

**So much
to do, so
little time!**

Hot chili and cool wines set to lubricate local volunteers

The campaign season moves into high gear on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, with the first of the annual three Gold Card events—the traditional *Great Chili Cookoff*.

As usual, the event will be held in Lyon Park, at Pershing Drive and North Fillmore Street, from 4-6 p.m.

Test your chili making skills against the 2008 reigning champion, **Libby Garvey's** "Red Hot and Very Blue Chili," prepared by **Dale Proctor**.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, registration and clean-up, and any food and beverage donations will be greatly appreciated. As always, school supplies for needy Arlington kids going back to school will be collected. To volunteer or for more

information, contact **Amaka Gossett** at amaka79@gmail.com.

For the second Gold Card event, the Joint Campaign will mix it up a little this year. For the first time, an exclusive "*Vintages for Victory: A Wine Tasting Event*" will be held Tuesday, September 22, from 6-8 p.m.

So, what's the buzz? With the family fun of the Chili Cookoff and the formal air of the Golden Gala in October, the Joint Campaign is going in a completely new direction with a cool, hip evening at one of Arlington's most happening nightspots, EatBar at Tallula, 2761 Washington Boulevard near the intersection with Pershing Drive.

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Two guys with funny names campaign together in Virginia

Pandemonium broke out when President Obama beat the rush hour traffic and walked onto the stage at Tysons Corner August 6.

The nearly 2,000-person crowd at the Hilton shouted "O-BA-MA, O-BA-MA." But this was only after Sen. Creigh Deeds, the Democratic nominee for governor of Virginia, said, "I know you are all waiting for the main event," and the crowd, holding aloft and waving a sea of Deeds signs, yelled "We love Creigh; we love Creigh" for several minutes.

Deeds said he was still trying to get his "brain around the fact that the president of the United States was coming to Virginia on Marine One [the presidential helicopter] for *me!*" Well, that answered the question on many people's minds about how Obama would manage to get to Tysons Corner on I-66 during rush hour!

The event—actually, events; there were two private receptions and the main public rally—was called for 5 p.m. County Board Member **Jay Fisette** and his partner, **Bob Rosen**, and *Voice* editor **Bar-**
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Photo courtesy Barbara van Voorst

HOT TIME—The signs were wielded with relish when Obama campaigned for Creigh in Tysons Corner.

Report from Chairman Peter Rousselot***Deeds or McDonnell***

Creigh Deeds wants a Virginia:

—“that is the nation’s leader in economic opportunity.... Virginia can become the national leader in clean energy, medical research and cutting edge technology.”

—“where every child can grow up healthy and young people can receive the best possible education at a public school, and where Virginia students at Virginia colleges and universities produce groundbreaking discoveries.”

—“where progress, respect and equality prevail, not one separated by politicians with narrow social agendas. We can’t move forward when we are led by those who make division and personal crusades the priority over the common good.”

Creigh Deeds will continue moving Virginia forward!

What about Bob McDonnell?

Bob McDonnell opposed Mark Warner’s 2004 bipartisan budget agreement—which many others in the Virginia Republican party

supported. That bipartisan plan was endorsed by Virginia’s business community and was backed by leaders in education, healthcare and law enforcement.

Bob McDonnell has said President Bush created “an economic revival in America”, but as Creigh Deeds has pointed out, “the fiscal policies of George Bush doubled the national debt and resulted in over 300,000 Virginians losing their jobs and 48,000 Virginia families losing their homes to foreclosure.”

Bob McDonnell “has sponsored 35 bills in the General Assembly to restrict a woman’s right to choose. Bob McDonnell introduced legislation to create a different ‘class’ of marriage four separate times. Bob McDonnell supported legislation allowing a pharmacist to refuse to fill birth control prescriptions. Bob McDonnell supports vouchers for private schools. Bob McDonnell opposes stem cell research and believes that government should interfere in a family’s most personal decisions like those of Terri Schiavo”.

Arlington Democrats, the choice is ours: We can, we must, we will win this election for Creigh Deeds!

Like U.S. Army, AYDs fight hard for ‘retention’

Arlington Young Democrats do a great job of recruiting younger Dems to their ranks, but keeping them engaged and connected has proven more difficult—until this year.

