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November 3
—or earlier
(see below)



Coming into the home stretch...

There are only a few days to go as the campaign moves into the home stretch. But these are the most important days in the campaign.

Turnout is key. Many races in Virginia have been decided by only a few votes—f’rinstance, four years ago when Creigh Deeds lost the position of attorney general to one Bob McDonnell by 323 votes out of 2 million!

The Joint Campaign is calling on all volunteers to help with that final effort before November 3.

What can you do to make sure Democrats are elected? There are still a number of volunteer needs, including:

Phone Banking and Canvassing – A major push is on to reach out to Democratic voters not only in Arlington, but in other Northern Virginia jurisdictions as well. For details on where and when, see the Job Bank listing on the last page of this issue of *The Voice*.

Metro Station Flyering—Contact **Lauren Hall** at arlingtonpolitico@gmail.com.

Latino phone banks and canvassing—**Ana Gabilondo** at anagabilondo@gmail.com or **Carolina Espinal** at carolinaespinal@gmail.com.

Provide Rides to the Polls—**Nancy Pilchen** at nancy.pilchen@gmail.com.

Poll bag stuffing and poll greeters—**Paul Ashin** at paul.ashin@verizon.net or **Maureen Markham** at mbmarkham0111@gmail.com.

For more information on how you can help elect Democrats on November 3 and move Virginia forward, contact the Joint Campaign at acdejointcampaign@gmail.com, write “Volunteer” in the subject line, and indicate your volunteer preference in your message.

Just click on any of blue email addresses above to get in contact.

Learn the real skinny on the fall campaign

The annual Victory Luncheon—the best place to hear hilarious stories from the campaign trail and learn the real skinny on what went on—will be held this year as usual the day after the election—Wednesday, November 4.

The Victory Luncheon is held every year, regardless of victory or defeat, to give Dems a chance to commune without a pending deadline and without demanding phones ringing constantly in the background.

The luncheon will be held at noon at the Nam Viet restaurant, 1127 North Hudson Street, just a hundred feet off Wilson Boulevard in the fashionable Clarendon restaurant neighborhood. Nam Viet is an easy walk from the Clarendon Metro station.

Arlington Dems have the restaurant reserved exclusively for the luncheon, as usual, and the price is \$14 a head.

Apart from the food, the highlight of the lunch is always the post-meal regaling of campaign stories, including candidate foibles, volunteer learning experiences, opposition stumbles, leadership gaffes and usually a tear-jerker or two about the really dedicated volunteers and candidates who make it all worthwhile.

All who put in any work on this year’s campaign are not just welcome but encouraged to come and enjoy the food, fellowship and verbal fireworks.

Vote early!

Avoid the lines! Avoid the hassle of getting to the polls before 7 p.m.! Stay dry in case it rains Election Day!

You can do this by voting in-person absentee between now and October 31. Anyone who will be outside the county for any business or personal reason for any portion of Election Day (even if you only go to Falls Church to smell the roses!) is eligible to vote in advance of November 3.

The hours have been extended for the final two weeks. They are:

Monday, October 26 – 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday – Thursday, October 27-29 – 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, October 30 – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 31 – 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Voting is at the Arlington County Courthouse (Courthouse Metro), 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 320. For questions or additional information, call (703) 228-3456 or email voters@arlingtonva.us.

Report from Chairman Peter Rousselot

Don't forget the rest of the ticket

I have previously written several columns about the need for all Arlington Democrats to work tirelessly to turn out our vote for Creigh Deeds for governor. As we continue to do that in the last days before the election, please also spread the word to all Arlington voters on behalf of Jody Wagner for lieutenant governor and Steve Shannon for attorney general.

Wagner's and Shannon's candidacies have not gotten as much news coverage as that of Creigh Deeds for governor, and therefore there is a risk that some of our Democratic voters might not vote at all in the races for lieutenant governor and attorney general. *We must do all that we can to prevent that from happening, and get out whopping Arlington majorities for these two great Democratic candidates!*

Jody Wagner for Lieutenant Governor

Jody Wagner, Virginia's former secretary of finance, has worked alongside our Democratic Governor, Tim Kaine, to make Virginia

one of the best-managed states in America. The person who holds the post of lieutenant governor is well-positioned to be elected governor four years later. Wouldn't it be great to elect a woman as Virginia's governor in 2012?!

