



ORANGE GOP

Your Orange County Conservative News

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Save the Dates

OCGOP "America 250" Open House
Thurs, July 9, at 7pm
OCGOP HQ

RWCH-Chatham
No July Meeting
Governors Club
11000 Governors Dr
Chapel Hill

Triangle Republican Women
No July Meeting
Mayflower Seafood Restaurant
3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham

Ice Cream Social
Sun, Aug 9, 2-4pm
OCGOP HQ

OCGOP Monthly Meeting
Thurs, Aug 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@orangengop.com

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Office Hours
M, W, F 12pm-2pm

	<p style="text-align: center;">America 250 Open House</p> <p>You are invited to join us for our "America 250" Open House!</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Desserts and beverages will be provided. Patriotic clothing encouraged, so put on your red, white & blue and stop by with a friend! RSVP helpful but not required.</p> <p>WHAT: OCGOP "America 250" Open House WHEN: Thursday, July 9, 7:00pm WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St, Hillsborough</p>
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Chairman's Corner

During the convention in Greensboro this year, Chairman Jason Simmons stated, "As we approach the election this year, everything other than turning out the vote and getting Republicans elected is just noise."

I agree with that statement. We have a lot of "noise" happening over the next several months. We have our open house on July 9 at the office. I hope you will come out in fellowship with your fellow Republicans. Michael Byrne, candidate for the Court of Appeals, has indicated that he will join us. We have Hillsborough Hog Day in September and some other outreaches planned. However, the primary mission for our party is to get out the vote and elect Republican candidates.

We have an excellent easy-to-follow plan that we will present at the August meeting. I hope you will attend that meeting and see where you fit into this plan. We hear it a lot, but this is a very critical election; not only will we decide if we keep Roy Cooper from the US Senate, but there are several judges on the ballot as well as many local candidates. We must vote down the entire ballot and tell our friends and family to vote the entire ballot.

As we prepare as a nation to celebrate 250 years, let's come together as Republicans and work for our values. I can assure you that the Democrats are! I see socialism creeping in more and more and nothing will destroy our nation faster than that cancer. It is up to us to stop it. Over the next several months, let's work through the noise and get to the goal: Keeping North Carolina Red!

Standing for Freedom!

Larry C. Smith
Chairman
Orange County Republican Party

Introducing the Patriot Club

Orange County Republicans are outnumbered at the ballot box. Republicans make up just 11.9% of active registered voters in our county, which means every dollar we raise has to work harder than ever heading into November.

That's why, this week, on the eve of America's 250th birthday, we're launching the Patriot Club: a simple, four-level giving program built to fund our fall Get Out The Vote push.

- Sustaining Patriot — \$20.26/month, recurring
- Patriot — \$250
- Patriot Plus — \$500
- Founding Patriot — \$1,000

A \$250 gift funds about 5,000 GOTV text messages. \$500 covers printing and postage for 125 pieces of our second mailer, which reaches Unaffiliated voters who lean Republican. \$1,000 funds two full days of door-knocking in our highest-priority precincts.

Our goal is \$3,000 — the minimum needed to fund this fall's mail, texting, and canvassing program. Every gift gets us closer, and early momentum is what lets us plan ahead for the later stages of the campaign.



Join the Patriot Club today using the payment link at orange.nc.gov/patriot_club or this QR code. Prefer to give in person? Stop by our America 250 Celebration Open House on **July 9** and we'll tell you more about it.

Every vote matters. Every dollar gets us closer to turning them out. Thank you for stepping up for Orange County.



Candidate Corner



Our friend from Caswell County, **Laura Pichardo**, is running for State Senate-District 23, which covers Orange, Person, and Caswell counties.

Laura has been working in accounts payable and business administration for the past 17 years since she was 17. She has worked in both small business and in corporate America, and is a small business advocate and community leader. As our Republican candidate, she is committed to bringing practical, people-focused solutions to Raleigh.

Laura is also a Catholic Kindergarten teacher on Sundays, and says it's her favorite part of the week!

