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Save the Dates

OCGOP Monthly Meeting – Our Next Monthly Meeting will be on Thursday January 11th, 2024 at OCGOP HQ. Meet and Greet at 6:00, and business starts at 7:00pm.

COFFEE WITH THE CHAIRMAN – Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 9:00am, OCGOP HQ.

2023 OCGOP COUNTY CONVENTION

– Saturday, March 16th, 2024 at the Whitted Human Services Center, 300 W Tryon St Room 230, Hillsborough, NC 27278. Set-up will begin at 8:00am, Check-in opens at 9:00am, Precinct Meetings begin at 9:30am, and County Convention begins at 10:00am.

4th District Town Hall – A forum between the 2 Republican Congressional Candidates will take place on Thursday, February 8th, 2024, 7:00pm at First Love Community Church, 512 US Hwy 70, Hillsborough.

4th District Convention - Final details are not available yet, but hope to have the Convention on Saturday, April 6th, 2024.

NCGOP State Convention - May 23rd to May 26th, 2024, Joseph Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC.

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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Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 11th, 2024. Guest Speakers Cindy Shirner, for Orange County School Board; AJ Doud for NC Treasurer; and Courtney Geels NC 4th Dist Chair.

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, January 11th, 6:00pm Meet and Greet and Meeting begins at 7:00pm.

WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Sq. St., Hillsborough

When Insurrection is not at Insurrection-

We have just past the 3rd anniversary of the January 6th Protest in Washington DC. There have been 1,229 citizens arrested and charged for their involvement. But one interesting fact is that not one of those charged, were charged with insurrection.

So if no one was charged with insurrection, how can the Colorado State Supreme Court, and the Maine Secretary of State take the overstep to say there was insurrection, when the person in question has not even be charged, let alone convicted of said charge. Federal Code 18 USC 2383 addresses Insurrection. The standard to prove it would to first be charged, then allow due process to take place. Present evidence to a jury, and let the jury decide. That as not taken place against the 45th President of the US, Donald J. Trump. Neither has Donald Trump brought his defense of such charges in court, mainly because he has never been charged.

My question to those advocating this question before the Supreme Court, that has accepted the question is this, “When is an Insurrection an Insurrection?”

At the end of the day, Alvin Bragg, Fani Willis, Jack Smith, the Colorado State Supreme Court and Sheena Bellow need to allow the former President his day in court, before they can even begin to think of keeping the front runner of a major political party off the ballot in the 2024 Presidential Elections. Let’s see what US Supreme Court decides after February 8th, 2024 Oral Arguments, and await their decision.

In the cause of the right.

John B. Gaither,
Chairman
OCGOP

Honor Israel Gala –

Orange County GOP Supports Israel. We want to let you have an opportunity to find out first hand what is of concern to the Jewish Community. On Sunday evening January 21st, 2024 an event is being held at the Hilton Hotel in North Durham, sponsored by We Honor Israel. The event has leading authorities sharing what is going on in Israel as well as the anti-antisemitism happening on college campuses and in the US. For more information, and to purchase tickets for the event go to www.wehonorael.com



2024 Orange County GOP Convention -

Convention will take place at the **Whitted Human Services Center, 300 W. Tryon Street, Room 230, Hillsborough, NC 27278**. Registration begins at 9:00am. Precinct meetings will begin at 9:30am and the County Convention will begin at 10:00am. Setup will be on Saturday, March 16th at 8:00am. Registration is \$10.00, and includes Credentialing (not registration) for the 4th District and State NCGOP Conventions. Students attend free. According to NCGOP POO, you have to be a registered Republican on or before January 31st, 2024, and attend the Orange County Convention to be a voting delegate at the NCGOP State Convention to be held in Greensboro, NC, May 23rd-26th, 2024 at the Joseph Koury Convention Center. The registration portal is open, please visit orange.nc.gop/county_convention for more information.

2024 4th District Town Hall -

4th District Chairman, Courtney Geels will host the 2 Republican Primary Congressional Candidates in a discussion of the Issues in the 2024 Election in concern for Conservatives. It will be held at First Love Community Church, 512 US Hwy 70 in Hillsborough. Eric Blankenburg and Mahesh Ganorkar hope to win, and be the Candidate to run against the winner of the Democratic Party Primary on March 5th, 2024, in the General Election on November 5th, 2024.

