

BARROW

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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Nov 18 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., Dec 2 7:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Dec 3 6:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., Dec 3 6:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Dec 5 6:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., Dec 10 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Dec 17 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Dec 19 6:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Dec 19 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

November 18, 2019

**CAMPAIGN YARD SIGN SEMINAR
 KEN YOUNG, BARROW FIRST VICE CHAIR
 INVITE ALL 2020 CANDIDATES**

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 10/31/19)

Membership	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
Regular	44	63	39	36	26	30	26	26	26
Advanced	59	71	59	41	55	55	48	48	45
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	81
Renewals	112	101	95	82	85	77	77	74	68
New	9	51	15	10	6	19	7	9	13

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CAMPAIGN YARD SIGN SEMINAR

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019
 7:30 PM - WINDER WOMAN’S CLUB
 Barrow County GOP Monthly Meeting**

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

DO’S AND DON’TS OF DESIGN

**Could help snatch Victory from
 the Jaws of Defeat**

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec 2 (Mon)	Annual Holiday Dinner
Jan 20 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Feb 17 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Mar 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Mar 21 (Sat)	Prec. Mtgs/County Convention
Apr 18 (Sat)	District Convention

LOOKING AHEAD

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)
Pearl Harbor Day – December 7 (Saturday)
Bill of Rights Day – December 15 (Sunday)

2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dianne Craig Bob Lanham

WELCOME - NEW MEMBER

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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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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, **November 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, NOVEMBER 23, 2019
9:00 AM**

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Next November, we will go to the polls, and if all goes well, re-elect President Trump. The next year will most probably bring unpleasantness that we can’t even imagine. Trump derangement syndrome is even more terrible than Bush derangement, however impossible that would have been thought when President George W. Bush was in office.

The Democrats have tried so many ways to impeach and impugn our President – ways that only dishonest and unprincipled people could think of. They lie and invent scenarios, conversations and even events to fulfill their wish – getting rid of President Trump. The leaders of the Democrat Party indulge their members in these activities, and reward them with leadership positions.

As despicable as the Democrats are, I have even more antipathy for the Republicans who encourage and join the Left to denigrate our president. For President George W. Bush, Mitt Romney, Justin Amash, Ben Sasse, and others to repeat talking points of the Left to try to appeal to them (and most of the media) is puzzling. These same people have only embraced these Republicans because of their opposition to President Trump. The Republicans joining in the tearing down of President Trump seem to forget, that the people who now “love” them were the ones who tried to damage them, when they were running for office or were elected.

Also perplexing is the criticism that these Republicans express. The economy is on fire, unemployment is at record low levels for most demographics, the wall is being built, judges are being seated and many other fantastic things are occurring. These are all things that Republicans supposedly support, but these politicians still complain. My conjecture is that the Swamp is deep and real, and so many in Washington are truly afraid their world might be destroyed. I, for one, hope that it will be obliterated. President Trump is the man for this most important job. Our country’s future depends on it.

Debbie Reid

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**WE ARE TAKING DONATIONS FOR
LEFTOVER PETS SPAY / NEUTER CLINIC**

At our **November 18, 2019** Meeting

Specific brands are not required.

Non-Clumping Clay Litter	Copy Paper
Soft Drink Cardboard Trays for Litter Boxes	
Postage Stamps	Distilled Water
Tall Kitchen Trash Bags (13 gal)	
33 Gal or Larger Trash Bags	
Bleach	Laundry Pods
HVAC Filters (20 x 20)	Paper Towels
	Canned Cat Food

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FROM THE EDITOR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2020. If you want to renew, please bring yours to our **November 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!

