

# 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., Oct 21      7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Nov 4      7:00 PM  
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Nov 5      6:00 PM  
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Nov 5      6:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 7      6:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Nov 12      7:00 PM  
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Nov 19      7:00 PM  
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 21      6:00 PM  
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Nov 21      7:00 PM  
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Nov 26      7:00 PM

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

|                                     |                |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Debbie Reid – Chrm.                 | Kathy Hopkins  | David Gunter   |
| Ken Young – 1 <sup>st</sup> VC      | Terry Raber    | Terry England  |
| Leonard Koonce – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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   |                |

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

|                   |                                                                               |              |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Chairman          | Debbie Reid                                                                   | 706-684-0065 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:debbier72956@comcast.net">debbier72956@comcast.net</a> |              |
| First Vice-Chair  | Ken Young                                                                     | 770-827-2887 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:kenyoung276@hotmail.com">kenyoung276@hotmail.com</a>   |              |
| Second Vice-Chair | Leonard Koonce                                                                | 706-351-7441 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:lkoonce1967@gmail.com">lkoonce1967@gmail.com</a>       |              |
| Secretary         | Dianne Craig                                                                  | 678-367-9593 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:dcbooklover332@gmail.com">dcbooklover332@gmail.com</a> |              |
| Asst. Secretary   | Teeny Allison                                                                 | 770-231-7097 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:teenyallison@gmail.com">teenyallison@gmail.com</a>     |              |
| Treasurer         | Bob Lanham                                                                    | 770-867-5459 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:lanhamrj@hotmail.com">lanhamrj@hotmail.com</a>         |              |
| Asst. Treasurer   | Mike Pentecost                                                                | 770-868-6046 |
|                   | email: <a href="mailto:MCPWinder@aol.com">MCPWinder@aol.com</a>               |              |
| 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!**

##### 7:30 PM #####  
 ##### October 21, 2019 #####

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSTON GAINES  
 AND  
 MORE PROPOSED PLATFORM CHANGES**

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 9/30/19)

| Membership | '11       | '12        | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '17 | '18 | '19 |
|------------|-----------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Regular    | 44        | <b>63</b>  | 39  | 36  | 26  | 30  | 26  | 26  | 26  |
| Advanced   | 59        | 71         | 59  | 41  | 55  | 55  | 48  | 48  | 45  |
| Barrow 100 | <b>17</b> | 13         | 8   | 13  | 7   | 9   | 7   | 6   | 6   |
| Barrow 360 | 1         | 1          | 1   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| Students   |           | <b>4</b>   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 3   |
| Total      | 121       | <b>152</b> | 110 | 92  | 91  | 96  | 84  | 83  | 81  |
| Renewals   | 112       | 101        | 95  | 82  | 85  | 77  | 77  | 74  | 68  |
| New        | 9         | <b>51</b>  | 15  | 10  | 6   | 19  | 7   | 9   | 13  |

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

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

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Oct 21</b> (Mon) | Monthly Meeting              |
| <b>Nov 18</b> (Mon) | Monthly Meeting              |
| <b>Dec 2</b> (Mon)  | <b>Annual Holiday Dinner</b> |
| <b>Jan 20</b> (Mon) | Monthly Meeting              |
| <b>Feb 17</b> (Mon) | Monthly Meeting              |
| <b>Mar 16</b> (Mon) | Monthly Meeting              |

**LOOKING AHEAD**

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

**2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Chris Sullivan

**WELCOME - NEW MEMBER**

Arthur Wesley



**2017 – 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS**

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Bethlehem Community Center  |                |
| Bethlehem Church – GA 211   | 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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**FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Living under a total Democrat federal government scares me and should scare everyone – even the people who think that the ideas and policies they espouse are great. Our founding fathers and their fellow citizens fought a revolution, not favored by the majority, and established a country based on God-given rights, and most importantly, the idea that individuals had the most basic of rights, freedom. The Democrats want to smash all of it.

From taking away our freedom to speak, observe our religion, possess guns and make many individual decisions for ourselves, these mostly career politicians believe that we are not capable of living our own lives. They think themselves superior to us in every way, and that they deserve the loftiest positions from which they will decide everything. Many of them have never lived a life outside of government – owning a business, managing people outside of an elected office, some even running their own home or raising their own children – yet they think themselves the best at conducting business, what your home life should be like, how best to raise and educate children, and most ironic of all, controlling our weather. All of these belong in the hands of the people living their own lives, and who realize that man has very little to no control over the earth’s climate.

