

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 8.1.2023

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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

Trump is indicted by DOJ for election fraud and conspiracy.

Georgia judge blocks Trump attempt to end Georgia election case. Superseding indictments in Mar-A-Lago classified documents case, 3 more charges against Trump and adds defendant to case.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Wednesday, August 2, Invoke The 14th Amendment - 1PM Trump Tower

Very relevant given today's indictments. No One is Above the Law, Invoke the 14th plus lots of signs. Will have copies of the Constitution to hand out.

Need to be more careful tomorrow since expect a lot of press and possible pushback from the other side. The MAGAs have been increasingly problematic over the past year. Makes us concerned about putting this out on Facebook. How do we let our people know that we'll be out there without letting the bigots know.

Thursday, August 3--National Call for Actions When Trump Is Arraigned for Jan 6—5PM
Trump Tower

National call for actions was a Facebook event so there will likely be counter-protestors and hecklers. There is a need for de-escalators and marshals. We want to focus on our message of "No One is Above the Law" and spread our philosophy of "Don't Take the Bait".

Saturday August 5, New York For Abortion Rights - 8AM Old Saint Pats
Meet at Prince & Mott. Will have usual banner and signage and take them down to the clinic. Goes on for about two hours.

Here's a script for calling your council member if you can't make the clinic defense:
<https://mailchi.mp/2e39f6d52edc/help-us-defend-planned-parenthood-from-religious-extremists>

Sunday August 6, Hiroshima/Nagasaki action at the Intrepid
Starts at Times Square at 10:30AM. Leave at 11AM to walk to the Intrepid. Or head to the Intrepid at 10AM.

Anti-nuclear action, anniversary of atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Will protest the Intrepid's BD party on that day which is a glorification of war.
Many activities happening around this anniversary. On August 8, annual visit to the Japanese Consulate connected to this.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Actions: <https://www.panys.org/hiroshima-nagasaki-78/>

Monday, August 7, Rikers Vigil at 5PM

Penn Station enter via new escalators at SW corner of 33rd St./7th Ave. New location because we were discouraged from being in Grand Central.

Thursday August 10 - Close Rikers Now - 12:30PM City Hall (March to Foley Sq.)
For more information click on link below.
<https://ethical.nyc/august-10-march-and-rally-to-close-rikers/>

Wednesday, August 16-Big Pharma Action-- 12:00PM, Bristol Myers Squibb, 52 and Park Health Care Group action—Feds will be negotiating drug prices with the pharma industry. Pharma has filed lawsuits to block implementation of the program. Groups coming together to target the lawsuit filers. Looking for a street theater component. Traditional rally. Inviting some members of Congress. Schumer has said no. But looking for others.

Looking for RaR to co-sponsor action outside of B-MS, part of a larger national action. Great to have some RaR marshals, maybe participate in art build.

Vote on Sponsorship: VOTED TO SPONSOR

September 17—Climate Action

Action has been endorsed. Global warming has become Global boiling.
March to end fossil fuels. The big event will be Sunday September 17. Goal is to get a huge crowd. March will start on CPS and ending in Bryant Park for a rally.

We need flyering to get people to the Sept. 17 event. Many flyering opportunities. RaR will have its own group so we can flyer together.

Link to schedule of flyering events through September
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j3GfTdEfiutxZjpQfMkqaxOdu259EcSuMS9kcM39TFY/edit#bookmark=kix.czmf99gepg5>

Link for 8/9 CD call
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=km#starred/FMfcgzGtwMkDzFTFQTNxkxMpFBgxNCxG>

In addition to the big event on Sept. 17, there will be a whole week of actions leading up to it starting on Sept. 12 and going through Sept. 20 when the UN Summit actually opens. Note that

the UN IS NOT A TARGET. The Secretary General is on our side. Rather targets will be financial institutions, politicians, fossil fuel companies, museums etc.

The organizers want to encourage as many folks as possible to come into NY from out of town so they'll be looking for volunteers to host them. A sign up sheet will come. Finally, they are interested in receiving marshal support and training from RaR.

Thursday, August 3--Upcoming Meeting with Brad Hoylman

Zoom at 1:45 pm with Brad Hoylman

Invoking the 14th Amendment, 3rd clause

Want to work with Brad Hoylman to come up with legislation to keep Trump off the ballot by invoking the 14th amendment. Have 5 or 6 people ready to meet with him.

Finance

Current balance is \$18,744. Reminder to submit requests for reimbursement in a timely manner.

Village Independent Democrats wants to honor RAR at their "gala" event.

Very progressive group. Have a fundraising gala and they want to honor RaR. We need to decide if we want to accept this honor. Pros: It is an honor, gives us credibility with elected officials, elevates us as an organization.

Some hesitation about accepting an honor from a Democratic Club.

Rick—Don't see the downside

Jamie—Have a funny taste in my mouth, but; it's okay because we are being honored for the work we are doing.

Sandy—Since 2016 democratic clubs have engaged in basic democracy strengthening activities. Direct action is one tool that is a direct expression of a well-functioning democracy and we do that well.

Stu—This is a positive that a democratic club honors direct action. We should embrace it.

Wendy—Believe in accepting honors for the publicity.

Robert—What would be expected of us? Livvie will find out. Livvie is paying \$125 to go. Want a few people to show up, say something, get a plaque, have a drink.

