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Save The Dates

Triangle Republican Women

No July Meeting scheduled

Republican Women's Club CH

No July Meeting scheduled

OCGOP July Meeting

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OCGOP Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 31st, 2022

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Election Integrity Training

Thursday, August 6th, 2022

7:00 pm – OCGOP HQ

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Our Guest NC Data Team

Thursday, August 11th, 7 PM

OCGOP HQ w/Zoom option:

Meeting ID: 897 3577 3650

Passcode: 184078

OCGOP Office Hours

M - W - F 10am-2pm.

NO OFFICE HOURS JULY

Get Involved!

The Orange County GOP is an all-volunteer organization of your neighbors who are interested in smaller and more effective government that follows conservative principles.

Your help will make a difference! To volunteer visit <https://orange.nc.gop/volunteer>

To join our email list, sign up at <https://orange.nc.gop>

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Chair's Corner – You Look Good For Your Age

“May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.”

- Rev. Peter Marshall

NC is known for freedom. Charlotte already had one Bi-Centennial celebration in 1975. I saw President Ford that day speak in Freedom Park. That was for the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, which is one of the two dates on the NC State flag, the other is for the Halifax Resolves.

Now it was July 4th, 1976. I am standing on the tallest building in East Charlotte on East Independence Blvd. It's sometime after 9:00pm, and Skyshow '76 was underway. The transistor radio was tuned to the 50,000 watt radio station, 1110 WBT-AM, who paid to put on the biggest fireworks show in the Southeast. It was our nation's Bi-Centennial. There were the \$2.00 bills and the Bi-Centennial quarters that everybody had to save. It was a busy day. When you are 11 years old, it seemed really important to celebrate this milestone right. There was the parade at the community pool, all the moms dressed in coordinating patriotic sundresses, my dad wearing those tired Bermuda shorts, the cookout that followed, eating watermelon, watching old guys relive their youth playing softball, and the sparklers before watching the fireworks to top off the day. I'm trying not to knock off the pigeon nests, but inching to get the best spot to see. There were 40 or so of us on top of the building who had access to the roof and worked in the building, with some friends. But because it was on the radio, felt like millions must have been watching and listening to the explosion timed with the radio signal, though Charlotte only had 322,000 residents back then. I'm wearing some poorly cut cut-off blue jean shorts. It seems if you lay them the wrong direction to cut, they are really short in the wrong places. You only get one chance to cut them. My white t-shirt was not only dirty and stained but by now smelly. But it did not matter, I was on top of the world. Doing what every other American must have been doing, celebrating history. Where were you on that historic day?

In the Cause of the Right, -
Rev. John B. Gaither,
Chairman, Orange County Republican Party



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Enjoy Your Independence Day - I know I say it with regularity, but we as Republicans enjoy our time with family and friends. The Independence Day holiday, and the month of July, is another time we take to reach out to those we care about. To that end, with so many traveling, vacationing, and relaxing from the heat, the Orange County GOP Offices will be closed this month. There will be no July Monthly Meeting. But if you are in town, join us on Sunday, July 31st, from 2-5pm at the county HQ for our Annual Ice Cream Social. Please invite a friend, especially a young person who enjoys making their own sundae, and tell me where you went this month. We will have many of your friends drop in, and shake hands with some of our candidates running in November. If you want something to do, I do need volunteers to begin to call our fellow Conservatives in Orange County for the Courtney Geels Congressional Campaign. Reach out to me and I can get you a list. We have 180 pages to make initial contact, and send David Price to a nice retirement. We will begin canvassing and phone calling using the Campaign Sidekick App in August. Get ready for a wild ride to November 8th. Be sure to read page 3 of this Newsletter.

Commentary - Am I the only one who is frustrated when he tries to reason with a liberal? I am just about ready to give up. Many of my friends and family members are liberals. Few are willing to discuss politics or economics with me, but those who are, like my neighbor with whom I walk most mornings, I find are uninformed or misinformed about the real world around them. They make claims that essentially parrot what they are watching on TV and base their arguments on the disinformation they absorb. They do not want to consider issues based on rationally examining the facts, but are content to based their opinions (and their voting) on myths and fairy-tales fed to them. My neighbor is a very highly educated academic and certainly liberal, so we naturally disagree on most things. Surprisingly, he says he does not read, but receives all his news and information from the TV; although he is quick to point out that he sometimes watches FOX. Perhaps I am generalizing, but I believe anyone who relies exclusively on television to keep himself informed is living in a dream world. To paraphrase a great Republican, they are being fooled most or all of the time. (By the way, he cannot tell me which country he feels is the best one in the world, but defers to the Obamanesque statement that the US needs to be improved, blah, blah, blah.) Further generalizing, I believe the reason my neighbor and his cohort are in this mystical land is because of fear. The fear envelopes them, and they make their choices on their feelings, which do not accord with rationality. Much more comfortable to whistle past the graveyard, than to bring a torch and make the ghosts go away. Safe spaces on college campuses come to mind. How do we handle our liberal friends? Be gentle with them and know they are guided by their emotions. Try not to become frustrated and try not to be rational with them. Most of them are beyond help. But perhaps I'm only showing my frustration.