Jody is a former corporate lawyer and accomplished small-business woman. As Tim Kaine's secretary of finance, Jody mastered the details of state revenues and expenses—vital knowledge for a lieutenant governor and a prospective future governor. As the *Washington Post* recently put it in endorsing Jody for lieutenant governor, "as the only one of the six statewide candidates to have had hands-on experience with the state's budget, she would be uniquely well placed to serve ..."

Steve Shannon for Attorney General

During his tenure as a Fairfax County prosecutor, Steve Shannon focused on cracking down on child pornographers. He also worked with his wife to found the metropol-

itan Washington chapter of the Amber Alert program—part of a national system to locate children who have been abducted by predators and pedophiles. Steve also is running for attorney general on a platform of protecting consumers and the environment.

Anyone who has worked with Steve Shannon knows that he is just what we want in Virginia's next attorney general—a calm, dispassionate, non-ideological professional who will run the attorney general's office as it ought to be run—in the best interests of the people of Virginia, not as a springboard for far-right-wing ideological crusades.

ACDC honors Senator Kennedy

ACDC has called on the U.S. Senate to "enact comprehensive health reform legislation this year" as a "fitting tribute to Senator [Edward M.] Kennedy's memory.

In a resolution adopted at the September 2 meeting, the committee noted the late Massachusetts senator's lifelong dedication to universal health insurance and the fact that he lived to "see his principles realized by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, which he chaired, reporting out The Affordable Health Choices Act on July 15, 2009."

The resolution also honors the late senator for "his great accomplishments in advancing our shared Democratic values and extend[s] our sympathies to his family."

The full text of the resolution can be found on the ACDC web site www.arlingtondemocrats.org.

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Next Monthly Meeting All Dems Invited

Wednesday, November 4, 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

We meet the day after the election and have a chance to review the outcome. Also, don't forget to bring cereal or canned goods; Democratic Values in Action, the public service, non-campaign arm of ACDC, continues to collect these food items for the needy who are aided by the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

AYDs scour the county for young voters to vote

In order for Virginia to continue to move forward, it is critical young voters participate in this year's gubernatorial election. Young people comprised 21 percent of Virginia's electorate last year, serving as a key contributor to President Obama's victory in the commonwealth.

So, what are the Arlington Young Democrats doing this year to ensure we get young voters to the polls on November 3? Through a comprehensive Get Out The Vote (GOTV) strategy, AYD is focused on peer-to-peer interactions by reaching out to fellow young Arlingtonians through multiple activities consisting of phone banking, canvassing, metro-flying, and targeted mailers.

The GOTV strategy kicked-off in early September with a "call to action" mailer sent to approximately 6,200 first time, young professional Obama voters in Arlington, and featured a picture of President Obama with the header, "We need YOU to get involved this election..." with information on volunteer opportunities leading-up to November 3.

Not content with just sending the mailer, the AYD Executive Committee called as many of the 6,200 mailer recipients as possible and made a direct appeal for volunteers. After work, AYDers were on the phone recruiting fellow members to volunteer and IDing voters for the campaigns. On the weekend, AYDers walked the Arlington and Fairfax neighborhoods canvassing and door knocking.

As **Kip Malinosky**, AYD director of campaigns, said, "We have to get people motivated and to the polls; we have too much to lose and cannot afford complacency."

AYD was the exact opposite of complacent, and for the first time in the organization's recent history sent a second mailer emphasizing the urgency to vote by highlighting the dreaded traffic problems facing drivers as well as Metro riders. The mailer went to approximately 12,000 young Democratic and recently registered voters in the county. With this election expected to be close, AYD is hopeful that the time and effort put in by the organization will pay off this November.

Rain didn't chill chili

A little bit of rain failed to chill the chili at this year's Labor Day Chili Cookoff. "Hope for the Best" chili, which was prepared by delegate candidate **Patrick**

Hope himself, took the People's Choice Award at this year's event.

For First Runner Up, there was a tie between Delegate **Bob Brink's** "Bob's Steaming Hot Chili—It Will Take You to the Brink and Back!!" prepared by **Aileen Whitfill**, and the Coordinated Campaign's "InCreighdable Deedslicious Chili" prepared by **Eddie Venaro**. Both took home the prize.

The Joint Campaign's Chili Cookoff is an annual event and the first Gold Card Event held every Labor Day.

For the first time in years, it rained Labor Day, but the weather did not dampen anyone's enthusiasm. The party just moved indoors at the Lyon Park Community House.