The position of director of retention was created to focus on keeping members actively involved by connecting with them directly to seek feedback, suggestions and plan an array of social and political events. This summer the focus has been on recruitment and retention to ensure there is an army of volunteers to guarantee a Democratic victory in November. Headed by **Cathy Kennington**, the effort has led to events including:

- “I Voted” Happy Hour—After voting in the June Democratic primaries, AYD members, sporting their “I Voted” stickers, gathered for food and drinks at a local bar. The low glow of Blackberries continually checking for updates on the results and lively political discussion dominated the evening.
- “Back to the Future” 80s outdoor movie screening—While not all of the AYDers remember much of the 80s, they ventured to Rosslyn’s “I Love the 80s” festival to watch the film “Back to the Future.” On a breezy July evening, they met at Gateway Park with their blankets, lawn chairs and food to share a picnic together before watching the movie.
- “Jazz in the Sculpture Garden” at the National Gallery of Art—In August, the picnic baskets and blankets were brought out again for a live jazz performance at the National Gallery of Art.

This fall Kennington will collaborate with AYD’s political team to plan Register to Vote Happy Hours aimed at encouraging young Arlingtonians to register in time for the November elections. Young-at-Heart Dems are always welcome to join in on the fun. For more information about upcoming retention events, please contact Kennington at retention@arlingtonyoungdems.org.

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Next Monthly Meeting All Dems Invited

Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 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

Don't forget to bring cereal or canned goods to each month's meeting. Democratic Values in Action, the public service, non-campaign arm of ACDC, continues to collect these food items for the needy in Arlington who are aided by the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

Bylaws amended

Changes to ACDC's Bylaws were adopted at the August meeting. The changes redefine or create new Steering Committee positions in the areas of finance and communications and change the membership of the Finance Committee and the Communications Committee.

The entire Bylaws must be reviewed and adopted anew in January 2010. This comprehensive review takes place after the November elections and will be presented for a vote at the biennial reorganization meeting in January.

A copy of the revised Bylaws is posted at www.arlingtondemocrats.org. Please con-

tact **Bob Platt** if you have any questions or suggestions on improving the Bylaws at bob@racepacket.com.

Following adoption of the Bylaws amendments, the committee elected new members to the Steering Committee pursuant to the changes that were made. They are **Arielle Holland**, communications director; **Amanda Brino**, finance vice chair; and **Brian Devine**, communications vice chair (New Media). In addition, the following officers were re-appointed: **Charlene Bickford**, The Roosevelt Society chair; **Eric Wolf**, technology director; and **Jordan Higgins**, Internet director.

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Arlington Chamber of Commerce

County Board auction offers goodies to eat, goodies to buy

Get your auction paddles ready because the Annual County Board Dinner and Auction is just around the corner.

The auction is one of the most fun events of the fall campaign season. It's your chance to enjoy good company, eat tasty food, and bid on amazing items such as vacations, meals with electeds and political memorabilia.

The date is **Sunday, September 13**, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, located at the intersection of Route 50 and George Mason Drive. Tickets are \$30, which includes dinner and drinks. The more you drink ... the more money we make!

Tickets can be purchased online at www.fisette.org or you can RSVP to rsvp@fisette.org and purchase your tickets at the door.

To help the "Turn the House Blue" campaign, Jay has generously decided to split all profits with four outstanding Democratic nominees for the Virginia House of Delegates. This includes Arlington's own **Patrick Hope**, as well as three Democrats with great chances to defeat Republican incumbents—Democrat Greg Werkheiser is challenging Dave Albo in Fairfax, Stevens Miller is challenging Tom Rust in Herndon and John Bell is challenging Bob Marshall (author of the Marshall-Newman Marriage Amendment) in Prince William.



The evening starts with silent auction items such as pet-sitting, books and Democratic political memorabilia.

It transitions to a dinner prepared by our very own Democratic Kitchen Crew and concludes with a live auction for such items as catered dinners and weekend escapes to the beach. There's usually some good solid leaf raking offered by a strong team of AYDs! Be prepared for lots of new and exciting items this year.

This is your chance to have fun while helping Turn The House Blue. More details about the Auction can be found at www.fisette.org.

Obama lured to Virginia to campaign for Creigh Deeds

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bara van Voorst, arrived before 4 and the line already snaked out of the hotel and through the huge parking lot.

Arlingtonians who were spotted at one of the receptions and the rally included **Terron Sims, Chris King, Tom and Mary Margaret Whipple, Bob Brink, Chris Zimmerman, Paul Ferguson, Larry Roberts, Mark Silverwood, Madi Green, Bob Platt, Nancy Cude, David Keltner, John Andelin and Ginger Geoffrey.** (If you were there and not mentioned here, please forgive us; it was an enormous crowd.)

