

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., June 15 7:30 PM
@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)
 Bethlehem City Council Meeting – Mon., May 4 7:00 PM
 Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., May 5 **6:00 PM**
 Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., May 5 **6:00 PM**
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 7 **6:00 PM**
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 12 7:00 PM
 Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., May 19 7:00 PM
 Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., May 21 **6:00 PM**
 Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., May 21 7:00 PM
 County Commission Meeting – Tue., May 26 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
Mike Pentecost – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	Linda Reavis
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 #####
May 18, 2020

**THE MAY 18 MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED
DUE TO COVID-19 DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS
NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - JUNE 15**

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 4/30/2020)

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 !!!**

That government (China - editor), via a spokesman for the foreign ministry, has also condemned “the despicable practice” of calling COVID-19 the “Wuhan virus” or the “Chinese coronavirus,” as certain American officeholders – Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, House minority leader Kevin McCarthy – and no doubt many ordinary folks have done. There is a long history of attaching geographical names, not always accurate, to diseases (cf. the Spanish flu, the French pox). The present instances are unfair to the people of Wuhan, and China generally, who have suffered massively from the outbreak. A better name would be “Xi’s disease,” after president Xi Jinping. (*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

National Day of Prayer – May 7 (Thursday)
Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15 (Friday)
Armed Forces Day – May 16 (Saturday)
D-Day – June 6 (Saturday)
George H.W. Bush Birthday – June 12 (Friday)
Flag Day – June 14 (Sunday)

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

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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, **June 20, 2020**, at 9:00 AM. (This is due to COVID-19 and State Convention.) 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 20, 2020
9:00 AM

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I so didn’t expect, or want, to talk about coronavirus again this month, but aside from the damage it has done to our people, a much scarier issue has been brought to light by this unique time in our history. I’m not talking about the control being exerted by governments at all levels, but the almost total acquiescence of the American citizens to these unconstitutional actions. I never would have believed it as the plot of a book or movie – it is terrifying.

I know everyone was concerned about their neighbor and didn’t want to endanger anyone – the original model was chilling in its prediction of two million American deaths. The president, his advisors and governors did all the right things to protect us – shut our borders first to China and then Europe, canceling sporting events and any other large gatherings, closing “non-essential” businesses (more on this in a bit), ensuring medical personnel and hospitals had the supplies necessary to handle the enormous numbers of patients expected, etc.

After several weeks, when the numbers were not panning out, these measures were not eased, but in a great number of places, toughened and added to. My concern started in earnest then – I had a gimlet eye for this whole “pandemic” from the start. Why are our leaders not as concerned for our civil rights and the economy as they were for the drastically reduced danger of this illness?

When the virus became so politicized, the answer became clear. This would finally be the way to get rid of President Trump and return control of our nation to Democrats. But more troubling to me is the reaction of a lot of our fellow citizens. Why have so many been so willing to be locked in their homes, prevented from working or running their own business, visiting friends and family, going to movies and other entertainment venues, etc.? This is so disturbing. Our greatest privilege as American citizens is our freedom. One virus, that may be no more hazardous than the flu that hits every year, and we willingly, and mostly unquestioningly, followed orders and shut down our lives. This to me is the most frightening issue highlighted by this occurrence.

The damage done by this event touches every aspect of our lives and culture. Many have said that life will never be “normal” again – handshaking is a thing of the past, more working from home as businesses see a way of cutting costs, large gatherings may not return for months and months and many more. As for those “non-essential” businesses, imagine being told what you do is not important enough to continue doing. – thanks all you elite people who think that you know best. I still have hope though, and strangely the Californians (!) that flocked to the beach this past weekend gave me even more reason to hope. We must wake from this nightmare and go back to our wonderful American lives.

Also, for all those who have lived through actual sacrifice, I am sorry that “sheltering at home” is the new yardstick by which sacrifice is defined.

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!

