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SCOTT JOHNSON FOR GAGOP CHAIRMAN
ROBERT LEE FOR GAGOP 2ND VICE CHAIR
JOSEPH BRANNAN FOR GAGOP TREASURER

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MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Apr 15 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 2 **6:00 PM**
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., May 6 7:00 PM
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., May 7 **6:00 PM**
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., May 7 **6:00 PM**
County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 14 7:00 PM
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 16 **6:00 PM**
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., May 16 7:00 PM
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., May 21 7:00 PM
County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 28 7:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 3/31/19)

Membership	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
Regular	44	63	39	36	26	30	26	26	18
Advanced	59	71	59	41	55	55	48	48	36
Barrow 100	17	13	8	13	7	9	7	6	4
Barrow 360	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Students		4	3	2	2	1	2	2	2
Total	121	152	110	92	91	96	84	83	61
Renewals	112	101	95	82	85	77	77	74	52
New	9	51	15	10	6	19	7	9	9

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VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (26)

Debbie Reid – Chrm.	Kathy Hopkins	David Gunter
Ken Young – 1 st VC	Terry Raber	Terry England
Leonard Koonce – 2 nd VC	Richard Pepper	Clay Kelley
Dianne Craig – Sec..	June Miller	Beverly Kelley
Teeny Allison	Tim Walker	Pat Graham
Bob Lanham – Tr.	Randy Reid	Vanessa Green
Mike Pentecost – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Power Evans
Gary Taylor	Janice Jones	

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Chairman	Debbie Reid	706-684-0065
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Asst. Secretary		
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Treasurer	Bob Lanham	770-867-5459
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Asst. Treasurer	Mike Pentecost	770-868-6046
	email: MCPWinder@aol.com	
C.C. Dist. 1 Rep.	Richard Pepper	770-725-2777
C.C. Dist. 2 Rep.	Gary Taylor	678-449-5775
C.C. Dist. 3 Rep.	Open	
C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	Clay Kelley	770-560-4523
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Tim Walker	770-231-2652
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!

WE NOW NEED YOUR 2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, in Alabama, was going to honor Angela Davis with a human-rights award. (Davis is a native of the city.) But, under pressure from supporters of Israel, the institute reversed that decision. The lady herself said she was “stunned.” So are we. Rarely are the likes of Davis dishonored, as they should be. She is a BDS-er, yes – a fierce opponent of Israel. But she was also twice the vice-presidential nominee of the Communist party. Angela Davis and human rights do not go together. (*National Review*)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr 13 (Sat)	District Convention
Apr 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
May 17-18 (Fri/Sat)	State Convention
May 20 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
June 17 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Aug 24 (Sat)	ANNUAL BCRP BBQ

LOOKING AHEAD

Army Day – April 6 (Saturday)
Tax Protest Day – April 15 (Monday)
Ulysses Grant Birthday – April 27 (Saturday)
National Day of Prayer – May 2 (Thursday)
Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15 (Wednesday)
Armed Forces Day – May 18 (Saturday)
Memorial Day Observed – May 27 (Monday)

2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Melinda Williams	Pat Graham	Kathy Hopkins
Linda Young	Johnny Barrett	Isaiah Berry
Billy Parks	Ronnie Morrow	Charles Powell
James Cooper	Tammy Brown	Bobby Patterson

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Vanessa Green	Power Evans	Kelly Yarbrough
Mike Murray		

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2017 – 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethlehem Community Center	
Bethabra Church	Bronti Rudloff
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	
Barrow County Rec. Dept.	Bob Lanham
Apalachee High School	Kathy Hopkins
Midway Methodist Church	Dianne Craig
Winder Community Center	Power Evans
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, **April 20, 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, APRIL 20, 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 **April 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!