Governor and DNC Chair Tim Kaine warmed up the crowd at each event by introducing Deeds as the “71st governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia,” noting that he will continue the “Warner-Kaine tradition” that has earned Virginia the distinction of “the best place in the country to do business” several years in a row.

Deeds was exuberant as he outlined his vision for Virginia. Both he and Kaine noted that the Republic nominee, Bob McDonnell, is “a nice guy,” but has a very different concept of governing than that needed to address the problems facing Virginians in a time of economic stress.

President Obama, with that million dollar smile, was clearly delighted to be in Virginia, “which has been very good to me.” He cited his close friendship with Governor Kaine, “the first elected official outside of Illinois to endorse me,” and related all the similarities between himself and Sen. Deeds: “I served in the State Senate for eight years; he has served in the State Senate for eight years; he has wonderful daughters; I have wonderful daughters; I have a funny name and he has a funny name!” He then exhorted the crowd to maintain the excitement, enthusiasm and hard effort that elected him by using it to work for Deeds.

The President worked the rope line after his remarks. Van Voorst managed to get close enough to shake his hand and call out “Don’t let the bastards get you down!”—to which Obama replied, “You know I won’t!”

Donkey Ears

Listening to the doings of Arlington’s Dems

as overheard by Dan Steen and Warren Nelson



Welcome to the NFL: **Kevin Vincent**, who chaired the Arlington campaign effort for Barack Obama back before anyone could pronounce Barack Obama, has joined the Administration—and he got the hot seat his first day on the job. Kevin is now chief counsel for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with his office down in DoT headquarters. Before he even found where the men’s washroom was located, Kevin was swamped with work on the Cash for Clunkers program. If you’ve got an old car, please don’t call Kevin.

Small world: If you are out of town and looking for Democratic friends, how about dropping by the nearest library of a former Democratic president. **Joan McDermott**, precinct chair for Rock Spring, was recently in Kansas City, Missouri, visiting a friend. They drove out to the Truman Library in Independence. Joan looked down the steps and saw **Jean Marshall Crawford**, treasurer of the Joint Campaign and precinct chair in neighboring Ashlawn. Across a thousand miles, a Democratic shrine is still a magnet.

Stepping up to the plate: **Janie Burton** retired at the end of June as legislative assistant to State Senator **Mary Margaret Whipple**. Arlington Dem activist **Arlene Spinelli** has stepped into her shoes. Arlene is a veteran of many local campaigns, having served as scheduler for **Jim Hunter, Ellen Bozman, Barbara Favola and Mary Margaret Whipple**. Arlene worked in banking and then as a stay-at-home mom. But with son Alex off to college, she has more time on her hands to now devote to the Whipple machine.

All-Star Dem fan: Maybe **Karen Darner** has retired from the House of Delegates and from teaching in Arlington schools, but that leaves her more time to be a baseball fan. A few weeks ago, she worked at the Fan Fest held alongside the All-Star Game in St. Louis. Among other things, Karen helped with the Bob Feller autographing. He is the oldest living Hall of Famer at 91 years and drew an immense line of autograph hunters. Karen also watched a four-year-old left hander fielding and throwing like a 10-year-old and says that, if you hear of a rookie a decade from now named Paddy, you learned it first from Karen. The one downer for Darner was that after working four days at the Fan Fest, she couldn’t get a ticket to the All-Star game!

Turkish delight: **Pelin Ayan** from Turkey came to Arlington last year to do some work on the Obama campaign as part of her research work for her doctorate on American elections from Bilkent University. She often worked with Arlington Dems **Charley Conrad and Kip Malinosky**, including gin rummy games that lasted into the early morning hours. Before returning home, she invited Charley and Kip to visit her in Istanbul. They took her up on it this summer. With Pelin as guide, they got in lots of mosques, museums, bazaars, not-to-mention some door-to-door canvassing. (Just kidding about that last part.) Charley says that when the locals learned they were Americans, the next word was “Obama!”

Passages: We note the death long, long ago of the Arlington Republican precinct organization. The party activists are now trying to resurrect some semblance of presence in some of the county’s 51 precincts. **Brian Pandya**, recently named co-chair of ACRC precinct ops, acknowledged to the *Sun-Gazette*, “We’ve never been able to build anything that can last year-to-year.” We’ve noticed that too. Some of our precinct captains have complained it often gets lonely out there on a chilly election morning with no one else to talk to outside the polling places.

