



Bring your lips and vote for your favorite chili—Labor Day. Details on page 7



Come watch the first debate. No, not that one! This year's. Details on Page 1.



Help deliver the message and the Messenger all over Arlington. Details on Page 6.

Gold Card is ticket to debates

Each year Gold Card purchasers get in free to the Chili Cook-Off on Labor Day, the snazzy Golden Gala cocktail party just before the election, and a mystery middle event. This year, the mystery middle event is *four* events—the four presidential and vice presidential debates.

So, get your GOLD CARD quickly!

For the mystery middle event this year, ACDC is hosting debate watching parties. You can hoot at the Republican candidates and cheer on our own team over a libation while watching the debate on however many of the gazillion TV sets on hand your eyes can encompass.

The debate watching parties will all be held at Bailey's Pub on the ground floor in Ballston

Common. Gold Card members get in for free. All others must pay tribute of \$10.

Your financial help is needed to turn Virginia blue. The Joint Campaign's virtual GOLD CARD (no physical cards to strain your wallet) provides much needed early funds to produce:

- * A flashy new grip card to publicize all our Democratic candidates.

- * The Messenger, the tabloid paper that volunteers deliver to each accessible door in Arlington.

- * The Democratic Sample Ballot which is mailed to thousands of Arlingtonians.

GOLD CARD funds also support volunteers
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Just ask: 'Are you registered?'

Uncle Sam—not to mention Uncle Barack—wants you right now. You are being hit up to volunteer for this and contribute to that, but the simplest and easiest—and most important—tasking is often forgotten: *Ask your neighbors if they are registered to vote.*

The last day to register for the November election is **Monday, October 6**, by 5 p.m. That's a full month before Election Day. But if past history is any guide, ACDC Headquarters will get a half-dozen calls on Tuesday, October 7, from loyal Dems wanting to know what they need to do to register!

You can help by simply asking your neighbors

if they are registered. (Focus on the Democrats.) You don't need to run door-to-door with a clipboard. When you're talking with other parents at the playground, when you're chatting at a block party, when you bump into an old friend at the supermarket, just ask, "Hey, are you registered to vote?"

Maybe you need to ask that question across your dinner table tonight! If your child will be 18 by Election Day (November 4), that child can register now. What about your spouse?

Have you got friends or relatives from Virginia working abroad—or in the military somewhere in
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Voice shifting from snail to e-

As of the December 2008 issue, *The Voice* will no longer be printed and sent by snail-mail. The ACDC Steering Committee has voted to continue its move into the 21st Century by making the monthly newsletter electronic.

"It was a dollars and cents decision, pure and simple," said ACDC Chair **Peter Rousselot**. "The Committee felt that the high costs of printing and mailing a paper version of *The Voice* could be better spent on technology needed to elect Democratic candidates, which is, after all, our primary mission. An e-Voice is entirely cost-free and can be enlarged when the need arises."

Rousselot also noted that the vast majority of

readers have access to computers and many actually prefer perusing the newsletter online. In fact, *The Voice* is already posted monthly on the ACDC website at www.arlingtondemocrats.org. And it's in full color! Check it out!

Editor **Barbara van Voorst** noted that, under current plans, *The Voice* "will continue to offer a mix of political analysis, campaign reports, articles by our elected officials, stories on the lighter side like profiles of our Steering Committee or the Kitchen Crew, and photos. And, of course, Donkey Ears."

Deputy Editor **Warren Nelson** points out that
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Report from Chairman Peter Rousselot

Back to the basics

Leadership is much easier to sense than to define. It's so important, yet so elusive. It's intangible, yet endlessly subjected to measurement. It requires simultaneous flexibility and firmness.

You can't truly succeed as President of the United States unless you can inspire confidence in millions of people at home and throughout the world. By your words and your actions you must show the way forward. You must develop an invisible bond between yourself and others—a bond that leads to respect, confidence, and a willingness to work together to get things done.