Congratulations to our new officers for 2019-2021: Debbie Reid (Chairman), Ken Young (First Vice-Chair), Leonard Koonce (Second Vice Chair), Dianne Craig (Secretary), Bob Lanham (Treasurer), and Mike Pentecost (Asst, Treasurer). The position of Asst. Secretary was not filled at the County Convention. We elected 29 delegates and 5 alternates to the District Convention in Watkinsville on **April 13**. We elected 22 delegates and 6 alternates to the State Convention in Savannah on **May 17-18**. (See next page)

We had a great meeting with great attendance on **March 18**. We heard from Bruce Azevedo for GAGOP Chairman, Brant Frost for GAGOP Second Vice Chair, and Nathaniel Darnell for GAGOP Treasurer. The membership dues for 2019-2021 were renewed at their current rates. Chairman Debbie Reid appointed Ken Young as Parliamentarian. Commission District Reps. were elected to fill out the new Executive Committee (first EC meeting was **March 25**).

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **April 15, 2019** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speakers will be Scott Johnson for GAGOP Chairman, Robert Lee for GAGOP Second Vice Chair, and Joseph Brannan for GAGOP Treasurer. We will conduct an election for Asst. Secretary (voting members), work committee assignments will be made, and an operations spending resolution will be considered (covering May through December 2019). Make plans to attend! Bring a friend. Be early for a good seat. It will be worth your time.

Ken Young

Planned Parenthood mistreats its pregnant employees? You should see what they do to their pregnant customers. (*National Review*)

ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Medicare for All? Not for AMAC” – *AMAC Advantage* – Norman Keating – November/December 2018 – [https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=535737#{"issue_id":535737,"page":22}](https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=535737#{)

“Is Religious Liberty For Everyone?” – *AFA Journal* – Ed Vitagliano – November 2018 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2018/november/is-religious-liberty-for-everyone/>

2019 DISTRICT DELEGATES (29)

Ken young	Clay Kelley	Beverly Kelley
Dianne Craig	Leonard Koonce	June Miller
John Reavis	Linda Reavis	Mike Pentecost
Kathy Hopkins	John Stevens	Lynn Stevens
Bob Lanham	Janice Jones	Gary Taylor
David Gunter	Terry Raber	Vanessa Green
Teeny Allison	Charles Powell	Linda Powell
Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper	Power Evans
Debbie Reid	Randy Reid	Tim Walker
Bronti Rudloff	Joe Rudloff	

2019 DISTRICT ALTERNATES (5)

Janice Gunter	Preston Kelley	Terry England
Josephine Jones	Pat Graham	

2019 STATE DELEGATES (22)

Ken Young	Clay Kelley	Beverly Kelley
David Gunter	Teeny Allison	Mike Pentecost
Kathy Hopkins	Leonard Koonce	June Miller
Dianne Craig	John Stevens	Lynn Stevens
Bob Lanham	Terry Raber	John Reavis
Debbie Reid	Randy Reid	Tim Walker
Vanessa Green	Terry England	Bronti Rudloff
Joe Rudloff		

2019 STATE ALTERNATES (6)

Linda Reavis	Gary Taylor	Janice Jones
Janice Gunter	Josephine Jones	Pat Graham

Admittedly, facts need not impede a good political pitch. Republicans have succeeded by offering their own fractured fairy tale about what ails the nation. They've insisted that we are being overrun by illegal immigrants, when border apprehensions are at an 18-year low. They assert that immigrants bring crime, which is false. They've claimed (along with some progressives like Bernie Sanders) that outsourcing has decimated U.S. manufacturing, when the real story is that automation has been the chief cause of lost manufacturing jobs. And they've claimed that globalization has hollowed out the middle class when, in truth, global trade, while costing some jobs, has created far more and provided middle income Americans with a bounty of affordable products, thus improving their standard of living.

Republicans and Democrats alike encourage victimhood. We need a party that will address the true problems we face.

As a governing matter, our greatest problem is that we are not behaving like citizens but like consumers. We are gorging on entitlements and washing them down with tax cuts. The bill? What bill? We can always borrow more! Medicare's trust fund runs out in seven years. Social Security's in 15.

Also, we are living in a civic cesspool. Our language, our manners and our hatreds are out of control and out of proportion to our problems. We are marinating in mutual contempt and suckers for conspiracy theories.