Long-time treasurer Jim Mayer dies

James Ingram Mayer, retired Air Force officer, former senior CIA official and life-long Democrat, died July 31 after a seven-month battle with lung cancer. He was 72 years old.

Along with his wife **Marjie**, Jim worked decades for ACDC and Virginia Democratic candidates. He was usually Mister Money Bags, treasurer of one campaign after another and, from the early 1990s to 2003, the treasurer of ACDC.

Despite the bean-counting nature of those positions, Jim was best known for his rapiet wit that not only transfixed a tense meeting with laughter but simultaneously got to the heart of the issue under discussion. As chairman of the Arlington Committee of 100, he coined the helpful phrase: "Please, keep your question to a question," to keep the discussions civil.

At his memorial service, County Board Chairman **Barbara Favola** said Jim "took his work very seriously, but didn't take himself seriously."

Though born at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Jim spent his early years in China and was evacuated to Arlington as a toddler when World War II erupted. Even then, he reduced his peers in Arlington to laughter—or at least giggles. But that was probably because he was babbling in Chinese.

Rising to president of *The News* at the Choate School, Jim continued to write for the *Brown Daily Herald* and got a degree in English lit from Brown University in 1959. Jim showed a streak of fiscal tightfistedness even in college by checking out all the Providence breweries to make sure he got the cheapest beer for his fraternity.

On graduation, Jim joined the Air Force

for his military duty. His father was an Army officer and OSS operative. Jim later found himself also in the intelligence field where he played a role in the development of spy satellites.

Unlike many in the Air Force with a leaning toward engineering jargon, Jim took great pride in precise and concrete written communications. He became the editor—and rewrite man—for many documents that still can't be read outside a vault. He once took umbrage when another precise and concrete writer, Defense Secretary Harold Brown, added one comma to a Mayer draft. Jim was described by one friend as "a wordsmith in a bean-counting world."

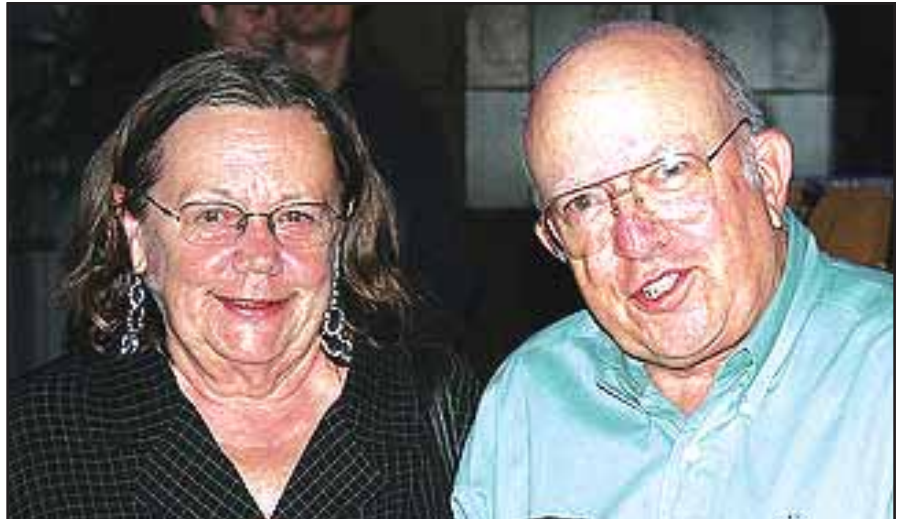
In 1970, Jim migrated from the Air Force to civilian work at the same desk in the Pentagon. He then shifted to the CIA in 1984.

He once calculated he was the sole Democrat among the agency's 16 senior civil servants.

Retiring from the CIA in 1988, Jim became active in Arlington Democratic affairs, working closely with the late County Board Member **Jim Hunter**. He was active in other community organizations, including the United Way and Friends of the W&OD Trail, and served at various times as chairman of the Arlington Committee of 100, the Arlington Industrial Development Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

Jim chose to be buried at Rock Spring Cemetery rather than at Arlington National Cemetery, saying he thought Rock Spring was a better final resting place for a man of peace.

He is survived by his wife, Marjie, sons Ken and Jerry, daughter Jen and two grandsons.



