

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., Aug 19 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Sept 3 **6:00 PM**
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Sept 3 **6:00 PM**
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Sept 5 **6:00 PM**
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Sept 9 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Sept 10 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Sept 17 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Sept 19 **6:00 PM**
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Sept 19 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Sept 24 7:00 PM

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 – Asst. Sec.	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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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!

7:30 PM #####
 ##### August 19, 2019 #####
 GEORGIA NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN
 JASON THOMPSON
 RNC REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 7/31/19)

Membership	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
Regular	44	63	39	36	26	30	26	26	25
Advanced	59	71	59	41	55	55	48	48	44
Barrow 100	17	13	8	13	7	9	7	6	6
Barrow 360	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Students		4	3	2	2	1	2	2	3
Total	121	152	110	92	91	96	84	83	79
Renewals	112	101	95	82	85	77	77	74	67
New	9	51	15	10	6	19	7	9	12

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ANNUAL REPUBLICAN BBQ

5:00 PM - SATURDAY - AUGUST 24, 2019
WINDER LIONS CLUB - 354 E. BROAD ST.

**GOVERNOR KEMP, ATTY. GEN. CARR
& OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

ADULTS - \$ 15.00 AGES 6-12 - \$ 7.50
AGE 5 & UNDER - FREE

**CONTACT KEN YOUNG
FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION**
SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Aug 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Aug 24 (Sat)	ANNUAL BCRP BBQ
Sept 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Oct 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Nov 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Dec 2 (Mon)	Annual Holiday Dinner

LOOKING AHEAD

Air Force Day – August 1 (Thursday)
Coast Guard Day – August 4 (Sunday)
Herbert Hoover Birthday – August 10 (Saturday)
Benjamin Harrison Birthday – August 20 (Tuesday)
Patriot Day – September 11 (Wednesday)
William Taft Birthday – September 15 (Sunday)
Constitution Day – September 17 (Tuesday)
POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 20 (Friday)

2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Randy Thompson

WELCOME - NEW MEMBER

Mary Shea

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I'm at a loss as to how to express my sorrow at some of the things that are happening in our country these days. We have witnessed the assaults on police officers in New York City – the buckets of water being thrown on them can change to a dangerous substance at any time, as the mayor of the city feebly decries the attacks. The Democrat-controlled House brought a befuddled Robert Mueller before two committees to again advance the false narrative of Trump-Russia "collusion." We had two Democrat presidential debates which revealed candidates that not only want to change our country, but don't even like, let alone love, our country. A video of a journalist being attacked for covering an Antifa protest has been widely disseminated – no one even stepped up to help him. The weekly numbers of shootings and killings from just Chicago are reported without much fanfare. The invasion – and yes, it is an invasion – at our southern border is encouraged by liberals and progressives and tolerated by our own party, leaving the President to act almost unilaterally.

Despite these disheartening things, we remain a positive people. We live our lives, buoyed by our belief in God. Our families sustain us, and the gorgeous nature around us, the flora and fauna, continues to remind us of god's greatness and love for us. The kind and honest acts of people we come into contact with in our everyday lives, suggests to us that most folks are good. The laugh of a child, the kiss of our pet, a beautiful sunset, a song, a great meal, cheering on a team, a movie – these are the things we live for and help our hurting hearts.

When it seems that all around us is falling apart, remember the good things and why they are worth fighting for. We must protect our way of life, and it is our calling from God. We don't risk our lives like our military and first responders, but we have our work to do. Let's all do what we can to keep this country blessed by God. The 2020 election is the most important of our lives – our country is depending on us.

Debbie Reid

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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, **September 21, 2019**, at 9:00 AM. Please make plans to attend, and bring a friend! **THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST IN AUGUST DUE TO THE BBQ!**

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, SEPTEMBER 21, 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 **August 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 great meeting with great attendance on **July 15**. We heard from Dan McGee (Barrow County Senior Citizen Center), Fawn McKnight (Northeast Georgia Homeless Veterans Shelter), Tremica Carter (A Kid's Dream), and Susan Thompson (Leftover Pets).

Congratulations to one of our newest members, Power Evans of Barrow County. He was chosen in July by the District Executive Committee to fill the open position of District Assistant Secretary for the rest of the 2019-2020 term.

The 26th Annual Barrow Republican BBQ will be Saturday, **August 24, 2019**, at 5:00 PM in the Winder lions Club, 354 E. Broad St., Winder, GA, 30680. Governor Kemp has been invited to speak, along with Attorney General Chris Carr, and other elected officials. We will be having great food, fun, door prizes, and contests. There will be another Silent Auction as well. The Yargo Community band will be presenting patriotic music. If you need tickets, please contact me as soon as possible. Please make plans to attend and bring friends!

