

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 3.14.2023

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting click [here](#).

Facilitators: Jennifer and Karin **Notes:** Wendy 24 in attendance

GOOD NEWS!

- Alvin Bragg has an active grand jury investigating the Trump-Stormy Daniels case.
- [Smartmatic defamation](#) case to proceed against Fox News, Maria Bartiroma, Lou Dobbs, and Rudy Giuliani.
- Lots of press featuring [Truth Tuesdays](#): The Guardian, the Washington Post, Talking Points Memo, and more. The Lincoln Project also featured Rise and Resist Indict Trump actions.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Sunday, March 19 - Drag Story Hour Defense, meet no later than 10:30 AM

- Where: LGBT Community Center (208 W. 13th St.)
- The event is from 11 AM - 3 PM. Families with children are invited to join New York State Attorney General Letitia James, drag storytellers, and city and state elected leaders for a Drag Story Hour Read-A-Thon. The event consists of four drag story hours, and families are welcome to attend one hour-long reading or multiple readings. Doors will open at 10:30 AM for the first story hour. Anti-LGBT+ protestors are expected to be there. Counter-protestors should try to arrive at 10 AM. We will not stay for the entire event.
- [More info at this link](#).

Wednesday, March 15 - Hochul at the Metropolitan Museum - 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

- Gov. Hochul is one of four honorees at an event honoring women's leadership. We'll be there with signage, call and response, and leaflets demanding that she take steps to fix New York State's Democratic party, starting with replacing chairman Jay Jacobs.
- [RSVP on Mobilize.us](#).
- We are co-sponsoring this action.

Friday, March 17 - Say Their Names, 4:30 PM

Meet at 96th and Broadway. Weather is expected to be better than what caused the recent cancellations of this event.

Saturday, March 18 - Invest In Our New York, 12 PM

- It's budget season. The legislators in Albany are due to come out with their "one-house budget" and then negotiation starts.
- We are calling again for taxes on the ultra-wealthy; we can't be cutting school and library budgets just because politicians don't want to tax billionaires.
- Columbus Circle is the meeting place and we will walk from there. More details and RSVP here.

Tuesday, March 21 - Climate Action March, 10:30 AM

- Major climate action starts at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th and 2nd), organized by [Third Act](#). Rise and Resist is one of the sponsors.
- Expected to be a lively event with a large crowd, music, etc.

Thursday, March 23 - Rally for a Close Rikers Budget, 9 AM

- At Tweed Courthouse (52 Chambers St.) and organized by [Freedom Agenda](#).
- Rally is ahead of the meeting of the criminal justice committee of the city council - People can attend that meeting.
- Donna notes good news: Clean Slate Act included in the one-house budget to automatically seal records after a certain amount of time.
- [More info and RSVP here](#).
- Looking further ahead, the next Close Rikers vigil in Times Square is Monday April 3.

Thursday, March 23 - Immigration Vigil, 5 PM

- Grand Central Terminal, near clock/info desk

- There's very little good news on immigration front and not enough people are taking up the cause so it is important that we continue to raise the issue and remind people that we're a nation (partly) built on immigration.

Wednesday, March 29 - Elevator Action Group, 8:30 AM - 9 :30 AM

- 2 Broadway, before the 10 AM MTA board meeting.
- We will have a good prop as well as blow-ups of photos showing the consequences of elevator maintenance failure.
- Rise and Resist is doing this with a coalition of other groups.
- More information on [Facebook](#).

REPORT BACKS

Thursday, March 9 - Immigration Vigil in Grand Central

- Good turnout, and a lot of people stopped to chat. A few run-of-the-mill hecklers.
- Police asked us to pick our posters up off the floor, we said we've never had a problem with police about that before, and the cop walked away.
- Participants spoke to students from Italy and people from Germany, Egypt, the UK, and Ghana.

Friday, March 10 - Say Their Names

- Canceled due to weather again. Jenny and Ann are going to ask other people to join them in making the weather decisions.

Friday, March 10 - Roger Stone Protest

- A martini party was scheduled for felonious fop Roger Stone.
- The Little Italy venue was announced at the last minute.
- Lots of cops across the street and near the narrow stairs going to the basement room. A restaurant employee was told by a manager to "shove them" if the protestors got on the stairs.
- Protestors did not approach the stairs but braved the rain with signs including "Deranged Dandy," and did some chalking.
- Activists arrived at 6 PM, the event started at 7 PM, and Stone didn't arrive till 9 PM, after activists had left.
- "Twinks for Trump" organizer appeared to be the host.
- One woman was approaching the restaurant with a man, saw the protestors, said "Nope," and walked away.

Tuesday, March 14 - Truth Tuesdays at Fox, 12 PM - 1 PM

- Good turnout despite bad weather. Debuted new posters: Carlson, Hannity, Ingraham, and Murdoch heads with quotes from the Dominion lawsuit. Truth Tuesdays - didn't expect much turnout because of the weather.
- Three professional photographers were there and a camera crew from Showtime's political show "The Circus" turned up after finding the Facebook event page. They asked us to return tomorrow at 9 AM to shoot a promo.
- The episode airs on Sunday.
- As this effort gets more attention, have your talking points ready! Be able to explain why you are there in a brief, coherent statement.

NON RAR EVENTS

Friday, March 17 - NYCAN Honors Bayard Rustin, 10 AM

- Where: W. 28th St. b/w 8th & 9th at the Bayard Rustin Plaque
- NYCAN will present flowers to Walter Naegle, Bayard Rustin's partner, and have a brief tribute to Rustin's work for nuclear disarmament (among many other things including human rights, civil rights, pacifism, anti-racism and LGBTQ+ rights.) We have invited Erik Bottcher to join us, as he did last year. Patrick Kwan, the LGBTQ liaison for the Mayor's Office will also join us.

Saturday, March 18 - Denounce Endless War Action in DC

- "Coinciding with the 20th anniversary weekend of the criminal U.S. invasion of Iraq, comrades from across the country are gathering in Washington D.C. for a major set of actions to denounce endless warfare and sanctions. The Biden Administration seems determined to escalate the Ukraine war and the danger of global war is growing! The people must act!"
- The People's Forum team will be traveling together to Washington D.C. by bus. [Sign up ASAP because space is limited](#). Cost is \$50 per person.
 - 6:30 AM: Meet at The People's Forum to board the bus.
 - 4 PM: Get back on the bus to return to NYC.

Sunday, March 19 - Denounce Endless War Action in NYC, 2 PM

- Meet in Union Square

Reminder: Send non-RAR actions to the [facilitation email](#) before the general meeting.

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