



# ORANGE GOP

Your Orange County Conservative News

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## Save the Dates

**Triangle Republican Women**  
Wed, June 10, 6:30pm  
Mayflower Seafood Restaurant  
3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham

**NCGOP State Convention**  
June 11-14, Joseph Koury  
Convention Ctr., Greensboro

**OCGOP Exec Comm Meeting**  
Tues, June 23, at 6:30pm  
OCGOP HQ

**RWCH-Chatham**  
Thurs, June 25, 11:30am  
Governors Club, 11000  
Governors Dr, Chapel Hill

**OCGOP "America 250"  
Open House**  
Thurs, July 9, 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](https://orange.nc.gop/volunteer).

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

Questions? Email us at [info@orangencgop.com](mailto:info@orangencgop.com)

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M, W, F 12pm–2pm

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Summer!</i></p> <p>Summer has arrived! Due to summer vacation schedules and the NCGOP state convention, there will be no regular monthly meeting in June.</p> <p>There will, however, be an Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 23, for officers and precinct chairs.</p> <p>See next page for details!</p> <p><b>WHAT:</b> OCGOP Executive Committee Meeting <b>WHEN:</b> Tuesday, June 23, 7:00pm <b>WHERE:</b> OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St, Hillsborough</p>
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## Chairman's Corner

I have been working my way through the first 5 books of the Bible over the last couple of months and it was on Memorial Day that I read this in Deuteronomy 4:7-9:

<sup>7</sup> “For what great nation *is there* that has God<sup>[a]</sup> so near to it, as the Lord our God *is* to us, for whatever *reason* we may call upon Him?  
<sup>8</sup> And what great nation *is there* that has *such* statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? <sup>9</sup> Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,

I began to reflect on the greatness of our nation and those who have died to protect the freedoms that come first from God himself, not from government. I’m concerned that we have done the very thing that Moses warned the nation of Israel not to do, that is, forget our past and the cost of freedom. That we forget the Biblical foundations and morals that our nation was founded on. The ideas of family and decency.

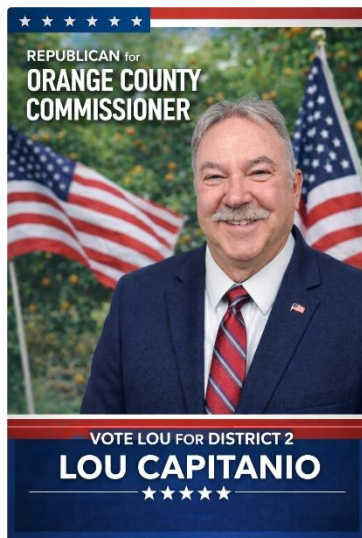
We hear at every election that this is the most important election of our lifetime. I think that may be true of every election going forward. It is in these elections and future elections that we will continue to keep our borders closed, our girls safe, and criminals in jail, **but only if we turn out to vote**. Over the next several months, several of us will be working to get out the vote. I hope you will join us.

Remember the words of Ronald Reagan. “Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction. We didn’t pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.” Sounds like both Moses and Ronald Reagan are trying to tell us something. Let’s get busy!

Standing for Freedom!

*Larry C. Smith*  
Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

## Candidate Corner



Meet Lou Capitanio, our Republican candidate for County Commissioner in District 2.

Lou is not your typical politician! He has owned and operated a firearms store, has been a heavy equipment mechanic, including extensive experience in tractor trailer repair, and spent close to 10 years with Cadillac Motors.

Lou has been married 34 years and has 2 kids, a horse, and 2 dogs. In his spare time, he loves horseback riding and trap shooting.

When it comes to policy issues, Lou is for what he calls "common-sense government." He is focused on lowering property taxes, and aims to reduce the tax burden on residents through development of small industrial sites in the county.

Another goal of Lou's is to end the corruption and wasteful spending he has seen firsthand in Orange County government. It's past time to put a Republican on the Board of County Commissioners to bring an alternate viewpoint to Board discussions and priorities!

