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Save the Dates

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Next Monthly Meeting will be on Thursday April 13th, 2023 at OCGOP HQ.

TRW – Martha Jenkins will be the Guest Speaker. Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, at 6:30pm at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham

COFFEE WITH THE CHAIRMAN – Saturday, May 6th, 2023, 9:00am, OCGOP HQ.

RWCH-Chatham

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023, 11:30am Chapel Hill CC. Hal Weatherman, and Bill Crawford will be the guest speakers.

Lincoln-Reagan Dinner – Guest Speaker Mark Robinson. Monday, May 22nd, 2023, at American Legion Post 6, 3700 NC Highway 54W, Chapel Hill. [RSVP TICKETS](#)

NCGOP State Convention - June 8th-11th, 2023, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro.

OCGOP Office Hours
M, W, F - 10am-2pm,

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.

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OCGOP Headquarters:
125 Boone Square Street
Hillsborough, NC 27278



At next meeting will be talking about the results of the surveys taken at the recent Orange County Convention.

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, April 13th, 2023, 7:00pm

WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St.

to RSVP for the Meeting [click here](#)

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION -

I've been involved in the lives of children for years. I was first area of ministry was working in Children's Church. I have 4 kids and soon to be 6 Grandchildren. I've have been involved in Church Youth Camp, and Vacation Bible School. I have served in a local Boy Scout Troop, and on a Christian School Board here in Hillsborough. I mention all this because there comes a time when two kids see things differently. Not too different than where our divided Country is currently. You have heard kids say, "That's not fair."

We believe in fairness. Everyone should be treated fairly. One of the pillars of our Republic is equal justice under the law. Another important idea is the "rule of law." The rule of law means that everyone must obey the law, and no one is above the law. This means that the government and its leaders must also obey the law. As conservatives we believe, uphold, and defend that standard.

We have seen for years the Weaponizing the Judiciary. Whether it was Eric Holder carrying the water for the Obama Administration, Loretta Lynch working with Hilary Clinton Campaign and FBI Director James Comey to tip the scales. I'm not going to bring up the shortcomings of Merrick Garland.

A judge in July 2016 blocked a North Carolina law that required voters to produce photo identification, and is said to be disproportionately affecting minorities, finding that the law was intended to make it harder for blacks. When 68% of voters believe in Voter ID. We have argued that an unelected Judge blocked Voter Rights in NC. Which brings us to events of the last week.

1) Trump was indicted in a NYC courtroom - Where a weak case that has been passed on by FEC, and Special Council Robert Mueller. The wealth and breath of legal discovery against Donald Trump is tragic that an activist DA, who campaigned to, "Get Trump," can bring such a sad case. There may be 2 more cases brought. The question is, are these cases going forward in the name of Justice, or Trump Delusion Syndrome.

2) Abortion Pill - A US District Court Judge in Texas, a Trump appointee, ruled that Mifepristone should be blocked. The ruling centers around the thought that the FDA went beyond its authority when it approved the medication. Lawyers also argued that a 19th century anti-obscenity law, the Comstock Act, prohibits the mailing of any medication used for abortion. A Dueling ruling in WA state is the opposite end of the spectrum

of the Abortion issue. A Federal Judge on Friday ordered U.S. authorities not to make any changes that would restrict access to the abortion medication in 17 Democratic-led states that sued over the issue, countering a ruling by a judge in Texas on the same day that ordered a hold on federal approval of the drug. The dueling decisions threw into question access to the nation's most common method of abortion. Due to this, the Sunday Morning talk shows were all over the Left's side of the argument. Everything in the table including the secretary of HHS Chief Xavier Becerra possibly ignoring the ban. Democrat members in congress are calling to ignore ruling too. AOC says it's an abuse of power. Could FDA ignore a court's ruling? Dems decried the Trump administration for what they said was ignoring the law when the tables were reversed. The conflicting orders will go to SCOTUS.

3) The Tennessee 3 - 2 of whom have been expelled from the Legislature during debate after the Nashville school shooting, for not following the decorum of the chamber. Kamala Harris complains about the ousted TN legislators shows how noisy Left can get. But when Conservatives gather to protest, it's an insurrection.

All three of these areas show we all want justice and fairness. Courts and those who call the balls and strikes need to be above partisan politics. We live in a time that they are not. We want our way. That's no different than a 3-year-old taking back a toy that another kid says is "Mine."

In the cause of the right.

John B. Gaither, Chairman OCGOP

2023 Lincoln-Reagan Dinner -

Buy tickets now! Our annual **Lincoln Reagan Dinner** will be on Monday evening, **May 22nd, 2023**, at the American Legion Post 6, 3700 NC Highway 54W,



Chapel Hill, NC 27516. Our featured Speaker will be Lt. Governor Mark Robinson, this is one of our biggest fundraisers and allows us to promote conservatism in Orange County. Please see our flyer [here](#) for details.

