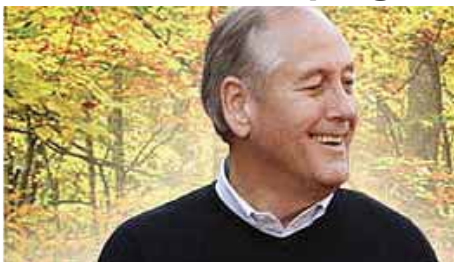


Another Campaign!



It's a special election. Help elect Dave Marsden to the State Senate out in Fairfax County. See page one.

Rare contested ballot for ACDC leadership is set for January 6

The biennial election of precinct captains and ACDC officers will be held at the monthly meeting January 6.

The meeting will first elect up to 116 precinct captains. Captains are elected by Democrats from each precinct—but in reality a contested election is virtually unheard of. Volunteers to serve as captains are being sought, no previous experience required. Those interested are urged to file a one-page registration form that is available at <http://arlingtondemocrats.org/ht/a/GetDocumentAction/i/1284210>. The deadline for filing the form is 5 p.m., December 30.

Arlington has 51 precincts. The 14 that produced the largest vote for the Democratic candidate for governor in November have three captains each. The others have two captains each.

After the precinct captains have been elected, the January 6 meeting will vote on ACDC officers for the 2010-2011 biennium. A total of 140 people are eligible to vote: up to 116 new precinct captains, the 19 Democrats elected from Arlington to public positions and five others, such as representatives of The Roosevelt Society and Young Democrats.

There are 15 ACDC elected positions on the Steering Committee. Those positions are listed in

the Call to Caucus that will be found on page six of this issue. Anyone who wishes to seek any of those positions should notify Chairman **Peter Rousselot** by 5 p.m. December 30 so that their names will appear on the ballot. Notify Rousselot in writing at the address shown in the Call. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

The full rules governing the election of precinct captains and ACDC officers can be found at <http://arlingtondemocrats.org/ht/a/GetDocumentAction/i/1284211>.

As of press time, for the first time in many years, there are contests for both ACDC chair and deputy chair. **Mike Lieberman** and **Bob Platt** are vying for chair and **Maureen Markham** and **Gabe Snow** are seeking the deputy chair slot. See their campaign statements on pages five and seven.

Jim Moran gets new set of knees

Congressman **Jim Moran** was hobbling a bit as he had total replacement surgery on both knees just before Thanksgiving.

He kept his staff on the run filling in as he had limited mobility. He was recovering at home and was not expected to be back on his feet until sometime in January.

But, lo and behold, nothing like a little knee trouble was going to keep our congressman down! Even before Christmas, he was back in his Capitol Hill office.

In announcing the surgery, Moran asked that in lieu of “get well” flowers, donations to the homeless and the needy be made. ACDC has done that. See the Democratic Values in Action story on page six. At the December monthly meeting, Arlington Dems also signed three huge cards wishing the congressman a speedy recovery. And that worked.

For history buffs, Moran is only the second member of Congress to have both knees replaced in a single surgery. The first was Rep. Sonny Montgomery, a Democrat from Mississippi who served from 1967 to 1997.

What? Another campaign to run!

There's no break from campaigning! A special election to fill a state Senate vacancy is being held in Fairfax County January 12 and an all-out effort is under way to take back this seat from GOP hands and to prove that Republican gains in the November election did not signal a trend.

Dave Marsden is the Democratic nominee to fill the vacancy created when Republican Ken Cuccinelli won the race for attorney general in November. Cuccinelli won his Senate seat by the narrowest of margins, defeating Sharon Bulova by only 100 votes. But Obama carried the district last year with the help of a large number of independents so

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Spend New Year's Day with your fellow Dems at our traditional New Year's get together. Details on page two.

Report from Chairman Peter Rousselot***Best wishes to ACDC's new leadership***

This is my final column as ACDC chair. I extend my appreciation and admiration to the extraordinary team of volunteers who have worked as my colleagues since I first became ACDC chair in January 2006! Without their hundreds of hours of work, we could not have accomplished the wonderful things that we did.

On page three of this issue of *The Voice*, I have outlined the seven most important things that I learned as ACDC Chair. In this column, I will briefly summarize our goals and accomplishments over the past four years.

—What we inherited in 2006:

- ACDC's core mission (as a local Democratic committee): **elect Democrats at the local, state and national level.**

- A great group of Arlington Democratic elected officials, talented Democratic volunteers, and a track record of winning elections.

