

# BARROW

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**MEETINGS**

**Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Mar 18      7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Apr 1      7:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Apr 2      6:00 PM  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Apr 2      6:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 4      5:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Apr 9      7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Apr 16      7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 18      6:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 18      7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Apr 23      7:00 PM

**VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE** (26)

Clay Kelley – Chrm.	Kathy Hopkins	David Gunter
Leonard Koonce – 1 <sup>st</sup> VC	Terry Raber	Terry England
Debbie Reid – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
Gary Taylor	Janice Jones	

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Treasurer	Bob Lanham	770-867-5459
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C.C. Dist. 1 Rep.	Open	
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 #####  
 ##### March 18, 2019 #####

**BRUCE AZEVEDO FOR GAGOP CHAIRMAN**  
**BRANT FROST FOR GAGOP 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE CHAIR**  
**NATHANIEL DARNELL FOR GAGOP TREASURER**

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 2/28/19)

Membership	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
Regular	44	<b>63</b>	39	36	26	30	26	26	14
Advanced	59	71	59	41	55	55	48	48	26
Barrow 100	<b>17</b>	13	8	13	7	9	7	6	2
Barrow 360	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Students		<b>4</b>	3	2	2	1	2	2	2
Total	121	<b>152</b>	110	92	91	96	84	83	45
Renewals	112	101	95	82	85	77	77	74	40
New	9	<b>51</b>	15	10	6	19	7	9	5

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[www.barrowgop.org](http://www.barrowgop.org)

## WE NOW NEED YOUR 2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

### 2019 CONVENTIONS

**PRECINCT MEETINGS - MARCH 9 - 9 AM**  
**COUNTY CONVENTION - MARCH 9 - 10 AM**  
**DISTRICT CONVENTION - APRIL 13**  
**STATE CONVENTION - MAY 17-18**

### YOUR PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME

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**REPUBLICAN: THE FREEDOM PARTY**  
**LOWER TAXES \*\*\*\*\* LIMITED GOVERNMENT**  
**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CITIZENS**

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<b>Mar 9 (Sat)</b>	<b>Prec Mtgs/Cty Convention</b>
<b>Mar 18 (Mon)</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Apr 13 (Sat)</b>	<b>District Convention</b>
<b>Apr 15 (Mon)</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>May 17-18 (Fri/Sat)</b>	<b>State Convention</b>
<b>May 20 (Mon)</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>June 17 (Mon)</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>July 15 (Mon)</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Change Clocks Ahead 1 Hour – March 9 (Saturday) PM  
National Medal of Honor Day – March 25 (Monday)  
Army Day – April 6 (Saturday)  
Tax Protest Day – April 15 (Monday)  
Ulysses Grant Birthday – April 27 (Saturday)

**2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Rickey Bailey      John Reavis      Linda Reavis  
Clay Kelley      Beverly Kelley      Mel Golder  
Tim Walker      Leonard Koonce      David Gunter  
Bill Brown      Rolando Alvarez

**WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS**

Jessica Garrett      Randy Reid      Janie Jones



**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  
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, **March 23, 2019**, 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.

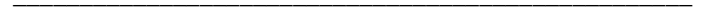
**GOLDEN CORRAL - WINDER  
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019  
9:00 AM**

**FROM THE EDITOR**

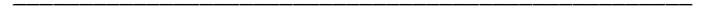
**WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2019.** If you want to renew, please bring yours to our **March 18** meeting, mail it to our P.O. Box 1054, Winder, GA, 30680-1054, or go on-line to our web site for a credit/debit purchase. Please be encouraged to upgrade your membership to a higher level, if possible. We appreciate your support!

Please mark Saturday, **March 9, 2019** on your calendars and appointment books. That is the date for our 2019 Precinct Meetings and County Convention at 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM respectively. We will be electing officers for the 2019-2021 term, and selecting delegates and alternates to the 2019 District and State Conventions. Recommendations will be made to the **March 9** Nominations Committee based on volunteer service over the last 2 years and likelihood of attending the District and State Conventions. We will also be forming the new County Committee (voting members) for 2019-2021.

