Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 10.3.2023

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Process for non RAR announcements or to add other items on the agenda:
Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

Good News:
- Scott Hall pleads guilty in Georgia election criminal case and will cooperate. He will testify against Ken Cheseboro and Sidney Powell
- Judge Engoron rules that the Trump Organization committed fraud
- NY State Appeals Court ruled the case could move forward.

Schadenfreude News
- Kevin McCarthy has been removed as Speaker of the House.
- Before that they passed the 45 day continuance without the Ukraine Funds.
- McCarthy says he will not run again for Speaker.

Upcoming Actions
Thursday, Oct 5, 5PM-6PM Immigration Vigil at Staten Island Ferry Terminal
- New messaging has been valuable;
- We have reached out to other groups to see if we can expand our presence.
- Helpful that we focused ourselves in advance, and kept chatting to a minimum. This focus helps in reaching out to people.
- Many people disenchanted with Adams, and in support of our vigil.

Saturday, Oct 7, 8AM to 9:30 - clinic defense at Planned Parenthood meet at Old St. Pat’s Prince & Mott St.
- Meaningful, direct important action
- It is important to witness these Proud Boys in monks’ robes at least once.

Upcoming decarceration actions: Contact Donna for further info on all these actions: donnagould@earthlink.net

Thursday, Oct 5, 10AM End Solitary Rally at City Hall
- Solitary confinement is torture and deadly.
• Goal: Pass Bill #549

**Monday, Oct 9, 3PM to 5 pm join RAPP in tabling at Staten Island Ferry Terminal**

• Canvas people in the district of Sen. Jessica Scarcella-Spanton. She has declared she is in support of the following bills.
  • 1) Elder parole 15 years or more 55 or older
  • 2) The Fairness Bill focuses on who people are now, not who they were many years ago.
  • We need to send her the message that people want them passed.
  • Read on bills on RAPP’s website

Join RAPP for a preview of the delegation on Thursday, October 5 at 7pm, EST/ 4pm, PST on Zoom here.
  ○ [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2B3xpl7b7EmRkzL4Xj0fj3-8K1RGh6WC-R1eFOosvt2aL9A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2B3xpl7b7EmRkzL4Xj0fj3-8K1RGh6WC-R1eFOosvt2aL9A/viewform)

• Two RAPP leaders will join UN Covenant in Geneva: Stanley Bellamy and Lisette (last name?)
• Stanley and Lisette, along with other advocates directly impacted by death-by-incarceration sentences, will testify to a United Nations International Human Rights Committee urging the Committee to recommend that the United States abolish all death by incarceration sentences, including life without parole and life with parole- where currently parole is nearly impossible to achieve. Learn more about the complaint submitted to the UN last year at [https://www.deathbyincarcerationistorture.com/](https://www.deathbyincarcerationistorture.com/)
• Stanley served over 35 years. He has been a mentor to many young men in prison, developed programs to think about his previous thinking,
• CUNY Law School Second Look Project played a major role in his release.
• and will advocate end of all death by incarceration sentences. Jenny follow the innocence project.

**Wednesday, Oct 11, 1PM-2PM INVOKE the 14th Amendment outside Trump Tower**

• Our Indict focus has shifted to Invoke the 14th Amendment.
• We will bring banners, flyers; our goal is to be informational.
• Another state, Michigan, joined the court case to Invoke.

**New action being planned - Trump Going Out of Business Sale at Trump Tower - date TBD**

• Julie and Rick have been working on this:
  ○ Going out of Business signs, fire sale. We need a trump character with a sandwich board.
    ■ Invite Mike Hisey.
  • We will hold this action on a significant date, like the day there is a judgment.
  • Important to do trial runs.
  • We can start on 10/11 at Invoke action.
    ○ We need to put all the Invoke stuff away, and then bring out the Going Out of Business Stuff, in order to keep the messaging clear.
  • We will aim to get press.

RaR voted to approve $400 for this action and the preview action.

**Elections Committee will meet Weds October 4 at 5**

• To get on Elections list contact Livvie at elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com
Report Backs
9/29 Say Their Names - rained out by the deluge - every Friday at 5PM 96th & Broadway
• We will be back this Friday at 5pm.
• Police killings of Black and Brown people may be double previous estimates.
• The investigation of the murder of Fred Hampton is being re-opened. His is one of the names we read.

9/30 Drag Story Hour rained out. Library in Fort Hamilton was flooded.
• There will be more Drag Story Hour events.
• They will be doing more libraries in Brooklyn. In the past the Brooklyn events have not been targeted, but they are now, including a recent bomb threat.
• Drag Story Hours are being limited in Manhattan because of the cost of security.
• The right wing Gays against Groomers is organizing.
• We don’t know if the activists are in in support of Drag Story Hour are organizing;
• We have new posters.
• These actions represent what is going on in the rest of the country.

10/2 Trump Civil Trial begins at 60 Centre St.
• This has been on our radar for months. We thought trump would not be there b/c he was not required to.
• We chanted “trump lies all the time.”
• Police insisted we go into a distant pen, but we started we had the right to be in sight of the courthouse
• Police said that it was a Frozen Area designated by the Secret Service; we asked for Secret Service, who were not there.
• Police said we have to get L-Rad (loudspeakers used to declare we would be arrested)
• We took to the streets for about 10 minutes, and chanted, and journalists flocked around us.
• We did several interviews. Jamie was interviewed for several minutes.
  ○ Tons of international press, including the front page of NY Times online. We got covered by al jazeera and The Times of Israel.
• Tish James’ office indicated she was very heartened by our action.
• There were only 2 pro-trumpies. The empty pro-trump pen has been getting coverage.
• If feels good to take to the street, take a stand. Front of NYT online. Trump Lies all the Time
• Video of the action: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbG3Lo8YuOo


10/2, 5PM Rikers Vigil at Times Square Subway Station.
• Many, many positive conversations. People are organizing: moms against mass incarceration, flyers going like hotcakes.
• Spanned the spectrum from naivete: “What is Rikers?” to people who have been there.

10/3 Fox Truth Tuesdays every Tuesday at 12noon at 47th & 6th Ave
• Someone joined the action from a flyer in Zucotti Park
• Great messaging: interview with Heidi Cuda
• Julie will join them at the Happy Hour this Sunday.
• Here’s the Heidi Cuda / Jim Stewartson interview - starts at about 35:00
Greg Guttfeld won’t walk through us, Jamie had a chat with him.

Non-RaR announcements

- Livvie: Reform the court (Supreme Court) Meeting zoom Thursday 1 pm. Contact Livvie if you are interested.
  - Being planned: Mini Halloween Parade from Speaker Jeffries to Schumer’s home.

- Interview with Joanna Smith, the woman who painted Degas dancer discussing her motivation as an activist:
  https://open.spotify.com/episode/4da3AEs40RA00wG81Cc29D?si=BgjnsiKvSXu50da5alQxvQ

- Robert?: Jon and Jennifer are in Sharon, Ct. in a really good play. Go see it if you can!

- Jamie: Gays against Guns on Weds October 11 Sheridan Square. 6:30 or 7, the time is tentative. Check their website.

  - https://nuclearnyc.com/index.html This is the Nuclear Map
  - https://www.icaw.org/new_manhattan_project_concert_for_nuclear_abolition#:~:text=The%20New%20Manhattan%20Project%20-%20Concert%20for%20Nuclear%20Abolition%20November,States%20Contact%20person%3A%20Robert%20Croonquist This is the invite to the concert.

- Stu came from Local Law 97 meeting: Green New Deal for Buildings,
  - Direct action and testimony is being planned.

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