Barack Obama is a great orator and a great organizer. What a fantastic combination to have in our Democratic Presidential candidate! He has proven his skills as an orator at the Democratic national convention in 2004; in his speech on race earlier this spring, in his recent address in Berlin—and the list goes on. He has proven his skills as an organizer in his rise to prominence in Illinois and, certainly, in his management of his campaign for President.

We have seen over and over again that leadership qualities, not "experience" (mea-

sured by years of service), are the most important attributes in heading an organization. Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld had unbelievably impressive resumes—bristling with experience in government and private industry. Yet, they failed completely as vice president and defense secretary because of their brittle personalities, their arrogance, their inflexibility, and their lack of empathy. In an even greater failed test of leadership, Cheney and Rumsfeld were chosen for their critical jobs by George W. Bush. This is the core Republican leadership team, and it has been a miserable failure.

There is nothing in John McCain's record or personality that would suggest that he can do any better than the Bush/Cheney/Rumsfeld cabal, which he is trying to follow. McCain is a self-admitted ignoramus on the domestic economy. In a 21st Century likely to be increasingly dominated by technology, McCain is only barely aware of the internet, and does not use a personal computer. McCain's presidential campaign teetered on the edge of bankruptcy in 2007, and was only rescued by the mediocrity of his opposition in the Republican primaries. He would staff

any McCain administration and Supreme Court vacancies with the Republican Party's right wing bench. John McCain's record as a war hero in Vietnam 40 years ago does not overcome these critical vulnerabilities, and does not qualify him to be President of the United States.

But, it's not enough for us to preach to each other about Obama's great leadership qualities or the deficiencies of John McSame. As colossal as the Republican leadership failures have been, the Republicans are not going to give up national power without an incredible fight. They have millions and millions of dollars to spend, and many dirty tricks to play before they're done. We must not become overconfident simply by listening to our own rhetoric. Instead, we need to get out there and start telling Barack Obama's story to the voters of Arlington—most of whom are not political junkies like us and are just now starting to pay attention. We need to tell our voters why this election is critical to their futures, why every single one of their votes in heavily Democratic Arlington is vital to carrying Virginia for Barack Obama, and why carrying Virginia for Barack Obama is key to his election as President!

YOU can and should get out there and start telling this story directly to Arlington's voters. Join a canvass or phone bank sponsored by the Obama campaign or the Coordinated Campaign. Sign up to be an ACDC Precinct Captain, Leader, or Building Ambassador. Volunteer to help deliver the *Democratic Messenger* newspaper in September. Help the Joint Campaign by stuffing envelopes to raise money for Dollars for Democrats. For more details, consult other stories in this issue of the Voice or visit our website at www.arlingtondemocrats.org

Now, it's YOUR turn to be a leader!

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NAACP banquet

The Arlington NAACP's 62nd annual Freedom Fund banquet will be held Saturday, September 27, at the Crystal City Hyatt.

Banquet tickets begin at \$70, and include valet parking at the hotel.

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

Contact Terron Sims at (703) 717-2973 or TerronSims@gmail.com.

Next Monthly Meeting— All Dems Invited

Wednesday, September 3, 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

Please bring a box of cereal to the meeting. Since we began the cereal drive in June, each month has seen more boxes for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). We are helping to feed over 800 families.

Bumper Sticker of the Month

A thousand
points of light
— and we get
the dim one!

ACDC opposes housing authority

At its August meeting, ACDC unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the creation of an Arlington Public Housing Authority (PHA). The proposal, initiated by the Green Party, will appear on the November election ballot.

Passage of the resolution came after a program of three affordable housing experts discussed the pros and cons of a PHA in Arlington.

While reaffirming its “deep and long-standing commitment” to affordable housing, the resolution affirms a number of points made by the panel including:

- Arlington has received national recognition for its efforts to create affordable housing;
- Federal funding for public housing au-

thorities is no longer available; and

- A PHA would simply add a bureaucratic layer to an already complex process without bringing any new tools or authorities to the challenge of creating affordable housing.

As panel member, Rob Krupicka, a member of the Alexandria City Council and its Affordable Housing Task Force, said: “A public housing authority is not something Arlington needs.”