One of Laura's top policy priorities is strengthening rural and urban healthcare access so families can get the care they need close to home. Another priority is protecting homeowners by keeping property taxes low to prevent families from being taxed out of their homes. Finally, Laura is fighting for smarter policies that reduce costs and make North Carolina more affordable for working families.

For more information or to support Laura's campaign, please visit <https://pichardonc.com>.

OCGOP Needs You: Volunteers are the Engine of Our Get Out The Vote Effort

This November, every Orange County precinct matters — and our success depends on volunteers like you. As we build out our Get Out the Vote operation for the fall, we need help across every role: phone banking, door knocking, poll greeting, poll observing, event staffing, and office support.

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Whether you have two hours or twenty, there's a place for you. Phone banking runs through an app on your phone; it's easy to learn, and you can do it from home. Door knocking puts you face-to-face with neighbors who need to hear why this election matters. Or staffing one of our community outreach events — like the Mebane Farmers Market or Hog Day in Hillsborough — is a great low-pressure way to get involved.

High Priority Areas: The northern half of our county is a top priority for our outreach this cycle, especially the Cheeks and Grady Brown precincts. If you live in any of the northern precincts, we'd love your help building our presence there, but we have roles for everyone no matter where you reside in Orange County.

Sign up now at orange.nc.gov/volunteer to volunteer before our **August 13th Monthly Meeting**, where we'll provide hands-on GOTV training. Not ready to commit? Stop by our America 250 Open House or come to the August meeting anyway to learn more — no experience required.

Let's win Orange County together.



A Look Ahead to August: Hands-On GOTV Training

Want to know exactly what it takes to win a precinct this fall? Join us August 13 and find out.

Our August meeting will be built around hands-on GOTV training. We'll walk through canvassing walk-list protocol, train on our free Pulsar phone-banking platform, and plan team assignments heading into the fall push.

Not interested in canvassing? Come anyway. We're also signing up poll greeters and poll observers for early voting and Election Day, plus office volunteers to help with day-to-day tasks all season. Whatever role fits you, this is the night to find it.

So plan to join us **Thursday, August 13, at 7pm**. Bring a friend who's ready to help in any capacity.

Action Alert: Two Education Bills Need Your Support

Many of you know that the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools are notorious for refusing to follow state law regarding parental rights. To keep them and other rogue school districts in line in protecting children, Majority Leader Brenden Jones has introduced the CHCCS Act. While this is meant to dishonor the CHCCS school district, the initials actually stand for Curriculum, Honesty, Compliance and Child Safety Act, HB 1043. We are asking readers to support this bill and HB 636, Promoting Wholesome Content for Students, by calling the state representatives and senators as listed on [this attachment](#).

Thank you for taking action to protect children in North Carolina!

Inventing Palestine, by Amy Rosenthal

The decades-long movement to eliminate the history of Jews in Israel and replace it with a false "Palestinian" one has come to fruition. We see it in all the people who believe that Palestine exists. We see it in those who believe there is a unique Muslim "Palestinian people" and that Jews stole their land. The lies of Palestinian-ism are the foundation for so much of the hatred against Jews and Israel that surrounds us today.

The erasure of historical truth came about so slowly that most people didn't notice. Now even the Jewish community, and major Jewish organizations, not only go along with the Palestinian lie-- they internalize and promote it.

It's time to set the record straight. This can be challenging since the Palestinian contrivance is so embedded in our society and culture. Fear of being called an Islamophobe should not stop anyone from speaking the truth. Those in support of Palestinian-ism claim their 1st amendment rights and so should we.

Editor's Note: For a deeper exploration of the history, please check out Amy's article published in American Thinker, titled [Inventing Palestine](#), by visiting https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2026/06/inventing_palestine.html.

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Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham

The Republican Women of CH-C will not be meeting in July due to summer vacation.
Please check their Facebook page during summer to stay up to date on club activities.

Triangle Republican Women (TRW)

TRW will be on summer break in July and will not meet. Their next meeting will be August 12.
Email trianglerepublicanwomen@gmail.com if you have any questions.