Jim Mayer is seen with his wife, Marjie, in September 2007.



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Messenger Day marks 25th anniversary

Arlington Democrats will fan out across the county Saturday, September 26, in the annual mobilization to deliver the *Democratic Messenger* to every doorstep in the county.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the annual Messenger deliveries.

The county is divided into about 400 routes, each of which generally takes less than two hours (about 1-1/4 hours to 1-1/2 hours) to walk. The four-page *Messenger* is tucked inside screen doors or under door mats.

The *Messenger* contains news about the November election and messages from every Democratic candidate, which this year ranges from governor to School Board.

While the population of the county has been rising and has now passed 200,000, the Messenger Day delivery has actually gotten

smaller. More apartments are replacing single-family dwellings. The door-to-door delivery can only go to houses unless we have volunteers able to deliver in their apartment buildings; otherwise the *Messenger* must be mailed into apartments.

The *Messenger* is the first major piece of literature delivered in each year's campaign by the Joint Campaign, which runs common services for all Democratic candidates appearing on the ballot in Arlington.

The *Democratic Messenger* began in the 1984 election campaign as the *Milliken Messenger* when **John Milliken** was running for County Board.

Over a quarter-century, Messenger Day has enjoyed remarkably good weather and has only rarely been marred by rain or freezing

temperatures. Traditionally, the gods have provided cool temperatures that make the walk a pleasure.

A few of the walking routes, however, have become infamous as Y(&F)D routes, assigned only to Young and Fit Democrats. These include the routes with long distances between houses in some north Arlington precincts and others that snake along some of Arlington's ravines with houses 40 steps up on the right and 40 steps down on the left.

Those interested in volunteering for a route should contact their precinct captain. If the captain is unknown, email Precinct Operations Chair **Maureen Markham** at Maureen@arlingtondemocrats.org, giving your address or precinct name, and she will forward your email to your precinct captain.

Gold Card entrée to hot chili, cool wine

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Vintages for Victory, will feature wine experts pouring tastes from some of Virginia's celebrated wineries—along with a couple of funky ones. Guests will enjoy both red and white wine selections along with snacks such as charcuterie, cheeses and fruit from regional

farms, showcasing the bounty of the Commonwealth.

Take note, this party is exclusive! Only 60 lucky guests will make it in the door. GOLD CARD holders have first access but still must RVSP by September 10. The first 60 GOLD CARD holders to RSVP will be guaranteed entry. After that, if there are spots left, there will be a blast email for a last call until it's sold out. RSVP to **Virginia Robinson** at verobinson@gmail.com to reserve your spot at *Vintages for Victory*!

Haven't bought your GOLD CARD yet? Then you can get it now online at www.arlingtondemocrats.org or mail your

payment (\$125; \$100 for Young Democrats and Roosevelt Society, a \$50 or \$75 savings from purchasing these events individually) to ADJC GOLD CARD, 2009 N. 14th Street, Suite 612, Arlington, VA 22201. Checks should be made out to "ACDC Joint Campaign."

Prices for single events are as follows: **Chili Cookoff**—\$35; AYDs and Roosevelt Society, \$25; **Vintages for Victory**—\$55; AYDs and Roosevelt Society, \$45; **Golden Gala**—\$85; AYDs and Roosevelt Society, \$65.

All Gold Card events benefit the Joint Campaign which works on behalf of all of Arlington's Democratic candidates.

Coordinated Campaign now up and running

The Coordinated Campaign (not to be confused with the Joint Campaign, the individual candidates' campaigns, the "51" campaign or the Turn Virginia Blue campaign) is up and running.

The CC works throughout the Commonwealth on behalf of the statewide candidates for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

Spencer Lee is the Regional Field Organizer for this area including Arlington, Alexandria and Falls Church. Four of his six team-members will be based in Arlington—more than ever before.

The focus of the effort for now is on canvassing and letting voters know who Creigh Deeds is. To volunteer contact Lee at slee@vavictory09.org or (202) 903-7818.

Quote of the Month

Trying to have a conversation with you would be like trying to argue with a dining room table.

—Congressman **Barney Frank, D-MA**
at a town hall meeting on health care

Housing advocate Jennie Davis dies at 84

Jennie T. Davis, a long time Democratic activist and one of the principal proponents of affordable housing in Arlington, died July 30 of Alzheimer's disease. She was 84.