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Democratic Values in Action

Being a Dem means more than just votes

In addition to its ongoing cereal and canned goods drive on behalf of the Arlington Food Assistance Center, ACDC's Democratic Values in Action Committee has the following projects also under way:

- "Gently used" (clean) coats and new gloves, mittens, scarves and hats for children in all sizes are being collected for donation to the Arlington Homeless Shelter. Bring these items to the November 4 monthly meeting. For information contact **Charley Conrad**, charleyconrad@comcast.net, and **Sarah Zevin**, sarahzevin@gmail.com.

- Project Christmas Angel is a program of Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington County (OAR) which has provided thousands of holiday gifts to children of individuals incarcerated in local detention centers. Its goal is to help diminish the children's feelings of abandonment and punishment by ensuring that there are at least two or three gifts for each child whose parent requests them through the agency. There are four ways to help:

1. Mail a financial donation by December 1 payable to OAR to defray costs of wrapping and delivering gifts or to buy \$15 gift cards for teenagers. Mailing address is OAR, Project Angel Coordinator, 1400 N. Uhle Street, #704, Arlington, VA 22201.

2. Bring an unwrapped gift or a financial donation to the December 4 meeting. Gift ideas include Little Tikes Guitar, Crayola Magic Brush, Light Sketcher Set, Cabbage Patch Doll, Monopoly game, and soccer, volleyball, basket or base balls.

3. Participate in the OAR gift-wrapping party on Thursday, December 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane. To RSVP for this event, call (703) 228-7030 or email projectxmasangel@oaronline.org.

4. Help OAR deliver gifts to children's homes.

- Holidays at the Kennedy Center. Do you know a deserving child who might enjoy an opportunity to spend an evening at a holiday program at the Kennedy Center. You may contact **Margo Horner** at margohorner@yahoo.com or **Voncille Hines** voncille.hines@mail.house.gov for details.

Donkey Ears

Listening to the doings
of Arlington's Dems

as overheard by
Dan Steen and Warren Nelson



The Gap: You may have missed us last month. (We *hope* you missed us last month!) *The Voice* was not published then and this is a combined October-November issue. Editor **Barbara van Voorst** went off on vacation to Italy after preparing the issue and left it to Deputy Editor **Warren Nelson** to finish it up. But instead of going to his office to put *The Voice* together, Warren went to the hospital. When it was determined he didn't have swine flu, the hospital lost all interest. But eventually it was determined he had pneumonia. By the time he recovered, the month was over and we decided to combine the October and November issues.

Oooops! Precinct Ops Chair **Maureen Markham** got pretty good at typing with one hand this summer. Not that this was her preferred choice. She was visiting the Second City on business and walking down some steps to get to a restaurant for dinner. She didn't notice a hole at the bottom and stumbled into it. But she was holding onto a railing with her left hand and that, fortunately, broke her fall. Unfortunately, it also broke her arm! To be scientifically correct, it's a spiral fracture of the left humerus. "Humorous it is not," Maureen declares. She had the pleasure of a chauffeur-driven ride in an ambulance to the Emergency Room, always a pleasure when visiting another city.

Oooops, some more: Broken limbs among Democratic women seems to have been the order of the day this past summer, **Madi Green** points out. It's not just our own Maureen Markham (above), but note the casts worn the past few months by Justice Sonya Sotomayor, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Senator Barbara Mikulski and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz. Beware the potholes of politics.

Love them Devil Dogs: *The Washington Post Magazine* recently interviewed Delegate **Adam Ebbin**, revealing for all the world to know that he just dies to gobble up Devil Dogs, which are chocolate cupcakes with cream fillings. On a more serious note, he was asked what he now knows about politics that he wishes he knew when he started out. He said: "That you can't be an expert in everything and that it is better to focus on particular areas."

Powerful women: *Washingtonian* magazine has put State Senator **Mary Margaret Whipple** on its listing of the 100 most powerful women in the Washington metropolitan area. She was one of just five locally elected officials to make the list.

National figure: We often talk about how many Arlington YDs end up as officials of the state YD organization. Now YD **Karl Johnson**, who is also ACDC program chair, has become an officer of the national YDs. Karl was just appointed chairman of the communication and outreach committee. Since the YDs no longer have a paid communications director, he will be taking on that role as well, albeit without the paycheck. Karl says his chief "and somewhat farfetched goal" is to make the Young Dems of America as much of a household name as the Democratic National Committee.

On the TV screen: Have you seen the Creigh Deeds ad about Bob McDonnell's record on women's issues? Yes, some of the women in there *do* look familiar. They are **Krysta Jones**, co-chair of this year's Joint Campaign, and **Karla Hagan**, former candidate for School Board, now both TV stars. If you haven't yet seen the ad, go to YouTube and type in, "Creigh Deeds why did you."

