

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 6.20.2023

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting click [here](#).

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**Facilitators:** Jamie and Stu    **Note Taker:** Alex

**New process for non RAR announcements or to put other things on the agenda:**  
Use [rar.facilitation@gmail.com](mailto:rar.facilitation@gmail.com) before 3PM on Monday!

### Good News!

- Judge Cannon says she wants trump to have a speedy trial – to start August 14.
- DOJ is starting a trial re Hunter Biden: may end some of the insanity around his laptop.
  - Republican talking point: Hunter Biden is above the law. Not true. He is being prosecuted b/c he is the President's son.
- An Arkansas judge struck down the state's law banning medical treatments for minors seeking gender transitions.

### Upcoming Actions

#### **Saturday 6/24 10AM Support climate activists Tim Martin and Joanna Smith -**

- They painted with washable paint on a plexiglass cover of Degas painting and are being accused of crime against the government.
- Contact Livvie if you want further info: [elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com)

#### **Saturday 6/24 1PM-2PM Abortion Is A Human Right banner; action at Columbus Circle/Monument To The Maine**

- Anniversary of the Dobbs Decision
- No groups are doing this other than Refuse Fascism
- Excellent new banner.
- **Members voted to sponsor this action.**

#### **Tuesday 6/27 8:45AM Elevator Actions - MTA Board Meeting- 2 Broadway**

- Goal to make the ongoing issues more prominent.
- There will be regular actions before the monthly Board Meetings/Hearings.
- People who want to speak must sign up in advance.
- Sign up if you want to testify:  
<https://new.mta.info/transparency/board-and-committee-meetings/how-to-comment>

**Rikers Vigil to be rescheduled for later in July (no action on 7/3) and likely in a different location due to heat.**

- We will announce a substitute meeting at the next general meeting.
- Rikers Chair conspired to reduce the number of meetings, reduce DOC budget, ceasing to announce the deaths at Rikers, refusing to share videos of what happens at Rikers.
- Scathing report by Steve Martin in late May stating that inmates at Rikers are at imminent risk. He has changed his stance.
- 2 deaths revealed are : Ruby Zhao and Joshua Valles – Say their names.
- Hearing is slated to be held.

**July 10 proposed 14th Amendment action: at Trump Tower, Monday July 10 at 1pm**

- Idea came up in Actions meeting;
- We have had several Indict Actions.
- Rather than focus on Indict only, we should focus on the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment- that trump should not be allowed to run for President.
- We need verbiage that will fit on the banner. Our current banner with whole text can't be read. Draw from your dream wisdom and let us know if you have ideas.
- **Members voted to sponsor this action.**
- **Members voted to spend around \$300 for the banner.**
- Discussion: good to have text of 14<sup>th</sup> amendment on flyers

**September 17 UN General Assembly - climate march**

- Antonio Guterres...is scheduling a climate ambition meeting inviting countries that are actually doing something to combat climate change.
- Goal to have a huge march.
- Theme: clock is ticking really fast.
- There will be a Saturday meeting to discuss what different groups are doing. There will also be an art build.
- To sign up for this **planning** meeting:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHMyUDG3obLUQibw0AmLUEy03ss8RzAlBrY0jTQ8dYavZM\\_Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHMyUDG3obLUQibw0AmLUEy03ss8RzAlBrY0jTQ8dYavZM_Q/viewform)

**June 29 4:30 pm: Get Gone Ron - Crown Plaza Hotel in Rockland Country Ron DeSantis fundraiser.**

- Protest press conference outside the fundraiser
- A bus has been donated, leaving at 1 or 1:30 to arrive at Rockland County. Drag performers especially invited.
- Sign up here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftkEPKbkdfYJ1WFWWooWSR7V\\_Hy1ny0A67I54nndURqC8uwg/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftkEPKbkdfYJ1WFWWooWSR7V_Hy1ny0A67I54nndURqC8uwg/viewform?pli=1)
- Discussion: Location is in a corporate setting, not trafficked. But it is being scoped out by the organizers.
- **Members voted to endorse this action.**

**Thinking about meeting once a month in person**

- Zoom meetings are about work, but we lose personal connection.
- Several members say they want to “see people in three dimensions”.
- Being able to talk with each other/the energy.
- There appears to be general interest in the idea of in person meetings once a month
- Could meetings be hybrid?

- Paul, Sandy and Stu said they would work on moving this idea forward.
  - Jackie said that she and Robert have a very good relationship with People's Forum, and that that could be a good location.

