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Save the Dates

AIER Harwood Salon

Wed, Oct 8, 6:00pm
MacGregor Downs CC
430 St. Andrews Lane, Cary

Triangle Republican Women

Wed, Oct 8, 6:30pm
Mayflower Seafood Restaurant
3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Thurs, Oct 9, at 7pm
OCGOP HQ

RWCH-Chatham

Thurs, Oct 23, 11:30am
Governors Club
11000 Governors Dr
Chapel Hill

BBQ & Bluegrass Fundraiser

Sat, Oct 25, 11am – 2pm
Exchange Club Park
Hillsborough

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Thurs, Nov 13, at 7pm
OCGOP HQ

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 orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

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

Questions? Email us at info@orangencgop.com

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Office Hours
M, W, F 12pm–2pm

OCGOP Monthly Meeting



Given the passage of HB 805 this summer, our topic will be Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. We will hear an update on the state of education in our schools from a couple of our Chapel Hill precinct chairs who researched and attended some recent School Board meetings and forums to learn how our educators plan to comply (or not!) with the requirements of the new law.

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, Oct 9, 7:00pm

WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St, Hillsborough

Get your tickets NOW for our big, beautiful BBQ & Bluegrass fundraiser!

Please join us on **Saturday, October 25, from 11am to 2pm** for our 7th annual BBQ & Bluegrass Festival and have some toe-tapping fun with your conservative friends!



Enjoy some delicious, mouth-watering food catered by Gillis BBQ, with bluegrass music provided by the Carolina Heelsplitters. Doors open at 11:00 am with lunch served at 12:00 noon. The event will take place at the Exchange Club Park, 331 Exchange Park Lane, in Hillsborough, rain or shine. (In the event of rain, we will be inside the Exchange Club Building.) There will also be a 50/50 raffle for those who wish to try their luck at going home with a little extra cash! Visit orange.nc.gop/bbq for an event flyer you can download to print and share with family and friends.

NC Supreme Court Justice Trey Allen will share some lessons from the Constitution. We will also hear about the conservative slate of judicial candidates running in next year's midterm elections, including NC Supreme Court candidate Sarah Stevens. Come hear what is at stake in next year's midterms!

The deadline for ticket purchases is **Friday, October 17**. If you'd rather purchase a paper ticket, or would like a packet of tickets to sell to your friends and neighbors, please email us at info@orangencgop.com and we will make arrangements to meet you at the OCGOP office for your tickets.

Please help us support conservative candidates by buying your tickets or a sponsorship today!

TICKET & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPONSOR LEVEL PRICE

- Gold Patron includes 8 tickets \$500
- Silver Patron includes 4 tickets \$250

TICKETS PRICE

- Single \$40
- Couples \$70
- Student \$25
- Under 12 Free

Can't make it to the BBQ this year? You can still buy raffle tickets to support OCGOP! Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at our monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9 and are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. You do not need to be present to win.

We are also looking for volunteers to help plan and run this event, so please email us at info@orangencgop.com if you can assist. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated!

Executive Committee Update

Our quarterly Executive Committee meeting was held on Saturday, Sept. 20. Main business items included:

- **Election of 2nd Vice Chair:** Congratulations to Amy Rosenthal, who was elected 2nd Vice Chair. This key role oversees precinct development, and we look forward to working with Amy.
- **Election of 4th District At-Large:** Election for this role was postponed to December. Anyone interested in being nominated for this role should contact Larry by **Friday, December 5**. The election will be held Dec. 11.
- **Open Leadership Roles:** Volunteers needed, especially for fundraising and outreach event coordinators, plus law enforcement outreach, Hispanic outreach, and college Republican liaison. Contact Larry if interested.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Kevin announced the formation of a Finance Committee currently working to establish spending policies. Spending delegations were approved for office, events, and merchandise expenses. The committee will report back on campaign/voter outreach delegations at the next meeting.
- **Vice-Chairman's Report:** Earl provided an update on the March Orange County School Board race: four open seats, three incumbents running. Filing deadline in December. Early Voting begins Feb. 15. The GOTV campaign will be discussed at the December meeting once we know which candidates have filed.
- **Precinct Development:** Larry announced the appointment of Winona Lawson as Efland Precinct Chair.
- **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Thu, Dec 11, 7 PM, OCGOP HQ.

