# BARROW REPUBLICAN NEWS

VOLUME 27 ISSUE 6 JUNE 2021 BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY P.O. BOX 1054 WINDER, GA 30680-1054

#### **MEETINGS**

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., <u>June 21</u>	7:30 PM			
@ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)				
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., <u>June 1</u>	6:00 PM			
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., <u>June 3</u>	6:00 PM			
Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., <u>June 7</u>	7:00 PM			
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., <u>June 8</u>	6:00 PM			
County Commission Meeting – Tue., <u>June 8</u>	6:00 PM			
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., <u>June 15</u>	7:00 PM			
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., <u>June 17</u>	6:00 PM			
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., <u>June 17</u>	7:00 PM			
County Commission Meeting – Tue., <u>June 22</u>	6:00 PM			

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

TOTAL WIEWEELS	COCITE COI	(20)
Debbie Reid – Chrm.	Kathy Hopkins	James Powell
Power Evans − 1 <sup>st</sup> VC	Ken Young	Bob Lanham
Pam Powell – 2 <sup>nd</sup> VC	Clay Kelley	Beverly Keeley
Jaret Sweat – Sec	June Miller	Laura Petcu
Vanessa Green - Asst. Sec	. Julie Bailey	Ruth Ann Phillips
Gary Taylor – Tr.	Randy Reid	Mike Pentecost
David Gunter – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Janice Jones
Cathleen Gillespie	Johnny Stallings	

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C.C. Dist. 2 Rep.	Julie Bailey	678-779-4000			
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C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	Clay Kelley	770-560-4523			
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Laura Petcu	404-201-0316			
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!

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7:30 PM

June 21, 2021

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

## MARK McMAIN CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

#### MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 5/31/2021)

Membership	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21
Regular	39	36	26	30	26	26	26	21	14
Advanced	59	41	55	55	48	48	45	47	50
Barrow 100	8	13	7	9	7	6	6	11	14
Barrow 360	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Students	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	1
Total	110	92	91	96	84	83	81	83	80
Renewals	95	82	85	77	77	74	68	69	57
New	15	10	6	19	7	9	13	14	23

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# CHECK OUR "HOME" PAGE FOR UPDATES WE NEED 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence. You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves."

#### Abraham Lincoln

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LOWER TAXES \*\*\*\*\*\*\* LIMITED GOVERNMENT
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

June 4-5 (Fri/Sat)	<b>State Convention</b>
June 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
July 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
<b>Aug 16</b> (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Sept 20 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Oct 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

#### LOOKING AHEAD

D-Day – June 6 (Sunday)

George H.W. Bush Birthday – <u>June 12</u> (Saturday)

Flag Day – <u>June 14</u> (Monday)

Independence Day – <u>July 4</u> (Sunday)

Calvin Coolidge Birthday – <u>July 4</u> (Sunday)

1st Official Meeting of Republican Party – July 6 (Tuesday)

George W. Bush Birthday – <u>July 6</u> (Tuesday)

Gerald Ford Birthday – <u>July 14</u> (Wednesday)

National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day – <u>July 27</u> (Tue)

#### 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Debi Krause Jennifer Houston Bill Ritter
Darlene Townsend Jim Townsend Tim Walker

David Crosby Stephanie Bramlett

#### **WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS**

Kenneth England Earl Griffin

#### **BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2021-23**

**Bethlehem Community Center** Julie Bailey Bethlehem Church @ GA 211 Jaret Sweat **Hmong Alliance Church** John Stevens **Covenant Life Sanctuary Church** David Gunter Statham Fire Dept. Mike Pentecost Winder First Baptist Church John Reavis **Winder Community Center** Power Evans The Church At Winder Kathy Hopkins

### **NEXT POLITICAL BREAKFAST**

Everyone is invited to participate in a monthly political breakfast at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Winder. The next group breakfast will be Saturday, **June 26, 2021**, 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, JUNE 26, 2021 9:00 AM

#### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It's hard to comprehend the damage that has been done to our country in such a short time by the man occupying the White House and the minions he is surrounded by.

