



J-J Dinner

Friday, July 11

DON'T MISS OUT

eat, drink, schmooze



Democratic Values in Action is looking for some serial cereal. It's all explained on page three.

And don't forget the goal:

80 in '08!

GOP missing from local ballot

The Arlington ballot for the fall looks quite sparse, with the Republican Party taking a pass on all three county posts up for election and only a solitary Green Party candidate seeking a local office.

The deadline for candidates to file their ballot papers was June 10.

For the County Board, Republican Mike McMenamin and Green Josh Ruebner both ran in 2006 and 2007. But both bowed out this time. This year, incumbent Democrat **Barbara Favola** will face John Reeder of the Green Party—but no Republican.

For the two School Board seats, the only filers were Democratic endorsees **Libby Garvey** and

Emma Violand-Sanchez. So, they are already home free.

In the House race, Ron Fisher qualified as an Independent Green (which is different from the Green Party) to face Dem **Jim Moran** and GOPer Mark Ellmore.

For the U.S. Senate seat, Glenda Gail Parker qualified as an Independent Green to face Dem **Mark Warner** and Republican James Gilmore.

Candidates for the presidency have until August 22 to get on the ballot.

There will be no state constitutional amendments on the ballot this year; the County Board will determine the local bond issues in July.

J-J tickets sell like hotcakes

If you haven't ordered your tickets for this year's Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, you had better hurry! The date is almost upon us—**Friday, July 11th**—and the event has sold out the past two years.

The Jefferson-Jackson Dinner is a party tradition dating back to the 1820s, when it was the Jefferson Day Dinner. In cities, counties and states across the country, it is the premier party event for raising funds, roasting opponents and schmoozing.

Featured guests at Arlington's dinner this year will be keynoter Governor Tim Kaine and U.S. Representative Jim Moran. Senator Jim Webb has also been invited to speak.

Both Kaine and Webb have been widely mentioned as potential running mates for presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama. Kaine serves as co-chair of the Obama campaign and was the first governor to support him.

This year's JJ Dinner will be held at the same place as last year's—the Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel in Ballston. The address is 801 North Glebe Road but the entrance is on Vermont Avenue just off Glebe. Valet parking is available or you may park in the public garage just up Vermont and right off Fairfax Drive.

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Moran wins 'stealth' primary

The classic complaint about party caucuses is that too few people vote, but the May School Board Caucus actually drew 13 percent more Arlington voters than turned out for the Democratic congressional "stealth" primary June 10.

Rep. **Jim Moran** easily won the primary in Arlington with 86 percent of the vote to 14 percent for challenger **Matthew Famiglietti**.

But the total Arlington turnout in the Democratic primary was just 3,931 voters, as opposed to 4,425 voters in the School Board Caucus one month earlier.

Looking at the Eighth Congressional District as a whole, Moran won 87 percent of the vote and

cruised to victory.

The GOP held a primary the same day to pick an opponent for Moran. That primary was hotly contested so there was reason for a hefty Republican turnout. But only 5,870 Republicans voted in the Eighth District, not even half the 13,580 Democrats who turned out—districtwide—for their primary that had created little buzz.

The Republican nominee is Mark Ellmore, who won Fairfax County, Falls Church and Alexandria, but who lost Arlington to Amit Singh 47 percent to 53 percent. District-wide, Ellmore won with 56 percent.

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Report from Chairman Peter Rousselot

In Arlington, it's 80 in '08

The Arlington County Democratic Committee has set a goal of getting 80 percent of the November vote in Arlington for Barack Obama and Mark Warner, providing each with a huge margin of victory in Arlington to power them to victory in Virginia. Our goal requires us essentially to double the margin of victory in Arlington that John Kerry obtained in 2004.

Can we do it? **Yes we can!!** Here's how.

We plan to increase the Presidential election turnout in Arlington from the 95,219 recorded in 2004 to at least 105,000—an increase in turnout of about 10 percent. Our 105,000 minimum turnout target represents 77.7 percent of the 135,000 voters registered in Arlington as of May 1. However, several thousand of the voters on the rolls as of that date have been registered for many years, and have *never* voted in any Arlington election. When these voters are excluded from the registered voter totals, our minimum turnout target of 105,000 voters actually exceeds 80 percent of the voter pool.