K-K Dinner draws 300 cheering Dems

Arlington Democrats joined with compatriots from Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax September 25, for the 8th District Committee's 16th Kennedy-King Dinner.

The event honors the civil and human rights legacies of Senator Robert Kennedy and Reverend Martin Luther King, while raising funds for Northern Virginia Democratic candidates. More than 300, including a large and enthusiastic contingent from Arlington, turned out. The event raised well over \$24,000 dollars, enabling the Eighth District to make contributions to statewide and regional House of Delegates candidates in a year in which funds seem to be in short supply.

Congressman Jim Moran and Senator Jim Webb were among the energizing speakers at the dinner. Webb detailed some of his key goals during his time in office, including the work he has undertaken on behalf of human rights abroad and the major initiative he has undertaken to reform criminal sentencing in the United States.

Moran spoke powerfully about the legacy of the late Senator Edward Kennedy and the obligation we have to continue advancing the causes he championed, including health care.

Lieutenant governor candidate Jody Wagner gave a rousing speech reminding the crowd why she is such a terrific candidate. Other speakers included former Delegate Brian Moran, speaking for Senator Deeds, Delegate Mark Sickles, speaking for attorney general candidate Steve Shannon, Senate Majority Leader Richard Saslaw, Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille and House of Delegates Caucus Chair Ken Plum. Delegate Plum gave special tribute to his retiring colleague, Delegate **Al Eisenberg** for his long and distin-

guished service to Arlington and Virginia, which brought the crowd to its feet. As Kennedy-King Dinner Co-Chair **Dan Steen** observed, if you love a good speech, this was the event to be at.

ACDC Chair **Peter Rousselot**, **Charley Conrad**, **Alfonso Lopez** and other Eighth District Committee members from Arlington helped deliver a very strong turnout from the county. Our own **Bryan Spoon** worked with Alexandria's Suzie Warner to put together a stellar dinner program. Many elected officials from Arlington, including Senator **Mary Margaret Whipple**, helped with table and program purchases. As **Margo Horner** noted later, Arlington certainly did its part in orga-

nizing for the dinner, selling ads and turning out a large crowd.

Former ACDC Chair Horner, now Eighth District Democratic Committee chair, again led the event with Steen and former Arlingtonian Peg Willingham, now of Falls Church, serving as dinner co-chairs. The event is the one time each year that Northern Virginia Democrats come together en masse to celebrate their achievements and pull together in support of candidates from across the region. Northern Virginia Democrats clearly showed that night how much they like being together—the dinner got started a bit late because attendees were having such a good time at the reception.



Photo courtesy Jerry Long

FAN—Arlington's Jim Martin (right) is an ardent and early Creigh Deeds fan. Jim got this license plate back in January to show his support—and he showed it off to Deeds when the nominee visited Arlington.



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The President goes to Wakefield High

by Libby Garvey, deputy chair,
and Sally Baird, chair,
Arlington County School Board

It is impossible to fully articulate the excitement which everyone in the Wakefield community felt about the President's visit. Many students wore Obamafield t-shirts last year. As President, he exemplifies the American life journey—and challenge—which is familiar to so many of our Wakefield students.

It was such an honor—and well-deserved recognition—for a very special school and staff. The principal, Doris Jackson, expressed it perfectly. (See her remarks on YouTube.)

We had a rather odd vantage point as all this unfolded. First, was the thrill of finding out the President was planning to come, but the need to keep it secret. That was hard. We worried the White House would change its mind about the location. Once the press release went out, however, we breathed a huge sigh of relief and enjoyed telling ACDC and the world.

It struck us how little control we had over the event itself. It was so complicated. The White House decided just about everything, including who could and could not come, and

where people would sit. We watched and listened as our staff worked out a myriad of details with the White House and security. A number of times, in response to our inquiries, Arlington school staff told us “we’ve asked, but they won’t tell us” and a few times “we’ve asked, and they said no.”

Then there were the amazing complaints from around the country, and a few from Arlington (!) that we were “subjecting” students to “brainwashing” and worse. It is clear that hate radio is pouring misinformation and manipulating facts, and making far too many people fearful and angry. What a destructive force! This phenomenon could destroy our democracy over time.