- \* The cancelling of the Keystone is having and will continue to have a tremendous effect on our country. My husband and I are personally paying about \$ 1.00 more a gallon for gas at Costco. I can't imagine the pain being felt by people who work, don't have access to cheaper gas and must fill up their tanks more than we do. Also, we are all paying more for everything as this affects the price of all consumer goods. At the same time as this is happening, Biden has lifted sanctions on companies involved with the Russian pipeline now that the Russian part of the pipeline is completed. Why would he want the Germans buying gas from the country that was supposedly conspiring with President Trump to bring down our "democracy?"
- \* The crisis at the border is changing America in ways that our enemies could only dream of accomplishing and it is all self-inflicted. The border states are crying out for relief including Democrat mayors and they are being ignored and belittled at every turn. Additionally, illegal aliens are being flown some in the middle of the night all over our country and housed in hotels at taxpayer expense. I'm betting some of those taxpayers would like to have their vacation hotel expenses paid for. Funnily enough, most of these illegal aliens are being placed in red states is this a coincidence?
- \* As cities burn, violence is tolerated and police departments continue to be defunded. Biden deems the family of George Floyd in need of a White House visit. Meanwhile in Minneapolis, did you know that more than 20 children have been shot just this year double the number of last year? Do you know the name Aniya Allen? She was a six-year-old who died after being caught in crossfire while she and her family were driving home from McDonald's. I could be proven wrong, but I'm doubtful that her family will be invited to the White House. How do we know the names of so many who have placed themselves in the path of police officers, but the real tragedy of innocent lives being taken or damaged is ignored?
- \* Biden is promising a tax that will only affect "the rich" to pay for the myriad spending programs he deems "necessary." We all know that eventually these taxes trickle down to those who can least afford the added expense of consumer goods and services. We are already almost \$29 trillion in debt a number that is almost inconceivable. Here are a few concrete examples:
  - @ A trillion \$1.00 dollar bills stacked on top of each other would be 67,866 miles high;
  - @ If you spent \$40.00 a second, it would take 792.5 years for you to go broke;
  - @ You could buy 1 million people a house worth \$ 1 million;
  - @ If you could go back in time, a trillion seconds would put you in 30,000 B.C.;
  - @ Right now there is a little over \$1 trillion in circulation in the whole of the US.

Now multiply those by 29 . . .

These four examples alone are enough to destroy our country and it won't take long. 2022 looms veer more important – we must fight in every way possible.

Oh, and again, China . . .

Debbie Reid

#### FROM THE EDITOR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2021. If you want to renew, please bring yours to our June 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!

Many thanks to those delegates who attended the 2021 10<sup>th</sup> District Convention on **May 15** in Milledgeville. Power Evans was elected as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair of the new District Committee for 2021-2023. Clay Kelley was elected to the State Committee for 2021-2023.

We had a good monthly meeting with good attendance on May 17. We heard from GAGOP Chairman David Shafer regarding the 2020 election, the 2021 January run-off election, and continuing efforts to uncover improprieties. He also discussed Senate Bill 202 which expanding voting opportunities and added security measures to prevent fraud.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **June 21**, **2021** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our guest speaker will be Mark McMain, candidate for Congress.

Be early for a good seat. It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend. Bring a friend.