—My Overriding Strategic Goal as ACDC Chair:

- Maximize ACDC's effectiveness in reaching out to Arlington voters. **When I**

became Chair, ACDC had worked effectively for years in reaching out to Arlington voters in a variety of ways, including its quite successful precinct operations program. I reviewed this record, and chose three priorities on which to concentrate to raise that effectiveness to an even higher level.

—My 3 Priorities in each of my two terms as ACDC Chair (2006-2009):

(1) **Outreach** ("Let's have an Arlington Democratic Party that looks like Arlington.") We increased active participation in the Arlington Democratic Party by lots of different people from lots of different backgrounds, including women, young Democrats, seniors, African Americans, Latinos, the LGBTQ community, Arab Americans, veterans, and many others.

(2) **Technology** ("Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore.") We upgraded computer systems at ACDC HQ; upgraded ACDC software (e.g., the NGP system), and developed and implemented new electronic communi-

cations strategies (e.g., email, Facebook, Twitter)—leveraging the success of the Obama for President Campaign).

(3) **Finance** ("Gotta pay the bills.") We upgraded the J-J Dinner as ACDC's signature fundraising event; increased the numbers of annual sustaining contributors via the Roosevelt Society, and increased the numbers of high dollar contributors. With the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA), we co-sponsored the Virginia Inaugural Ball in Arlington in 2009.

—What we leave for the next set of ACDC leaders:

A local Democratic committee even better positioned to fulfill its core mission of electing Democrats.

Roll in the New Year with our party's party

Join Arlington Dems at the traditional post-first-County-Board-meeting-of-the-Year event on New Year's Day from noon to 3 p.m.

Outgoing County Board Chair **Barbara Favola** is hosting this event at her home, 2319 N. 18th Street, between Wilson Boulevard and Lee Highway (north and south boundaries) and nestled between Veitch Street to the east and Adams Street to the west.

As always, the ACDC Kitchen Crew will provide the basics—mulled cider and bread baskets. Since the event always involves a lot of "political communion," attendees are encouraged to bring communion fare—bread and white wine! Other party munchies will also be gratefully accepted.

The Kitchen Crew would welcome new cooks! If you'd like to volunteer, contact **Charlene Bickford** at Bickford@gwu.edu or chief celery dicer **Madi Green** at yellowdog22207@yahoo.com.

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**Next Monthly Meeting
All Dems Invited**

Wednesday, January 6, 2010, 7:30 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*

January is our biennial elections, and the schedule is different. The voting will begin at 7:30 p.m., but sign-in to qualify as a voter begins at 6:30 p.m. The eligible voters are listed on page one.

***Bumper Sticker
of the Month***

**The Republican
health care plan:
*DON'T GET SICK!***

What I learned as ACDC chair

*by Peter Rousselot
ACDC Chair, 2006-2009*

The 7 Most Important Lessons I learned as ACDC chair are:

(1) **ACDC's leadership needs to blend continuity and change.** To remain relevant, vibrant and effective, ACDC needs constantly to nurture a healthy dialogue among old and new ideas, and choose the best ideas whether old or new. Continuously combining more seasoned and newer leaders of all ages is the best formula for success. We derive our current strength from active volunteers ages 18 into their mid-80's.

(2) **The Arlington Young Democrats**

(AYD) are vital to ACDC's success.

To encourage ACDC's and Arlington's future leaders, ACDC and AYD must continue to have a strong partnership of equals. To further that goal, 33 percent of ACDC's Steering Committee members currently are 35 and under.

(3) **ACDC should be a strong organization, 12 months a year,** not a frantic "pick-up game" only as elections approach. You can't be an effective political party only at election time. ACDC needs to have a robust schedule of interesting and challenging programs and activities on a year-round basis in order to stay in touch with each other and

our voters.

(4) To best serve all candidates and elected officials, **ACDC should never become too dependent on any one candidate** or elected official. Our candidates and elected officials have their own agendas and goals which sometimes may be inconsistent with one another. To maximize its effectiveness, ACDC needs to have its own unique agendas and goals.

(5) **Sometimes ACDC's wheels need to be re-invented.** Most things ACDC has done have been done for very good reasons, but we always need to be prepared to embrace more effective ways in which to do them.

(6) **All ACDC politics are local—and state—and national.** Our volunteers are passionate about politics in different ways and on different levels. ACDC is at its best when all those passions are represented in large numbers.