But back to a positive future: our students. Sally was one of the few to sit in the library as the President spoke with 40 incoming Wakefield ninth grade students. The students selected to be there represented the wide range of diversity that Wakefield so beautifully embodies. One of the students asked the President why he chose Wakefield. The first part of the President's response noted Wakefield's achievements. But then he looked out at the group, paused, and said, “You look like the world.... This is what America really looks like.... I wanted to talk to you....” It

was a very powerful comment, and one which was not lost on the students sitting in the room with him, a number of whom have worked hard to achieve against daunting challenges. One student asked the President about how it was growing up without a father and the President seemed surprised at first by the question and then answered very thoughtfully.

Outside the room, there was much waiting. Events like this mean waiting. Security limits the President's exposure to crowds, so there was plenty of time to talk with everyone waiting, which included some now very familiar folks from the Department of Education—even Secretary Duncan and his family before he joined the President and our students. The excitement was electric for everyone, even the VIPs.

I'm sure many of you watched the speech. It was great. There was a wonderful signer for the deaf who artfully translated the speech into sign language. It was moving to watch the high school students listen so intently to what the President was saying to them. In fact, saying some congressmen behave like children when the President speaks is insulting to our Arlington children. Our students behaved much better and, as always, made us proud.

In the room, Barack Obama's grin was infectious. He praised Tim Spicer, the senior class president who introduced him and had a big smile. He seemed to be looking right at Libby and she grinned back. Then the President smiled even more broadly. It was a spectacular moment.

Afterwards many students shook the President's hand. He left two signed bricks and an autographed picture. It turns out the President usually signs the wall of each school he is in. He went to do that at Wakefield and the staff panicked briefly: “Oh no! These walls are coming down in a few years.” They found two single bricks which he signed. Those bricks are waiting for the new school, so they will be with Wakefield for a very long time.

So will the memories. I heard teachers say that some students' lives would be changed forever by this visit. The President came, spoke directly to them and showed he cared about them and that he is, indeed, an example to all of them to work hard and never give up on their dreams. It is always an honor and a privilege to serve on the Arlington County School Board, but never more so than this year's first day of school.



Photo courtesy Arlington Public Schools

OPENING DAY — A Wakefield High student gets to pose a question to President Obama as he and Education Secretary Arne Duncan (right) spent the better part of a day at Wakefield to open the school year and address students all across the nation by television.

Quote of the Month

In order to maintain an untenable position, you have to be actively ignorant!

—Stephen Colbert

The wine, as we recall, was great

We've all heard that Dems like white wine and brie! But Arlington Dems also like Virginia reds and artisan cheeses, not to mention charcuterie! Just ask the 50+ who raised a glass to the Democratic ticket at *Vintages for Victory*, the Joint Campaign's first ever wine tasting event.

The second of the three Gold Card events (the first being the Chili Cookoff on Labor Day and the third, the Golden Gala on October 23) was held September 22 at one of Arlington's most happening nightspots—EatBar at Tallula on Washington Boulevard. It was organized by ACDC Secretary **Kate Mesches**.

Attendees visited three tasting stations to swirl, sniff and savor more than nine of the best wines the Old Dominion has to offer. Wine experts from hosts Tallula/Planet Wine extolled the virtues of the selections while guests sampled and selected their favorites along with delicious delectables. The serious oenophiles among them could be seen studying their info and making tasting notes in their souvenir brochures – while still others couldn't leave without buying bottles to take home. While many of the bubbly and whites were a hit, the rock star of the night, as expected, was the "Octagon" from Barbourville Vineyards. The consensus was the wine tasting event is a keeper. Watch for it as a Gold Card event next year!

Sorensen helps Virginians sharpen political brains

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner Co-Chair **Bree Raum** says her experience at the Sorensen Institute "gave me the opportunity to meet and become friends with individuals of all different backgrounds from all over the Commonwealth."

ACDC Vice Chair **Alfonso Lopez** calls it "the best possible graduate level seminar... With the intense give and take between up and coming individuals of all political persuasions, you are forced to analyze and defend your own political beliefs."

The Sorensen Institute at the University of Virginia has helped train hundreds of Virginia's political leaders and candidates since its inception in 1994. The late State Senator Emily Couric was a member of that inaugural group.

The non-partisan organization has programs for political leaders, candidates and college and high school leaders. The Political Leaders program holds classes one weekend a month for 10 months across the commonwealth and focuses on ethics and bipartisanship.

Tuition, which includes the course plus food and lodging (but not travel) is \$2,250. However, financial aid and scholarships are

available.

