

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 6.27.2023

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Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

GOOD NEWS!

- Oh, lordy, [there are more tapes of Trump incriminating himself](#).
- The Supreme Court rejects [independent state legislature theory in major election law case](#) and [allows Pennsylvania law on suits against corporations](#).

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Thursday, June 29 - Four actions

- **Actions 1 & 2:** Florida fascist Ron DeSantis will be in New York to raise money for his presidential bid. Protestors will greet him in two locations: NYC, and Suffern, NY.
 - 11:15 AM, Yale Club, 44th and Vanderbilt (near Grand Central) in NYC. He's having a \$6,600-a-head lunch, starting at noon. Rise and Resist will be there early with new signage.
 - 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Crowne Plaza Suffern, in Suffern, NY. [RSVP on Facebook here](#), and [register for free transportation from NYC here](#).
- **Action 3:**
 - 11 AM - 12 PM at the Charging Bull statue at Bowling Green, hosted by Food and Water Watch. [More info and registration here](#).
- **Action 4:**
 - 5 PM - 6 PM, Staten Island Ferry Terminal (Manhattan side). Rise and Resist's immigration vigil. Recommended reading from Stu: Solito, a memoir by Javier Zamora. [Buy it from Bookshop.org](#), not Amazon.

Friday, June 30 - Say Their Names

- Every Friday at 5 PM at 96th and Broadway. A call for justice for Black people murdered by cops and the prison system.

- There are over 700 names at this point, so we read a portion of them every week.
- This event needs marshals every week. Volunteers are welcome.

Saturday, July 1 - Abortion Clinic Defense

- On the first Saturday of every month, anti-abortion extremists led by [Fidelis Moscinski](#) get an NYPD escort from Old St. Pat's to Soho's Planned Parenthood clinic.
- To join the NYC for Abortion Rights clinic defenders, meet up at Mott and Prince at 8AM. After the organizers explain the day's plans, you can join the group that stands between the clinic and the loudly praying Proud Boys, holding rainbow umbrellas and Rise and Resist's "Abortion is a Human Right" as well as other signage. Fun pop songs will be sung!
 - Can't make it on Saturday? Make a call on Friday. First, check to see if your NYC [city council member](#) is one of the [21 that signed a letter](#) calling for the NYPD's violent Strategic Response Group to be disbanded. If your council member is not on the list, call them with this script:
 - *I'm calling to urge the Council Member to support the campaign to disband the NYPD's Strategic Response Group and reinvest its estimated \$133 Million in funds back into our communities. The SRG is a notoriously violent and racially biased unit that operates with impunity. You can see the SRG in action tomorrow at the monthly fascist protest outside the Planned Parenthood clinic in Soho. The SRG blocks off so much of the neighborhood in order to shield the fascist clinic harassers from counterprotestors that it is harder than ever for patients to get to their appointments. That's an embarrassment in a state that calls itself an "abortion safe haven." I encourage you to witness our tax dollars at work. The meet-up time is 8 AM at Mott and Prince.*

Tuesday, July 4 - Truth Tuesdays

There will be no general Rise and Resist call due to the holiday today, but Truth Tuesdays organizer Julie is unstoppable. Join the Fox protest at the usual time – 10 AM - 11 AM - at 1211 6th Ave between 47th and 48th.

Saturday, July 8 - Climate Action at Metropolitan Museum

- 11 AM: There will be an expanded version of the Saturday, June 24, Met action to #FreeTheDegasTwo.
 - [Read Stu's blog post to learn more about the two activists facing extreme charges for a no injuries/no damage protest in DC.](#)
 - [Get more info about the event and register your participation here.](#)

Monday, July 10 - Two Actions

- 1 PM - 2 PM at Trump Tower. Join Rise and Resist for its "Invoke the 14th" protest, with new banner designed by Mary.
- 5 PM - 6 PM. The Close Rikers vigil is usually the first Monday of every month but was rescheduled due to the July 4 holiday. The location will be determined during the June 28 Action Committee call.

Sunday, August 6 - Hiroshima Anniversary

No action is planned yet, but the Intrepid museum is planning to celebrate its "birthday" on August 6, the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing. Thirteen organizations have [written a letter](#) calling on the warship museum to cancel the celebration, acknowledge Hiroshima, and dedicate

the day to calling for a world free of nuclear weapons. Rise and Resist endorsed the letter unanimously.

Sunday, September 17 - Climate Action

Food and Water Watch, NY Communities for Change, and other activist groups are planning an action associated with the [2023 Climate Ambition Conference at the United Nations](#).

- Rise and Resist unanimously voted to endorse this action.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Finance

Susan reminds people to turn in receipts for reimbursement.

REPORTS BACK

Friday, June 23 - Say Their Names

- Canceled due to weather.