It's not that our problems are so intractable; it's that our spirits are so sour. We desperately need some uplift, some commitment to the rule of law, more suspicion of centralized power, and a stab at trust. It's a lot to ask of a political party, and frankly, most of our problems, like the decline of families and churches, are pre-political. But leadership is important, and the majority of Americans are not at the extremes.

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THERE'S AN OPENING FOR PARTY OF REALITY

Mona Charen, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, January 27, 2019

Here they come, the newly resurgent Democrats, ready to take on "the man" (Rep. Rashida Tlaib); protect America's middle class from "attack" by big corporations and billionaires (Sen. Elizabeth Warren); provide "Medicare for All" (Sen. Kamala Harris); offer universal pre-K (Julian Castro); and fight capitalism in general without any idea of how it works (Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez). The Democratic Party is lurching to the left like a confused American driver on a British highway.

Democratic voters are becoming more liberal, too. In the past 17 years, Pew research has found, the percentage of Democrats who described themselves as liberal jumped from 30 to 50 percent. This is reflected in issue positions. In 2008, the percentage of Democrats who agreed that immigrants here illegally should be permitted to become citizens was 29 percent. That increased to 51 percent in 2018. Between 2010 and 2017, the portion who said "racial discrimination is the main reason many blacks can't get ahead these days" rose from 28 percent to 64 percent.

The liberal nostrums on offer are utterly disconnected from the actual challenges the nation faces. It's hard to see how the "war on the middle class" theme can get traction in an economy with 3.9 percent unemployment. Poverty has been declining and middle incomes have been increasing since 2013. U.S. median household size, meanwhile, has declined, so individual wealth has increased even more than the income numbers reflect.

PRESIDENT TRUMP HELPS AMERICAN POOR THROUGH CAPITALISM

According to Star Parker, founder of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education, President Donald Trump is using capitalism quite effectively to help America's poorest citizens. Parker believes Trump's policies are helping low-income Americans who have not previously been participating in the nation's economic prosperity.

With unemployment at historic lows, Parker is excited over Trump's executive order to establish the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council to implement Opportunity Zones previously created in the 2017 tax bill.

Opportunity Zones are designated areas within all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories where poverty often stands at twice the national average. Private investors in these zones will receive preferred tax treatment, thereby encouraging economic growth.

During remarks at the White house signing ceremony for this executive order, billionaire BET network founder Bob Johnson said the president's new tax programs "will cause people to invest money where before they saw risk, now they will see opportunity. And that combination of putting money into communities will allow for those communities to become vibrant, to become safe, to create ownership, and, most important, to contribute to the well-being of this country."

AIR HEADS

New Zealand prides itself on being the “clean, green” capital of the world. Its Ministry of the Environment even published a report titled “Our Clean Green Image: What’s It Worth?” It claims that “people want to eat what we produce, experience our unspoiled environment.” No surprise, then, that a New Zealand company is selling its . . . air. And it ain’t cheap. As reported by *The New York Post*, a four-pack of duty-free cans by Kiwiani containing “Pure Kiwi Air” goes for \$65.

Remember how normal people laughed when liberals started pushing bottled water? It seemed so ridiculous that health nuts would pay for something that came free out of every faucet in every building in the country. But to lefties, bottled water proved one’s superior consciousness. And pretty soon, everyone had stashes of bottled water. As soon as everyone followed the fad, libs turned on a dime: “How *dare* you drink bottled water, you evil capitalists! Don’t you realize what the plastic bottles are doing to our landfills? You bottled-water-drinkers hate the earth!”

