

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 4.4.2023

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

GOOD NEWS!

The NYC Trump Indictments are finally here.

Fox "News" suffers a major setback in the Dominion case.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/31/media/fox-news-dominion-lawsuit/index.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/03/31/business/fox-dominion-defamation-case.html>

Disney out foxes DeSantis in Florida.

<https://www.vox.com/politics/2023/3/30/23663345/disney-desantis-florida-board-reedy-creek>

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/30/disney-ron-desantis-royal-lives-clause.html>

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Thursday, April 6, Immigration Vigil 5PM-6PM at Staten Island Ferry Terminal
Nice to be outside in the daylight. Dealing with a more NY crowd vs. international in GC. Looking to see what it looks like when Title 42 is revoked. Immigration issues are, unfortunately, alive and well so it's important to maintain a focus on this issue.

Tuesday, April 15, Bike Ride for New York Health Care Act

Bike ride from Beth Israel to Lincoln Hospital to publicize the NY Healthcare act which allows New Yorkers to choose any provider from all participating providers. This is a good act. Need 3 or 4 people to table for a couple of hours.

Monday, April 17, Metropolitan Republican Club Gala-Honoring Rudy Giuliani
5:45PM location near Union Sq. TBD.

Important for us to hold all involved in the insurrection accountable. Giuliani played a large role in the false election narrative.

Wednesday, April 19, Demand Halt Solitary Law--Come to Hochul's office at 40th St. and Third Ave on April 19 at 10 am. Demand the halt solitary law. Stop torture and save lives. Dramatic reductions in disciplinary segregation and keeping people in isolation after law was passed. But many components of the law have been violated.

Tuesday, April 25, E Jean Carrol defamation case against Trump starts at SDNY Will be planning this demo. Probably first morning of the court case down at 500 Pearl St. Should be a good opportunity to speak to the press. If Trump is staying at Trump Tower, we can do more actions there about GA, DC charges as well.

Now--Climate - call relay "Don't Gut the CLCPA" - update on what's going on in Albany

Legislation was introduced last week to undermine the CLCPA. Changing the accounting of how they are measuring methane for how companies will get charged for it. It was slipped into the budget with no time to debate. Many groups have sent memos and sponsored call relays. April 5 is the last day. Civil disobedience is going on right now outside Hochul's office to block this bill.

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/hochul-new-york-climate-law>

<https://www.politico.com/news/2023/04/02/undermine-new-yorks-climate-law-00090024>

Now--Two tax the rich bills must get into the budget. Higher rates for high earners and for corporations making more than \$5M per year. Make some calls to save these two items in the budget. Below are links to call relay spreadsheets.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SKzwmxzjGF2thiMLnLzpByiMEAAAdHzL4ymmWuLLgMk8/edit#gid=1586988590>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Df47sPJc184EhD2k21w2S9Q0dx9uBaJnj8fCH9SAyxc/edit#gid=0>

Finance

In response to requests to make reimbursements by paypal, the finance committee **recommends we subtract the ~3% paypal fee from the reimbursement** amount which is what we are charged. Getting a check is free but it is recommended that you make arrangements in person to pick up your check since the risk of theft is significant.

Our bank **balance as of April 2 is \$16,689** not including the additional money soon to be received from Broadway Cares (~\$7,000). Jackie asked about wire transfers as a way to receive this money. Susan responded that we do accept wire transfers. Rob has that information.

We ask that everyone **submit requests for reimbursement in a timely fashion**. A. J. Muske, our fiscal sponsor, will be holding up donations made to RaR until disbursement reports are up-to-date.

Decarceration update

Bail reform—budget is late. Forcing the legislature to further roll back from the bail reform passed in 2020. One of the main things keeping the budget from being finished. We must pressure legislatures to not weaken the bail reform law. Contact Donna if you want to get more involved with this. donnagould@earthlink.net

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Short discussion/celebration of Trump's Indictment

Stu—glad I went but it was more celebratory on Nov 2020 knowing he was out of office. Wonderful that he's not above the law.

Jay—I liked the countering of the media narrative that this is a dark day for this country. So much joy, so much happiness. An effective counter to the media's desire to make this a dark, troubling moment.

Jackie—This afternoon was lovely. I feel very stuck. Tired of his name and face and now he's going to be everywhere.

Zack—I echo Jackie and Stu. I'm glad we were there but it was a circus. Very dispiriting that we're still dealing with him and all of this. Other smaller actions in front of Bragg's office were more inspiring.

Susan—Wasn't there but I was happy as shit. When I saw his little head going into the courthouse, I was very happy. When I heard Bragg, I thought maybe we can convict him.

Livvie—Today was reflective. All prompted by this horrible event in 2016.

Sandy—Proud that NY led the way. Sick of it but he's finally being held to account.

Jon—Downtown we spearheaded what was happening down there. Messaging, the signs, the banners, we coalesced the resistance. We did it!!

Bill—we're tired of Trump. He is a disturbed man. He has ruined our norms and fractured our society. How do we get rid of what he has done to us?

Donna—If it weren't for Trump, we wouldn't know each other. Grateful for RaR and all of you.

REPORT BACKS

3/29 Elevator Action Group at MTA Board Meeting

All kinds of speakers. The kids were great. This action taps into our strengths and is one of our most successful campaigns. Adjectives: Amazing, inspiring, touching, meaningful, moving.

Robert summed it up well--It was a brilliant action, thoroughly conceived, beautifully executed and the engagement of children gave it such depth on every level. And the MTA Board had to have been moved by the kids, don't underestimate.