The following people have indicated that they are running for these officer positions: Clay Kelley (Chairman), Debbie Reid (Chairman), Ken Young (First Vice-Chair), Leonard Koonce (Second Vice-Chair), Dianne Craig (Secretary), Teeny Allison (Asst. Secretary), Bob Lanham (Treasurer), and Mike Pentecost (Asst. Treasurer). If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Mike Pentecost as soon as possible.



**IN ORDER TO BECOME A VOTING MEMBER FOR 2019-2021, OUR RULES REQUIRE 3 THINGS:** (1) Advanced Membership (or greater), (2) being a delegate to the County Convention [**March 9**], and (3) notifying the new Chairman (2019-2021) that you want to be a voting member for 2019-2021 [note – some County Convention delegates do not wish to be voting members for various reasons]. Your presence on **March 9** is critical, if you want to be a voting member for the new 2-year cycle!



Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **March 18, 2019** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speakers will be Bruce Azevedo for GAGOP Chairman, Brant Frost for GAGOP Second Vice Chair, and Nathaniel Darnell for GAGOP Treasurer. Dues for 2019-2021 will be set and Executive Committee Reps. from our 6 Commission Districts will be elected (voting members only). It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend! Bring a friend. Be early for a good seat.

Ken Young

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**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

“The Understated Brilliance of Melania Trump” – *AMAC Advantage* – Evie Elderwood – November/December 2018 – [https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=535737#{"issue\\_id":535737,"page":46}](https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=535737#{)

“Colleges: Anti-Diversity and Pro-Exclusion” – *AFA Journal* – Walter Williams – July 2018 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2018/july/colleges-anti-diversity-and-pro-exclusion/>

**WHY KEMP WON**  
**WHY DEMOCRATS ARE MAKING INROADS**

Matt Towery, *James* magazine, January/February 2019

Before Republicans had chosen their nominee for governor, I wrote a *James* column suggesting that the “favorite” in past gubernatorial races in Georgia rarely emerges as the winner. I suggested that it was way off base to think that Stacey Abrams, as an African-American female Democratic nominee, would be easily defeated in November.

So as I prepare to turn in my “Georgia Political Pundit’s License” (clearly no written test was ever required), let’s reflect on how Brian Kemp won the GOP gubernatorial nomination and why the election was so close.

Kemp won the primary because he was willing to roll the dice with out-of-the-box ads that caught the attention of conservative Republicans, including President Donald trump. It is trite to suggest he only won because of Trump. Polling showed his primary opponent Casey Cagle losing steam and Kemp surging ahead two weeks before Trump endorsed Kemp. Those who persuaded Trump to make that endorsement could never have done so had Kemp not put his campaign in a competitive position. Trump is not inclined to endorse, in Trump language, “losers.”

The Trump endorsement did help Kemp. Some pundits claimed that same endorsement almost sealed his fate in the race against Abrams. But that view is simply incorrect.

Based on demographic changes in the Georgia electorate, I suggested that the likely final Republican nominee could anticipate winning around 50.8 percent of the vote in November. Okay, I was off by a little more than .5 percent.

What I missed was the extra 2 percent of the vote Abrams would garner. While that is less than the margin of error in most polls, that 2 percent represented a monumental achievement by Abrams. Her impressive campaign team hit virtually every note in performing the perfect democratic turnout symphony. African-American turnout rose to presidential year levels. And more white suburban voters were willing to consider Abrams as a new and clear alternative to the prototypical white male politicians they have been offered as a gubernatorial choice for decades.

But those who believe Abrams would have never conquered the suburbs of Atlanta without the “millstone” of Donald Trump tied around Kemp’s neck sell Abrams and Kemp short. They completely fail to understand the mystery of our president.

Yes, Trump turned off some suburban voters who often vote their self-image more than their self-interest. But for every GOP suburban voter who viewed Trump as Rodney Dangerfield and Brian Kemp as hillbilly Jed Clampett who were certainly not welcome at the Bushwood Country Club (if you are not a “Caddyshack” movie fan you are hopelessly lost with these references), there were larger numbers who were bound and determined to vote as a way of proving their devotion to Kemp and the president.