Of the 509 people who have graduated from the Political Leaders Program, 76 have served in elected office around the commonwealth, including 16 in the Virginia House of Delegates and two in the Virginia Senate; more than 60 have been appointed to state boards and commissions. Governor Warner's Cabinet included five Sorensen grads. Governor Kaine's Cabinet includes seven Sorensen grads. Of the 509 PLP grads since it began in the spring of 1994, 479 still live and work in the commonwealth.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 class but hurry! The deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, November 9. For more information and to obtain an on-line application go to www.sorenseninstitute.org.

New precinct folks elected

ACDC elected a new Area Chair and a Precinct Captain at its October meeting.

Bob Platt, ACDC Parliamentarian, was elected Southeast Area Chair. **Alexandra Beninda** was chosen as Crystal Plaza Precinct Captain.


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Your 2009 Democratic Ticket

On these three pages, we present to you the 2009 Democratic nominees—statewide and local—running in Arlington who face opponents. In addition, our endorsee for School Board, James Lander, is running unopposed and the nominee for the House of Delegates in the 49th District in south Arlington, Adam Ebbin, also faces no opposition.

County Board

Jay Fisette

These past two months have been filled with non-stop candidate forums and neighborhoods meetings. I have met new Arlingtonians, and chatted with long-time neighborhood activists. Candidate forums are part of the Arlington tradition like town hall meetings are part of the New England tradition.

I have discussed issues from the budget and taxes, to libraries and schools, Columbia Pike streetcar and bicycling, to our carbon reduction plans and traffic calming. The buck stops at the local level! And although we have much to be proud of, there is always more to do. Watch for a new initiative to engage the entire Arlington community in our efforts to reduce carbon emissions. I believe climate change and the protection of our environment is the moral issue of our time, and I am proud of my recent endorsement by the Sierra Club.

There is no doubt that the legislative and statewide races are important to Arlington. With your support during these past two months, I have been able to contribute about \$10,000 to several outstanding Northern Virginia Democratic House of Delegates candidates. I also hosted a successful event for Steve Shannon to help him in his campaign to become attorney general.

In the final days before the election, now is the time to redouble our efforts to elect Democrats in Arlington and throughout the Commonwealth. Thanks for your support and for all you do for the Democratic Party and for our Arlington community! For more information, please visit my website at www.Fisette.org.

Join the Election Nite bash

You don't have to stay at home Election Night with your bag of stale nachos. Join fellow Dems in watching the results come in. The Joint Campaign Election Night Party will be held this year at Bailey's in Crystal City (*not* Ballston), 2010-A Crystal Drive, an easy walk from the Crystal City Metro station. Drinks and eats on the scene. It all starts at 6 p.m.



For Virginia House of Delegates

Bob Brink

On September 29, Governor Kaine came to Arlington as the special guest at my fundraising reception. I thank all of you who made the event such a success, and I deeply appreciate the governor's generosity both in his time and in his remarks about our work together.

It's been my honor to help Governor Kaine tackle important issues over the past four years, and Governor Warner before him. They've shown the difference real leadership makes in Richmond.

My first four years as delegate were during the disastrous administration of Republican Jim Gilmore. His reckless fiscal policies and neglect of vital services left Virginia at risk. Mark Warner made tough choices, tightened the state's belt, and worked across the aisle to put Virginia's fiscal house back in order.

Tim Kaine kept Virginia moving forward by investing in education and infrastructure while maintaining fiscal discipline. Under Governors Warner and Kaine, we've made great strides in health care, education, environmental protection and in making our state a welcoming, inclusive place — "The Virginia we want to be."

All that progress is on the line November 3. A Bob McDonnell governorship would be a slicker version of the Bad Old Days — Jim Gilmore without the snarl. By providing Creigh Deeds, Jody Wagner and Steve Shannon with the margins they need, Arlington can keep Virginia on the path of progress.

I ask you for one final push between now and Election Day. With your help, we can keep Virginia moving forward!



Patrick Hope *David Englin*

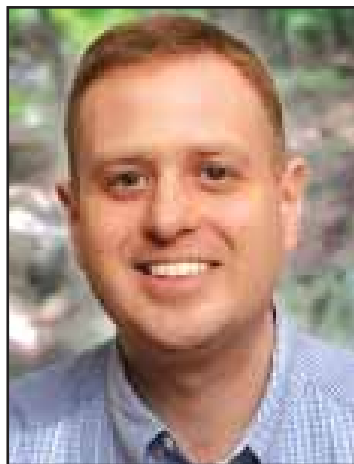
In the 47th District, the Hope campaign charges toward Election Day with characteristic focus and enthusiasm.