There have been two other attempts to create a PHA in Arlington over the last few decades, the most recent in 1982. Both were decisively defeated by the voters.

The full text of the resolution may be found on the ACDC website, www.arlingtondemocrats.org.

Obama HQ opens in Arlington

Congressman **Jim Moran**, introduced by Del. **Bob Brink**, revved up the crowd (that was already pretty revved up!) at the opening of the Obama Arlington headquarters Aug. 2.

“We signed up more than 500 volunteers on our first day,” said Regional Field Director **Caroline Grey**.

Both Brink and Moran stressed the critical importance of Arlington to the presidential campaign, noting that Virginia, with its 13 electoral votes, is definitely a “state in play” and a key factor to an Obama victory in November.

The mantra “80-80 in ‘08” was heard repeatedly. That’s an 80 per cent voter turnout with 80 per cent of the votes for Obama.

The headquarters is on the lobby level at 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, at the corner of Taylor Street, in Ballston.

It is focusing on voter registration and canvassing. Even on the day of the grand opening, canvassing packets were spread out for distribution and training sessions were under way. To volunteer or get more information, contact mybarackobama.com, call (703) 786-0889 or email **Brian Gill** at bgill@vaobamaforchange.com.

Arlingtonians Sen. **Mary Margaret Whipple**, **Leni Gonzales**, **LuAnn Bennett**, **Emma Violand-Sanchez**, **Sheila Johnson**, **Judy Connally** and **Marian van Landingham** are among those named as co-chairs of the Virginia Women for Obama Leadership Committee. The committee is headed by Virginia’s First Lady **Anne Holton**.

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Warner named to keynote Convention

Former Virginia Governor (and future Senator) Mark Warner will address this year's Democratic National Convention in Denver as the primetime keynote speaker on Tuesday night.

The theme of the night is the economy and the environment and Warner is sure to highlight his success as governor which earned the Commonwealth the status of "most friendly state for business."

According to Obama campaign manager David Plouffe, "Mark Warner is not afraid to challenge the status quo to bring people together and get things moving. It's that kind of spirit and innovation that resulted in his selection as keynote speaker on a night when the Convention program will focus on renewing America's economy."

His selection as keynoter is one more indication of the importance of Virginia to the Obama campaign and its efforts to garner the Commonwealth's 13 electoral votes.

Warner is way ahead of his GOP opponent, former Governor Jim Gilmore, in the polls on the U.S. Senate race. This is not surprising given that he inherited a fiscal mess from Gilmore and turned it into a budget surplus by the time he left office.



MARK WARNER

Voice goes e-

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sending *The Voice* electronically provides much greater flexibility in deadline schedules, size and even number of issues. "While we would continue on a monthly schedule, we would be able to provide an "Extra" should late-breaking news occur," he noted.

There is no need for you to do anything now. Next month readers will be provided information regarding how to submit their email addresses to ACDC to ensure they will continue receiving *The Voice*.

For the limited number of subscribers who do not have e-mail addresses, a determination will be made as to the possibility of continuing to receive a print version. This will be dependent on the number and cost involved.

Arlington has words on platform

Arlington Dems are adding their input to the drafting of the party platform to be adopted at the Denver convention.

In late July, more than 80 Arlington Democrats (plus a few independents) participated in the Platform for Change Café, exchanging ideas and proposals on critical issues as a first step in the Democratic National Committee's platform-drafting process.

Organized by Precinct Ops Chair

Maureen Markham and Rosa Briceno, several meetings cosponsored by ACDC, Arlingtonians for Obama, the Arlington Joint Campaign, the Virginia Coordinated Campaign and the Moran campaign were held in Arlington.

Discussions covered topics such as jobs and trade, national security, health care, education, civil rights and the environment. Participants voted for the suggestions they believed most merited inclusion in the national platform and a summary of the results, along with those from similar meetings around the country, were passed on to the DNC's platform drafting committee.