Our 80 percent goal translates into 84,000 Democratic votes for the top of our ticket. Achieving that goal will leave 21,000 votes for John McSame and any stray inde-

pendent party candidates, providing Obama and Warner with a 63,000-vote cushion coming out of Arlington.

How does this compare with 2004? Kerry received 63,987 votes in Arlington, while Bush and the stray independents got 31,232, giving Kerry a margin of 32,755. How can we possibly almost double Kerry's Arlington margin? Here are some of the major factors that convince us **we can** do it:

- In the February Presidential Primary, 83 percent of Arlington voters selected the Democratic ballot, leaving the Republicans with only 17%. The 44,694 people who voted Democratic in that primary exceeded by almost 15,000 the entire turnout for all political parties in the 2007 general election in Arlington. Taken together, these statistics suggest a whopping amount of enthusiasm in Arlington for our Democratic candidates, and a huge amount of disillusionment in Arlington with the Republican Party. Bush and the stray independents got 33 percent of the Arlington vote in 2004, but McSame and the other GOP Presidential candidates got only 17 percent of the Arlington vote in the 2008 Presidential Primary. Thus, the GOP share of

the Arlington vote was cut in half.

- For the first time in memory, a Democratic presidential campaign has made Virginia a top-tier battleground state, and is going to devote the unprecedented financial resources that come with that designation. On top of that, the Obama presidential campaign has more resources to devote everywhere in the United States than any other Democratic campaign in our memories. As a pacesetter Democratic Committee in Virginia, the Arlington County Democratic Committee plans to work closely with the Obama for President Campaign, the Mark Warner for Senate Campaign, the 2008 Virginia Coordinated Campaign, the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, other local Democratic committees, the progressive blogosphere, and all other interested partners to be sure that all of these resources are carefully coordinated and targeted to their best advantage in Arlington and in Virginia as a whole.

- The Obama for President Campaign is planning a massive voter registration drive in Arlington and across Virginia between now and the registration cut-off date of October 6. We believe over 95 percent of these new registrants will vote Democratic.

- The Republican Party of Virginia is in total disarray as a result of the bitterly contested state Convention "victories" of Jim Gilmore and Jeff Frederick. In light of the disastrous fiscal policies of the Gilmore Administration and their impacts in Arlington, combined with the wildly right wing agenda of Jeff Frederick, large segments of Arlington Republican voters are very disillusioned with the VA GOP brand. This will lead many to vote for Obama and Warner, while others will just stay home.

- The Iraq war is bitterly unpopular in Arlington, and John McSame has literally embraced both George Bush and his Iraq war policies. Again, this heavily publicized factor will lead many Arlington GOP voters to vote for Obama and Warner or stay home.

When all the above factors are combined and taken into account, we are very confident that we can:

- Increase total voter turnout in Arlington by about 10 percent above the 2004 level;
- Increase the Democratic proportion of the vote in Arlington from the Kerry level of 67 percent to at least 80 percent; and
- Provide Obama and Warner with at least a 63,000-vote margin in Arlington.

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Next Monthly Meeting— All Dems Invited

Wednesday, July 2, 2008, 7 p.m.

NRECA Building, 4301 Wilson Blvd
Corner of North Taylor and Wilson, just east of Glebe & Wilson
Free parking under building, enter from Taylor Street

Come join the Democratic clan as we tune
up the bandwagon for the fall campaign.

Bumper Sticker of the Month



State elects Arlington's Leone to DNC

The Virginia State Democratic Convention was packed to the walls with enthusiastic Democrats rarin' to go this fall and itchin' to paint Virginia blue by electing a Democratic U.S. senator and putting Virginia's 13 electoral votes in the Democratic column for the first time since 1964.

Democrats from Northern Virginia's Eighth Congressional District, which includes Arlington, had the largest delegation with 252 delegates—and 232 of them appeared in Hampton June 17 to add their voices to the din at the convention.

Arlington Delegate **Bob Brink** was the Credentials Committee chair and faced a number of intricate challenges that were sorted out by his committee, which included Arlington's **Louise Fishbein**.