2024 NC State Primary -

The Primary Election is coming on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024. Absentee ballot by mail begin to be mailed out Friday, January 19th. Early Voting will run from Thursday February 15th through Saturday March 2nd. Voter ID will be required to vote. Many different forms are acceptable. Go to the [Orange County Board of Elections](#) and [NC State Board of Elections](#) for more details.

2024 4th District Convention -

Planned date is Saturday, April 6th, 2024, at a yet to be determined location.

2024 NCGOP State Convention -

Save The Dates for the 2024 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. Chairman Whatley has had some great surprise guest speakers in attendance in years past, and the best discounts have been for attendees to buy their tickets early, thought are not available yet.

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Will UNC finally address its Hamas problem? -

There was a time not long ago when terrorism was frowned upon. Why now are students at the University of North Carolina marching on behalf of Hamas, a recognized Islamist terrorist organization? What kind of moral confusion is sewn at UNC that leads young people to justify and support burning children alive, beheading babies, rape, kidnapping, and torture?

The answer lies in UNC's history of tolerating antisemitism, in the form of anti-Israel propaganda. Here are some examples.

In February 2019, UNC's Gillings School of Public Health hosted [Linda Sarsour](#), who has no background in public health, as keynote speaker. Sarsour is a notorious [antisemite](#) with family ties to [Hamas](#). She uses messaging blaming Israel/Jews for perceived policing issues regarding the black community. She pushes the antisemitic Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

When the Jewish community learned she would be honored at [Gillings](#), letters were written to UNC leaders, and meetings were held, to express concern. Dean Barbara Rimer claimed that since students had invited Sarsour and there is a policy against rescinding invitations, nothing could be done.

One month later, March 2019, UNC — in conjunction with Duke University — held a "Conflict Over Gaza" conference. This was an anti-Israel propaganda-fest, during which [terrorist attacks](#) on Israel launched from Gaza were ignored. There was open antisemitism, as documented by [Ami Horowitz](#).

Again there was [outcry](#) from the Jewish community. UNC interim Chancellor Kevin M. [Guskiewicz](#) claimed to be "heartbroken and deeply offended." An investigation ensued, resulting in a resolution agreement with the [US Department of Education](#). Promises were made for meaningful action, but they turned out to be meaningless.

In 2021, a new opening to attack Israel arose. Hamas shot hundreds of rockets at Jerusalem from Gaza. When Israel fought back, 110 UNC faculty signed a [document](#) siding with Hamas. Signers included Elyse Crystall, the faculty advisor for the UNC chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP).

In the fall of 2021, UNC offered a course to be taught by [Kylie Broderick](#), who uses the term "Zionist dirtbags" and promotes the antisemitic BDS campaign against Israel. A Jewish advocacy group tried to intervene, but the course moved forward as planned. Guskiewicz claimed "to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for our Jewish students" and promised to form an "advisory committee."

Since vilification of Israel is tolerated, and even taught at UNC, and since Hamas' goal is to destroy Israel by any means necessary (torturing and killing Jews), is it any surprise that faculty and students are lock step in supporting the terrorist organization?

When Hamas and Gazans attacked Israelis on Oct. 7, did students show compassion for the victims? No. They turned out to support the terrorist perpetrators.

On Oct. 12, UNC students, led by English professor and SJP advisor Crystall, held a rally in support of Hamas on campus. Megaphone in hand, Crystall falsely denied Jewish connection to the land of Israel. Students yelled "Israel is a terrorist state" and "[all of us \[are\] Hamas](#)."

UNC SJP then launched an antisemitic BDS [campaign](#). This was followed by another pro-Hamas rally on Nov. 17. Faculty did not show themselves this time. Students were told to wear masks, thus hiding their identity. They stormed the administrative building and [blocked the doors](#) yelling slogans like "[Long live the intifada](#)" — the call for killing Jews.

Any American who lived through the 9/11 Islamic terrorist attacks is shocked to see the support for such attacks now on campus. What poison is fed to students at UNC that they have taken such a turn? Do NC taxpayers want to fund this?

It's time for UNC leaders to excise the moral rot in its system. No more empty words. It's time for real action.

Guest Commentary by *Amy Rosenthal*. This article originally published in the Carolina Journal.