In early August, three of the six members of the national platform committee from Virginia – ACDC Outreach Co-Chair **Voncille Hines**, County Board member **Jay Fisette**, and Arlingtonians for Obama coordinator **Kevin Vincent**, drove together (to reduce their carbon footprint) to Pittsburgh to attend the Platform Committee meeting that adopted the draft to be presented at the convention in Denver.

Hines drafted and proposed an amendment to support ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that was adopted unanimously.

Vincent spoke as the representative of the Obama campaign in support of a compromise plank on universal health care that was also adopted by unanimous vote.

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Arlington Chamber of Commerce

A Gold Card is waiting just for you

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as they engage in massive Get Out The Vote efforts to ensure Democratic victories county-wide, district-wide and state-wide.

Letters with absentee voter information have been mailed to college age voters, reminding them to vote absentee either by mail or in person at the Registrar's office when they come home in October.

The new balloon-free County Fair booth was popular with kids of all ages, who proudly displayed their Obama tattoos and posed for photos with a cutout of Barack Obama..

And the colorful Joint Campaign "They Broke It, We Can Fix it" grip card debuted to rave reviews. It will be the centerpiece of all canvassing and visibility efforts throughout this campaign season.

In addition, visibility volunteers have been greeting voters and prospective voters at the Court House and Columbia Pike farmers' markets since spring and have recently begun appearing at the Clarendon market. They will be at the Rosslyn Jazz Festival on Sept. 6 and at the Taste of the Pike on Sept. 20, which is also Messenger Day.

To support all these efforts, *please* purchase your GOLD CARD online at <http://www.arlingtondemocrats.org/> and click on the "Contribute" button.

Or send a check made out to Arlington Democratic Joint Federal Campaign to ACDC Headquarters, 2009 N. 14th Street #612, Arlington VA 22201. Be sure to include your occupation and employer's name, which is required by law.

Pick your contribution level: Friend: \$150, a discount from the individual event prices; Sponsor: \$250; Patron: \$500. There are special rates for Roosevelt Society members (\$125) and Young Democrats/Seniors (\$115). Sponsors and Patrons receive two tickets to each event.

The GOLD CARD will enable you to enjoy all six official Joint Campaign events: The annual Chili Cook-Off on Labor Day at Lyon Park, the four debate parties at Bailey's Pub in Ballston (Sept. 26, Oct 2, 7, and 15) and the Golden Gala on October 30.

Or just come to the Chili Cook-off and buy your GOLD CARD there!

Donkey Ears

*Listening to the doings
of Arlington's Dems*

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



Making an honest man of him: After nearly eight years together, ACDC Finance Director **Mike Lieberman** and his fiancé, Dara Alpert, tied the knot August 16 in Naperville, Illinois. The newlyweds then headed off for a two-week honeymoon in Croatia and Slovenia. Just before the wedding, Mike took the bar exam and he starts work in September as an attorney with the DC firm of Crowell & Moring. Mike told Donkey Ears, "I wanted to cram as many life changes as possible into a two-month period." So far, so good.

Reach back to JFK: Older Dems all remember Ted Sorensen, who was JFK's speechwriter and closest aide. His sister is **Ruth Singer**, long-time precinct captain in Woodlawn precinct. Sorensen has now written his memoirs, "Counselor: A Life at the Edge of History." He will be speaking in Arlington, Tuesday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church at the southwest corner of the intersection of Route 50 and George Mason. Copies of the book will be available for sale and autographs. The sponsor, the Day Alliance, requests a \$5 donation.

The newest and Yest Ds: A pair of new Youngest Dems were added to the pre-voting rolls this summer when **Patrick Hope**, area chair for the Central Area, and his wife, Kristen, had twin girls, Patricia Caroline and Lillian Marie. They were premature, weighing in at only 3 1/2 pounds each, and had to spend their first six weeks in Virginia Hospital. But they are home now and keeping mom and dad awfully busy. Pat gives his wife an Olympic gold for organizing the hectic household and reports that Big Sister Emma Grace, 2 1/2, "will be set to show her siblings the ropes when they're ready for the Lubber Run playground."