Those who believe “fraud and suppression” robbed Abrams of a victory likely don’t understand that antics such as precincts being selectively left open until late in the evening in certain Democratic-leaning areas. That has been a longstanding tradition in Georgia.

It is likely votes are stolen in Georgia, but neither party has clean hands. In all truthfulness the numbers are likely even out of the wash. But even if you but the concept that Abrams was

somehow a victim of a massive voter heist, keep on reading. You might be shocked at how this story ends.

The good news for Kemp is – his Southern drawl notwithstanding – he is not Jed Clampett. He is instead a modern, earnest and candid person. He represents a comparably younger generation of leadership. My guess is that he will give an approachable human aspect to the mansion on West Paces ferry. That may well translate to many more suburban Atlanta votes four years from now.

That poses a question for another day. Will one more state-wide gubernatorial re-election be about all the GOP can expect?

Georgia’s demographic shift is strong and the ultimate result is undeniable. White voters went strongly for Kemp and other statewide GOP candidates. African-American voters and other “non-white” demographic groups went just as heavily for Abrams. The slim swing vote is now white, increasingly moderate and can be found in the suburbs.

The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* had an insightful article about “apartment politics” in the Atlanta suburbs. Noting that single family residences were losing their influence in the age of the booming rental phenomenon, it suggested a direct relationship between the political leanings of the apartment voter and the ability to locate and turn out those voters for Democratic candidates.

A general view is that the 2018 gubernatorial race was one of city slickers versus the country folk. Trite and silly – but at least geographically correct. The problem for Republicans is that metro-Atlanta truly is the 800-pound gorilla of Georgia politics – and gaining weight. Cobb, Gwinnett, Fulton, DeKalb and other metro Atlanta counties are swinging back to the Democrats.

The difference in this reprise of the Democratic Party in Georgia will be very clear. In their 100-year dominance before Sonny Perdue was elected governor, Democrats relied on white men to deliver them statewide victory. But in the future the Democratic nominee will likely need to be a savvy African-American female in order to deliver victory to the party.

Stacey Abrams, they are calling your name.

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**HARVESTING DEMOCRATIC VOTES**

*Wall Street Journal* opinion, January 19-20, 2019

Democrats in Congress are making election reform their top legislative priority, and we’ve criticized it as a majority protection act. To understand why, consider that Democrats are trying to do for the country what they’ve done with election laws in California.

The Golden State is where Republican candidates went to bed on election night in November with leads in most of their competitive House races, only to lose in the ensuing weeks of vote-counting. In Orange County, Young Kim was poised to become the first Korean-American woman in Congress, with a sizable lead on Election Day over her Democratic opponent. She lost by three percentage points. Republican Rep. Mimi Walter’s 6,074-vote lead on Nov. 6 turned into an 11,866-vote loss to Democrat Katie Porter.

The GOP wipeout came after the Democrats who dominate Sacramento passed laws aimed at greasing their voting machine. The project started in 2015 when California became the second state after Oregon to move to automatic voter registration.

Can't be bothered to register? California does it for you, automatically adding to its rolls any person who has any interaction with its Department of Motor Vehicles. The system is already a threat to ballot integrity, with the DMV acknowledging in September it had incorrectly registered 23,000 voters.

In 2016 California passed the Voter's Choice Act, which allows counties to mail every voter a ballot. Lots of Californians use mail voting, though previously they had to request it. Now ballots arrive automatically, whether voters want one or not. Thirteen million California voters received ballots in the mail last year, compared to about nine million in 2014.

The biggest score for Democrats is a separate 2016 law that legalized what's known as ballot harvesting. This allows any person – union activists, canvassers, community organizers, campaign staff – to show up at homes and collect mail ballots on behalf of voters.

California law also allows counting mail ballots postmarked or delivered on Election Day, as well as same-day registration and liberal use of provisional ballots. This year the democratic vote totals piled up long after the polls closed. Fred Whitaker, chairman of the Orange County GOP, has estimated that an extraordinary 250,000 mail-votes were dropped off on Election Day thanks to harvesting.