One of the convention's tasks was to elect two male and two female representatives to the Democratic National Committee for four-year terms. A "unity" slate whose members came from different corners of the commonwealth and who had supported different

presidential candidates won the convention's endorsement.

That slate included Arlington's **Frank Leone**, who is currently a vice chair of the state party. Also elected was Doris Crouse-Mays of Bedford, who is secretary-treasurer of the Virginia AFL-CIO.

Re-elected were Mame Reiley of Alexandria, who has long been one of the state's commanding campaign organizers, and Lionell Spruill, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Chesapeake since 1994.

Delegates to the August National Convention in Denver were also elected. Many delegates were elected last month at the 11 congressional district conventions. At Hampton, the state convention elected one additional delegate from Arlington: **Margo Horner**,

who is the chair of the Eighth Congressional District party.

The Chair of the Virginia Delegation to the 2008 Democratic National Convention will be Governor Tim Kaine. And Arlington's **Allida Black** will serve as one of the two whips for the Virginia Delegation.

The 2008 National Convention Committees will include five Arlingtonians: Credentials - **Kevin Wolf and Jay Fiset**; Rules - **Frank Leone**; and Platform - **Kevin Vincent and Voncille "Vee" Hines**.

A package of platform resolutions was also adopted en masse and forwarded to Denver for consideration as part of the 2008 national platform.



LEONE

Democratic Values in Action

Serial cereal is proposed for monthly meetings

In June, ACDC's Arlington Democratic Values in Action collected over 16 pounds of boxed cereal that was donated to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

AFAC is currently feeding over 800 families. In July we will continue to ask our ACDC family to bring a box of cereal to the ACDC meeting July 2 and on all succeeding months. Please consider helping to feed a family by purchasing an extra box of cereal and bringing it to our ACDC meetings.

For questions or additional information on how you can put your Democratic values into action, contact co-chairs **Charley Conrad** at: charleyconrad@comcast.net or **Sarah Zevin** at sarahzevin@gmail.com.

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DLOV brings more Latinos into the party

As **Alfonso Lopez**, ACDC's deputy chair and state president of the Democratic Latino Organization of Virginia (DLOV), left the State Convention in Hampton, Virginia, June 17 he was asked to sum up the weekend. He said, "Si se puede!" (Yes, we can.)

He was referring to more than the party's outstanding prospects for Congress and the White House. He was also expressing his pride in how far DLOV—the first official Latino constituency group of the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA)—has come in just a few short years.

According to the U.S. Census, Latinos make up 6.2 percent of Virginia's population or about 470,000 people. Just five years ago, the Latino population in Virginia was 363,000. That's a 29 percent jump with more than 100,000 people added in five years.

Founded in 2004, DLOV's mission is to increase the number of active Hispanic members of the Democratic Party and to foster participation at all levels of the Party. As a part of this effort, DLOV works to unify and empower Hispanic communities, ensure fair representation of Hispanic interests, and educate and promote political participation.

In a short amount of time, DLOV has raised the profile of the Latino community in Virginia Democratic politics and increased the sense of political efficacy among Latino citizens. More importantly, Latino Democratic turnout has increased steadily statewide since

DLOV started.

As evidence of the group's increasing influence, DLOV regularly holds fundraisers and events with statewide elected officials. During the State Convention, the organization held a reception with Governor Kaine, former Governor Warner, State Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegate Brian Moran, and Delegate Steve Shannon.

In recent years, DLOV has:

- Worked with candidates on volunteer coordination and get-out-the-vote (GOTV) efforts.
- Developed and executed a large fundraising campaign to support DPVA's initiative to win majorities in both houses of the General Assembly.
- Organized forums on political issues and briefings for elected officials.
- Worked with the DPVA and the Democratic Caucus on issues and response strategies.
- Instituted a candidate endorsement process.

As a result of its fundraising efforts in 2007, DLOV endorsed and provided donations of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 to nine candidates, including State Senators Chap Petersen and George Barker and Delegate Margi Vanderhye—who helped take the Senate back and cut into the margin in the House.