Awaiting the Obama ERA: Arlington Dems are not only good at the ballot box; they also seem to be masters on the softball diamond as well. Last month, in the Arlington County co-ed softball league, Dem activist **Carolyn Carlson** and her Yankees came in first, while former ACDC Treasurer and School Board candidate **Karla Hagan** and her Spartans came in second, for the good ole one-two punch. The Yankees briefly looked like the Cubbies when they lost the second game of the tourney, but then they won the next five games to take the title.

Shifting to the right: Remember Dave Foster, who was the sole non-Democrat holding elective office in Arlington until retiring from the School Board a year ago? Well, Foster has just sent out a letter around the state announcing he will soon announce he is running for the GOP nomination for Virginia attorney general. Although Dave touted himself as a moderate here in Arlington, his announcement-announcement letter uses the word "conservative" 12 times in 55 lines and boasts how he "opposed bilingual education" and "ended racial preferences in admissions" while on the School Board.

Vaht will vee make uv dis? The AYDs had a big barbecue in mid-summer. Some wondered how you say "barbecue" in Deutsch. That's because the German national television network ARD/ZDF came out to film the AYDs at play to show folks in Germany how excited Americans are about Barack Obama.

New server now serving

ACDC has leaped into the 21st Century with a rooftop-to-cellar upgrade of its computer system, including a brand new and much more reliable server.

Some of the previous hardware and software dated back to the 1980s, the Stone Age of the computer era.

A few tweaks remain, but the upgrade is almost finished, according to Communications & Technology Chair **Eric Wolf**, who led an intrepid band of techies over the past several months on a tech trek to achieve the modernization.

Besides the medieval server—which was not merely old but also no longer supported—ACDC has junked its four desktop computers—also unsupported and running on antediluvian operating systems—and replaced them with newer and more powerful equipment.

There's still such work to be done such as bringing ACDC's printer/copier onto the network and preparing documentation to make it easier for newcomers to use the equipment.

The upgrade also includes eight VoIP [Voice over Internet Protocol] phone lines, allowing calls to be made over the Internet. That is double the lines ACDC had two years ago during the last federal election. It not only means more calls can be made, but it saves money as VoIP charges are flat rate, not per call.

The upgrades were made possible in part thanks to the record success of this year's Jefferson-Jackson Dinner.

Wanna be a paperboy or gal?

Messenger Day is ACDC's annual mass visit to every single doorstep in the county. More than 400 volunteers deliver the annual *Democratic Messenger* newspaper.

Messenger Day falls on Saturday, September 20, this year.

The weather gods have clearly been Democrats as only rarely has Messenger Day been other than a perfect fall day, delightful for hiking around the neighborhood and dropping off copies of the *Democratic Messenger*.

There is no need to stop and ring doorbells. The *Messenger* is just slipped behind



TAKE MY PICTURE! — The big hit at the Democratic booth at the County Fair was Barack Obama himself. Well, alright, it was just a cutout. But it proved a huge crowd pleaser as folks lined up to get their photos taken with the candidate.

No opponents, but SB candidates still out there

Arlington's Democratically-endorsed School Board candidates **Emma Violand-Sanchez** and **Libby Garvey** continued their campaigns during the hot summer months by participating at community events, including

the County Fair. In addition to public events, the two candidates will be meeting voters in a series of individual coffees this fall, while walking in neighborhoods and at candidate debates. For information on their campaigns or to participate, see the candidate's web sites at www.emmaforschoolboard.org and www.libbygarvey.org for details.

Libby and Emma are enjoying working together during the campaign following the endorsement caucus this spring. The big fall campaign event will be a joint reception/fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the home of Kathie and Bob Panfil at 3738 N. 30th Road.

Their guest of honor will be Congressman **Jim Moran**, who will be speaking on several topics of interest to Arlington parents and all Democrats, such as K-12 education at the federal level, the outlook for the November election, and issues facing the new Congress. To register for this event, please contact Kathie Panfil at (703) 524-5197.

screen doors, through door handles or under welcome mats—but *not* into mailboxes (that's illegal).