Patrick continues to knock on doors and talk with voters. He has presented his positions at dozens of civic association and neighborhood meetings, greeted voters at farmers markets, and spoken to a myriad of local clubs and groups.

Patrick's outstanding personal qualifications, as a lawyer and citizen-activist, plus his positive message are paying off, judging by the growing list of local and statewide organizations that have endorsed his candidacy.

Locally, he has won the support of the Arlington Education Association, Arlington Firefighters and Paramedics, and NOVA Association of Realtors. A partial list of the many and diverse statewide organizations endorsing him include: NARAL—Pro Choice Virginia PAC, Medical Society of VA, Sierra Club, VA AFL-CIO, Virginia Education Association, Virginia Partisans, VA NOW, Service Employees International Union, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia, National Association of Social Workers-Virginia Chapter, and the Virginia League of Conservation Voters.

Although the campaign is gratified and buoyed by these many endorsements, it is the individual voters in the 47th District who will determine if Patrick wins on November 3. With only a few days left, the campaign asks you to continue to work hard on Patrick's behalf, because that effort and **your vote** are the keys to his victory. Check with us at www.HopeforDelegate.com

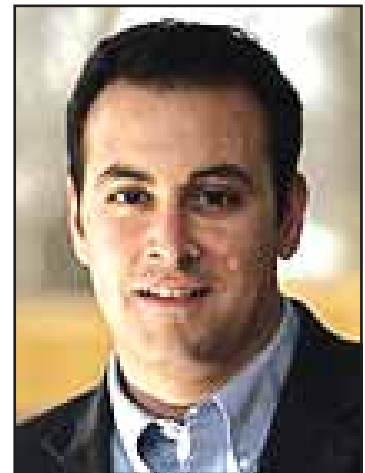


Whether it's saving our planet from the calamity of climate change while building the jobs and the economy of tomorrow, or protecting our schools so that all children have a strong start and can reach for their dreams, or bringing us closer to that day when all Virginians — including gay and lesbian Virginians — are equal in freedom, we must win on November 3rd to win change and progress.

That's why I'm so glad to feel the new energy in the statewide campaign as we come down the home stretch. Our statewide candidates are closing the gap in the polls a little each day, and Democrats who have not been engaged are starting to focus and realize what's at stake on November 3rd. These final days of the campaign come down to which side does a better job on the ground getting their people to the polls, and I am so grateful for and proud of all of the Arlington Democrats working so hard day in and day out to turn out every possible Democratic voter.

As always, Team Englin is doing its part, and we have plenty of Volunteer Nights and canvasses between now and Election Day. If the many ACDC volunteer opportunities don't quite fit your schedule, or if you're looking for other ways to be part of the progressive grassroots movement that will keep Virginia moving forward, please visit www.davidenglin.org/join to join our team and get involved.

However you do your part — whether it's through ACDC, Team Englin, or one of the other local Democratic campaigns — thank you for being part of our collective fight for change and progress!



For statewide office

GOVERNOR

*Creigh
Deeds*

The Deeds for Virginia campaign is picking up steam as we head into the home stretch. Democrats across the state are fired up to elect Creigh Deeds as the next Governor of Virginia! Volunteers and staff are working hard to ensure that we move Virginia forward, but we need everyone's help to make this a reality!

The campaign has had a great past few weeks as momentum continues to build. *The Washington Post* gave Creigh a ringing endorsement saying, "it is Mr. Deeds whose ideas hold the promise of a prosperous future."

Surrogates have also come from around the country to join Creigh on the campaign trail. Former President Bill Clinton, rallied supporters at a campaign office in McLean. President Clinton said that Creigh Deeds would be "the best choice for the Commonwealth of Virginia." President Clinton's visit to Northern Virginia came on the heels of visits from Vice President Joe Biden and former Vice President Al Gore who continue to show their strong support for Creigh.

In Norfolk, the Deeds for Virginia campaign welcomed President Barack Obama back to Virginia to join Governor Tim Kaine and Creigh for a "Rally for Virginia" at Old Dominion University!

What we really need now is *your* support! With the election less than two weeks away, Democrats everywhere are talking to their friends, knocking on doors and making calls to ensure that everyone gets out to vote on November 3rd so we can elect Creigh Deeds

as our next governor. We have a lot of work to do, and just a short time to get the job done.