In the coming months, DLOV will:

- Implement a plan with the DPVA and the

Coordinated Campaign to fund at least two bilingual outreach organizers tasked with increasing registration, targeting voters, and boosting Democratic turnout in the highest Latino population precincts in Virginia in 2008.

- Continue its efforts to get Latinos involved in the Democratic Party of Virginia and push strong candidates who care about issues of importance to their community. With this in mind, they will work to Turn Virginia Blue for Barack Obama and the Mark Warner Senate campaign. They will also be actively doing GOTV on behalf of Democratic candidates for Congress this year.

- Continue to provide policy expertise and guidance to the party and elected officials.

- Begin the process of targeting and encouraging Latino Democrats to run for positions on the Democratic State Central Committee. This will help DLOV accomplish one of its core goals—becoming an official Caucus of the DPVA. (There are currently four Latinos elected—they need eight.) DLOV will also continue to recruit active Latino Democrats for local parties.

DLOV has already come through on one of its goals for 2008. This year DLOV made a concerted effort to encourage and support Virginia Latinos in their effort to be elected delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Denver this August.

In 2004, Virginia was given a hard target of having just two Latinos in the delegation going to Boston for that year's Democratic Convention. Only one Latino was elected in his own right at a Congressional District Convention that year and the State Party had to fill the other Latino position with a State At-Large Seat.

This year, the DNC gave Virginia a hard target of four Latino delegates to the National Convention. DLOV encouraged over 20 Latino activists to run. In the end, six Latinos were elected. What's more, the individuals were elected from all over the commonwealth—from the 1st District, 3rd District, 8th District, and 10th District.

According to Lopez, "Our efforts have already paid off. Today Latinos are a vital, important part of the Virginia Democratic Party. More importantly, the issues that matter to our community now matter to Democrats."

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Arlington Chamber of Commerce

Stealth primary

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Ellmore, 49, was born in Alexandria and now lives in Fairfax County. His website lays out his platform on seven issues he sees as key: “no new taxes;... listen to our generals [in Iraq] that are working in the fields [sic];... 100 percent pro-life;... [on immigration,] build a fence and no amnesty;... protect the constitutional right to own personal firearms;... keep health care a private industry and not a government business;... protect the environment with smarter business and innovative technologies.”

There were congressional primaries in three of Virginia’s 11 congressional districts—the three northern Virginia districts. Moran is the sole Democratic incumbent among those three districts and is heavily favored to win and win big. That will free Arlington Dems to help in the two neighboring districts.

In the 11th District, which takes in most of Fairfax and Prince William Counties, Gerry Connolly, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, handily defeated former Rep. Leslie Byrne 58 percent to 33 percent, with the remaining 9 percent split between two others.

Connolly is believed to have a leg up on GOP candidate Keith Fimian for the open seat created by the retirement of GOP Rep. Tom Davis. Leslie Byrne held the seat for one term from 1992 to 1994 when Davis beat her; he has held the seat until now. He is assumed to have retired as the district has trended Democratic. That helps Connolly—as does his name recognition as chair of the County Board. But the challenge is that Republican Fimian is a multi-millionaire who can finance his own campaign.

In the 10th District, which starts at the northern border of Arlington and stretches beyond Winchester to the West Virginia border, Judy Feder of McLean won the Democratic primary with 62 percent of the vote to 38 percent for Mike Turner. Feder, who teaches at Georgetown University, is challenging 28-year incumbent GOP Rep. Frank Wolf. She put in a trial run against Wolf two years ago and is hoping to put it all together this year in a district that has a growing Democratic vote. The heart of the district is Loudoun County, which was the only jurisdiction Feder lost in the primary (by one vote).

So, the northern Virginia landscape calls for defending Moran’s seat, picking up the open seat now held by Davis, and using the maximum leverage to unseat Wolf in the 10th District.

Donkey Ears

*Listening to the doings
of Arlington’s Dems*

**as overheard by
Dan Steen and Warren Nelson**



Wedding bells: Joint Campaign Co-Chair **Jody Olson** has decided to clear the decks before moving into high gear for the fall campaign. He has gotten married! As this is written, Jody and his bride, Jessica Biamonte, are off honeymooning in Costa Rica, so we haven’t been able to check out the Democratic credentials of the new Missus Olson. We will report more fully next month.