We had a great meeting with great attendance on **October 21**. We heard from State Rep. Houston Gaines who represents the eastern tip of Barrow County. We also approved two new planks to our platform. They concerned our support for Veterans and Free Speech.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

7:00 PM - WINDER WOMAN'S CLUB

GUEST SPEAKER - TO BE ANNOUNCED

COST - \$ 10.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE BRING YOUR MONEY FOR TICKETS TO OUR NOVEMBER 18 MEETING OR CONTACT BOB LANHAM FOR RESERVATIONS

The dates for the 2020 Conventions have been approved by the State Committee. Our Precinct Meetings and County Convention will be Saturday, **March 21, 2020**, in the Winder Lions Club. The District Convention will be Saturday, **April 18, 2020**, in Marswood Hall in Watkinsville. The State Convention will be Friday and Saturday, **May 29-30, 2020**, in the Cobb Galleria.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **November 18, 2019** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. We will be conducting the Campaign Yard Sign Seminar for incumbents, announced candidates, and anyone thinking of running in the 2020 Republican Primary Election. Please pass the word! We will also be considering a new operations spending resolution which begins on **January 1** through **August 31, 2020**. 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

“Trump’s Creative Attempts To Fund The Wall – Even Wants To Use Military Funds” – *AMAC Advantage* – D.J. Wilson – July/August 2019 – [https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=601513#{"issue_id":601513,"page":64}](https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=601513#{)

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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET CUTS
A WELCOME REVERSAL

Marc Hyden, *James* magazine, September/October 2019

Few governors request state agencies to revise and reduce their budgets when the economy is humming, but Brian Kemp isn't your average governor. He recently sent instructions to his agency chiefs to cut spending. Specifically, he requested a 4 percent reduction for amended fiscal year 2020 and another 6 percent for fiscal year 2021.

A letter to agency heads from the Office of Planning and Budget read, “Governor Kemp has challenged agency leaders to think critically about their organizations and to identify ways to streamline processes, better leverage technology, reduce duplication of efforts, and innovate in order to improve how we do business as a state.”

In other words, the governor wants the government to run like a lean business. Kemp defended his actions and explained, “To secure an even brighter future for our state, we must continue to budget conservatively, spend wisely, and put Georgia taxpayers first.” This shouldn't come as a surprise given that he campaigned on such promises. To be frank, what he is asking isn't beyond the pale and shouldn't be that difficult to achieve.

This is the first time in almost a decade in which agencies have been asked to reel in their spending. This last occurred in the dark days of the Great Recession when state agency budgets were seemingly whittled down to the bone. These cuts, however, were necessary because revenues had plummeted, and since Georgia requires a balanced budget, spending needed to match income.

As a result, state spending hit a low-level mark at \$17.9 billion for the 2011 budget. Despite an outcry from bureaucrats, Georgia survived on a bargain budget. As time passed, the economy slowly lumbered back into action, and Georgia's spending under former Gov. Nathan Deal subsequently exploded. His last proposed budget for fiscal year 2019 was \$26 billion. This represents an average annual increase of one billion dollars and a 45 percent increase in eight years. Meanwhile, in a similar time span, Georgia's population has grown by around 9 percent.

While this spending represents an eye-popping surge, this isn't to say that Deal and his predecessor Gov. Sonny Perdue didn't diligently watch over Georgia's financial health. Despite the recession and subsequent boom, Georgia maintained a balanced budget, kept its coveted AAA bond rating, refilled its rainy-day fund and its spending rates per capita remained relatively low. Lawmakers did all of this while only amending the tax code a couple of times to increase revenue.

Regardless of the previous administrations' stewardship, the spending surge is evidently concerning to budget hawks, including Kemp. Sure, some analysts assert that the budget increases since 2010 are simply returning to pre-recession spending levels, and while this may be true, the fact that Georgia survived at far lower revenue levels per capita in the past seems to suggest that Georgia could still thrive on a smaller budget.

Taxpayers should be thrilled that Kemp appears poised to reduce agency spending and slow state government growth. Tacking on another billion or so dollars every year, as had previously been the case, represents unsustainable growth that would ultimately hurt Georgians. Cutting government fat should always be a big winner and is a welcome reversal after years of spending increases.