All of this is carefully designed to enhance Democratic turnout. Media stories have detailed a sophisticated operation that pinpointed Democratic voters and deployed volunteers to harvest door-to-door. Republicans struggled to get conservatives to hand ballots over to strangers, and Democrats can't be blamed for better organization.

But California law also creates opportunity for fraud and coercion. Voters in a 2017 special election for an open seat in the California state Assembly reported activists harassed them at their doors to fill out ballots for specific candidates and hand them over.

This creates opportunities for harvesters to "help" voters complete their ballots, or even pay to finish them, and it's easy for the unscrupulous to lose ballots they think may go for the wrong candidate. This is why ballot harvesting is illegal in many states, or at least limited to drop-offs by family members.

House Democrats are now moving to impose much of this on the other 49 states. Their For the People Act, or H.R. 1, would require all states to adopt automatic voter registration based on names in state and federal agency databases. This means anyone receiving federal food stamps in, say Ohio, would be automatically registered to vote.

The bill also requires states to allow same-day and online voter registration. It mandates looser rules on provisional ballots, requires every state to provide two weeks of early voting, prohibits restrictions on mail voting, and limits states' ability to remove voters from the rolls. Vote harvesting isn't in H.R. 1, but give the Democrats time.

All this is an affront to the American tradition of letting states set their own election rules. Few states have automatic registration, on the principle that voting is voluntary. Even liberal Slate magazine, in suggesting that the House bill would "Save American Democracy," acknowledged that some of the bill might not survive Supreme Court scrutiny.

California has become a one-party state, and Democrats have used their dominance to make it even harder for Republicans to compete. Now they want to use their new House majority to do the same for the rest of America. The Senate can stop them for now, but look out in 2021.

Across the country, conservative state legislatures have been striving to implement more stringent protections for the unborn – and in a few instances, they've achieved some success. This year's biggest victory came after the Supreme Court declined to hear a challenge to an Arkansas bill prohibiting prescription of abortifacients unless the relevant physician has admitting privileges at a local hospital, effectively limiting most early-term abortions in the state. Meanwhile, both Mississippi and Louisiana have enacted bans on abortion after the 15<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy; Louisiana's was signed by a Democratic governor. A few states have prohibited selective abortions based on gender, race, or disability, and Iowa governor Kim Reynolds recently signed the nation's most pro-life law, prohibiting abortions after a fetal heartbeat can be detected, usually about six weeks into pregnancy. While several of these regulations have faced successful legal challenge or been stymied in court, the overall strategy seems to be working: Incrementally, states are finding legal chinks in the abortion-on-demand regime. (*National Review*)

## JUST DESSERTS

Liberals are hot and bothered – about ice cream. As reported at Campus Reform, student council members at the University of Wisconsin-Madison have issued orders to change Babcock Hall ice cream, made at the UW-M School of Agriculture's dairy plant. The university's signature confection contains a beef gelatin additive, which apparently "marginalizes" people. According to the new "Ice Cream for All" legislation, the additive "renders certain communities such as the Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, and vegetarian unable to enjoy it without violating their beliefs." This makes these communities "feel unwelcome."

It doesn't matter that the school's dairy store already offers a plethora of gelatin-free ice creams. That isn't good enough for the student council, which demands the socialists' favorite outcome: shared misery. Because if the traditional ice cream recipe "excludes" people, nobody else should be able to eat it, either. Once they reformulate the new, politically corrected ice cream, they might as well call it "Fruitcake."

Some senators, Democrats Kamala Harris (Calif.) and Mazie Hirono (Hawaii) most notably, are hounding federal judicial nominee Brian Buescher because of his membership in the Knights of Columbus, which they characterize as an extremist organization composed of troublesome priests and laymen opposed to women's rights. Founded in 1882 for the care of widows, orphans, and the disabled, the Knights are a Catholic fraternal organization loyal to the teachings of the Church. Knights calculated their charitable giving in 2017 at nearly \$186 million. Members volunteered over 75 million hours of service. American war heroes have belonged to the Knights, President Kennedy among them. The senators' assault on religious liberty and the Constitution is an affront to America's greatness, dependent on and defined by a vibrant civil society and volunteer associations. (*National Review*)