#### Ken Young

#### **ADDITIONAL LINKS**

"It's The Criminals, Stupid" – Shooting Illustrated – Wayne LaPierre – February 2021 – <a href="https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2021/1/19/standing-guard-it-s-the-criminals-stupid">https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2021/1/19/standing-guard-it-s-the-criminals-stupid</a>

"Happy Warrior, The Positive Nature of Conservatism" – *AMAC Advantage* – April 2021 – Robert B. Charles - <a href="https://digitaledition.qwinc.com.publication/?m=40499&i=6995">https://digitaledition.qwinc.com.publication/?m=40499&i=6995</a> 18&p=62

#### **2021 STATE DELEGATES** (26)

Kathy Hopkins	Power Evans
Ruth Ann Phillips	Vanessa Green
Randy Reid	Charlie Chase
Beverly Kelley	Teeny Allison
Linda Reavis	Laura Petcu
Lynn Stevens	Jaret Sweat
Janice Jones	Beverly Griffin
Johnny Stallings	Earl Griffin
Craig Parker	
	Ruth Ann Phillips Randy Reid Beverly Kelley Linda Reavis Lynn Stevens Janice Jones Johnny Stallings

#### THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

#### Ken Young

This will be the last issue of the *Barrow Republican News* with me as the editor. For over 20 years, I have been blessed to have this responsibility. It is now time for someone else to take the reins.

At times, it was a love of labor. Most if the time, it was a labor of love. Even if people did not read it, it was worth the effort.

It was our intention from the beginning in 1995 to keep our paid members and other interested GOP members informed on the local Party and many other issues.

In those days, we found out we could mail 4 sheets of paper for one stamp (8 total pages of information and articles). When we switched to emailing a digital version with links to articles (to reduce size), we still sent a few paper copies to those members who had no email address or preferred a paper copy. This total has dropped over time to about 10 members at this time.

Work is in progress to transfer the newsletter mailing list to new hands for the July 2021 monthly newsletter. There will be likely major changes ahead in the newsletter, so please be patient.

Thank you for your support over the years. What little feedback received was positive and appreciated. It meant a great deal to me when one member told me he read every word of every newsletter.

So thanks for the memories, to steal a line! I wish you all the very best in your future efforts for the local GOP and the conservative movement. It is not clear to me where my future will lead.

#### STEPS FOR POLITICAL CHANGE

- 1. To change things, you have to change the laws.
- 2. To change the laws, you must change the people who make the laws, either by influencing them to change their positions, or by removing them from office.
- 3. People who make the laws must be winning candidates in the general election.
- 4. To be a candidate on the general election ballot, that person is nominated for an office, usually by a Party primary election.
- 5. To win a Party primary election, a candidate has to win a majority of the Party primary election ballots for his or her race.
- 6. To win a majority of the Party primary election ballots, a candidate must campaign hard for those votes.
- 7. To campaign for election, a candidate must properly qualify With the Party in March or April before an even-year Primary election.
- 8. True Republicans must be recruited to qualify to run.

## PASSIONATE GOING INTO 2022

State Sen. Brandon Beach, James magazine

For the last four years, President Donald Trump's message was "Make America Great Again" and put "America First." That bold theme resonated with people who hadn't previously been involved in the political process. Since January I have been attending GOP events as well as the April Fulton County GOP convention, and the crowds are at an all-time high. The GOP tent is obviously growing, and the energy and passion is something I have not seen in 25 years.

Georgia Republicans will not sit on the sidelines and allow the destruction of our personal freedoms. We will protect our First Amendment rights along with fighting big tech companies that want to censor our views and push a very liberal agenda. We will continue to advocate for smaller government, lower taxes, less regulation, real infrastructure investment and an educated workforce. When government implements these five principals and then gets out of the way, the private sector will engage. This will result in economic investment and job opportunities for all Georgians.

As we go into the 2022 elections, we will be in a fight for the heart and soul of our state and nation. There will be a stark contrast between Republicans and Democrats. Republicans will be supporting law and order and safety in our communities whereas all too many Democrats will be fighting for defunding the police and supporting no-cash bail, which is a revolving door letting criminals back onto the streets. Look no further than Atlanta. The Democratic mayor doesn't even respect due process for police involved in shooting incidents – whether the officers are right or wrong. Georgians want to feel safe in their neighborhoods and want control of zoning in their communities.

