

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 1.10.2023

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Facilitators: Jamie and Stu **Notes:** Alex

Good News!

- A UN report shows that the ozone hole is on track to close by 2040, the North Pole by 2045 and Antarctica by 2060.
- RaR Climate Emergency banner was featured in Mother Jones;
- Jamie was in the Guardian.
 - Our actions show up often way after the time.

Please donate to Rise and Resist: <https://www.riseandresist.org/donate>

RAR Jan 6 Video was shown

- **Special thanks to Jonathan, Rick, Kevin, Mary and Livvie for obtaining the truck**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-irVUA87IFo>
 - This can be seen in various resolutions. If interested, contact Jon at walkerjonathanb@gmail.com
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Upcoming Actions

Immigration Vigil Thursday, January 12, at 5PM in Grand Central Terminal near the information kiosk

- Jamie: What the Supreme Court has done has been to omit the rights of asylum seekers.
- Title 42 continues the lie that COVID is the health crisis that requires prohibition of asylum seekers.
- There will be a Supreme Court ruling probably in 6 months, and many people will be harmed in the meantime.
- This crisis started under Obama and many gave him a pass. We need to protest.
- Jenny: Title 42 refugees are fleeing horror. Biden is complicit

Rikers Vigil on Monday, January 16 (MLK Jr. Day) at 5PM in Times Sq. Subway Station (concourse between the shuttle and the #1, #2, #3 trains). Rikers Vigil Take escalator from 7th Ave. and W42nd St. down into the station and voila!

- Jennifer: This is our third Rikers vigil.
- 19 people died there in 2022
- Mayor Adams is entertaining the idea of not closing Rikers.
- Freedom Agenda, one of the groups we collaborate with will have action **1/26 at Queens theater in Flushing Meadows (7 train to Willets Station)**
 - Full court press to alert NYers to the horror that is going on at Rikers.

Climate lobbying days in Albany

- **Weds Jan 18, 9:30 am in Albany; buses available. There is a mask mandate for busses**
- Stu: NY Renews – coalition of 60 organizations responsible for CLCPA (Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act) mandate for NY to be climate neutral by 2040
 - Hochul is talking a better game but is not to be trusted.
- Link for buses for 1/18 action:
https://actionnetwork.org/events/albany-lobby-day-for-the-climate-jobs-and-justice-package?source=saneenergyblast1623&link_id=7&can_id=9d7ad0aa867f73778b82142531a33c83&email_referrer=email_1780085&email_subject=sane-energy-2023-kick-fossil-fuels-out-of-buildings
- **Jan 24: in Albany Food and Water Watch and Sane energy. Convert all buildings to electric, rather than gas.**
 - Though electric is not renewable it will be
 - There will be buses available.
 - Sandy has reached out to Eric Weltman who is finding out about a mask mandate for the 24th
 - *The link for this action did not work*

Discussion about the state of the House of Representatives

- Despite grim prospects of where the legislature is going, there are 18 members of congress who were elected in districts that Biden won. 6 of them come from NY.
 - Voters need to lobby their legislators not vote with the extremists.
- The Rules package will have a major negative impact.
- Republicans have gutted the Congressional Ethics office.
 - Board members can only serve for 2 years. Board has to be in place before staff can be hired, all within arbitrary time limits that make functioning impossible.
 - Many Republicans are ethically challenged. They have insulated themselves from critique by the House.
- Santos is from Queens, half-way sunk.
 - He is a perfect target for our efforts.
- No faith that Republicans can be moved.
 - They will focus on debt limit, and investigation into Hunter Biden;
 - But Dems will be on the Committee, unlike the Republicans who refused to join.
 - In the past the R's made themselves look stupid by voting out Obamacare every week.
- There are several house races in the offing: Virginia and other states. We can work on them.
- It is possible that the Dems could take over the House.

- Go after **Jay Jacobs**
 - Sandy: There is a search committee to replace Jay Jacobs, 1500 people involved. Another committee to reform the Dem Party. It is corrupt and opaque. Make things more transparent.
- <https://www.cityandstateny.com/politics/2023/01/jay-jacobs-makes-his-case-why-democrats-underperformed-november/381519/>
 - Sandy made it into this article!
 - People in the Dem establishment are appointed and have no accountability. They are completely inaccessible.
 - Job can't be an unpaid patronage job. Paid job. Good people working on this.
 - With a functional Dem party, LaSalle would have not been nominated for a judgeship.
- Elections: We are thinking of birddogging Hochul.
- Gaslit Nation did a podcast in November about how NY Democrats sabotaged or underfunded several campaigns in other states.
- <https://gaslitnation.libsyn.com/>

Discussion about marshaling and safety

- January 6 Action. Very disturbed guy started defecating on one of our banners. John, who does homeless outreach, successfully took him away a couple of times.
 - It is a sense, rather than a skill. John had a sense that he could firmly and supportively take this guy away without protest.
- At Say Their Names we have managed to work with people who have been very disturbed and aggressive.
- Discussion of various examples.
- Things are getting worse. More unhoused mentally ill people on the streets.
- General agreement : We need more marshal training.
 - Ideas: Get people from a city shelter to talk with us about handling instability.
- There were concerns and mixed feelings about how much of a threat the Proud Boys pose.
 - Proud Boys are moving on to Drag story Hour.
- People on our side caused problems: refuse fascism guys provoked them.
- How do we work with fellow activists, not RaR members, who behave provocatively?
 - The ½ p flyer on positive conduct which Vivien put out was great.
 - Preventative work to discuss positive behavior we expect in advance.

