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

MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., June 15 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., June 1 7:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., June 2 6:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., June 2 6:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., June 4 6:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., June 9 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., June 16 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., June 18 6:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., June 18 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., June 23 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	Jaret Sweatt
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John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Power Evans
Gary Taylor	Janice Jones	

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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

June 15, 2020

**DALTON SHERROD
 TRUMP VICTORY CAMPAIGN TEAM**

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 5/31/2020)

Membership	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20
Regular	63	39	36	26	30	26	26	26	21
Advanced	71	59	41	55	55	48	48	45	45
Barrow 100	13	8	13	7	9	7	6	6	5
Barrow 360	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Students	4	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	3
Total	152	110	92	91	96	84	83	81	75
Renewals	101	95	82	85	77	77	74	68	64
New	51	15	10	6	19	7	9	13	11

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**IT’S TIME TO RENEW YOUR
 MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020 !!!**

Tennessee governor Bill Lee, a Republican, signed a bill affirming his state’s commitment to fund faith-based adoption agencies that refuse to serve same-sex couples. Lee drew the ire of LGBT advocacy organizations, whose litigiousness had drowned some faith-based agencies in legal bills and court fees. The law assures those religious agencies of state funding, even if the federal government resumes the Obama-era policy of denying federal dollars to adoption organizations that refuse to serve same-sex couples. Lee’s signature on the bill, the eleventh of its kind nationwide, is an important victory for conscience rights and helps secure the future of religious adoption agencies in the Volunteer State. *(National Review)*

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 15 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
July 20 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Aug 15 (Sat)	ANNUAL GOP BBQ
Aug 17 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Sept 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

D-Day – June 6 (Saturday)
George H.W. Bush Birthday – June 12 (Friday)
Flag Day – June 14 (Sunday)
Independence Day – July 4 (Saturday)
Calvin Coolidge Birthday – July 4 (Saturday)
1st Official Meeting of Republican Party – July 6 (Monday)
George W. Bush Birthday – July 6 (Monday)
Gerald Ford Birthday – July 14 (Tuesday)

2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Bill Ritter Bobby Patterson

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Richardson Tom Kamplain Megan Kamplain

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2017 – 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS
NEW COMBINED PRECINCTS FOR 2020

Bethlehem Community Center	
Bethlehem Church @ GA 211	Bronti Rudloff
with most of County Line Elementary	June Miller
Hmong Alliance Church	John Stevens
Bramlett Elementary & Midway UMC	Dianne Craig
Covenant Life Sanctuary Church	David Gunter
Westside Middle & Cedar Creek Baptist	
Statham Fire Dept.	Richard Pepper
with Statham Elementary	
Winder First Baptist Church	John Reavis
with Winder Lions Club	
Winder Community Center	Power Evans
with WBHS, Rec. Dept.,	Bob Lanham
& small part of County Line Elementary	
The Church At Winder	Kathy Hopkins
with AHS	

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NEXT POLITICAL BREAKFAST

CANCELLED UNTIL

FURTHER NOTICE

WINDER GOLDEN CORRAL

RESTAURANT

IS STILL CLOSED

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I just got back from vacation, so I am in a great mood. While we were in Destin, I saw lots of things to make me optimistic about our country, our economy and the spirit of the American people. We had a reservation for a condo that was in limbo until Governor DeSantis made the decision to open short-term rentals – a little puzzling because hotels and motels were already open. We missed one day of the reservation, but last Tuesday – the 19th – we got the word to come on down. We were surprised at the amount of traffic going down on a Tuesday and joked about how many others were like us – just waiting to go and when word came down, hopped in an already packed car and headed for our Redneck Riviera – not a slur as far as we’re concerned.

The first few days we had pretty much the same experiences as we had been having at home – not much traffic, uncrowded grocery stores and restaurants, etc. By the weekend however, the change in crowd strength was evident. By Sunday, our last day there, the beaches were very crowded, a restaurant without a reservation impossible and most stores re-opened. My heart was so happy – I always want to make sure that Destin thrives as we consider it our home away from home.

Destin is not alone in its seeming recovery. We are seeing, even in liberal bastions, the people are rebelling against an economy-destroying, failing and ineffective shutdown. Randy and I have cheered a New Jersey gym owner, Ian Smith, and his partner defying the governor’s continued shutdown order. The first set of police sent to close that gym told those gathered – who were practicing social distancing and mostly wearing masks – that the gym was shut down, to have a nice day and then leaving them to their lives without further action – more heroes among our first responders. Every day we are hearing more stories about regular citizens reminding those who seek to rule us that “the People” are the ones in charge.

I fervently hope that most are seeing the attempted stoppage of our lives for what it is – an effort to control us, not protect us. This is but a small example of what will happen to us if Democrats get control of Congress and attain the office of the President. Beware of those who do things for our own good. As C.S. Lewis wisely said:

“Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busy-bodies. The robber baron’s cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.”

If you need some normalcy, I highly recommend a trip to Destin!