Precinct Chair Meeting Recap

Thanks to all the Precinct Chairs who were able to attend our Precinct Chair meeting on Sept. 20! Key points from the meeting:

- **Objectives:** Our main objective through the end of this year and into next is to grow precinct contacts and volunteer lists through calls, door knocking, letters, or other outreach. The goal is to build our teams over the coming months in anticipation of the March primaries.
- **Resources:** Each precinct chair received a binder with call lists, stats, and other resources to enable chairs to start building their team. For those who missed the meeting, please reply to this email and let us know when you can pick up your binder at the OCGOP office.
 - If you're unable to continue as precinct chair, please help find a replacement or let us know so we can recruit one.
- **Open Precincts:** We have a number of open precincts that currently have no chair. If you know someone interested in grassroots organizing, encourage them to get involved or share their name with us.
- **Stay Engaged:** Attend monthly meetings and bring a new person from your precinct.

Congratulations, Martha!

Please join us in congratulating Martha Jenkins on her election as President of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) at last weekend's Biennial Convention. Orange County GOP is proud to have Martha represent Republican women at the national level, and we know she will be a great leader.

We wish Martha the best of luck as she takes on this new role!



Durham GOP News

Tickets are still on sale through October 31 for Durham GOP's "30-30" Gun Raffle coming up in November. There will be 30 winners over 30 days. Tickets cost \$30 each or \$100 for four tickets. Ticket numbers range from 001 to 999 and the winner each day is based on the NC "Pick 3" DAYTIME lottery. Each ticket provides you thirty chances to win!

Check the Durham GOP website for the November gun calendar or to purchase your tickets online. Or you may contact Doug Wingate at dougwingate125@gmail.com or via text message at (919) 730-2008. Doug will respond quickly to work out a time and place to meet and let you pick your numbers.

Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham

The Republican Women of CH-C will host their next monthly luncheon on **Thursday, October 23, at 11:30am** at the Governor's Club. Speakers will be Orange County GOP Chair Larry Smith and Chatham County GOP Chair Joe Godfrey, who will share how members can help the GOP cause in their respective counties. RSVP by midnight on Sunday, Oct. 19.

Also, **Chatham GOP** will host keynote speaker Scott Walter, President of the Capital Research Center, at their Reagan Day Dinner on **Saturday, October 11**. Political commentator Kim Klacik will also speak. This is sure to be a great event so grab a ticket at chathamncgop.com if you'd like to support our neighbors to the south in their effort to elect conservatives in Chatham County.

Triangle Republican Women (TRW)

The next monthly meeting of TRW will be on **Wednesday, October 8, at 6:30pm** at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham. Sarah Stevens, candidate for NC Supreme Court in the 2026 midterms, will speak. RSVP by Monday, October 6, to trianglerepublicanwomen@gmail.com.

American Institute for Economic Research (AIER)

Join AIER for a Harwood Salon in Raleigh on **Wednesday, October 8**, at 6:00 pm for an engaging, conversational program with Daniel Garza, President of The LIBRE Initiative, who will share his remarkable personal story, introduce the vision and work of LIBRE, and highlight the organization's efforts in North Carolina. He will also examine why Latinos are breaking more unevenly than other demographic groups and how these shifts reflect a growing openness to the ideas of economic liberty.

Registration **required by October 5** at <https://aier.org/event/inheritors-of-the-american-revolution>. Event is free for first-time attendees. Return guests are asked for a suggested \$25 tax-deductible donation to help defray the cost of the venue (MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary).

AIER's Harwood Salons bring together people for discussions on topics like personal freedom, free enterprise, property rights, limited government, and sound money.

Anyone interested in carpooling from Orange County should email OCGOP member George Abell at roegeorge@earthlink.net to join the group that departs from his home in Hillsborough at 4:30 pm for the drive to Cary.

Office Help Needed!

Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week to help keep the office open? We need volunteers to help staff our headquarters, especially as we head toward election season. Our schedule is flexible, so preferences for daytime, evening, or weekend hours can be accommodated and training will be provided.

This is a great opportunity if you enjoy interfacing with the public and serving as a resource for conservatives in Orange County. If interested, please email us at info@orangencgop.com and we can provide further information.