(7) **Where you locate ACDC's headquarters is a strategic decision.** We worked hard to find an affordable location for our new headquarters that was metro-accessible. Having a metro-accessible headquarters is a great asset to our increasingly large volunteer base that lacks automobile transportation.

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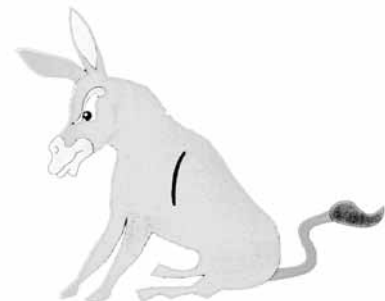
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Baird seeking re-election to School Board

Dear Fellow Arlington Democrats,

The support which the Arlington community extends to our schools is remarkable. It has been an honor to serve you and our community as a member of our School Board during these last three years. I will be seeking re-election in 2010.

The School Board has seen significant change in recent years, including the departures of long-time Board members, and the selection of a new superintendent earlier this year. At each juncture, the Board has emerged stronger. I am proud to have had the opportunity — first as vice-chair and now as chair — to have been part of the Board's work in finding a renewed unity of purpose as we meet the challenges of the present and set a path to the future.

Looking to 2010 and beyond, several areas demand our attention and our commitment:

Our *investment in Arlington's students* reflects our community values. PreK for at-risk students, substantive parent engagement programs, dropout prevention — the long-term payoff from these investments is dramatic for both students and community.

We must *think differently about the delivery of instruction*. Approaching instruction in new ways will achieve both educational and budgetary goals. Expanding distance learning, more flexibly scheduling the school day, and expanding multi-graded classrooms will benefit both students and the school system.

And, finally, *collaboration between County and Schools* must move to a new level as we enter the next years of significant revenue shortfalls.

The current School Board is ready for the challenges — and the opportunities — which lie ahead. This Board has the stability and perspective, the depth and breadth of experience, and the strong leadership required to ensure that our system moves to its "next level."

I look forward to continuing to bring my values, my perspective, my life experience, and my leadership style to the Board. I ask for your support. We have important work to do. Together.

Respectfully, *Sally Baird*

Donkey Ears

Listening to the doings of Arlington's Dems

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



Leukemia strike: **Liz Rugaber**, who with husband **Chris** was long active in ACDC and AYDs, has just been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. Chris reports that the diagnosis was "sudden and scary" but says Liz remains on top of everything. She began chemo treatment a week before Christmas and will remain in the hospital for a month or more. Their church is helping Chris with the kids. Liz is happy to receive emails at elizabeth.rugaber@pillsburylaw.com or cards at the hospital: Virginia Hospital Center, 1701 N. George Mason Drive, Arlington VA 22205. No flowers anyone—the hospital has banned them from Liz's room due to the risk of infection.

Not a pedestrian post: The County Board has honored **Judy Connally**, former member of the School Board and House of Delegates, for her recently completed service on the 17-member Commonwealth Transportation Board, which sets transportation priorities for the state.

Better on a camel: And now that she's free, **Judy Connally** and husband **Doctor Tom** are planning a trip to Egypt this winter. Judy says she's determined to ride a camel. You can tell she's not planning to run for any office because photos of electeds on camels are a candidate's no-no!

Today's chuckle: State Senator **Mary Margaret Whipple** hosted a fundraiser just before Christmas for Dave Marsden, who's running in a special election to fill the State Senate vacancy out in Fairfax County that opened up when Republican Ken Cuccinelli won the race for attorney general. Comments were made at the fund-raiser that it obviously "was not a success—because the Salahis didn't try to crash it." The event was loaded with Salahi jokes.

Moving up: We may not have reached our goal of re-taking a majority in the House of Delegates, but Delegate **David Englin** got a boost up the ranks. The House Democratic Caucus met after the election and elected him vice chairman.

Turnover: After umpteen years leading the Virginia Partisans Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club, **Charley Conrad** has retired. New officers have been elected for 2010-2011 and they include a bevy of Arlingtonians—**Alexandra Beninda** as treasurer, **Brian Cook** as secretary and **Tiffany Joslyn** as vice president. Mind you, there are only five statewide offices, and Arlingtonians took three of them!

Family expansion: We reported last month that former Precinct Ops Deputy Chair **Jesse Rosenthal** and wife Stacy had moved into a new and larger home. Now they are filling it up, as 8-pound, 3-ounce daughter Eve has joined older brothers Ben and Will in the household.