Because of their inexperience in these matters, they are the exact opposite of the best decision makers. Yet they continue on the campaign trail and in debates, telling us how they will change everything. because the way things now are wrong, not good for the American people, not the way Americans to things, ad nauseum. Usually candidates running for president tack back to the center for the general election. Even when there is a Democrat nominee, the tack back to the center will still be way to the left.

And that should scare everyone.

Debbie Reid

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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 26, 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, OCTOBER 26, 2019  
9:00 AM**

**CAMPAIGN YARD SIGN SEMINAR  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

**7:30 PM - WINDER WOMAN’S CLUB  
Barrow County Republican Party Meeting**

Recommended for all incumbents, announced candidates, and anyone thinking about running in the May 2020 Republican Primary Election.

**DO’s AND DON’T’s OF DESIGN**

Could Help Snatch Victory from the Jaws of Defeat

**FROM THE EDITOR**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2020.** If you want to renew, please bring yours to our **October 21** 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 **September 16**. This was our Barrow County School Board Night. We heard from Board Chairman Lynn Stevens, and Board members Debi Krause and Beverly Kelley. These were the only 3 members who attended. We also discussed several proposed changes to our current platform. The minor changes in Sections 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were approved. In the Section 5 concerning education, both of the proposed changes were defeated, leaving the section "as is." In Section 1 concerning taxes, only one change was approved, correcting the spelling for "Fair Tax" and adding "a" before "flat tax."

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019  
7:00 PM - WINDER WOMAN'S CLUB**

**COST - \$ 10.00 PER PERSON  
MORE DETAILS LATER**

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **October 16, 2019** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. We will hear from State Representative Houston Gaines. We will also continue to consider proposed changes to our current platform. Please see them in this news-letter. **ALTHOUGH INPUT IS WELCOMED FROM ALL ATTENDEES, ONLY VOTING MEMBERS WILL BE APPROVING.** Be early for a good seat! It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend! Bring a friend.

Ken Young

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**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

"Pride Really Is Nothing To Boast About" – *AFA Journal* – Tim Wildmon – August 2019 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2019/august/pride-really-is-nothing-to-boast-about/>

"The Truth On Antisemitism In America" – *AMAC Advantage* – Robert B. Charles – July/August 2019 – [https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=601513#{'issue\\_id':601513,'page':50}](https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=601513#{'issue_id':601513,'page':50})

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**PROPOSED BARROW GOP PLATFORM CHANGES**

To be considered by the County Committee on **October 21, 2019** at our monthly meeting

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Remaining proposed changes to the 2015 document from the 2019 Platform Committee are shown in **BOLD AND UNDER-LINED** for easier review. On **October 21**, amendments will be taken as time allows. (If additional time is needed, we will continue this process at our **November 18** monthly meeting.)  
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Section A. Principles **Drop "Section A."**  
[There is no Section B.]

**New Section 13. Veterans**

**We owe our veterans everything. We must honor the commitment made to them when they swore an oath to our country. The US Department of Veteran Affairs should be streamlined to not only provide the best healthcare available, but any services owed to them including student loans, mortgages, employment services, etc.**

**New Section 14. Free Speech**

**Free speech is under attack. This is such an important right that our Founding Fathers put it first in the Bill of Rights. Labeling anything that challenges leftist ideology as "hate speech," some would like to criminalize words. We wholeheartedly support the right to protected speech.**

**LEGISLATIVE SCORECARDS - BEWARE!**

Ken Young

As we approach another election year, we will likely see various groups, including Republican and conservative organizations, distribute their scorecards for 2019, related to the Georgia General Assembly. Each group "measures" our state representatives and state senators based on what they determine to be "key votes" during the past session; thereby they grade their performance. This is done and distributed to voters to make them aware of how the people they vote for are doing their jobs. Of course, there is bias built into each; it cannot be avoided.

When I attended a recent GOP breakfast in another county, the Faith & Freedom Coalition (FFC) representative distributed their "Georgia 2019 Legislative Scorecard." It includes 8 votes in the State House and 10 votes in the State Senate.

Before I proceed, please realize that I probably agree with the FFC about 95 percent of the time. They are a non-partisan, non-profit group, which has similar values as the Republican Party and other conservative groups.