VOTE ON WHETHER TO ACCEPT THIS HONOR: VOTED TO ACCEPT

REPORT BACKS

July 19-MTA Board Meeting - Elevator Actions

Two weeks ago had a rally and action prior to hearings where many gave testimony. Had a good showing. Great, beautiful, colorful banner.

<https://www.fox5ny.com/news/mta-to-expand-accessibility-in-subway-bus-stations>

Upcoming Elevator Action Group rallies prior to MTA Board meetings. Wednesday September 20th 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday October 25th 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday November 29th 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday December 20th 8:45 a.m.

Sometimes they change the dates at the last minute at [MTA.info/transparency](https://mta.info/transparency)

July 27-- Immigration Vigil I canceled due to heat.

Next one is a Thursday in August, specific date TBD.

July 28--Say Their Names - every Friday at 5PM at 96th & Broadway - canceled due to heat

July 28--Drag Story Hour

Gathered at 2PM at QPL Jackson Heights branch 35-51 81st St.

It was annoying. It was hot. It was loud. The police put the bigots on the opposite side of the street. They had no sound system, so we didn't have one. 15 of them. Gays against Groomers were there and protested. Disturbing to have the protesters there. Essential that we are there to defend them.

July 28 Fox Summer Concert Series - every Friday this summer at 7AM

Jamie was there early interrupting Fox's weather report. There were about 5 or 6 of us with our signs on bamboo poles. They have had to modify their protocols. Hosts don't speak. They don't do on air interviews. Screens and netting are up around the back and side so we can't be seen. Jamie spoke to Mike who called him out and let him know that he was being watched. The MAGAs were there with their big banner which said Trump or Death. Donny Osmond will be there this Friday.

July 29 Climate Action at Natural History Museum

This was a very rich and lively action. About 30 of us took over the dinosaur room at the Natural History Museum. The two video links below will give you a good idea of how this action went. We had a great banner, lots of signs, and flyers. While security was there when we arrived, they let us occupy the space for over half an hour. They then asked us to leave, apparently because it was causing some consternation with the higher ups since Koch was on our banner as a funder of mass extinction. A big sign above the room said Funded by David Koch. So there we were in a room funded by Koch, accusing Koch of also funding mass extinction.

When asked to leave we walked single file down four flights of stairs chanting "Human pollution is causing mass extinction." Donna and Sandy took the elevator instead and when they couldn't find the others outside the museum, they planted themselves on a bench holding the banner. A long line of visitors to the museum passed by this banner over the next 15 minutes so we effectively did a little two person action after the big one.



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August 1 Truth Tuesdays at FOX "News" - (every Tuesday at 10AM at 47th & 6th Ave.)

We pivoted to Gutfeld—White supremacy is terrorism. Slavery was not job training. The Holocaust was not job training. Fox: Condemn Gutfeld's racism. Chris Christie showed up and we got a picture of him and Julie.

Supporting SAG/AFTRA actions—August 1 Times Square action was well-attended. Non-binding resolution agreed to at rally downtown near City Hall. Being supported by NY City Council. No one is yet coming to the table.

City Council resolution to support writers and actors in our ongoing strike:
<https://nypost.com/2023/08/01/fran-drescher-makes-star-turn-at-nyc-council-hearing/#>

<https://www.cityandstateny.com/politics/2023/08/city-council-backs-striking-hollywood-unions/389040/>

SAG/AFTRA pickets happen M-F 9:30 -12 at 4 locations:

HBO/Amazon
450 W 33rd St., New York, NY 10001

Warner Bros. Discovery/Netflix HQ
888 Broadway, New York, NY 10003

Paramount
1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10010

NBCUniversal
30 Rockefeller Plaza (49th St. between 5th and 6th Avenues), NY 10112

<https://www.sagafrastrike.org/picket-schedule-locations>

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 10 RALLY TO CLOSE RIKERS—For more information click on link below.
<https://ethical.nyc/august-10-march-and-rally-to-close-rikers/>

Starbucks stores can use our support. Click on link below for more information.
<https://starbucksworkersunited.controlshift.app/calendars/adopt-a-store-august-7-day-of-action>

Thursday, August 7 PM Stonewall - action for O'Shea Sibley

Saturday, August 9 6 PM LGBTQ Center--Action to protest the Outdoor Dining order—group sued and got an injunction.

WENDY'S ACTION NEWSLETTER

[HTTPS://MAILCHI.MP/2E39F6D52EDC/HELP-US-DEFEND-PLANNED-PARENTHOOD-FROM-RELIGIOUS-EXTREMISTS](https://mailchi.mp/2e39f6d52edc/help-us-defend-planned-parent-hood-from-religious-extremists)

NOTE: UPDATE GOING OUT AUGUST 3

OPPENHEIMER MOVIE

Robert has circulated discussion pieces with questions to think about before seeing the movie. See link below.

DOWNWINDER, INDIGENOUS WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE ON OPPENHEIMER.

[HTTPS://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/2023/07/30/OPINION/INTERNATIONAL-WORLD/OPPENHEIMER-NUCLEAR-BOMB-CANCER.HTML](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/07/30/opinion/international-world/oppenheimer-nuclear-bomb-cancer.html)

[HTTPS://WWW.SCIENCEFRIDAY.COM/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2023/07/JUL19_THE-ABOLITIONIST-VIEWING-GUIDE-FOR-OPPENHEIMER.PDF](https://www.sciencefriday.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/JUL19_THE-ABOLITIONIST-VIEWING-GUIDE-FOR-OPPENHEIMER.PDF)

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