

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 2.14.2023

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Facilitators: Jamie and Alex **Notes:** Sandy 14 in attendance

GOOD NEWS!

Pence subpoenaed by Jack Smith/DOJ.

Rise and Resist in the news: in NZZ - a Swiss German language paper (Gina Randazzo)

Three Democratic victories in PA flipped the House for the first time in a dozen years by a single seat in the battleground state.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/07/us/politics/pennsylvania-house-democrats-special-elections.html>

Biden's State of the Union—Biden did a great job of forcing the GOP to back away from any cuts to Medicare and SSN, essentially leading the GOP over a cliff

Brazil good news—US pledges Amazon Fund donation to help renew the rainforest.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Feb. 15--Drag Story Hour upcoming actions and how to get involved

There are 20 people on a Gmail affinity list. The next one is Weds. am, Feb. 15, gathering at 10:30 am at 222 E 79, NY Public Library. It's good that we go, we skew a bit older and they love our posters. Email Jamie at bauwau2u@gmail.com if you want to be added to the affinity list to hear about future Drag Story Hour actions.

Feb. 15 Grieving Together—6 to 8 pm in Union Square—Sponsored by the Asia Federation.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/720882912923883>

Feb. 16—How to Save a Planet (before it's too late)—Xr Art Build—48 Monroe Place at First Unitarian Church in Brooklyn Hts—7 to 8:15 pm

Feb. 22—Drag Bingo Fundraiser at Stonewall for HelpNYC. \$15 in advance or \$30 at the door; 3 drink minimum

Feb 24--AIG Climate Action

Title: Insure Our Future, Not EACOP! Action

When: Friday, Feb. 24 at noon

Where: AIG Insurance Headquarters, 1271 6th Ave, Midtown, NYC

Why: The East African Crude Oil Pipeline threatens human rights, water resources, and our climate. We are calling on AIG, a massive insurer of oil and gas expansion to rule out support for EACOP!

Feb 28--Bannon Court date at 100 Centre St. 8:15AM (Court at 9:00AM)

Having a hard time finding a lawyer to defend him. The plan is to go there with our Greasy Grifter signs etc. Our signs are catnip for cameras. Will show up early enough to catch him going in.

March 6--Virtual advocacy day to push three bills that will eliminate mandatory min sentences, allow judges to review and reconsider extreme sentences, strengthen and expand good time and merit time.

<https://secure.everyaction.com/QiG-LnCeN0Cih876nZielw2> This is link to the Communities Not Cages (CNC) Advocacy zoom

Feb. 28 at 6 pm is holding a zoom training (CNC) on how to advocate for Communities Not Cages.

March 10 - Roger Stone at the NYYRC event more details to follow—7 pm event; get there 30 to 45 minutes before.

Location: Little Italy

We have to figure out where it is without buying a ticket.

Not too many restaurants in Little Italy with private rooms.

Will get some actions members to make some phone calls to investigate where it might be happening.

March 21 - Major climate action starts at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza at 10:30 am with a rally followed by a march to Chase Headquarters and a possible vague action. This action is sponsored by Third Act.

Elections Committee update - inside/outside approach

Two major committees have been formed by those interested in working on the Democratic Party from the inside—one to reform the party and one to search for a Jay Jacobs replacement. The overall effort is seeking a name/branding that will be broad and possibly go beyond ousting Jay Jacobs.

RaR's Election Group has decided that their most effective role is to play the outside game and make sure that citizens of New York State realize that reforming the party and replacing Jay Jacobs is an important issue. They are currently working on outreach to bring other groups into the planning process, particularly more diverse partners, and to identify specific targets for their efforts which may include postcarding, direction action, lobbying etc.

Join the Elections group which meets every Wednesday at 5 pm. Here's the recurring zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87316730626?pwd=TVZCNGlxc1crVFAXaWpVZFpPZ1FkQT09>

REPORT BACKS

Wed 2/8 INDICT at Trump Tower

Tall thin guys there with movie cameras—Swedish movie crew doing a movie about democracy in the U.S. Jenny and Jamie spoke to them and they filmed a lot of footage of us. Film will come out in August 2023 on CNN. Otherwise, fairly uneventful. No police issues. No harassment.

Thurs 2/9 Immigration Vigil in Grand Central

The energy and reactions were different than two weeks ago. There were some negative confrontations. In general, it was a low energy action. Yet, many people took pictures and spoke to us in support of this issue. Particularly important because Biden isn't doing a good job of stating the case.

Fri 2/10 Say Their Names every Friday at 4:30PM at 96th St./Broadway

About 20 showed up, always a committed group. One or two new people. We held the space and the killings continue. There are people who aren't really involved with RaR that come to STNs.

Thurs 2/9 and Mon 2/13--Rikers actions:

Thursday 2/9 at City Hall to demand the Mayor close Rikers

Protestors demand the mayor increase protections for people in custody. This follows the death of another inmate at Rikers Island. 20th death since the Mayor took office. 5 or 6 from RaR were at City Hall. We had our RaR Rikers banner. The rally was small but powerful.

Monday 2/13 Rikers Vigil at Times Square Subway Station

About 15 of us were there. It's a wild place. One of the moving things was a man who came by, didn't say anything, stood and read every single name on the sign, took a flyer and then walked off. We had a very positive reaction overall.

Monday March 6th related event-- virtual advocacy day to push three bills that will eliminate mandatory min sentences, allow judges to review and reconsider extreme sentences, strengthen and expand good time and merit time. At 6 pm on **Feb. 28** is holding a zoom training (CTA) on how to advocate.

2/14 Fox Truth Tuesdays every Tuesday at noon at 47th St. and 6th Ave.

Julie saw Rosanne Barr getting out of her car and Julie got a chance to bird dog her as she was going in. The theme today was a GOP clown show made for FOX tv. Do the most outrageous stuff and get on FOX. A new person joined the group and she will come regularly. A guy who lived in the neighborhood—he's a queer democrat and he's going to join the group.

Smaller than usual because we conflicted with a climate action. But, it was robust with strong messaging.

Julie created a tiktok with the rhyme—Roses are red, violets are blue, FOX likes to brainwash you.

2/14 Two Climate Actions--XR action at Citi Bank and Third Act action at Chase

2/14 from 8 to 10 am—Sponsored by Xr in Tribeca at Citibank headquarters from 8 to 10 am. This was a very spirited, colorful action with many banners and flags. Quite a crowd showed up and Citibank employees couldn't miss it. The space in Tribeca is particularly good for large actions.

2/14 from noon to 1 pm—Sponsored by Third Act in midtown at Chase headquarters—47th Street and Vanderbilt. About 50 to 70 people showed up, many from RaR and Xr. This was Third Act's first ever climate action and was considered a rehearsal of sorts for their big action being planned for March 21. There were banners, chants, and a Valentine Letter to Jamie Dimon which was read out loud.

Non-RaR ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Upcoming Actions)

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