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BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
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MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Apr 16 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., May 1 6:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 3 6:00 PM
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., May 7 7:00 PM
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., May 8 6:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 8 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., May 15 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 17 6:00 PM
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., May 17 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 22 7:00 PM

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (28)

Clay Kelley – Chrm.	Lucretia Hughes	Kathy Hopkins
DuWayne Anderson – 1 st VC	Teeny Allison	Terry Raber
Leonard Koonce – 2 nd VC	Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper
Dianne Craig – Sec..	June Miller	Beverly Kelley
Debbie Reid	Tim Walker	Pat Graham
Bob Lanham – Tr.	Charles Powell	Ken Young
Mike Pentecost – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Marty Rahinsky
David Gunter	Gary Taylor	Janice Jones
Terry England		

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C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	David Gunter	678-425-4127
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Marty Rahinsky	770-868-8919
C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.	June Miller	770-867-5932
Barrow 10 th District Rep.	DuWayne Anderson	

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

April 16, 2018

SCOTT HOWARD
CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE DISTRICT 47
JOE HUNT
CANDIDATE FOR U.S. DISTRICT 10
STATE SENATOR HUNTER HILL
CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 3/31/18)

Membership	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18
Regular	46	44	63	39	36	26	30	26	17
Advanced	58	59	71	59	41	55	55	48	38
Barrow 100	16	17	13	8	13	7	9	7	4
Barrow 360	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Students			4	3	2	2	1	2	2
Total	121	121	152	110	92	91	96	84	62
Renewals	105	112	101	95	82	85	77	77	56
New	16	9	51	15	10	6	19	7	6

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**IT’S TIME TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018 !!!**

Comcast said it would give \$1,000 bonuses to more than 100,000 employees based on the passage of the tax bill. AT&T announced \$1,000 bonuses to more than 200,000 employees. It also said it would invest an additional billion in the U.S. in 2018. Other companies made similar moves. Democrats groused that the companies were engaged in a PR stunt – worse, one that undermined their contention that the bill was a sign of the apocalypse. The main argument for the corporate-tax-rate reduction is that it will give companies a bigger incentive to invest here and thus, over time, lead to higher wages for Americans. It’s nice, though, to see some immediate payoff. (*National Review*)

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
May 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
June 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
July 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Army Day – April 6 (Friday)
Holocaust Remembrance Day – April 12 (Thursday)
Tax Protest Day – April 16 (Monday)
Ulysses Grant Birthday – April 27 (Friday)
National Day of Prayer – May 3 (Thursday)
Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15 (Tuesday)
Armed Forces Day – May 19 (Saturday)
Memorial Day (Observed) – May 28 (Monday)

2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Isaiah Berry	Billy Parks	Debi Krause
Greg Howard	Beverly Kelley	David Perkins
Carlo Cellucci	Sally Cellucci	Teeny Allison
Gary Taylor	Janice Jones	Clay Kelley
Marty Rahinsky	John Stevens	Lynn Stevens
Caroline Evans	Terry Raber	Ronnie Morrow
Joe Robinson	David Gunter	Charles Powell
DuWayne Anderson	Richard Pepper	Sara Pepper
Bronti Rudloff	Melinda Williams	Frank Ginn
David Crosby		

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Bill Ritter	Lisa Maloof	Deborah Lynn
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2017 – 2019 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethabra Church	Marty Rahinsky
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	DuWayne Anderson
Barrow County Rec. Dept.	Bob Lanham
Apalachee High School	Kathy Hopkins
Midway Methodist Church	Dianne Craig
Winder Community Center	Terry Raber
County Line Elementary	June Miller

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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, **April 21, 2018**, 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, APRIL 21, 2018
9:00 AM**

FROM THE EDITOR

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2018. If you have not already renewed, please bring yours to our **April 16** 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!

Due to the candidate qualifying of Debbie Reid for Commission District 5, her vacated Secretary position will now be filled by Asst. Secretary Diane Craig. An election for the open Asst. Secretary position will take place at our **April 16** monthly meeting by the voting members of the County Committee.

We had a great crowd attending our last monthly meeting on **March 19**. We heard from Sec. of State Brian Kemp, candidate for Governor, Tracey Jordan, candidate for Insurance Commissioner, and Tricia Pridemore, candidate for PSC. The voting members of the County Committee approved a proposal to purchase and distribute Georgia state flags during the fall general election campaign.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **April 16, 2018** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman’s Club. Our guest speakers will be State Sen. Hunter Hill, candidate for Governor, Scott Howard, candidate for State Senate District 47, and Joe hunt, candidate for U.S. House District 10. Be early for a good seat. Bring a friend! It will be worth your time. Make plans to attend!