Routes vary, but generally take from 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Most routes are pleasant walks, but there are a few that are quite hilly. One route in Cherrydale is completely flat, but goes through a ravine where the houses are either 40 steps uphill or 40 steps downhill!

Volunteers are now being sought. Contact your local precinct captain or email PrecinctOps@arlingtondemocrats.org.

And if you're tied up that Saturday, you can always deliver the route on Sunday.

Here's a way to campaign from home

Chew chili for the campaign

You can help by raising money from home.

Do you have friends and family in bright blue places like New York, Maryland or D.C., where the political races may lack the excitement Virginia offers this year?

Invite them to get involved in a real contest by contributing to Arlington's 2008 Democratic effort. They can help turn Virginia BLUE.

Wherever your friends and family are, give them an opportunity to participate in a truly exciting swing-state campaign. Their dollars will make a difference in Virginia.

Go to www.arlingtondemocrats.org and click on "Join the Individual Fundraising Challenge!" You will then be able to quickly set up your own fundraising page. The few step-by-step directions are easy to follow.

You pick your own fundraising goal. You write a brief personalized message and then invite folks from your email address book to help us turn Virginia blue!

It's easy. It's paperless. It's personal. Tell the people you care about why you care about this election. You can make a difference in your spare time.

Then watch the thermometer rise until you reach your goal!

Ask: Are you registered?

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this country? They can vote this November—if they're registered. Next time you write or email them, inquire.

You don't need to study up on the registration law. Just send folks to the county registrar. Electronically, that's at www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationLinks.aspx. Physically, that's in the county building, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, near the intersection with Veitch. It's open normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) plus the last two Saturdays, September 27 and October 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This is something everyone can do to-

ACDC's annual Chili Cook-Off, the first Gold Card event of the year, is Labor Day, from 4-6p.m. Arlington Democrats and elected officials will gather at Lyon Park for live music, good food, and a friendly chili tasting competition. (If it's too hot for you—the chili, not the weather—there will also be hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixin's).

Information about the Obama campaign and ACDC's efforts in Arlington to turn Virginia blue through its 80/80 in '08 goal will be provided. The fun isn't just for the adults.

Ways to help

1. To advertise the Joint Campaign's kickoff event, the Labor Day Chili Cook-Off, we will be conducting a literature drop in the Lyon Park and Ashton Heights neighborhoods between Saturday, August 23. and Saturday, August 30. If you are willing to pass out fliers for atwo- hour shift anytime during that week, please contact Jody Olson at jody_olson@hotmail.com. He will provide you with a route map and fliers.

2. Dollars for Democrats needs a large space for four days in mid-September to prepare and sort the Dollars For Democrats mailing. If you have space, or any recommendations for space, contact Warren Nelson at warnelson@aol.com or (703) 243-7867.

day to help make Virginia blue. It's actually the most important thing anyone can do from now to October 6 .

If you get a blank stare from someone and a mumbled, "I'm not sure" when you ask if they are registered, they can check their status by going to www.arlingtonva.us/vote and clicking on "Check your current registration status" about six lines down.

One key detail, if your neighbors have moved within Arlington (or from anywhere else in Virginia) this past year, they must update their registration (by the same deadline) with their new address if they want to vote.

Remember, the deadline is **Monday, October 6.**

And, by the way, are you registered to vote?

Bring your kids to play on the playground and the Moonbounce provided by the **Garvey and Violand-Sanchez** School Board campaigns!

The cost for this fun family-focused event is \$35 for individuals (children 15 and under are free), \$25 for Young Democrats, and free for Gold Card members. (You can buy Gold Cards on-site).

Please also take this opportunity to commit your Democratic Values in Action by bringing school supplies to be donated to our Arlington County Schools. The schools are in need of pencils, crayons, notebooks, glue sticks, and tissues.

The cook-off also needs soda, beer, cornbread, chips, and desserts. Contact **Michelle McCall** at mccallmi@yahoo.com with your donation selection.