Polling news: A Rasmussen poll taken in May showed John McCain leading Barack Obama in Virginia by 47 percent to 44 percent. (Boooo) The latest Rasmussen poll in June shows Obama ahead by a hair: 45 percent to 44 percent. (Rahhhh)

Very timely births: Very Young Dem **Ben Rosenthal**, offspring of **Stacy and Jesse Rosenthal** (he’s a former vice chair of Precinct Ops), has a new baby brother to take some of the attention away from his foibles. **Will** is the name of the new VYD (Very Youngest Democrat). Will and Ben clearly have solid party credentials. Ben was born 13 minutes before John Kerry started his acceptance speech at the 2004 Democratic convention. Will came into this world June 3 just in time to catch Barack Obama’s victory speech after the Montana primary. And we hear that both car seats come fully equipped with Mark Warner bumper stickers.

Win in upstate New York: We have a candidate in Monroe County, New York. (That’s Rochester.) **Tom Hasman**, once a precinct captain here and **Al Eisenberg’s** campaign manager, is running for county clerk. Tom says he “needs a big sack of money” (that’s how they say it in New York) to defeat an incumbent Republican (hiss) in what could well be a challenging (read nasty) campaign. Check out Tom’s campaign website at <http://tomhasman.com>.
Authorized by Tom Hasman for County Clerk.

Towel thwopp of the month: Time for our monthly tussle with the *Sun Gazette*, folks! The weekly’s “Political Notes” column takes us to task for not giving earlier coverage to **Matthew Famiglietti’s** primary challenge of Rep. **Jim Moran**. “Apparently, the Arlington Democratic leaders were the last ones to know that Moran had a challenger,” the *Sun Gazette* commented. “The rest of the world had known it for months and months.” Just for the heck of it, we searched the *Sun-Gazette* website. The earliest story we found on Famiglietti’s challenge was dated June 9! We carried stories in our issues posted in the last week of April and the last week of May. We hope this is just a problem with the *Sun Gazette’s* search engine, but that’s what the search produced.

A bit of an error: During the recent “stealth” primary in June, Arlington County conducted a trial run of some optical scan equipment in six precincts. The county rented some used equipment for the trial. As the county election staff was setting the equipment up, they found an envelope in a ballot bin. It was an absentee ballot for the November 7, 2006, election in Nevada City, California. Oooops!

Working for Democrats

These folks keep track of everything

If you're reading this in the print version of *The Voice* (it's also available on ACDC's web site), then **Pam Henriksen and Janet Spence** put you on the address list.

If you're a member of The Roosevelt Society (and we hope you are!), Pam and Janet send you your regular payment invoices.

And if you've ever made a contribution to ACDC, bought a ticket to the J-J Dinner, or purchased a Gold Card, Pam and Janet are the ones who kept track of your largess.

And they have been doing this for more than 40 years!

Since the mid-1960s (LBJ was President, **Joe Fisher** was County Board chair and Joel Broyhill was the congressman), these two Arlington Democratic stalwarts have been keeping track of things for ACDC.

In more recent years, **Kathleen Miller** and **Sue Swisher** have also been part of the record-keeping and reporting operation.

Pam and Janet started out in office space that ACDC shared with Fairfax and Falls Church Dems in a storefront in Falls Church. In 1972, ACDC went out on its own and moved to space in the now-defunct Lazlo Sign Shop at 13th and North Hartford Streets. From there, it was an office in a dental lab near the IHOP on Fairfax Drive until a move to Lee Highway in the mid-80s where they stayed until ACDC moved once again to its current space near the Courthouse last year.

The equipment they've used changed a lot over the years as well. In the early days, they kept track of the new voter lists and newsletter addresses on an old Addressograph machine, which had to be inked regularly—"a really messy job" recalls Janet.

Then **Tom Whipple** brought in a Radio Shack Tandy—one of the first personal computers—and they were able to add Roosevelt Society addresses to their data base.

From there, a big—"very big"—Fujitsu printer enabled them to send out 300,000 pieces of mail one year.