Friday, June 23 - Drag March

- Rise and Resist helped marshal 3,000 participants in the evening, with Karin and Jamie going the extra mile (perhaps literally) by shadowing right-wing media people and preventing them from talking to participants. However, the right-wing media did pick up on a satirical chant that went viral in a bad way in the current environment. A typical gambit of right-wing media is to not recognize satire and camp or extract it from context, so we should be aware of this possibility and be sure not to endanger people. One march organizer had to take social media accounts private due to harassment.
- Overall, the march was a joyous occasion with wheelchairs getting more usage, including by Donna, who looked quite ravishing in her wig. Honored elders including Rollerina traveled by pedicab.
- Much enthusiasm was also expressed for Ray's skirt/dress outfit.

Saturday, June 24 - Met Museum Action

- In support of the #DegasTwo – activists Tim and Joanna who are threatened with severe consequences for finger painting a glass case protecting DC's Little Dancer figure by Degas for a climate protest.
- 11 AM. Over 20 people from Extinction Rebellion and Rise and Resist gathered around a bronze replica Degas in the Met dressed in black, with red and black marker on their hands and tape over their mouths. They later marched through the museum with hands up and handed out flyers.
- A good intergenerational action. [See video here](#).
- Rise and Resist voted to endorse petition to #FreeTheDegasTwo,

Saturday, June 24 - Dobbs Decision Anniversary

- Two dozen people gathered at the W. 60th St. entrance to Central Park with the "Abortion is a human right" banner and signage from 1 PM - 2 PM
- One aggressive heckler was handled heroically by Jamie, Karin, and Jonathan.
- Media coverage from [CBS](#) and [ABC](#).

- Rise Up 4 Abortion Rights (RevComs) took over space at 2 PM and continued with a rally.

Sunday, June 25 - Queer Liberation March

- Diverse group of thousands, including strong trans presence. As part of that, NYC activist Qween Jean was on mic and leading chants.
- Marshals had challenges, as people in the front kept moving in front of the bus, raising safety concerns. There was also a confrontation between young trans activists and a RevCom group that other activist groups have reason to label as TERFs. After water was thrown and tables tipped, marshals helped RevComs exit the area, at which point mediators had to come in to help calm the situation.
- Alex noted it was a challenge to deescalate without being seen as oppressive. Wendy suggested that at larger events like this, leaders might make the marshals' role more clear. They're not the police, they're part of the "we keep us safe" concept.
- It was pointed out that Jay did an overwhelming amount of work as an organizer for this event.
- The march went from Foley Square to Washington Square Park. A delayed start made some people hot and frustrated but there was a lot of joy as well.

Monday, June 26 - Drag Story Hour Defense

- 11 AM at library near 21st St Station of the F line in Queens, near two housing projects that get a lot of use from the library.
- About 15 people on each side.
- Jame adroitly managed a loud bigot with a megaphone, and a cop, eventually getting the bigots to turn off their unpermitted megaphone, at which point defenders turned off theirs and tension went down. Defenders sang childrens' songs and tried to create a happy atmosphere but it's a difficult event.
- The Queens Ledger and another freelance journalist were there.
- This was the first drag story hour at this library and the cops were clueless.

Tuesday, June 27 - Elevator Action Group Rally and Hearing

- Rally for elevator repairs at 9 AM, hearing at 10 AM with activist testimony.
- Positive feedback from "big wigs."

Tuesday, June 27 - Schumer Disruption at Harvard Club

- Excellent action by youth-led Climate Defiance group, which got free tickets to Chuck Schumer's fundraiser at the Harvard Club.
- Well-spoken and informed young people with adult companions whipped out banners and chants calling for the end of fossil fuel deals and asking Schumer, "How can you pretend to be a climate leader?"
- Fundraising organizers sent the donors out of the room and attempted to lock the kids in, but the kids left and rejoined the outside crew which was chanting "What the fuck, Chuck," about [Schumer's dirty deal with Manchin](#).
- Very small event of four tables with 10 chairs each, and activists occupied six of the chairs.

Tuesday, June 27 - Truth Tuesdays at Fox

- Every Tuesday at 10 AM (summer hours) at 1211 6th Ave (between 47th and 48th)
- Organizer Julie in Fire Island, but turnout was good. Jamie again handled a heckler with empathy, going so far as to find out that the woman was in NYC for a stem-cell transplant.

- We need to have more people step into the de-escalation role because it shouldn't all depend on Jamie!!

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For additional non-RAR actions THIS WEEK, including phone calls to make and emails to send, [see this week's Indivisible Activate NYC newsletter](#) by Wendy Brandes.
- Dana shared photos of protest for the use of ibogaine for addiction treatment. The next protests will be July 11 and 24, from 11:30 AM - 1 PM, at 230 W. 72nd St, Linda Rosenthal's office. 11th 24th 11:30 - 1 PM 230 w. 72nd st linda rosenthal's office

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