Passages: Long-time volunteer **Charles "Jack" Cooper** died Nov. 19 at the age of 80. Born in Tampa, he got his law degree from Harvard and practiced around Philadelphia before moving to Virginia in 1983 to teach at Randolph-Macon. When health problems led him to retire in 1994, he moved to Arlington where he continued his active volunteering for Democratic causes, Quaker causes, music causes and many others. He is survived by his wife, **Sally**, also an active Democratic volunteer.

Our candidates for ACDC chair

As described on page 1, ACDC will be conducting its biennial reorganization January 6. This includes the election of new leadership. Two ACDC stalwarts—**Mike Lieberman** and **Bob Platt**—have announced their candidacies for committee chair. Here are their campaign statements.

In last month's newsletter, I declared my candidacy for ACDC Chair. I am honored and humbled by the outpouring of support I have received for my candidacy. I have always believed that the greatest testament to a candidate is the willingness of community leaders to lend their name in support. Rather than rehash the platform I outlined last month, I want to share with you some of the many Arlington Democrats who have honored me with their endorsement. I hope to earn your vote as well on January 6.



ACDC Chairs and Former Chairs - Peter Rousselot, Jim Turpin, Dan Steen, Margo Horner, Sharon Davis, John Milliken, Dick Barton
Arlington Elected Officials - Senator Mary Margaret Whipple; Delegates Bob Brink, Adam Ebbin, David Englin, Al Eisenberg; and Patrick Hope; County Board Members Walter Tejada and Chris Zimmerman; School Board Members Sally Baird, Ed Fendley, Libby Garvey, James Lander and Abby Raphael; Sheriff Beth Arthur, Clerk of the Court Paul Ferguson; Commissioner of the Revenue Ingrid Morroy; Treasurer Frank

O'Leary; Commonwealth's Attorney Dick Trodden.
ACDC Steering Committee - Alfonso Lopez (Dep. Chair); Maureen Markham (Precinct Ops); Melissa Bondi (Dep. Special Projects); Amanda Brino (Finance); Tom Connally (Legal Counsel); Charley Conrad (Dem. Values in Action); Jean Marshall Crawford (Asst. Treasurer); Brian Devine (Dep. Communications); Carolina Espinal (Outreach); Carol Fontein (Precinct Ops); John Grant (Finance); Jordan Higgins (Internet); Karl Johnson (Program); Krysta Jones (Joint Campaign); Kim Klingler (Joint Campaign); Amy Lewis (Recruitment); Jim McBride (Precinct Ops); Kate Mesches (Secretary); Peter Owen (Dep. Secretary); Nancy Pilchen (Dep. Volunteer Coord.); Bree Raum (JJ Dinner); Jason Rylander (Press); Marj Signer (Volunteer Coord.); Gordon Simonett (AYD President); Terron Sims (Outreach); Gabe Snow (JJ Dinner); Amanda Wolfe (Treasurer); Sarah Zevin (Dem. Values in Action).

And many more...

I encourage Precinct Captains to file by December 30 for an additional two-year term. The filing form, as well as my goals are posted on www.plattforacdchair.com.

Last month, I announced for the Chair position and outlined in the December *Voice* my proposed goals for the coming years. I advocate reemphasis of Precinct Operations as ACDC's highest priority of the next two years. We can work to make ACDC more welcoming to volunteers of all backgrounds and ages, and will add volunteer-appreciation and social events.

I have experience in all aspects of ACDC over the last two decades, as a Precinct Captain and on the Steering Committee:

- Directed our School Board Caucuses where dozens of volunteers handled thousands of voters in 2007 and 2008.
- Dealt with policy issues as Chair of ACDC's Resolution Committee and by serving three times on the 8th District's Resolution Committee.
- Raised funds for the headquarters relocation by making a challenge gift and seeking matching donors.
- Ensured fairness as our Legal Counsel, Parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms.
- Designed printed materials for a Joint Campaign, ACDC Newsletter and the Roosevelt Society Newsletter. He was our first Webmaster.
- Hosted ACDC's annual retreats and was on its organizing group.
- Served as precinct operations' Southeast Area Chair.



I have led other volunteer organizations and have the leadership skills necessary to guide ACDC.

I continue to contact Captains about the reorganization and welcome your calls at 703-486-1466. Since my announcement, he has received additional endorsements from Sen. **Patsy Ticer**, former Del. **Brian Moran** and **Christian Dorsey**, leader of Arlington's African American Leadership Council. You can read what party activists are saying about my qualifications at www.plattforacdchair.com.