And finally, the switch to the "new" system at least 10 years ago on which they still work—IBM PCs using the antiquated FoxPro database program.

Every Tuesday and Thursday they come to ACDC headquarters, scrutinize the papers for obituaries and house sales, and update their lists.

Pam was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota (also home of Judy Garland, nee Gump), and grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, where



DEM TRACKERS — Janet Spence (left) and Pam Henriksen keep names, addresses, zip codes, contribution amounts and a dozen other details on Arlington Dems straight for ACDC.

her father taught at the University of Wisconsin. After a stint in Washington during World War II, her father returned to Madison but decided by then that university life was too dull so he returned to the DC area.

After completing college in 1947 at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, where she majored in math and minored in chemistry, Pam joined her Dad. She took a job doing market research at the old Washington *Times-Herald*, "much to the distress of my mother who couldn't stand Cissy Patterson—the paper's owner."

From there she worked at the Army Map Service doing geodetic research. Following her marriage to Soren Henriksen and the birth of her children, she became a stay-at-home mom. The family lived in Falls Church so she joined the Fairfax Democratic Committee.

In 1965 they moved to Arlington and Pam became a precinct captain in Thrifton and began working with Janet keeping track of Arlington Dems.

"My father was always a Democrat," Pam says. "And my mother voted for Norman Thomas whenever she could—so it's obvious we were a liberal family!"

"I've always believed it's one's duty to vote and, if you can do more, you should. I could, so I did!"

Janet hails from Manhattan, but her family also moved to Arlington when her father came to the area during the war. She says she was "never a student" so she stayed home and took care of her parents and their house (her mother lived to be 102). "That gave me plenty of time to get involved with politics," and her mother also joined in to help at ACDC HQ.

Janet became ACDC's Headquarters chair and the first Headquarters chair to have a vote on the Steering Committee.

"Pam's the one with the brains," says Janet. Pam demurs, insisting that "Janet knows every zip code in Arlington."

Though both are in their early 80s (we promised not to divulge their exact ages), the women are about to learn a new, 21st Century financial management program when ACDC upgrades to the NGP software platform.

They admit to being "wary but willing to learn,...as long as it does what I want it to do," in Pam's words. Janet cautions, "We're not going to be able to go on forever. Somebody will have to take over eventually."

Pam says she misses the old envelope-stuffing days when everyone sat around the table and chatted while folding letters and packing them in envelopes. It was a social event as well as party work. ACDC will certainly miss them when they decide to hang up their donkey ears.

Guess what the Coordinated Campaign does

The Coordinated Campaign which, well, *coordinates the campaigns* of the federal office seekers in Northern Virginia and across

the Commonwealth, is up and running. Virginia Victory 2008 is working on behalf of our presumptive presidential nominee,

Barack Obama, U.S. Senate nominee Mark Warner and Eighth Congressional District U.S. Representative candidate Jim Moran.

These are the folks who are working with ACDC to produce an 80 percent margin in Arlington County for our Democratic candidates. Thus, the slogan "80 in 08."

With Virginia considered to be a battleground state this year and with the very real possibility that it could vote Democratic in the presidential race for the first time since 1964, the Coordinated Campaign will be going all out to make this happen.

Democratic victories in the last two statewide contests—Governor Tim Kaine in 2005 and Senator Jim Webb in 2006—and the outstanding record and popularity of former governor Mark Warner give him an edge in his campaign for U.S. Senate.

Dems can't take anything for granted, however. The Virginia GOP has pledged to double its volunteer base and to raise at least \$2 million.

The CC (as opposed to the JC—Arlington's own Joint Campaign) is operating out of beautiful office space near Old Town Alexandria. **Matt Robinson** is heading up the Northern Virginia field and volunteer effort. To volunteer for the CC, contact Matt at matt.robinson@vavictory08.org or call him at (703) 636-7264.

Kaine to address J-J

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Cocktails start at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$125 for individuals, \$115 for members of The Roosevelt Society and \$100 for Young Democrats. For \$250, you can purchase a VIP ticket which includes a private reception with Governor Kaine and other honored guests in addition to the dinner.