We will also induct our latest members of the OCGOP Hall of Fame. The festivities begin at 6:00 pm and it's an event you won't want to miss!



[FOR Lincoln-Reagan TICKETS CLICK HERE.](#)

HELP WANTED:

Sponsorships/Ticket Sales – our goal is 140 tickets We need folks to make calls (script and numbers provided). Can you make 10 calls to fellow conservatives?

Live Auction & Silent: Showcase your business or an item that you would like to donate. A flyer for your business will be displayed and a special thanks delivered with winning bids.

Volunteer to help make this event successful!

Planning meeting Tuesday, April 25th at 6pm - HCGOP HQ

Please email Sabrina Hanson at secretary@orangencgop.com for information

Congratulations – At our recent OCGOP County Convention the slate of candidates nominated by committee were elected. For 2023-2025 your Executive Committee Officers are **John Gaither** – Chairman; **Edward Zapolsky** - 1st VC; **Larry Smith** - 2nd V-C; **Sabrina Hanson** – Secretary; and **James Carroll** – Treasurer.

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VP Mike Pence to speak at UNC - The Young America's Foundation along with the UNC College Republicans will be hosting former V.P. Mike Pence. The event will be held at the Carolina Union Great Hall, on Wednesday, April 26th at 7 pm. This event is free and open to the public. Tickets can be found [here](#). Please note, a ticket does not guarantee entry. Following his speech, Vice President Pence will participate in a Q&A discussion with members of the audience. If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch the event live online on the [YAftv YouTube channel](#).

Triangle Republican Women - TRW's next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, at 6:30 pm (Come early if you plan to order from the menu.) Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham. Our guest Speaker will be Martha Jenkins. Topic "All Things Legislative: Why and How to Get Involved." Call Renee Hill, TRW President at 919-880-6810 for questions. [RSVP HERE](#).

RWCH-C - Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham will host guests: Hal Weatherman, candidate in the Republican Primary for Lt. Governor, and Bill Crawford, Active Chatham County Republican. Wednesday April March 26th, 2023, at 11:30am., at the Chapel Hill Country Club, 103 Lancaster Drive.

2023 NCGOP State Convention - We will again assemble at the Joseph Koury Convention Center at the Sheraton Greensboro Four Seasons, 3121 W. Gate City Boulevard Greensboro, NC 27407. Room Reservation begins at \$175.00 in the block. For the latest details go to <https://convention.nc.gop/>

Elections have Consequences - The Easter Bunny came early this year to the NC Legislature, as former a Democrat NC House Member switched parties. Rep. Tricia Cotham, of 112 district in Mecklenburg County became a Republican. Now the Republican party hold the 72 seats required in the 120-seat House chamber to hold a veto-proof majority. Republicans had already held 30 of the 50 seats in the Senate needed to override vetoes if party members are present and voting, but until Wednesday, they were one seat shy of a similar advantage in the House following the November elections. There is also a Conservative Majority on the Sate Supreme Court. So many bills that come forward this session that can be vetoed by Democrat Governor Roy Cooper, and go back thorough the chambers and pass. The State Budget, Abortion restrictions, Voting Maps, Gender questions, and other laws are now controlled by the Republican caucus.

Election Integrity - Orange County GOP is always concerned with making sure all voters can be assured their vote counts. During the recent 2022 elections, we trained 60 Poll Observers to sit and watch the election process. These are important jobs, but observing across a room is not as vital as being behind the seat in the voting enclosure. Unfortunately we do not have enough Republicans and like minded Unaffiliated voters who can have the best view of the process. We are looking for conservatives who can serve a two year term as **Election Judges** and **Poll Workers** inside all 40 Election Precincts. Workers are paid on a scale in accordance to the Orange County employees wage scale. Orange County Board of Elections provides training. Getting involved now helps us when we retake the Governors Mansion in 2024, that we can have trained Judges in all Orange County Precincts, and more opportunity to have trained Chief Judges in all Voting sites beginning in 2025. The term runs from August 2023 to June 2025, and entails the possibilities of working the Municipal Elections this fall, the Primaries next March, any runoff elections and of course the Presidential Election in November 2024. Please [e-mail Chairman John Gaither at chair@orangencgop.com](mailto:chair@orangencgop.com), who makes recommendations to the Orange County Elections Director, Rachel Raper, to be considered for this vital and important role. **We seriously need members in the Chapel Hill and Carrboro Precincts.**

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