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# THE RNC800!

## Newsletter of the Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure (CRASS)

Hey everyone! Welcome to the third edition of the CRASS newsletter! Check out the amazing array of information below. And remember...

**WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!**

**Next CRASS General Arrestee Meeting:  
Sunday, December 7th, 1:30pm  
Hosmer Library Meeting Room in Minneapolis**

**Next CRASS Spokescouncil:  
Sunday, December 7th, 12:00-1:30pm  
Hosmer Library Meeting Room**

**We will spend part of the next General Arrestee Meeting planning actions  
in December, including the December 13  
Day of Action in Solidarity with RNC Arrestees**

## WISH SUSAN GAERTNER AN UNHAPPY BIRTHDAY: RALLY & DANCE PARTY TO DROP THE CHARGES!!!

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2008  
Time: 4:30pm - 7:00pm  
Location: The Minneapolis Club  
Street: 729 Second Avenue South  
City/Town: Minneapolis, MN

On Tuesday, December 2nd, Susan Gaertner is holding a fundraiser for her 2010 DFL campaign for Governor. It also happens to be her birthday. As the lead prosecutor for the 18 felony cases which stem from the RNC, including the cases of Dave Mahoney and the RNC 8, let's remind her of the political repercussions of trying these cases! If Susan Gaertner wants to continue carrying out these prosecutions that are threatening to ruin lives and our communities, we'll ruin her campaign for governor!

And most importantly, we're still here and still fighting, even after many of us experienced intense state repression in such a firsthand way at the RNC. Let's continue having fun and keep our spirits high, while not forgetting what brought us here in the first place. We've been keeping solidarity going in the courts-- lets carry it into the streets and shake off the legal system's icy grip on our community and the winter cold outta our booties!

A dance party/rally has been planned outside her private fundraiser. If you want the charges dropped for the 18 folks facing felonies, make it known to Susan and all her supporters that her political endeavors will never succeed with her prosecution of RNC arrestees on her record.

Come to the corner of 2nd Ave and 8th St in Downtown Minneapolis at 5 PM TUESDAY DECEMBER 2ND dressed warmly and ready to get down. Bring your loudest and dancing-est friends.

NO PEACE FOR THE WICKED!

## CRASS WORKING GROUP UPDATES

**Court Solidarity/Outreach/Media/Pressure:** Last week we met together to strategize around the actions that have been planned for December, including the unhappy birthday dance party for Susan Gaertner this Tuesday. Come to the next General Assembly to hear updates about this and other actions.

We are also coordinating FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests to determine the extent of government spying on activist groups involved in the RNC.

Want to get involved with us?

Court Solidarity: [rnccourtwatch@gmail.com](mailto:rnccourtwatch@gmail.com)

Outreach: [rnc08outreach@riseup.net](mailto:rnc08outreach@riseup.net)

Media: [rnc08media@gmail.com](mailto:rnc08media@gmail.com)

Pressure: [rnc08pressure@lists.riseup.net](mailto:rnc08pressure@lists.riseup.net)

**Courtwatch:** Right now, we have at least 35 trials scheduled for the week of December 15. The state has to declare its intention to either move cases to trial or to drop charges tomorrow. Although we expect some of these cases to be dropped tomorrow, we still need court watchers! Email us at [RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com](mailto:RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com) to get involved. Or join us at our meetings on Tuesday nights in the Coldsnap office; email for directions.

**Felony Support:** There are several events coming up the week of December 8, including Dave Mahoney's pre-trial hearing and Joe Robinson's sentencing - both on December 12. Both Dave and Joe need your support in the courts. People will be at the Ramsey County Courthouse to direct you to their courtrooms. See you in the courtroom! You can contact us at [rnc08felonies@riseup.net](mailto:rnc08felonies@riseup.net) or check out our little space on the web at <http://rnc08arrestees.wordpress.com/arrestees/felony-info-and-support>.

**Fundraising:** Our benefit show at the Bedlam last Saturday was a success. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to show support and contribute to the RNC 8 and CRASS. We've also got t-shirts in the works. Details to come! We always need volunteers, so e-mail [rnc08fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:rnc08fundraising@gmail.com) if you want to hang out with us. Or stop by a weekly meeting: every Thursday, 6pm, Caffetto (22nd and Lyndale Ave).

**Hospitality:** Helping arrestees survive their stay in the Twin Cities while fighting court charges. Offer housing or find some for yourself at [www.nornc.org/stay](http://www.nornc.org/stay). Coming into town to fight your charges? Need help paying for your travel? Apply for funding through the Travel Fund at <http://www.rncaftermath.org>. So far, we've helped several arrestees pay for travel to the Twin Cities to fight their charges. We'd love to help you too! E-mail [rnc08hospitality@riseup.net](mailto:rnc08hospitality@riseup.net) for more info.

**The Zine Project:** We have some great interview questions for arrestees and for people volunteering their time with CRASS, and we want to interview you! Please, don't make us beg. Instead, email [crasszine@riseup.net](mailto:crasszine@riseup.net) and we'll set up an interview with you. We want to make sure we're capturing people's experiences as they happen, so interviews are essential. To get involved in this and other sweet projects, join us at our next meeting! They're every Wednesday at 6:30pm at 2nd Moon Cafe in Minneapolis. Email us for more info. And you don't have to live in Minneapolis to be part of this project--email us to get involved.

## OTHER GROUPS AND THINGS

**The Spokescouncil:** The spokescouncil is made up of the bottomliners from each of the working groups, and is also open to anyone who wants to be involved. We plan the agenda for the general meetings, share information between the working groups, and formulate proposals to bring to the general meetings. We meet every Sunday, and the time and location of our meetings is posted on <http://www.rncaftermath.org>.

**RNC 8:** The RNC 8, Luce Guillen-Givins, Max Specktor, Nathanael Secor, Eryn Trimmer, Monica Bicking, Erik Oseland, Robert Czernik and Garrett Fitzgerald are still being charged with Conspiracy to Riot in the Second Degree in the furtherance of Terrorism. They have encountered support around every corner and are doing well. They are grateful of all the fundraising that has happened thus far. There has been a steady amount of money

coming in. Despite all the help, they are still in need of a lot more money to cover the many legal costs. To get up to date information about the case, check out their website at <http://RNC8.org>.

**Coldsnap:** Coldsnap has a regular schedule for open office hours for December. Email [coldsnapoffice@gmail.com](mailto:coldsnapoffice@gmail.com) if you want to volunteer! And don't forget that the jail support hotline number--651.356.8635--is always open for your jail support needs. If you have general questions, please call during normal daylight hours.

## **RANDOM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If you have local RNC-related events going on in your community, email us and we will include them in this section of our newsletter.*

**Artists Needed:** Are you an artist? The fundraising group has one kick ass design for fundraising t-shirts but could use some more. Send in a design to [RNCfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:RNCfundraising@gmail.com)

**Pretty Please:** *This is our oh-so-clever section for volunteer requests and general begging.*

Please give us your money at <http://www.rncaftermath.org>.

Please volunteer to work in the office at [coldsnapoffice@gmail.com](mailto:coldsnapoffice@gmail.com).

Please give us free office supplies (especially printer paper).

Please fight your charges.

### **How to Contact Us**

<http://www.rncaftermath.org>

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Send checks, courtwatch forms, and inspirational messages to CRASS c/o Coldsnap- P.O. Box 50514, Minneapolis, MN 55405

Coldsnap jail support hotline: 651.356.8635

CRASS working groups: Contact info is in their blurbs.

**Yay! You made it all the way to the bottom of our fabulous newsletter. Thanks and way to go! Send us feedback and suggestions. We're here for you.**

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