On a national level, there is a stark contrast between the two parties. Republicans support a strong policy that secures the border yet has a reasonable legal avenue for people to come and assimilate into our country. Most Democrats want open borders to let illegal immigrants sneak into the United State with little or no national security or health checks - and no evaluation as to whether they would be productive members of society. Republicans support less government control of healthcare and want a private payer option that allows the patient to have the ability to choose their physician. The Democrats want a full-out government-controlled healthcare system that will result in a system that reduces the quality of healthcare and reduces patient options. Finally, on the national level the Democrats are cozying up to China, sending more manufacturing jobs to China and increasing national spending and debt. We as Republicans want to revitalize our supply chain by manufacturing our pharmaceutical drugs here in the United States, increase all manufacturing jobs by bringing them back to America and reducing our spending and cutting our ever-growing debt.

On the state level, we were projected to lose several state House and Senate seats in 2020. Mainly because of strong, fiscally responsible policies that have resulted in Georgia being the number one state to do business for eight straight years, and due to the leadership of the House Speaker David Ralston on the campaign trail and Senate leaderships' campaign efforts, voters chose Republican lawmakers to maintain strong House and Senate majorities.

We will grow our numbers in 2022 as GOP candidates continue to push conservative policies that will result in smaller

government, lower taxes, and less regulation. Republicans of all stripes (as well as many "independents") know this will result in continued economic growth and new jobs. When you contrast that with a state and national Democratic Party pushing a liberal agenda that will result in out-of-control illegal immigration, expensive big government healthcare, zero support for law and order and foolish energy policies that could result in \$5.00 a gallon gas prices by 2022, it will result in Republican gains — especially in Georgia. I already see signs of "buyer's remorse" from moderate Georgians who voted for Joe Biden.

Former President Trump tapped into folks beyond traditional Republicans – especially "independent" and working-class voters of all ethnic backgrounds who had never voted before. Georgia Republicans can retain and expand that new voting bloc by continuing to present attractive ideas that keep generating energy and passion going into 2022.

We will be having quality general election candidates next year. After the GOP primary, some of the candidates will be incumbents, some will be familiar faces and others will be newcomers. And I believe they will be conservative Republicans who can effectively take on Democrats while standing for common-sense policies ranging from defending free speech to maintaining law and order, along with other "Georgia First" values.

#### MOBSTER OPPORTUNITY

The coronavirus is messing with the bad guy business. AP reports that international drug cartels are "scrambling." New York organized crime is "crippled" without its normal gambling operations, according to *The New York Post*. But the Italian Cosa Nostra is poised to cash in. As AFP puts it, "Mafia Could Be Big Winner in Coronavirus-Ravaged Italy." Lots of Italian businesses face bankruptcy – "music to the ears of the country's mobs," who specialize in extortion and usury. Meanwhile, mobsters orchestrated virus revolts in jails across Italy, resulting in the release of 2,500 prisoners – including mafia-linked inmates. Foot soldiers needed.

The Italian underworld has a long legacy of exploiting pandemics, going back to the 1884 cholera outbreak in Naples, says anti-mafia author Roberto Saviano. Huge money for rebuilding flowed from the government and into mob coffers back then, and they're ready for a replay. "Just look at the portfolio of the mafias," says Saviano. "Where have they invested the last few decades? Multi-service companies (canteens, cleaning, disinfection), waste recycling, transportation, funeral homes, oil and food distribution . . . The mafias know what you have, and will need, and they will give it, on their own terms." With a hefty vig. (Limbaugh Letter)

During the campaign, Biden avoided taking a stand on the Left's call to pack the Supreme Court by saying he would have a commission study the issue. Now he has appointed 36 commissioners. Republicans are calling it the first step in a plot to wreck the judiciary. But the loudest proponents of Court-packing are angry that some commissioners are conservative and that the commission has been charged with issuing reports but not recommendations. They say Biden isn't "serious" about changing the Court. More likely: He knows this idea isn't going anywhere, and he is taking it only a bit more seriously than it deserves. (*National Review*)