Born in Baltimore, Mrs. Davis moved to Northern Virginia in the early 1960s and became active in both Democratic politics and

Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church while working at the payroll department of Fort Myer.

She was spurred to get involved in the housing issue when a real estate agent refused in the early 1970s to show her homes in white Arlington neighborhoods because her family was black.

Davis was outraged—and she let the County Board know about it. In 1976, she ended up moving into the Nauck neighborhood, an historically black neighborhood with roots dating back to the Civil War. For more than 20 years, she was president of the Nauck Civic Association.

But the rebuff from that real estate agent prompted Davis to look into housing discrimination issues and that led to an awareness of the shortage of what is now called affordable housing. She became a co-founder of the Arlington Housing Corporation. It assists low- and moderate-income families in buying and renovating housing in Arlington. She served longer on the AHC board than any other member.

A new affordable housing condominium complex on 17th Street in Nauck has been named Davis Place in her honor. Construction was just being completed as she died. The complex was specifically designed to address the needs of larger families.

Until her health declined about a decade ago, Davis was an active Democrat who carved out a niche with imaginative fundraisers at her home. In addition to food and conversation, Davis provided dancing in her backyard. Hence, the fundraisers became known as "Dancing Under the Stars."

Davis also served as treasurer of all of



JENNIE T. DAVIS

Arlington trio form Black Dem group

Three ACDC Steering Committee members are leading a newly formed African-American political group.

ACDC Outreach co-chairs **Terron Sims, II and Voncille (Vee) Trotter Hines** are president and first vice president respectively, and Joint Campaign co-chair **Krysta Jones** is second vice president of the Northern Virginia Black Democrats.

Formerly known as African-Americans for Obama Northern Virginia, the organization initially focused on turning Virginia "blue" and electing Barack Obama President of the United States.

The group's mission is to engage African-Americans of all ages in the political process, support candidates and issues that benefit the Northern Virginia African-American community, and become recognized as a powerful entity, while strengthening the organization's networks and promoting political and professional advancement of African-American Democrats.

The group's first event, a seminar entitled "**Rules of Political Engagement in the Commonwealth of Virginia,**" will take place Wednesday, September 23, 2009, during the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Week. It will be held in Room 2218 of the Rayburn House Office Building from 3-5 p.m., is open to the public and is free of charge. Panelists will discuss the nuts and bolts of political engagement from volunteering to managing a campaign, to running for elective office, and transitioning from candidate to elected office. They will also provide tips on how to land a job in politics.

Other Arlingtonians who are active in the new group are **Shaun Edwards**, African-American AYD Caucus chair, **Amaka Gosset**, this year's Chili Cookoff chair, and **Atima Omara-Alwala**, AYD outreach chair.

For more information contact leadership@novablackdemocrats.org.

Karen Darner's campaigns for the House of Delegates and for years was a precinct captain in Columbia precinct.

In the early 1980s, she chaired a number of Jefferson-Jackson dinners.

In 1986, Davis was given the Metropolitan Volunteer Activist Award, which is sponsored by the Volunteer Clearinghouses of the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Her first husband, Penny Donahue, died in the late 50s and her second husband, James Davis, died in 2002. She is survived by two stepdaughters, Carolyn and Latonya, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Webb to speak at Kennedy-King Dinner

Senator Jim Webb will be the featured speaker this month at the 16th annual Kennedy-King Dinner saluting the civil and human rights commitments of our statewide ticket.

The entire statewide ticket of Creigh Deeds, Jody Wagner and Steve Shannon has been invited and is anticipated.

The dinner will be held Friday, September 25.

The Kennedy-King Dinner was created in 1994 by the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Committee to bring Northern Virginia Democrats together in honoring the civil and human rights legacies of two of our nation's heroes, the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The evening will open with a reception at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:30 and will again be held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Plaza, located near the intersection of Seminary Road and I-395.

A special feature this year will be a silent auction held during the reception.

Arlington again plays a key leadership

role in this dinner. Former ACDC Chair **Margo Horner** chairs the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Committee and former ACDC Chair **Dan Steen** serves as dinner co-chair along with **Peg Willingham**, a former Arlington precinct captain who subsequently moved to Falls Church.

Attendees will include many Arlington and Northern Virginia elected officials, including Senate Caucus Chair **Mary Margaret Whipple** and House Caucus Chair Ken Plum.

Charley Conrad, an 8th District Committee member, serves as the leader for Arlington ticket sales.