Report Backs

Jan 6 demo at NYPL

- Jon: Great way to kick off the year, to come together very successfully. Saying that we must pay attention. It was a multipronged action with great coalition work (Livvie)
- Many RaR members were involved in preparing the action, and attendance was great.
 - Thanks to Gaby, John Trotter, Nigro,
 - Our photographers: Diane, Jackie, Ken Schless
- The truck was wonderful; we followed the truck to Fox
- 30K views on Twitter, lots of notice on other platforms.
- Andy did great on media and press release.
- Jay got 41k views and 9k likes on Tik Tok.
- Photographers:

- <https://www.amny.com/news/capitol-insurrection-anniversary-manhattan-protesters-trump/>
- Gaby, John Trotter, Nigro
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-irVUA87IFo>
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1/6 Say Their Names

- Jenny: Nice showing; first meeting in three weeks. Went well. Lots of people in trucks and cars opened their windows for flyers.

1/7 Santos demonstration in Queens

- Judy K and Mark. About 100 people, good press coverage on standard press,
- Constituents are very angry.
- Santos has no local phone number, no one has requested keys to his offices. DC voicemail says it is full.
- Nassau County DA, and Letitia James have both opened investigations.
- Third public demonstration since his election. Most of his district is N shore of Nassau. Reports are that his staff has quit. Focus on this action to get Santos out. Maybe we can broaden their perspective.

1/7 New York For Abortion Rights action at Planned Parenthood/Old St. Pats

- Wendy B: Better location was at the clinic itself.
- This location may be less violent but safety can't always be guaranteed.
- We blocked the space where the rosary people were where they could not be seen.
- Jamie: at the clinic, our role is deescalating and helping people get care. Which is more suited for what we do than blocking proud boy monks.

Albany Planned Parenthood lobbying day January 24.

- <https://www.weareplannedparenthoodaction.org/a/day-action-2023>

1/10 Weissleberg court appearance

- Rick, Jenny, Ann came in the morning, then the conference was postponed to the afternoon. Called for 2:15, and W came in at 1:30.
- We photobombed Weisselberg's lawyer
- <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/former-trump-organization-cfo-allen-weisselberg-sentenced-5-months-pleading-guilty-tax-crimes>
- Great photos in Moose Jaw Magazine in Saskatchewan of our activists too!

1/10 Fox

- Excellent call and responses, increased flyer pick up
- Jamie: encountered producer of Jesse Waters show. Wanted to interview one of us for a book.
 - All the producers are aware of what we do and understand it.
 - Will be discussed at Actions
 - Quite a bit of opposition in Chat
- Waters made his name by mocking Asian people for their bad English. Thinks he is funny.

Nurses Strike started 1/9/23 picket signs at the sites every day. 7 am to 7 pm, especially midtown.

Main East Harlem hospital location. We might work together.

To support PPC action, contact aerubin13@gmail.com

- Mark and Ann: they would like PPC folks to show up and speak out at Montefiore at noon tomorrow January 11
- Photos of striking nurses
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CnN0sKvNs30/?igshid=NWQ4MGE5ZTk=>

Non-RaR announcements

- Katrina: **write letters to the editor about alternative ways of intervening around supportive housing.** Mental health, peer intervention, supportive housing.
 - To take action contact Kat at katcorbell19@gmail.com
- Jay: **Next Drag Story hour 10 am Tuesday am. 58th Street library. 127 east 58 street library at 10**
 - Will fill folks people in from his involvement with DSH on signal
 - <https://www.nypl.org/events/programs/2023/01/17/bilingual-drag-queenking-story-hour>
- Ann R: **PPC has produced their own state of the state report.**
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G6MvcdxX8orsk5FXvdj6ceVYnAGwZyia/view?link_id=0&can_id=838264d893037679fba974f9df5d1874&source=email-our-first-poor-peoples-state-of-the-state-report-is-here&email_referrer=email_1781273&email_subject=our-first-poor-peoples-state-of-the-state-report-is-here-nuestro-primer-informe-sobre-el-estado-de-la-pobreza-en-el-estado-de-new-york
- Here is the link to their social media toolkit:
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TrcKDgQPXUXXRtKKGxpg1H5AefgEaNu7iu8Pz1iBatY/edit?link_id=3&can_id=838264d893037679fba974f9df5d1874&source=email-our-first-poor-peoples-state-of-the-state-report-is-here&email_referrer=email_1781273&email_subject=our-first-poor-peoples-state-of-the-state-report-is-here-nuestro-primer-informe-sobre-el-estado-de-la-pobreza-en-el-estado-de-new-york
- 20:54:13 From Ann Rubin to Everyone:
- Ann: From PPC nyc - NYSNA has invited us to a **Speak Out and press conference on Wednesday, January 11, 12:00 pm at Montefiore Medical Center Moses Division Address: 111 East 210th St, Bronx, NY 10467**
- MLK day: People's State of the State. One in LI on 1/15, one Albany on the 16th
- **Wendy B's Weekly newsletter:**
<https://mailchi.mp/708c745f5d30/save-the-office-of-congressional-ethics>

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