So don’t buy into the Pure Kiwi thing. Still, it is amusing that environmentalist wacko libs would find a way to tax air. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

In 2015, the last year for which the Centers for Disease control reports data, fewer abortions per 1,000 women were performed in the United States than at any time since 1973. That’s when, in *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court ruled that states could not ban the practice. It may be a reflection of the public’s increased sensitivity to the morally troubling nature of abortion that it is being performed not only at a lower rate but, on average, earlier in pregnancy and gestation. State laws restricting abortion have contributed to the decline, but it’s not unique to America. It runs through developed countries around the world over the past quarter century. The pro-life movement has always worked hard to change people’s minds. Increasingly, its function is to articulate what they already think. (*National Review*)

TO NOT CATCH A THIEF

When it comes to crime, Brits are on their own – because law enforcement has basically given bandits a license to steal. As reported by *The [UK] Daily Mail*, Norfolk police in East Anglia are using a *computer algorithm* to determine whether it’s “worthwhile” to investigate home burglaries.

I am not making this up. Victims of home break-ins have to write their own statements and provide their own evidence with home cams. But if the algorithm determines that the chances of finding the culprit are low, the police simply close the case.

In 2018, the Norfolk Constabulary has ended hundreds of investigations this way. From March to September, only 5 of 99 recent break-ins led to suspects being charged. And here’s a shocker, burglaries have increased ten percent.

So, what do you get when you add high tech to the UK’s socialism? The same thing you get with low-tech socialism: crime pays. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

A new study of California’s Medicaid expansion –which, like all of Obamacare’s Medicaid expansions, is funded overwhelmingly with federal rather than state dollars – makes one thing clear: It’s awfully nice to get “free” money from the national government. These dollars replaced money that county governments had already been spending on health care for the poor, and they made hospitals more profitable. They also, it must be said, made it easier for the poor to access care and to go to private instead of government-run hospitals. But any reduction to in-hospital mortality was small enough that it couldn’t be measured reliably, which is consistent with other studies showing that the health benefits of receiving Medicaid are, at best, small and inconsistent. The system we have today, in which states can choose to expand a poorly functioning health-care program and federal taxpayers are stuck with 90 percent of the tab or more, is insane. But the GOP failed to overhaul it when it had the reins of power over the last two years, so we are stuck with it for at least two more. (*National Review*)

PECKING DISORDER

It probably looked like a way to kill two birds with one stone. Reuters headlined its story, “Woodpeckers Show Signs of Potential Brain Damage.” Boston University [BU] neuropathologist and youth football coach Peter Cummings conducted a study on woodpeckers because “we’ve designed . . . football helmets based on the biomechanics of the woodpecker, but no one had ever looked at a woodpecker brain.” Well, knock me over with a feather. Here would come new proof that constant head pounding – in a birdbrain or an NFL linebacker – leads to brain damage. Woody Woodpecker as the poster bird for the dangers of youth football would inevitably follow.

But leftist hopes were dashed. The BU researchers found that while woodpeckers furiously pound on tree bark at a force of up to 1,400 Gs (for comparison, human concussions can result from 60 to 100 Gs), the birds show little or no damage from it. Researchers did find a buildup of the protein *tau* in woodpecker brains “that in people is associated with brain damage” from head trauma. But in the birds’ case, the protein appears protective. So claiming woodpeckers suffer from “trauma-related neurodegenerative disease” is barking up the wrong tree. After all, notes Cummings, the peckers “have been in existence for millions of years and are thriving.” . . . (*Limbaugh Letter*)

Bowing to activist pressure, the American Academy of Pediatrics released an official policy statement on how to ensure “comprehensive care and support for transgender and gender diverse children and adolescents” that involves affirming “transgender” identity in any young person who declares one, then setting him along the path to transition. The AAP is composed of 67,000 pediatricians, but in reality only around 36 voted on this policy. Though the radicals may be a minority, some pediatricians are afraid to voice their opposition for fear of reputational destruction (e.g., “Transphobe!”). One member told *National Review* that the AAP is in continual danger of politicization from the far Left. In 2010, for instance, the AAP released a policy statement endorsing certain types of female genital cutting and stating that, “above all,” pediatricians should be culturally sensitive to Islamic customs. After backlash from feminists and human-rights groups, however, the AAP was forced to rescind this policy. The struggle for a consistent position on mutilation continues. (*National Review*)