**Don't forget to vote in the primaries, if you have one in your district.**

- Check and see who is running; don't forget that District Leaders are important and contested!

**Report Backs**

**Wed. 6/14 & Tue 6/20 Drag Story Hours at QPL**

- More people came opposing Drag Story hour. Very provocative, trying to incite. People are taking the bait. The more of us there are, the more effective we can be.
- Today there were 20 Defenders (anarchists).
- Bigots yelling at the families, very loud, disruptive and ugly. Brown shirts: lowest of the low.
- Our signage and messaging is very powerful.
- Woman who was pushing a stroller, Sandy thanked her, and she was very happy.
- Discussion: Members had different views about the role police are playing at these events.
  - Police side with the bigots as the Defenders are also about Defund the Police. Queens police give equal space to both sides. Families have to go through a gauntlet.
  - Police have accommodated us when we have refused to go in pens.
  - Consensus: Very important to be there.

**Thurs. 6/15 Immigration Vigil at Staten Island Ferry Terminal**

- Immigration situation is shittier than ever, total shutdown on asylum, people are used as political pawns.
- Some of us thought it was more negative, others at the other end felt it was pretty good.
- Right wing people: Take them to your home! Unhoused people: what about us? People thanking us.
- Leafleting: People are curious; many foreigners want to know, and talk about their own experiences in their home countries.
- "Stop making war on immigrants" People are often very appreciative, they feel alone and isolated.
- NYT: "Biden's Dilemma on the border". Not the dilemma of the migrants.
- We have several signs which critique Biden and we don't get push back on Biden.
- Contrast to the 5 rich people who disappeared in their quest to see the Titanic. Enraging.

**Next vigil on Thursday, June 29 at 5 pm**

**Friday 6/16 Fox and Friends early morning outdoor concert series...live...hosts...**

- Fox put on a concert series, with people performing and dancing.
- We disrupted what they had planned. They stayed inside much longer than they would have otherwise.
- We agreed not to heckle the performers. Fox did not let the hosts do any announcing when we were there, b/c we would have heckled them.
- Need 4 to 6 people to do the action.
- Ideas: Taller signs. Starting earlier? Some said that they would come out at 7 am.
- **Will be next Friday July 7.**

**6/17 Say Their Names canceled due to air quality- (every Friday at 5PM at 96th & Bway)**

- Very difficult to decide about the weather. We canceled and then the sun came out.

**6/20 Truth Tuesdays at FOX “News” - (every Tuesday at 10AM at 47th & 6th Ave.)**

- Drag artists in fantastic outfits joined us, and it was a great action!
  - o Chanting we’re queer here and we’re here.
  - o Great signage.
  - o 40 people in the action.
  - o Really successful.
  - o Maybe we should do a kickline, or something very gay.
  - o Jackie’s great photos are here:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/greenelent/52988969332/in/album-72177720309214659/lightbox/>
  - o And more here:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/191497767@N03/52990172185/in/album-72177720309219388/>
- Discussion of an angry man, who hurt Livvie last year, and was there today: angry, in people’s faces, threatening presence.
  - o Several members said they felt very fearful around him today and at other times.
  - o Jamie deescalated very effectively. “ Mike from NYPD liaison is here; he is a cop, and if you touch him, you will be arrested, and I don’t want that to happen.”
  - o Mike Duggan backed off at Jamie’s request, and he escorted the man off.
- Strategy for preventing harm in future.
  - o He usually stands at the corner, and becomes vociferous about gay/trans/drag and abortion. That is when he becomes threatening.
  - o Head him off ahead of time when these issues are in the forefront.
  - o Much emphasis on Jamie’s skills.
  - o None of the rest of us should step in.
- Mike Duggan was there b/c greater amount of anti-gay hate.

**Non-RaR announcements**

**Drag March on Friday 6/23**

- Marshalls meet at 7 pm at Tompkins Square park
- Chance of showers. Permitted march. Downtown Precincts will be giving us support given increase in anti-gay hate.
- Drag March Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=drag%20march>

**Dyke March on Saturday 6/24. Will leave Bryant Park at 5 pm**

- Better to be at 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Library.
- Best marshaled march in the city!

**Queer Liberation March on Sunday 6/25**

- Marshalls: Come to Foley Square at 2:30.
- March will start at 3:30.
- Jamie will be negotiating with the police.
- There are wheelchairs.

**### RISE AND RESIST ###**