Great CBS coverage.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/advocates-for-disabled-send-message-to-gov-hochul-mta-fix-broken-elevators-at-subway-stations/>

Erik's photos:

<http://erikmcgregor.com/2023/03/29/fix-the-mta/>

Diane's photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/greenelent/albums/72177720307113253>

3/29 Arrest Trump at Hogan Place

Preplanned an indictment action for Trump Plaza but decided to go downtown instead because that's where the press was. Got a spot in front. Many photos were taken and will likely show up in the press. It was a very powerful action. We didn't know at that point when the indictment was coming down a point. Many thought it would happen after the holidays.

But the indictment came down the next day so, again, we were in the right place at the right time with the right message.

3/30 Third disruption of Hannity's show at FOX - this time it was live

Four of us successfully got into the Sean Hannity Show live studio audience on the night of the day when Trump's indictment was announced. The audience overall was

very angry and upset about this. To blend in, we had to pretend we were angry and upset, too. That was hard.

We sat through 45 minutes of the show, listening to a lot of disgusting perspectives on Trump's impending indictment before we decided to disrupt. The main disruptor stood up in the middle of Lindsey Graham speaking. The videographer got a great video of the disruption which says it all.

<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTRcAfUt4/>

We walked out shouting "No one is above the law".

Three additional notes are that the audience members gave us extremely angry, hostile looks as we were leaving the studio. We felt they were capable of violence. The security guards were rough. It was very unpleasant but very satisfying to have done it.

3/31 Arrest Trump at Trump Tower

Tons of press were there. We were (as we often are) at the right place at the right time with the right message. This action resulted in several of us being interviewed for radio, tv, and newspaper coverage. Danny and Sandy were interviewed for a CBS piece which was excellent.

<https://youtu.be/vtoUDIkQ4cg>

It made the Saturday print edition of the NY Times which is very unusual. A few Magas were there but Jamie was able to neutralize them and a picture of them doing just that appeared in the Boston Globe.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/zdp8303maazj0eu/IMG_2269.heic?dl=0

3/31 Say Their Names - every Friday at 5PM at 96th & Broadway

Unexpectedly windy and cold. A woman who had stopped by several times, handed out black cards saying something that was nice about us. This week she came by with 20 beautiful buttons with a picture of the banner and action and a lovely card that said Thank You! Really meaningful to get that kind of feedback from the community. Important for us to be there.

4/1 Clinic Defense with NYFAR at Old St. Pats in the rain

This is an action that happens the first Saturday morning of each month. It has two parts—one group generally does a moving picket in front of Old St. Pats. Another group does a silent vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic which is about two blocks north of the church. A shocking number of police were present last Saturday—estimate 70 to cover about 100 protesters. The entire neighborhood was barricaded and shut down. Here are links to two videos that give a good sense for what it was like.

https://www.instagram.com/p/CqioFjWuiGt/?img_index=3

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CqgNOPHuygD/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y%3D>

Wendy urged us all to call our City Council Members to express our outrage at this over-reach by the NYPD.

4/1 Drag Story Hour at NYPL in the rain

Jay and Jamie were there from Rise and Resist and the first hour or so was fun because the bigots (many of whom were downtown for the Clinic Defense) didn't arrive until 11:15. Once they were there, it was vile and unpleasant. About half a dozen kids and their families went into the story hour, which is good. A lot of cops were there (though not as many as were downtown). The bigots have not been coming out to as many of these events as they were initially. But, when they come, they're vile so it's important for us to be there from time to time.

4/3 Rikers Vigil in Times Square Subway Station

About 15 people. Mayor continues to doubt Rikers will be closed by 2027 but does little to help make it happen. It's very important that we continue to demonstrate to close Rikers and the Times Square Subway Station is a great location. We get enthusiastic support from many of the people passing by who are a collection of very lively and diverse New Yorkers. We usually get to talk to 2 or 3 people or have either been in Rikers themselves or had a relative there. The small sample of people we connect with during this action gives us a real sense for how Rikers has impacted the lives of so many New Yorkers.

4/4 Trump's Arraignment Actions and Fox (every Tuesday at 12noon at 47th & 6th)

Three actions were scheduled for last Tuesday (Arraignment Day)

-9:30 am Trump Tower

-11 am—FOX Truth Tuesday

-1 to 3 pm—60 Centre St. for the arraignment scheduled for 2:15 pm

Trump Tower

About 20 people showed up. We took over part of the press pen because it was very visible and some of us walked the banner [No One is Above the Law] back and forth across Fifth Ave. following the lights. We got lots of press. Sandy and Julie were on NPR and Jay and others were interviewed by various media outlets.

FOX Truth Tuesday

Our message was explaining why we weren't there at noon because it was Arraignment Day. About 15 people were at FOX. It was a great, spirited action and, in addition to chanting "Trump is not above the law", we were able to say "FOX is not above the law" due to the timing of the Dominion trial coming up.

60 Center Street

It was joyous and raucous and circus-like. We outnumbered the Magas by a lot. For some, it felt like a reunion of many RaR folks who hadn't come out in a long time. We were closing the circle on what we've been fighting for all these years.

Around 2:30 or so, the group split up and some went to the park across the street from 100 Center St. That part of the action was less joyous. In fact, it was an unpleasant atmosphere. Here's a short video which gives a sense of what it was like.

https://twitter.com/misstessowen/status/1643274823878025216?s=20&utm_source=stack&utm_medium=email

The group that stayed at 60 Center St. did a better job of staying on message and also got a lot of press.

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kat Report Back on Housing Action in Albany

Last Tuesday we shut down the Governor's office in Albany for 78 minutes to represent the 78,000 homeless New Yorkers. There were several arrests. The action was to demand more funding for affordable housing in the budget.

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