LT. GOVERNOR

*Jody
Wagner*

As Lieutenant Governor and a small business owner, I will be fully focused on helping to create new jobs and grow Virginia's economy, invest in education, and fix our transportation problem.

As Treasurer and Secretary of Finance, I worked across party lines to close budget deficits, maintain Virginia's AAA credit rating and create nearly 200,000 jobs, while dedicating historic resources to education and job training. I'm proud that our work resulted in Virginia's being named the country's "Best Managed State," and the "Best State for Business."

However, I know that Virginia faces great challenges ahead. We need to create good-paying, sustainable jobs, by investing in high-growth industries like renewable energy production and biotechnology.

We should continue investing in education, so our students are prepared for the 21st Century workforce. And as all Arlingtonians know, we need a permanent fix for transportation.

As our economy improves, I will work to find a consensus, bipartisan solution to fund transportation. In the short-term, I'll work to continue exploring public-private partnerships, advocate for using smarter growth patterns when planning our communities, and incentivize alternative work solutions such as telework, to get cars off the roads.

Please remember to vote for me on Tuesday, November 3rd.



ATTORNEY GENERAL

*Steve
Shannon*

Here at Delegate Steve Shannon's campaign, we are certain that Steve's experience as a prosecutor and his pro-business, public safety agenda will resonate with voters in these final days. Steve is the only candidate for Attorney General to release detailed plans to crack down on gangs, illegal drugs, and Internet predators. In the most recent debate, we saw clearly the stark contrast between Steve, a law-and-order centrist, and Ken Cuccinelli, a conservative ideologue.

We are proud to report that we raised \$531,965 in September and ended the month with \$1,420,859 on hand, which is nearly half a million more than our opponent. This advantage has allowed us to produce a series of new TV ads running throughout the Commonwealth. This is huge in a race that polls show is wide open.

A constant stream of high profile endorsements has bolstered our enthusiasm. Recently, for example, the Northern Virginia Technology Council, the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia Coalition of Police and Deputy Sheriffs, the Virginia Police Benevolent Association, and Senator Jim Webb along with 51 other Virginia veterans have all backed Steve. These endorsements exemplify the broad appeal of Steve's public safety message and his strong reputation in Virginia's business community.

To learn more or to volunteer, please visit www.shannon2009.com or call our campaign office at (703) 218-3501.



ARLINGTON DEMOCRATS JOB BANK

It's Get Out The Vote time. Everyone is needed—whether you have an hour, a day, or can take on a continuing job. Just do it!!

Phone Banks

A major push is under way and your help is needed. All calls are made from ACDC headquarters, 2009 N. 15th Street, #612. **RSVP to the contacts listed to sign up for a day and time slot!**

M—F, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., **Jim McBride**, (703) 867-5070, OrganizerNOVA@vayd.org

M—F, 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m., **Charley Conrad**, (703) 835-6614, charleyconrad@comcast.net

M—F, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., **Kip Malinosky**, (202) 841-8636, kipmalinosky@gmail.com

Sat/Sun -10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., **Jim McBride**, (703) 867-5070, OrganizerNOVA@vayd.org.

Canvassing

Canvassing will be done on Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (contact **Charley Conrad**); and from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (contact **Kip Malinosky**) Email addresses above..



Metro Flyering

We're hitting the Metro corridor hard with the message that Creigh Deeds has the best transportation plan. To volunteer, contact Jim McBride or Marj Signer at arlnow@aol.com

"51" Campaign to win a majority of 51 seats in the House of Delegates

Don't just complain about Bob Marshall! Do something. We're targeting swing districts in Northern Virginia—including his—to provide the extra help that Democrats like Marshall's opponent, John Bell, need to win. We call into those districts and door-knock. Contact Kip at kipmalinosky@gmail.com

"Feet on the Street"

This just in from Maureen Markham, who heads up our tireless Precinct Operations team. We need more poll greeters in each precinct—talk to your precinct captain about available time slots, please—and we always need Building Ambassadors. (You know all those locked buildings and hi-rises with all those Democratic voters? Building Ambassadors live in those buildings and are the precinct communication persons for their own address.) Contact **Paul Ashin** about Building Ambassadors at paul.ashin@verizon.net

We also need a few more "circuit riders" to drive among precinct voting places on Election Day. Contact Paul.



Canvass Watcher Needed

A person who is detail oriented, assertive and willing to advocate for the party if mistakes are observed is needed. Must be able to attend the county canvass all day or provide enough volunteers to cover the entire day. Please see Peter Rousselot about this critical job or email him at peter.rousselot@gmail.com