UPS & DOWNS —The Moonbounce will be at the Chili Cookoff to keep all the kids occupied.

Run to defend our speedy title

Help defend our title! Last year the ACDC team took first place in the team award in the Arlington 9-11 5K Run.

This year's race, which benefits 9-11 related charities, will be held Saturday, September 6. The ACDC team will once again be led by serial racer **Bob Platt**. To participate, go to www.arlington911race.com. Select Team Registration (rather than Individual Registration) and then pick "Arl Democrats Support First Responders" on the team pull-down menu. The entry fee is \$25.

Meet Bob and your fellow runners at 6 p.m. at the Crystal City Double Tree Hotel.

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ACDC Calendar 2008

September

1, Monday

4-6 p.m. - **Annual Chili Cookoff.** Lyon Park Community Center, corner of Pershing and Fillmore Streets. First 2008 Joint Campaign Gold Card event. Come enjoy chili, burgers, dogs and all the fixin's. Donation to Joint Campaign. Contact Jody Olson at jody_olson@gmail.com.

4-10 p.m. - **Planet Arlington.** Netherlands Carillon/Iwo Jima Memorial. To volunteer for the Joint Campaign's visibility table, contact Krysta Jones at krysta.jones@comcast.net

2, Tuesday

7 p.m. - **Civic Federation Candidates Debate.** Hazel Conference Center at Arlington Hospital, N 16th St and George Mason Dr. All candidates are invited to speak at this countywide debate.

3, Wednesday

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

6, Saturday

1 p.m. - **Rosslyn Jazz Fest.** Gateway Park at the foot of Key Bridge. To volunteer for the Joint Campaign's visibility table, contact Krysta Jones at krysta.jones@comcast.net

6-8 p.m. - **9-11 5K Run.** Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Dr, Crystal City. Join Dem team in this charity run. For more info, contact Bob Platt at (703) 486-1466 or bob@racepacket.com

9, Tuesday & 24, Wednesday

6-9 p.m. - **Team Englin Vol Night for Obama/Warner,** Home of Del. David Englin, 1505 Wayne St, Alexandria. Join this effort of mailings, door-knocking and other grassroots organizing. Pizza, drinks provided. RSVP to (703) 549-3202 or info@davidenglin.org

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

12, Friday

6-8 p.m. - **Sen Whipple's Fundraiser for Congressional Candidate Judy Feder.** Home of Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple, 3556 N Valley St. Suggested contributions; \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50.

13, Saturday

All day - **Rep. Jim Moran Women's Issues Conference.** Kenmore Middle School, Route 50 and Carlin Springs Rd.

20, Saturday

All day - **Messenger Day.** Countywide lit drop. To volunteer, contact PrecinctOps@ArlingtonDemocrats.org

Noon-6 p.m. - **Nauck Pride Day.** Nauck neighborhood. To volunteer at the Joint Campaign's visibility table contact Krysta Jones at krysta.jones@comcast.net

Noon-7 p.m. - **Taste of the Pike.** Arlington Mill Community Center, 4975 Columbia Pike, intersection with Dinwiddie. Come work the visibility table at this event for the Joint Campaign. For more info, contact Jody Olson at jody_olson@hotmail.com

5-7 p.m. - **Joint Fundraiser for Emma Violand-Sanchez and Libby Garvey.** Home of Kathie and Bob Panifil, 3738 N 30th Rd. Special Guest Rep. Jim Moran. RSVP to (703) 524-5197.

26, Friday

8 p.m. - **First Presidential Debate Watching Party.** Bailey's Sports Pub, inside Ballston Mall, Randolph St. & Wilson Blvd. This is a Joint Campaign event. Free for Gold Card holders; \$10 for others. For more info contact Madi Green at yellowdog22207@yahoo.com

27, Saturday

Noon-7 p.m. - **Clarendon Day.** Clarendon Metro. To volunteer at the Joint Campaign's visibility table, contact Krysta Jones at krysta.jones@comcast.net

6-9 p.m. - **NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.** Hyatt Regency Crystal City.

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