Ken Young

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION - **MAY 22, 2018**
PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION - **JULY 24, 2018**
GENERAL ELECTION - **NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

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ADDITIONAL LINKS

“Don’t Wreck The New Boom” – *Forbes* – Steve Forbes – February 28 2018 –

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/steveforbes/2018/02/02/if-the-white-house-isnt-careful-these-two-things-will-kill-the-improving-economy/#5b056cb2a523>

“Gerrymandering Finally Gets Its Day in Court” – *Bloomberg Businessweek* –

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-01-19/the-supreme-court-is-finally-tackling-gerrymandering>

“China Emerges as World Player” – *Newsmax* – David Ignatius – January 2018 –

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/china-has-a-plan-to-rule-the-world/2017/11/28/214299aa-d472-11e7-a986-d0a9770d9a3e_story.html?utm_term=.2357119...

PRIMARY BALLOT QUESTIONS
FOR THE MAY 22, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

1. Would you support a higher state sales tax in exchange for the elimination of state income taxes?
 YES _____ NO _____
2. Would you support an amendment to the Georgia state constitution to allow legal gambling on horse racing?
 YES _____ NO _____
3. Would you support an amendment to the Georgia state constitution to allow legal gambling in casinos?
 YES _____ NO _____
4. Would you support ending federal funding to cities, counties, or states which declare their jurisdictions to be "Sanctuary" for illegal aliens?
 YES _____ NO _____

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2018 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RACES

<u>Commission District 4</u>	<u>Commission District 5</u>	
Isaiah Berry (I) Derek Cox	Billy Parks (I) Debbie Reid	
<u>Commission District 6</u>	<u>State Senate District 47</u>	#
Ben Hendrix (I) Deborah Lynn	Frank Ginn (I) Scott Howard	

UNOPPOSED IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

School Board District 1	Debi Krause (I)	
School Board District 3	Lisa Maloof	#
School Board District 4	Beverly Kelley	
School Board District 7 (At-Large)	Bill Ritter	#
School Board District 9 (At-Large)	Stephanie Bramlett	
State House District 114	Tom Kirby (I)	X
State House District 116	Terry England (I)	
State House District 117	Houston Gaines	#

has Democratic opposition in November
 X has Independent opposition in November

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2017 A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

U.S. Sen. David Perdue, *James*, January-February 2018

When President Donald J. Trump was elected, he outlined his top goals: confirming a conservative justice to the Supreme Court, rolling back onerous regulations, fixing our health care system and changing our archaic tax code.

We have begun to do that, and we are already seeing the economy start to move. Trump's agenda is starting to work and 2017 has been a year of significant accomplishments.

So far, nearly 2 million new jobs have been created. Eight-hundred sixty rules and regulations have been eliminated. Five-hundred bureaucrats have been fired at the VA for poor performance. Illegal border crossings are down by 60 percent.

Consumer confidence is at a 17-year high. CEO confidence is at a 20-year high. We have had two straight quarters of 3 percent GDP growth. More NATO countries are beginning to invest in defense. For the first time in eight years, we have reinvested in our military.

In addition to Justice Neil Gorsuch being confirmed to the United States Supreme court, 145 federal judges will be confirmed, including twelve circuit judges, compared to only three in former President Obama's first year.

Look, O come from the business world where results matter. These results are fantastic for any President's first year. President Trump is an outsider and business guy who is listening to the American people. He is continuing to move at a business pace, not a bureaucratic pace, and as a result our economy is on the cusp of a turnaround.

In December, we made history by changing our archaic tax code for the first time in 31 years. These changes are critical to our long-term economic future. While this tax plan is not perfect, it will help Georgians and create a level playing field so we can compete with the rest of the world.

For example, a family of four earning the median income of \$73,000 will see their tax bill reduced by 60 percent. A single mom earning \$41,000 is going to pay 75 percent less. The standard deduction is doubled. The child care credit is also doubled. In fact, up to 6 million Americans will be removed from the federal income tax rolls altogether.

The biggest impact will come from a dramatically lower corporate tax rate that will allow American businesses to compete globally. Ending the repatriation tax will free up more than \$2.6 trillion in American profits locked overseas to be reinvested into our economy.

Overall, it is estimated that these tax changes will create nearly 1 million new jobs and increase wages anywhere from \$4,000-9,000.

Ultimately, these efforts will generate much-needed economic growth that is a crucial part of solving our national debt crisis, which is still my number one objective in the United States Senate.

Last year we made some real progress. We are finally starting to get back to our Founding Principles of economic opportunity, fiscal responsibility, limited government, and individual liberty. However, the hard work is just getting started.

In 2018, we must keep up the momentum. We have to continue going after onerous rules and regulations. We started by rolling back the EPA's Waters of the U.S. rule, stopping the Clean Power Plan, and undoing some of the damage done by Dodd-Frank.

We have to continue working to fix our health care system. Here in Georgia, 91 percent of counties only have one choice in providers and 300,000 Georgians still cannot get insurance. We were able to eliminate the individual mandate, which fined 8 million Americans \$2 billion in 2014. We still have to save Social Security and Medicare for future generations, and get at the drivers of spiraling health care costs.

We also have fix our broken immigration system. I have been working on The RAISE Act, which would stop chain migration, end the outdated green card visa lottery, and move us to a merit-based immigration system.

Ultimately, we must scrap Washington's failed budget process and put in place a politically neutral platform that works to fund the federal government on time, support our military, and pay for important infrastructure investments.