Tables of 10 also are available for \$1,500 and include two VIP tickets to the reception with Governor Kaine and a one half-page ad in the program.

Tickets may be purchased by sending a check payable to ACDC, along with the response card, in the envelope that recently came in the mail with your invitation. Or you may order tickets by calling (703) 528-8588 or by sending an email to jjdinner@arlingtondemocrats.org. You may also order online by going to the ACDC web site at www.arlingtondemocrats.org and click-

ing on the JJ Dinner links.

The JJ Dinner is ACDC's biggest fundraising event of the year and provides the critical resources needed to carry out its mission of electing Democrats at all levels of government. It also provides an opportunity to recognize and honor those individuals who have worked so hard during the year to make this happen.

"Most of all," note dinner co-chairs **Bree Raum** and **Gabe Snow**, "it is an event that gives Dems the chance to do what we do best—schmooze with our community's leaders and fellow Dems and HAVE FUN!"

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ACDC Calendar 2008

July

2, Wednesday

7-9 p.m.—**ACDC General Membership Meeting.** NRECA Conference Center, 4301 N Wilson Blvd., garage parking (Ballston Metro).

10, Thursday

6 p.m. — **Latinos Unidos Para Elegir A Jim Moran Al Congreso.** Cecelia's Restaurant, 2619 Columbia Pike. Join Rep. Jose Serrano, Rep. Loretta Sanchez and Rep. Luis Gutierrez for a fiesta in honor of Latinos Unidos Para Elegir A Jim Moran Al Congreso. This special night will include political conversation, music and entertainment. Plus, free salsa dancing following the festivities.

11, Friday

6 p.m. — **ACDC's 2008 Jefferson-Jackson Dinner featuring Gov. Tim Kaine.** Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel in Ballston. 6 p.m. cocktail reception followed by 7 p.m. dinner. To RSVP: call (703) 528-8588 or email jjdinner@arlingtondemocrats.org. For ticketing information, see www.arlingtondemocrats.org

13, Sunday

5:30-7 p.m. — **Precinct Ops Leadership Team.** ACDC Headquarters, 14th St., N. Suite 612 (Courthouse Metro). Monthly meeting of Precinct Leadership team – vice chairs and area chairs.

20, Sunday

4-5:30 p.m. — **Emma Violand-Sanchez for School Board Meeting.** 3000 Military Road. Emma's campaign supporters and friends are invited to attend this event to support Emma and the entire Democratic ticket. To RSVP, contact Andres Tobar, Campaign Manager, andrestobar@comcast.net or (703) 379-7487.

25, Friday

6-8 p.m. — **Cocktail Reception for Barbara Favola in Crystal City.** At the home of Sally and Jack Cooper. RSVP to Pfallon591@aol.com

30, Wednesday

7-9 p.m. — **ACDC Steering Committee Meeting.** ACDC HQ, 14th St, N Suite 612 (Courthouse Metro). More info (703) 528-8588.

Joint Campaign on the mark

Our goals this November are to see 80 percent of the vote in Arlington go Democratic and to bring Virginia's electoral votes into the Democratic column for the first time since 1964.

To reach these goals, we are seeking a record number of volunteers. If you offer to help, we will find a job for you. We will have robust efforts with voter registration, canvassing, outreach, lit drops, phone banking, visibility at Arlington's many community activities, fundraising and more. Please go to ACDC's website and sign up at www.arlingtondemocrats.org.



The first spotting of volunteers will be at Arlington's farmers' markets and festivals, followed by a huge presence at the annual County

Fair, being held August 6-10.

In early August, keep an eye on your mailbox for your "Gold Card" invitation. The Gold Card is our bread and butter – so please BUY ONE. This "virtual" card gives you access to the sweep of exciting Joint Campaign events this fall, starting with the family-friendly Chili Cook-Off on Labor Day, September 1, at Lyon Park and ending with our pre-election-get-out-the-vote Golden Gala extravaganza on October 30. In between, we will host fabulous debate watching parties where we can whoop and holler for our team.

Join us as we make history in 2008. Yes We Can!

Joint Campaign Co-chairs Jay Fisette, Jody Olson, Madi Green

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