In checking the FFC ratings for the 3 House members and 1 Senator who represent Barrow County, I was a little surprised to see that none of them achieved a 100 percent favorable rating from the FFC. The answer was in the details.

State Sen. Frank Ginn was given 80 percent favorable (20 percent unfavorable) on 10 votes. However, he agreed with FFC on 9 votes, not 8 as you might expect. So his rating should have been 90 percent favorable (somebody's math was faulty). On the 10<sup>th</sup> vote, he was listed as "excused." This does not mean he disagreed with FFC on that vote. He may have been tied up in a conference committee for all I know. Yet he was docked for it, and did not achieve 100 percent favorable with the FFC. (He missed the vote on SB 83.)

In the House, our 3 representatives scored the following ratings: Terry England (75 percent), Tom Kirby (75 percent), and Houston Gaines (88 percent).

Terry England agreed with FFC on 6 of the 8 votes. He was listed as "excused" on HB 281 (anti-pimp/pandering). I am confident that he is against pimps and pandering. Notably, he voted against HB 426 (proposed hate crimes) which FFC wanted to pass. [It did with overwhelming Democrat support and some liberal and/or misguided Republican support. The Senate passed it, too, then the Governor vetoed it.]

Tom Kirby agreed with FFC on 6 of the 8 votes. He was listed as "excused" on HB 281. I do not think we need to ask him about pimps, etc. Notably, he also voted against HB 426 (proposed hate crimes).

Houston Gaines agreed with FFC on 7 of the 8 votes. He had no "excused" listings for any of these votes. Notably, the only vote on this scorecard where he voted "no," when FFC wanted him to vote "yes," was HB 426 (proposed hate crimes).

So why did I say "Notably?" I am highly pleased that all 3 Barrow representatives could recognize bad legislation, and vote against it, though some on "our side" did not like it. To add penalties to those already in the law code, based on what someone thinks an accused's motive was, is a slippery slope. It can eventually enable socialists to punish someone for what they think we think (making false claims). Governor Kemp was correct in vetoing HB 426 like he did.

How can a murderer be executed twice? This came up in 2000 with then-Governor George W. Bush (R-TX), who had opposed similar "hate crimes" legislation in TX. And he and we are not racists because of that stance. Why should we allow potential reverse discrimination? The victim was homosexual (Latino, Afro-American, fill-in-the-blank minority). Therefore, the accused must have "hated" him specifically because of that trait. How can that be proved, if the accused keeps his mouth shut? There are a host of problems with this proposed hate crimes" stuff.

Again, I congratulate our 3 state representatives on their opposition to HB 426. When State Rep. Chuck Efstrotation (R-Dacula) brings it up again in 2020, I hope all 3 will oppose it again, and convince other House Republicans of the dangers of HB 426.

Bottom line – beware of legislative scorecards, even from "our side." While some good can come from them, please look at the details to check their accuracy.

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### PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CRAZIES

Ladies and gentlemen, "ladies and gentlemen" is now considered a "transphobic slur" by the politically correct nonbinary community. As reported by The College Fix, the Pride resource Center [PRC] at Colorado State University created a poster warning that this traditional polite form of address is "extremely degrading and designed to harm." The PRC also puts the term "normal" on their no-no list. Instead, they insist we must "incorporate words like 'cisgender' when referring to the non-transgender." Because that "removes the implication that transgender people are 'other' or 'unusual.'" Apparently, the non-ladies and non-gents will not rest until they are declared the norm, and everyone else abnormal. Ladies and gentlemen, feel free to call these people "unhinged left-wing weirdos." (*Limbaugh Letter*)

President Trump conferred declassification authority on Attorney General Bill Barr, directing intelligence agencies to cooperate in the review of 2016 election-related investigations. Barr is focused on the Obama administration's counterintelligence probe of the Trump campaign (FISA surveillance, confidential informants, "unmasking" of U.S. persons incidentally monitored in foreign-intelligence collection, etc.). Democrats predictably shriek over the investigation of the investigators. Even accounting for partisan bias, though, it is astonishing to hear journalists, in circling the wagons around Obama officials, fret about the perils of disclosing too much information. The AG will still consult with the CIA and other intelligence agencies about protecting methods and sources, and previous such alarms – remember the warnings about the Nunes memo – have proven false. We are closer to accountability, not crisis. (*National Review*)