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **August 19, 2019** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speaker will be Georgia National Committeeman Jason Thompson. **Please bring your BBQ ticket money and give it to our Treasurer Bob Lanham.** Make plans to attend! Bring a friend. Be early for a good seat! It will be worth your time.

Ken Young

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ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Time To Take Voter Fraud Seriously” – *AMAC Advantage* – Bethany Day – March/April 2019 – [https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=573800#{"issue_id":573800,"page":20}](https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=573800#{)

“One Immigrant’s Journey: Faith, Integrity, Citizenship” – *AFA Journal* – Joy Lucius – June 2019 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2019/june/one-immigrant-s-journey-faith-integrity-citizenship/>

“What Experts Miss About Power” – *Forbes* - Steve Forbes – June 30, 2019 – <https://www.forbes.com/sites/steveforbes/2019/06/04/when-it-comes-to-international-power-politics-the-experts-miss-two-big-things/#68af13154ab7>

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HOW CRIMINAL GANGS DAMAGE GEORGIA’S ECONOMIC RANK

Vic Reynolds & Mike Carlson, *James* magazine
November/December 2018

Eric Mandel of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* recently described a disturbingly dramatic descent in Georgia’s position in CNBC’s annual “Top States for Business” rankings. Georgia plummeted five points, dropping from No. 2 to No. 7 in 2018. Additionally alarming, Mandel describes, “Georgia was among the states that saw the biggest fall.”

Striking important chords, *James/Insider Advantage* Georgia CEO and Publisher Phil Kent explained in a subsequent column that the reason for the precipitous plunge is crime. Significant-

ly, the lawbreaking in question is exactly the type of wrongdoing that is most attributable to gangs. Mandel confirms this while explaining Georgia’s significant downgrade, “[A]n uptick in . . . violent crime bruise[s] the Peach State’s competitive edge.” Underscoring public safety concerns, Mandel further reports that Georgia also received a “D grade for ‘quality of life’” in the CNBC analysis.

A legion of sources demonstrate the connection between Georgia’s business ranking tumble and gang criminality. For instance, federal assessments place gangs as responsible for 48 percent of violent crime in most jurisdictions and as much as 90 percent in others. In 2018, the Georgia gang Investigators Association estimated that Georgia houses over 70,000 gang members and associates within its borders.

These new articles serve as yet another harbinger. Georgia’s business leaders, like those in politics, education, and public safety, should pay heed. This gang-related business ranking tailspin cannot be ignored. Neither should massive premises liability verdicts due to gang activity on commercial properties.

Positive economic development – *along with improved public safety and educational advancement* – requires authorities at all levels to initiate aggressive anti-gang efforts centered on best practices. Georgia cannot move forward as it hopes to if it remains beleaguered by gangs and gang crime.

Accordingly, Georgia’s economic elite will assuredly pressure Georgia’s federal, state, and local officials (and aspirants to those posts) to forcefully contend with Georgia’s gang crisis. Starting points at home should include expanding the authority of Georgia’s attorney general to prosecute gangs and establishing state-funded gang prosecutor positions for Georgia district attorneys. Federally, Georgia leaders should spearhead passage of a national gang prosecution law.

The involvement of Georgia’s corporate luminaries would definitely usher in powerful new allies in Georgia’s struggle against criminal street gangs. Those dedicated to improving legal Peach State commerce should not ignore what the CNBC rankings dive portends in terms of a wide-ranging call to action.

Righting a host of Georgia trajectories depend on it.

Georgia governor Brian Kemp has signed a bill that prohibits abortion after a fetal heartbeat can be detected, often as early as six weeks into pregnancy. Abortion-rights supporters and their allies in the media responded with characteristic vitriol, falsely claiming that the law would punish women for having a miscarriage or imprison post-abortive women for life. Some feminist activists, such as actress Alyssa Milano, have encouraged women to undertake a “sex strike” until the bill is repealed. The Left has never had a good answer to the pro-life slogan, “Abortion stops a beating heart.” If the Supreme Court does the right thing, that won’t be true in Georgia any more. (*National Review*)

The administration has adopted a new policy, by way of a Health and Human Services Department rule, to protect medical professionals who have moral objections to performing procedures such as abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and elective sterilization. Religious freedom is a little safer, at least when there’s a Republican administration. (*National Review*)