It is hard to believe that just one year ago, we were getting ready for President Trump's inauguration. It is even harder to believe that I am halfway through my first term in the United States Senate.

Georgians sent me to the United States Senate for the same reason they sent President Trump to the White House: to get results. I am proud of what we have accomplished in 2017, and in 2018 I am committed to doing all I can to continue changing the direction of our country.

IF YOU WANT TO REFORM EDUCATION, EMBRACE SCHOOL CHOICE

Rob Jenkins, *Gwinnett Daily Post*

It might seem like we keep pouring more money into our public schools, and they just keep getting worse, but that's not true. Actually, we keep pouring more money into the schools and they stay exactly the same.

That's the conclusion of a recent study by the libertarian-leaning Cato Institute, which found that while government appropriations to schools have increased by nearly 200 percent since 1970 in inflation-adjusted dollars, student performance has remained flat.

Clearly, it's time to try something different.

The question is whether middle-class and poor children should be consigned to mediocre or bad schools just because that's how they're "districted." The correct answer is "school choice," which means parents, not government, decide where their kids go to school.

Unfortunately, school choice is a red-flag for many in the education establishment, who see it as a threat. They're afraid that if students had options, they would choose to go elsewhere, thus depriving them (the establishment) of power, influence and (especially) funds.

As legislators in Georgia and elsewhere debate this issue, I hope they will keep in mind three guiding principles:

Kids come first. Too often, the interests of children and families are subordinated to those of educators, teachers' unions and politicians. This must end. I'm tired of hearing from those who oppose school choice about the harm that might befall them if students and parents have more options. (What does that say, by the way, about their confidence in the job they're doing?)

Clearly, that's completely backwards. The real issue is the harm being done to kids right now, as too many languish in chronically failing schools. Fixing that problem – giving all kids the opportunity to succeed – must override any perceived harm to the adults involved.

Parents need choices. In order for kids to escape failing schools, parents must have as many options available to them as we can possibly provide. That certainly includes charter schools – a step in the right direction – but it also includes allowing students to cross arbitrary "district" lines.

And yes, it even includes some sort of voucher system providing families who otherwise couldn't afford it the opportunity to send their kids to a private school. Which brings me to my next point:

The money follows the student. Establishment types seem to regard tax revenues as their money, to spend as they see fit. No.

That money is for the children. As long as a student is in a school, the funds designated for that student should go to that school. But when he or she elects to go elsewhere, the money should follow.

One happy byproduct of this policy, as free-marketers have long argued, is that competing for students and therefore funding will provide powerful incentives for schools to innovate and improve.

Either way – whether their schools get better or they go to better schools – the real winners will be the kids.

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Talk about a sticky situation. The traditional pancake stack is now on the left's list of endangered foods. *Newsweek* warns that global warming is going to liquidate sugar maple trees, which provide the sap for syrup. University of Michigan researchers analyzed 20 years of data from four forest sites in Michigan. They report in *Ecology* that raising the earth's temperature by 5 C with 40 percent less rainfall would stunt a maple's growth and increase its demand for water. The take-away, according to *Science* magazine, is: "Enjoy your pancake syrup while you still can."

Hold the Aunt Jemima. That's around a 9 F rise in global temperature. Not even the nuttiest professor is predicting that. And 40 percent less rainfall? There's no correlation between warmer temps and drought – hello? Rainforests flourish at the equator! This is why the climate hoax industry knows it can scam the media – they're slow as molasses. (*Limbaugh Letter*)

"Why," Trump tweeted, "is the United States Post Office, which is losing many billions of dollars a year, while charging Amazon and others so little to deliver their packages, making Amazon richer and the Post Office dumber and poorer?" It seems likely that the president's concern is driven more by his dislike of Jeff Bezos than by anything else. Regardless, the question is a solid one. A recent report by Citigroup suggested that the USPS is effectively subsidizing Amazon, and that the average cost of a shipment would be raised from \$3.51 to \$4.97 if the USPS charged the appropriate rate. There is a great deal of hyperbole aimed at Amazon, with some on the political left wishing to cast it as a monopoly and to use the government to "break it up." This is folly. But, whatever the case for the Postal Service per se, there is certainly no good reason for Americans to be using it to ship money to billionaires. (*National Review*)

Next time you see someone chowing down on French fries or fried chicken, thank them for saving the planet. That's the take-away from a BBC report, "Deep Fat Fryers May Help Form Cooling Clouds," from a study in *Nature Communications* – one of my favorite journals. Lead author Dr. Christin Pfrang from the [UK] University of Reading claims that fatty acid molecules released into the air from cooking fats – i.e., frying – hang around longer than water droplets. Voila: clouds. More study is needed, Pfrang says, but "if it does have an impact, it is likely to be a cooling one."

Let me get this straight. We've been told for years that just about everything humans do – especially in America – causes global warming. Now humans frying fatty foods will save the earth? I smell a whopper here. The real objective is probably to kill off more people from clogged arteries. Get ready for new ads: supersize your fries and Mother Earth will thank you. Take this story with a grain of salt. (*Limbaugh Letter*)