Debbie Reid

FROM THE EDITOR

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

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **June 15, 2020** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speaker will be Dalton Sherrod from the Trump Victory Team. Hopefully, the COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted fully by then. Make plans to attend! Bring a friend. Be early for a good set! It will be worth your time.

Ken Young

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ADDITIONAL LINK

“Trump On Huawei” – *AMAC Advantage* – Stephen Fauer, CFA – February 2020 – <https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?m=40499&i=645785&p=14>

“Charity in the Context of Cultural Challenge” – *AFA Journal* – Walker Wildmon – April 2020 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2020/april/charity-in-the-context-of-cultural-challenge/>

“2020 Is All About Your Freedom” – *America’s First Freedom* – Wayne LaPierre - January 2020 – <https://americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2019/12/18/standing-guard-2020-is-all-about-your-freedom/>

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AMERICA VS. ANTI-AMERICA

Rush Limbaugh, *Limbaugh Letter*

This excerpt is the conclusion of the article.

... Why do they want to wipe out the traditional definition of marriage? It’s not about equality. Why do they want to sweep away traditional morality? It’s not about tolerance. Why are they fixated on climate change? It’s not about the environment. Why are they obsessed with punishing the rich? It’s not about social justice. As AOC admitted, it’s all about power.

That’s the battle we are in with the left. It’s not what everyone thinks, Republicans versus Democrats, conservatives versus liberals. It’s America versus Anti-America. It’s the American Founding versus a diminished, twisted shadow of what the republic was Founded to be.

What have we been told? “America’s best days are behind us; in fact, America’s best days were not legitimate. The United States finally must pay the price for all the sins that led to its superpower status.” Yada, yada, yada.

Trump came along and said, “This is not necessary! There’s no reason the United States has to be seen as in decline.” As a citizen, it’s bothered him for a long time, as it’s bothered me, as it’s bothered you – this rotten view of America adopted by much of the Washington establishment that somehow we’re the

problem, we are the destabilizing agent in the world. It’s a crock. The left has been telling you, “America’s glory days are over; it’s time for new thinking!” Well, “Pfft!” to that.

We have elected someone in his 70s who – thank God – remembers an entirely different America. The America of Obama and the left, where we are to blame for all the problems in the world? Trump doesn’t recognize that America; he thinks it’s bogus. So, he has stormed Washington, D.C., intent on blowing that notion to smithereens and once again returning America to its age-old greatness.

As he told the Davos forum: “The American Dream is back – bigger, better, and stronger than ever before.” The Anti-America leftists no longer speak for this country. It is America, we the people. That is the rekindled vision. Our American dream will beat out the Anti-American nightmare of the left, every time it’s tried.

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NEED AMERICA BE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

Victor Davis Hanson, *National Review*, February 10, 2020

This is a condensed editing.

... Today, America’s two chief strategic worries remain far away from Baghdad, Cairo, and Tehran: a hostile China, with a population of 1.4 billion, that seeks world commercial and eventually military hegemony, and a sclerotic Russia that nevertheless possesses about 7,000 nuclear weapons and in reductionist fashion is against everything we are for.

... Since the 1970s and the age of Palestinian global terrorists, such as those affiliated with the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Black September Organization, and especially in the era of radical Islamic terrorists of al-Qaeda and ISIS of the last 40 years, the United States has sought to deny sanctuaries and training enclaves to terrorist cliques plotting against the American homeland, U.S. bases, and our European and other allies. Ronald Reagan intervened unsuccessfully to keep the peace in Lebanon in 1983, but he had better results in the 1986 bombing of Libya in retaliation for Moammar Qaddafi’s sponsorship of anti-American terrorists.

... The Cold War is over. China is using cash, not arms, to seduce Middle East regimes to lease out ports and facilities for its Belt and Road Initiative, an extravagant neo-imperial global project that grows ever more dubious in a strictly cost-to-benefit analysis, especially as China bogs down in a trade war with the United States and seems to be offering round-one concessions to try to end it. With a million Muslims in Chinese reeducation camps, and its clumsy diplomacy abroad, Beijing may eventually become as unpopular in Arab capitals as Moscow was during the Cold War.

America is the world’s largest oil and natural-gas producer and for now does not really need imported Middle East oil. Its chief ally in the region, Israel, has likewise become self-sufficient in fossil fuels because of the discovery of natural gas in its waters in the eastern Mediterranean. So American need for petroleum is no longer a concrete reason to put a sizeable military presence in the Middle East. All that can be said is that the United States has some interest in keeping the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf open, for the viability of the world economy and safe oil exportation to Europe. China is the largest

importer of Middle East oil, which accounts for 60 percent of the nation's daily consumption. Europe is the world's largest importer of all oil. Yet China, to repeat, is currently in a trade war with the United States. Europe seems unwilling to employ fracking or horizontal drilling to tap its huge domestic deposits of shale gas, and it also has no interest in building a blue-water navy apart from NATO's reliance on the U.S. fleet. Accordingly, it is becoming a difficult sell for the American people to guarantee China and the European Union free and safe commerce to and from the Gulf.