Formal invitations are being mailed shortly, but tickets may be bought on-line through Monday, September 14, at the ACTBLUE link on the 8th District website: www.VA8thCDDems.org. If you send Conrad all the names in an email to charleyconrad@comcast.net, he will be able to assign Arlingtonians to a group of tables. If you prefer to write a check, snail mail it to Charley Conrad, 4500 S Four Mile Run Drive #106, Arlington 22204. Make the check pay-

able to ECDDC.

Tickets are \$150 per person or \$250 per couple (so find a date or a friend!) YDs can buy tickets for \$100 and there are special table prices available. Charley Conrad's cell is (703) 835-6614 if you would like additional info.

For an ad in the dinner program, contact Conrad as well. He's busy!

New area chair and precinct captain elected

A new Area Chair and a new precinct captain were elected at the August ACDC meeting. **Terry Serie** will serve as Central Area Chair replacing **Patrick Hope** who, we hope, will be spending much of his time in Richmond as the new Delegate from the 47th District.

And **Howard Zimering** will assume the role of precinct captain in Monroe Precinct—one of the few of Arlington's 51 precincts that has not had a captain for several years.



The Democratic booth drew a crowd at the County Fair. At left, Kim Klingler hands out some literature to voters—oh, that's former Court Clerk Dave Bell and his wife. At right, Peg Hogan (center) and Terron Sims work with the younger set. Below right, that's Jay Fisette (left) and Bob Brink making sure THEIR bumper stickers are on the table. And, at lower left, the Obama cutouts proved very popular with the cut ups.

County Fair



Photos courtesy Jerry Long

Three candidates for House are opposed

David Englin Patrick Hope Bob Brink

Fellow Arlington Democrats,

From the very beginning of my first campaign for office, friends like you have stood with me and we fought hard for progress. We have worked to end the state sales tax on food, to protect public education and college opportunity, for quality pre-school for every child, for marriage equality and voting rights, and to lower health care costs for families and businesses. During this economic recession, we have worked to cut middle class income taxes and create new green jobs through environmental technologies that also reverse climate change. Our battles for change and progress have included important victories – like banning smoking in restaurants and bars beginning Dec. 1 and securing equal rights in hospital visitation – but we have much more work still to do.

I hope you will take a moment to do two things:

1. Visit www.davidenglin.org/join to sign up for our email list and learn about important volunteer opportunities.
2. Let us know at info@davidenglin.org or 703-549-3203 if you need a yard sign. (I have pledged to keep Englin signs out of public rights of way during this campaign and only to place them in the yards and windows of supporters.)

As we work together to defeat my Republican opponent this November and to elect a Democratic majority in Richmond, I want you to know how much I truly appreciate all of your hard work to elect Democrats. Thank you for everything, and always feel free to get in touch with your ideas, advice, and feedback.

The summer heat has not slowed the Hope Campaign which hosted a recent 47th District Unity event at the home of Al Eisenberg and Sharon Davis. All of the primary candidates were in attendance and the generous donations were equally split between the candidates with remaining campaign debt proving yet another example of Arlington's commitment to unity and strong democratic values.

Patrick has also recently been endorsed by NARAL Pro Choice Virginia and LiUNA, The Laborers' International Union of North America.

"With Patrick in office, we can ensure that the 47th District continues to be a leader in advancing reproductive health care for all Virginians," said Tarina Keene, Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia. LiUNA representing construction workers, has focused on strong, rational immigration reform, fair wages, and employee benefits since 1903. "We are happy to support candidates like Patrick that will go to Richmond and keep working-class families in mind when they vote," said Dennis Martire, Vice-President of LiUNA's Mid-Atlantic Region.

In addition to this support from NARAL and LiUNA, Patrick was also one of the 84 candidates for House seats endorsed by Virginia AgPAC.

Patrick continues to work tirelessly for the challenges ahead. He hopes to see everyone at the Chili Cook-off and the other Joint Campaign events. If you haven't already done so, please join the HOPE campaign at www.HopeforDelegate.com or email him at Patrick@hopefordelegate.com.

Delegate Bob Brink will welcome Governor Tim Kaine, Chair of the Democratic National Committee, to an Arlington fundraiser on September 29. "Over the past four years, I've turned to Bob for leadership on the tough issues in the General Assembly. He's an effective and skilled voice for Arlington and Virginia," said Governor Kaine.