- Charles Baldwin,
Cedar Falls Pct Chairman
Chapel Hill, NC

Election Integrity Operations - We at the OCGOP take Election Integrity seriously. All this year we are training new activists to get involved in the process. Watch for Election Integrity Training sessions where we train voters like you to get actively involved securing our election in NC. To that end we have added a new page on our website to give you some tools to be proactive: https://orange.nc.gop/election_integrity We also have our next Election Integrity Poll Observer training coming on Thursday evening, August 6th, at 7:00 pm. [Election Integrity Training 08-06-22](#) We also want to welcome Sheila Fritch, the new 4th District Election Integrity Field Director with NCGOP.

Working The Phones - The Courtney Geels congressional campaign needs your help calling about 6,000 marginal voters both Republican and Unaffiliated, in Orange County that we need to show up in the general election and vote Conservative. Would you reach out to LaRayne Quale, her Orange County Director, and she can forward you some of the 180 pages to contact. You can reach her at 612-240-8228. We want to help identify who will be voting in November and if Courtney has the correct contact details. We will begin canvassing in August as well. Democrats will put a lot of money in Valerie Foushee to keep David Price's seat blue.



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A Call To Action! To All Orange County Republicans!

Hello, my friends! What a pleasure it is to serve alongside you in the biggest fight of our time. It is surreal to think we are here in this situation when our country and all we hold of value and truth are under such sustained attack! Today (Friday, June 24th, 2022) was a historic day for our Constitution. State legislatures have been given back their power and We the People were given the power to choose and govern! While we have much to celebrate, make no mistake about it, we **MUST** be vigilant with resolve to protect what we are fighting for...our very nation's existence as we have known it! Right now Leftists are organizing in great numbers to not only inject their violence into conservative institutions, places of worship, and Conservative-run businesses, but towards individuals that believe in the Right to Life, the Right to Bear Arms, and the Rule of Law. That is you!

I was a former committed Democrat for 34 years until I was able to be exposed to the truth and see what their policies lead to...bondage, poverty, famine, disease, darkness, and death. I know how they operate in mobilizing communities. I understand their M.O. They will use every strategy and resource, external and internal, conspicuous and inconspicuous to influence the next election in ways you do not see coming! They do it under a white cloak, they move in the dark, and they prey on truth and justice forsaking themselves and all of us of our liberties by extreme measures. Members of the Left are moved by hate, jealousy, envy, covetousness, lust, and greed, all under the guise of collective will, the greater good, and social justice! They actually believe that they are doing what is good and right, sacrificing morality and ethics, as in their minds, the end justifies the means!

Orange County NC is a major hub of Leftist activity and they are extremely violent! Remember who they bombed in October 2016? It was our offices right here in Hillsborough! Nothing has changed! They are highly organized, extremely well-funded, and dangerously committed, with laser focus and tunnel vision to remove anything and everything we care about. The members of the Left are champions of death and destruction, they hate America, and they hate you! They use mob rule for their justice, and would rather see America fall than see it rise. They love the smell of death, and they hate our belief in a good, loving, merciful, and just God. Many are atheists and seek to destroy any remnant of His existence.

Our Orange County Republican Party must come together like never before to educate and inform the people of Orange County not just about what we stand for, and who we are, but what it means if we do not come together to fight against this invasive and deadly virus that is among us. We as Republicans need to reunite with one another through fellowship, prayer, and positive activities. We need to mobilize our communities and our Republican Party in Orange County. We must build the capacity of our organization now, mentoring and recruiting new young and committed leaders, or before we can blink an eye, we will age out and dissolve if things do not change! We **MUST** recommit our efforts so we can gain ground, not lose it! We have to start thinking about how we are going to pass the torch so we can thrive in this county for years to come! Remember who we are! We are Believers, we are fighters, we are givers, and we are strong faith-driven leaders who care about the future, our faith, our families, our communities, and our country!