For more information or to support Lou's campaign, please visit <https://www.electloudistrict2.com/> or email him at [electloudistrict2@gmail.com](mailto:electloudistrict2@gmail.com).

## Executive Committee Meeting: GOTV Starts Now!

Calling all officers and precinct chairs! Please mark your calendar for our next quarterly Executive Committee meeting on **Tuesday, June 23, at 6:30pm** at OCGOP Headquarters. [NOTE: This date has been rescheduled from its original date of June 16.]

This will be a working meeting to discuss our Get-Out-The-Vote plan for the upcoming election season. This plan will include phone banking, door knocking, as well as a few new tactics, so precinct chairs should come prepared with their precinct binders.

Anyone with items for discussion they would like to add to the agenda should submit them to the OCGOP Secretary at [secretary@orangencgop.com](mailto:secretary@orangencgop.com) **by Tuesday, June 16**. A final agenda with more information will be emailed to Executive Committee members as the date nears.

Note that, due to the State Convention, there will be no regular monthly meeting in June.

## STOP! And read this...Do not pass GO! Do not collect \$200!

We are now just a few months out from the start of absentee voting by mail. There is a lot of work to be done in those few months to educate voters on our candidates and to Get Out The Vote. Will you help us?

We need volunteers who are willing to make phone calls, knock doors, and serve as poll greeters. We need volunteers who are willing to work inside the polls either as poll observers or election workers. And we need people to staff the office. We particularly need volunteers in our Cheeks and Grady Brown precincts to help reinforce our precinct chairs in these Republican strongholds. (Note: Training will be provided.)

**We cannot get Republicans elected if people are not willing to step up and do the work to make it happen!**

So if you are willing and able to help, please email us at [info@orangencgop.com](mailto:info@orangencgop.com) and let us know your area(s) of interest. We greatly appreciate it and look forward to hearing from you!



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## Last Call for NCGOP State Convention

The NC Republican Party State Convention will be held **June 11-14, 2026**, at the Koury Convention Center, 3121 West Gate City Blvd., in Greensboro, NC.

The main business sessions will be held on Friday and Saturday. If you plan to attend, you must register in advance. Base registration is \$75.

The website to register for the state convention may be found at <https://www.ncgopconvention.org/>.

**Reminder: Each Delegate must register individually** in advance for the State Convention if planning to attend. If you are not a Delegate, you can register to attend as a non-voting guest.

## Save the Date: "America 250" Open House Celebration



Mark your calendars for our Open House celebration of America's 250th birthday on **Thursday, July 9, at 7 PM** at the OCGOP office.

In lieu of our regular monthly meeting, we will celebrate our nation's birthday and enjoy time with our conservative friends and neighbors in Open House fashion. So feel free to stop in when it's convenient and stay as long (or little) as you like!

Are you curious about getting involved in the Orange County Republican Party? Want to meet some of the candidates who are running in the November election? This is a great opportunity to stop by, see what we're all about, and meet the people who hope to earn your vote.

Desserts and beverages provided. Patriotic clothing encouraged, so put on your red, white & blue and stop by with a friend!

## Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham

The Republican Women of CH-C will host their next monthly luncheon on **Thursday, June 25, at 11:30am** at the Governor's Club. RSVP by midnight on Sunday, June 21.

Several local candidates will be featured at the meeting, so please check their Facebook page for details. In addition, RWCHC will continue collecting new or gently used household items for Military Missions in Action to help get Veterans set up in new housing.

## Triangle Republican Women (TRW)

The next monthly meeting of TRW will be on **Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30pm** at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham. RSVP by Monday, June 8, to [trianglerеспублиcanwomen@gmail.com](mailto:trianglerеспублиcanwomen@gmail.com). Come early if you plan to eat so you can order.

There will be a visit from John Penn as part of TRW's continuing "America 250!" celebration.

Renewals for 2026 are still being accepted. Membership applications are available.

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