What a turn of events! The restrictions related to the Chinese Originated Viral Infectious Disease 19 outbreak shut down the 2020 District and State Conventions. National Delegates and alternates from our District and at-large positions at the State level will be determined by those respective committees. The RNC issued waivers for these changes in process, due to our inability to meet in person. Georgia Republicans will have a delegation at the Republican National Convention in Charlotte in August.

Let's hope we do not go through this again next year, when we face reorganizing our county, district, and state GOP leadership.

Because we have not met in March or April (and now in May), and have not been able to hold work committee meetings, much of our work has been put on hold. When things start getting cranked up again, we will be catching up on BBQ preparation, fall campaign planning, etc.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **June 15, 2020** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our guest speakers will be announced later. 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

“Savers vs. Debtors and the Other Side of Low Interest Rates” – *AMAC Advantage* – Jeff Szymanski – February 2020 – <https://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?m=40499&i=645785&p=16>

“The PC (Politically Correct) Holiday” – *AFA Journal* – Mason Beasler – April 2020 – <https://afajournal.org/past-issues/2020/april/the-pc-politically-correct-holiday/>

“On Judging The Second Amendment” – *America's First Freedom* – Wayne LaPierre - March 2020 – <https://americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2020/2/18/standing-guard-on-judging-the-second-amendment/>

IS THE GEORGIA GOP SLOWLY DYING?

Matt Towery, *James* magazine

I still clearly recall the crowded back bedroom in the suite of a long since replaced Buckhead hotel just as the sun was rising in November of 1980. Last-to-report Cobb County precincts were coming in and the numbers were being added up on one of those old bulky calculators, the kind that had the big roll of paper on top.

A miracle was taking place. After a century of total domination by the Democratic Party (save Reconstruction's insertion of “Republican interlopers”) Georgia was electing a Republican U.S. Senator. Mack Mattingly, who was given no chance of defeating Herman Talmadge, pulled off the impossible. And he did it the old-fashioned way: begging for money and votes while most business leaders gave him no resources and the press gave him no chance.

Before my GOP friends get too worked up over the title of this article, I would stress the word “slowly.” After all, I was a Republican state legislator when we were a small minority. And I was among the very first to ever encourage a presidential run by Donald Trump. (Trump followed my syndicated column, occasionally sending me handwritten comments on copies of them or tweeting out the ones he liked.) So, I certainly understand the energy he has put back into the Republican Party.

But President Trump is a phenomenon the likes of which we won't see again in our lifetime. He makes and breaks politicians in “red” states and his sheer presence will bolster turnout for Republicans in 2020.

So, for everyone who thinks Georgia is a purple state, don't bet on it in 2020. Sen. David Perdue is a prohibitive favorite and, be it Kelly Loeffler or Doug Collins, the “jungle primary” system favors a Republican Senate candidate who can count on very strong turnout in a post-November runoff.

But that's 2020. The future beyond this year is problematic for Georgia Republicans.

Yes, demographics are working against the GOP. The once reliable metro Atlanta “doughnut” is rapidly disappearing. Long reliable Republican strongholds like Cobb and Gwinnett counties are rapidly moving from a White/Republican majority to an African-American/“other races” Democratic majority.

The automatic reflex for Republican strategists is to attempt to move their party in the direction of the mythical Atlanta swing suburban female voter. That means distancing their candidates from Trump and rebuking his style. Following this logic, Republicans would make appointments and pass laws catered to this fragile portion of their perceived electorate.

That would be dead wrong. Populism, not pandering, spares dying parties.

The best evidence can be found in Zell Miller's 1990 race for governor. By 1990 many pundits were speculating that Republicans were reaching a critical mass and could actually capture a governor's office that had been in Democratic hands forever. Miller was bold in his embrace of a state lottery and a scholarship fund to be funded by it.

At the time most Southern Baptists and other Christian fundamentalists resided in counties outside of the Atlanta area, and they voted a straight Democrat ticket other than for president. Miller was proposing gambling and pastors in the pulpit hit him hard. So Miller rolled the dice and argued that Georgia needed to join other states with a robust lottery. The preachers learned that their congregations held a different opinion.