This is **NOT** the time to sit back, rather it is now a **CALL TO ACTION** to be passionate and resolute and organize so we can protect and strengthen our Freedoms given to us by God, that no man, group, or government should be able to steal. A Call to Action means all of us are present, willing, and able to put in the effort and do our part! It means you and me together, peacefully meeting people where they are at, being a bridge and refuge to those who are walking on the edge and observing from the fringes. It means we are actively inviting more participation, mentoring, and building relationships, and yes... raising **LOTS** of money for our Republican party! Our money helps our Republican candidates **WIN**! We must back them financially as well! We must live the truth in which we preach. **WE** can do this, we must do this together!

WE MUST MOBILIZE NOW TO GET OUT THE VOTE OR 2022 MIDTERM ELECTIONS IN OUR STATE AND ACROSS THIS COUNTRY WILL BE LOST! GOD HELP US IF THAT HAPPENS!

IT IS ON OUR SHOULDERS NOW, IT IS UP TO US!

In humble service to God, Family, and Country,

Dr. Shawnee Seese, Ph.D., MBA
Proud Member of the Orange County NC Republican Party.



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Where We Currently Are - At this moment, abortion in NC is still legal. It will be the rallying cry heard on the campaign trail this fall. If the Republicans can gain 3 seats in the NC House, and 2 seats in the NC Senate, then the veto-proof majority will take office in January, and can change the current 20 week or 23 week viability law on abortion in NC. The latest to be vetoed was [HB 453 - AN ACT TO PROTECT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF HUMAN LIFE](#). It was vetoed in June 2021. The next bill may look a little different from this. We at the OCGOP join together with groups like [NC Values Coalition](#), [NC Family Policy Council](#) and [NC Right To Life](#) and our own [NC House](#) and [NC Senate](#) Republicans in this fight. Will you join us?

Excerpt from the NC Family Policy Council -

The Status of "Life" in North Carolina Now That *Roe v. Wade* is History

By John L. Rustin
June 28, 2022

In my commentary "[A Prayer for Life](#)" in NC Family's most recent edition of [Family North Carolina magazine](#), I provided a preview of what the status of North Carolina's law would look like if the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in its highly anticipated [Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization](#) decision. This past Friday, June 24, the High Court answered this prayer—and nearly 50 years of additional prayers—when it issued its opinion in *Dobbs* and overruled the tragic 1973 *Roe* decision that legalized abortion and resulted in the deaths of over 62 million unborn children.

Now that the Supreme Court has acted and returned decisions regarding the legal status of life and abortion to the states, it is imperative that North Carolinians understand the status of abortion in North Carolina, and that we act to definitively preserve and protect human life at its earliest and most vulnerable stage.

... Now that the Supreme Court has overturned *Roe* and *Casey*, which served as the basis for enjoining North Carolina's 20-week ban, the federal court should reverse its injunction and reinstate the ban. In fact, on Friday, the same day the *Dobbs* opinion was issued, N.C. Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger and Speaker of the N.C. House Tim Moore signed a [joint letter](#) calling on North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein and the N.C. Department of Justice "to take all necessary legal action to lift the injunction currently barring the full enforcement of our State's abortion restrictions...." The letter went on to say, "If we do not receive a response [by July 1, 2022], we stand ready to take the necessary steps to restore North Carolina's abortion laws to where they were before *Bryant* struck them down."

It is also important to note that North Carolina has a number of other important pro-life laws in place, including:

- Parental consent prior to a minor's abortion;
- "Women's Right to Know Act" ensuring informed consent 72 hours prior to an abortion;
- No taxpayer funding of abortion and defunding of state tax dollars to abortion providers like Planned Parenthood;
- Appropriation of state funds to support pro-life pregnancy care centers across N.C.;
- Extensive conscience protections for health care providers who are opposed to abortion on moral, religious, or ethical grounds;
- A ban on "sex-selection" abortions sought because of the sex of the unborn child;
- Prohibition on the dispensing of abortifacient drugs via telehealth or over the internet;
- Annual inspection of abortion clinics; and
- A ban on the sale of aborted baby tissue and other body parts...

We love you, but don't visit - As wonderful as NC is, we do not want to be that state. The state that becomes a destination for those in other states with more stricter abortion laws, seeking easier rules. We must work hard to bring about change to the present position that NC find itself in.

- Rev. John B. Gaither, Chairman, OCGOP