Opposed for the first time in six years, Bob is running a vigorous re-election campaign, while raising money to support Democratic candidates in key races in the drive to re-take Democratic control of the House. Bob is also working hard to boost local turnout for our great statewide ticket, Creigh Deeds, Jody Wagner and Steve Shannon. Bob needs your help in these critical efforts. Here's what you can do:

FIRST, Bob needs your financial support. Come to the fundraiser with Governor Kaine. If you can't make the event, mail a contribution, or hit "Contribute" on Bob's campaign website: www.bobbrink.org.

SECOND, Bob needs your time. He's knocking on doors all across the 48th District, and he needs volunteers to drive and walk with him. He also needs help with mailings and other efforts to get the word out. Let Bob know you are willing to pitch in by hitting "Volunteer" on the website or e-mailing info@bobbrink.org. Any time you can give now will make a big difference on November 3.

Governor Kaine will join Bob at the home of Adam and Sharon Levin, 5114 N. 37th Road, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29. More details at: www.bobbrink.org.

... and Jay Fisette for County Board member

This was a busy summer as we gear up for the fall campaign. Following a tremendous Kick-Off event in June, we've been working hard on the Annual County Board Dinner and Auction. The Auction will be held earlier this year, so please mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 13th 5-9 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church.**

I am pleased to announce that this year's Auction profits will be split with four outstanding Democratic House of Delegate candidates in order to help Turn The House Blue.

For more information on the Auction or to purchase tickets, please visit my website at www.fisette.org.

Two summer newsbriefs: I was appointed Chair of the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments' (COG's) Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee. I will be responsible for overseeing the development of a regional carbon reduction plan and making recommendations to the COG Board on climate change, energy, green building, alternate fuels, solid waste, and re-

cycling issues. Secondly, I was honored to receive the Virginia Transit Association's Public Official of the Year award for my creation of the Go Green Virginia program as President of the Virginia Municipal League and for my work on regional transportation issues.

As we move into the fall, I plan to run an aggressive campaign for myself and for the full statewide ticket. I look forward to the debates as an opportunity to highlight the work that remains to ensure Arlington is a sustainable, caring and world-class community.

ARLINGTON DEMOCRATS JOB BANK

Campaign Season is in full swing! ACDC welcomes everyone to pitch in to elect our outstanding Democratic candidates. Contact Joint Campaign co-chair Krysta Jones at krystanjones@gmail.com, "51" campaign coordinator Kip Malinosky at kipmalinosky@gmail.com, or Volunteer Coordinators Marj Signer, Marge Epstein or Nancy Pilchen at arlnow@aol.com

Can You Spare A Bed?

The Virginia Coordinated Campaign (VA Victory '09) – which coordinates field operations for our statewide ticket - is looking for friendly volunteers to host Field Organizers in their homes (through Election Day if possible, though shorter term is also helpful). You provide a place for the organizer to sleep and shower. Contact Spencer Lee at (202) 903-7818 or slee@vavictory09.org



Joint Campaign Positions

The Joint Campaign – which coordinates state and county activities – is gearing up and needs YOU:

Debate Watch Coordinator—To coordinate a potential gubernatorial debate watch party.

Farmer's Markets Liaisons (Columbia Pike, Courthouse, Clarendon, and Ballston)—To coordinate campaign materials at their respective Farmer's Market.

Median Sign Coordinators—To coordinate campaign median signs throughout Arlington.

Asian Pacific Islander Liaison—To build support for our candidates in the Asian-Pacific Islander community.

East African Liaison—To build support for our candidates in the East African community.

Young Professional Liaison—To build support for our candidates among young professionals.

Contact Krysta Jones at krystanjones@gmail.com



"51" Campaign

The plan is to target districts in Northern Virginia that are winnable. We call into those districts once a week from ACDC HQ (Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.) with nine phones. Also, we need a minimum of 20 people to door-knock every other week in those districts. Contact Kip Malinosky at kipmalinosky@gmail.com or 202- 841-8636.

Precincts

Precinct leaders are the indispensable "feet on the street." Two precincts need captains now: Abingdon and Arlington Forest. Plus, we are always in need of Building Ambassadors* in unlimited numbers. Also wanted: people who are willing to invite neighbors into their homes or backyards for political conversation, meeting candidates, etc. Please contact Maureen Markham at mbmarkham0111@gmail.com

** You know all those locked buildings and hi-rises with all those Democratic voters we need to reach? Building Ambassadors live in those buildings and are the precinct communication persons for their own address.*