In sum, all that seems left of the last 70 years of bipartisan foreign policy in the Middle East are three remnant interests that prompt us to paraphrase Trotsky – we may not be interested in the Middle East, but it is interested in us.

One, the United States does not want radical Islamists to carve out sanctuaries, such as ISIS's recent caliphate in Iraq and Syria, by appropriating oil and using the money gained from its sale to stage terrorist operations against the West. . . .

A second vestigial interest is to deny a local hegemon the ability to absorb his neighbors, aggregate petroleum revenues, and become a nuclear power that threatens the West. . . .

Finally, the United States wants the Suez Canal accessible and the Strait of Hormuz open to ensure global prosperity and, by extension, American economic growth – though, again, it is difficult to assess how much that stability would or should cost America. . . .

Keeping a small, low-profile U.S. presence at bases in the Gulf states or Turkey seems wiser for now – and cheaper in the long run – than complete withdrawal. The Middle East, like Central America and North Africa, is inherently an unstable place whose residents can swarm European borders by the millions. Thus it seems wise to invest some time, money, and manpower to preempt mass flotillas and caravans heading westward.

But then again, it is hard to justify protecting Europe's territorial integrity by keeping the calm in the Middle East when the American Southwest lacks a secure border with Mexico and an estimated 20 million illegal aliens are residing in the United States – at least if such costly investments are seen in either/or fashion.

Given that oil and Soviet Communism no longer drive American strategic thinking in the Middle East, and that the unfettered use of airpower can largely deter nuclear proliferation and decapitate another ascendant ISIS caliphate, it is likely that the region's status has changed. The anachronistic term "Middle East" is itself emblematic of the British Empire, entire regions were named for their distance from the imperial brain in London. The Middle East lay between the Near East (the eastern Mediterranean and Asia Minor) and the Far East (China, Japan, and on occasion India). But in 2020, despite its being the nexus of three continents and three great religions and home to over 400 million people, the Middle East hardly seems to be in the middle of anything important – certainly not according to the popular American mind.

For nearly 70 years Americans have watched nightly on their televisions as Arabs and Iranians scream and damn America. They have understandably grown tired of the region and its proverbially volatile Islamic street, where mobs equate any U.S. presence on the ground with imperialism, colonialism, and other catchwords spoon-fed to them by Western leftists. Americans increasingly see the Middle East as a sinkhole of precious blood and treasure wasted in behalf of those who are, to be frank, not

deemed worth the effort. Most recently, the bier of Qasem Soleimani was driven through Baghdad on an imported Chevy pickup among the shouting anti-American mobs while guarded by U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces – a metaphor, along with the fact that more Iranians died at Soleimani's perfervid funeral in Tehran than were killed in the American drone attack on his caravan, for the contemporary confused status of West-meets-East.

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One refrain of Trump's support among the deplorables and irredeemables was a desire to end "endless wars" abroad. The well-recognized subtext of that desire was no more Middle East interventions. After 9/11, Americans were in a punitive mood as regarded the home of the 19 hijackers and murderers. But the desire to pay back Islamic terrorists has aged into something akin to an out-of-sight, out-of-mind weariness with the entire region.

We might end with another paraphrase, of the famous saying attributed to Otto von Bismarck: To the American street, the entire Middle East is no longer worth the healthy bones of a single U.S. Marine.

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On December 30, Dr. Li Wenliang warned colleagues about the outbreak of a pneumonia-like illness in Wuhan, China. Authorities promptly summoned Dr. Li on charges that he'd spread disinformation. By then, physicians on the ground had seen the disease spread between individuals, and from patients to doctors. But two weeks later, the World Health Organization announced that there was "no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission of the novel coronavirus," echoing the messaging of Chinese authorities eager to suppress bad PR. Parrotting Chinese statements wasn't enough for WHO head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus: He went on to praise China for "setting a new standard for outbreak control." Later, Tedros overruled the objections of WHO colleagues in delaying the declaration of a public-health emergency, despite abundant evidence that the virus would likely spread beyond China's borders. Meanwhile, the WHO opposed travel restrictions to prevent that possibility. Its performance cost the world precious time in preparing for the pandemic, and casts doubt on the competence and integrity of the WHO. President Trump has suspended funding for the organization. It may be the only way to force accountability on an institution corrupted by the likes of Tedros and Chinese president Xi Jinping. (*National Review*)

Senator Martha McSally (R., Ariz.) responded to a question from CNN's Manu Raju by saying she wasn't going to talk to a liberal hack, and Republicans nationwide cheered. Raju's question was in fact innocuous: He wanted to know whether she favored hearing from witnesses at the impeachment trial, a question to which other Republican senators have given a variety of answers. CNN corporately protested at the unfairness. Unfairness is a subject the network would do well to ponder, along with how it has painstakingly acquired its bad reputation among conservative voters. (*National Review*)