such as Heidi Heitkamp, N.D.; Joe Donnelly, Ind.; and Claire McCaskill, Mo.

Now, Trump has enlisted the European Union to help U.S. soybean farmers to counteract the repercussions of Chinese tariffs, in addition to the \$12 billion in aid he has promised for U.S. farmers. That’s three-dimensional trade chess.

Earlier this week, Trump tweeted, “Tariffs are the greatest! Either a country which has treated the United States unfairly on Trade negotiates a fair deal, or it gets hits with Tariffs. It’s as simple as that.” Well, maybe it is and maybe it isn’t. Trump is a long way from a final deal. And in trade, nothing is agreed to until everything is agreed to. But this is a surprisingly positive first step. If Trump succeeds in using trade wars to bring down European and Chinese trade barriers, he may end up being one of the greatest free-trade presidents in history.

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DNC CHANGES SUPERDELEGATE RULES FOR 2020

Democrats on Saturday enacted one of the most significant changes to the way “superdelegates” operate at their national convention by considerably limiting their ability to vote on the first ballot for the party’s presidential nominee beginning in 2020.

In a surprise vote that ended a vehemently contested debate that pitted a majority of DNC members supporting the change against two former party chairs, members of the Congressional Black Caucus, and others who opposed the new rules, both sides came together to pass the overhauled process ahead of the next presidential campaign.

The move at Saturday’s DNC meeting ended an emotional and tumultuous two-year effort to change the Democratic Party, officially barring superdelegates – about 700 automatic, unpledged party leaders, elected officials and activists – from voting on the first ballot choosing the party’s nominee for president unless a candidate has secured a majority of the convention using only pledged delegates earned during the primary process. (wire reports, *Gwinnett Daily Post*, 8/26/2018)

In response to the Republicans’ overhaul of the federal tax code, the California legislature has announced its intention to raise the state’s corporate rate. If it follows through, businesses in California will see around half of their savings from the federal tax cut eaten up by Sacramento. In the press, this news has been reported as California’s “fighting back” against the Trump administration and the Republican Congress. But in truth no such thing is happening. If California goes through with the move, it will not be doing anything much to the federal government; instead, it will be using its powers as a state to make a decision that affects Californians and nobody else. As is not the case with the federal corporate tax, any revenues produced by California’s hike will be revenues that will stay in, and be spent in California. The Golden State’s folly will be all its own. (*National Review*)