Having reached the point in my career where I can devote a majority of my time to serving as ACDC Chair, I asks you elect me to provide ACDC with well-organized, coordinated leadership.

Call for Caucus to Elect Precinct Representatives and Election of Officers

The Arlington County Democratic Committee (ACDC) hereby calls a caucus on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the NRECA Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA, for the purpose of electing Precinct Representatives of the ACDC. To be eligible for election as a Precinct Representative by the participants of the caucus, individuals must deliver (i) written notice of their intent to seek election, specifying their precinct, and (ii) a non-refundable filing fee of \$25 (payable to ACDC) to the Chair of the ACDC, Peter Rousselot, or his designated representative, at ACDC Headquarters, **2009**

Democratic Values in Action

Really big toy truck caps gifts

The table at the December 2 monthly meeting groaned with cereal, canned goods, coats, gloves and hats! Arlington Dems have been putting their Democratic values to work in a big way!

Democratic Values in Action committee co-chair **Charley Conrad** delivered:

- 34 pounds of food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center;
- 8 coats and a sweater to the Arlington Homeless Shelter;
- New mittens and gloves for children to the Arlington Doorways for Women and Families;
- 3 bags of toys and "a really big toy truck" to the Offender Aid and Restoration Office of Arlington County so children who have a parent in jail will get toys at Christmas.

And this was just for one month! Conrad estimates that during the past year ACDC has donated 126 boxes of cereal and 62 pounds of dry food to AFAC and more than 100 pounds of clothing to the Arlington Homeless Shelter. All of this month's contributions were made in honor of Congressman **Jim Moran**, who has undergone knee replacement surgery and who requested charitable donations instead of gifts or flowers. (See Moran story on page one.)

In addition to Santa Conrad, elves included co-chair **Sarah Zevin** and **Voncille Hines**, **Pat Allen** and **Margo Horner**.

The form you may file to declare your candidacy to be a captain in your precinct may be downloaded here: <http://arlingtondemocrats.org/ht/a/GetDocumentAction/i/1284210>

14th Street N, Suite 612, Arlington, VA 22201, by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2009. The fee may be waived by the Chair upon written request received prior to the filing deadline.

In order to certify the eligibility of a candidate for election as a Precinct Representative, the Chair shall ascertain that he or she is a resident of and registered to vote in the precinct in Arlington County for which he or she seeks election; is a Democrat; does not intend to support, endorse, or assist any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic nominee or endorsee; and is not a member of any other political party. Two Precinct Representatives may be elected from each precinct in Arlington County, and each of the 14 precincts that cast the most votes for the Democratic candidate for Governor in the 2009 General Election* may elect a third Precinct Representative.

Any Arlington voter who certifies that: 1) he or she is a resident of and registered to vote in the precinct in Arlington County, Virginia; 2) is a Democrat; 3) does not intend to support, endorse, or assist any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic nominee or endorsee; and 4) is not a member of any other political party, may participate in the caucus.

Participants may vote only for the Precinct Representatives for the precinct in which they are registered.

Only those Precinct Representatives elected at this caucus will be eligible to vote for the officers of the Arlington County Democratic Committee at its January 6, 2010, Reorganization Meeting.

Immediately following the caucus, ACDC will hold its Reorganizational Meeting to elect the following officers: Chair, Deputy Chair, Precinct Operations Chair, Finance Chair, Press and Public Relations Chair, Outreach and Visibility Co-Chairs, Communications Director, Newsletter Editor, Volunteer Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Parliamentarian. Candidates for office wishing to have their names listed on the ballot for one or more of these offices shall deliver written notice of their intent to seek election, specifying the office(s) that they seek, with the Chair of the ACDC, Peter Rousselot, or his designated representative, at ACDC Headquarters, **2009 14th Street N, Suite 612**, Arlington, VA 22201, by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2009. No filing fee is required to seek ACDC office.

*The 14 precincts casting the most votes for Creigh Deeds were: Woodlawn (1,067), Marshall (990), Lexington (914), Rock Spring (911), Dominion Hills (896), Ashton Heights (880), Madison (877), Park Lane (857), Thrifton (857), Overlee Knolls (853), Abingdon (851), Lyon Village (840), Cherrydale (836), and Jefferson (812).

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Our candidates for ACDC deputy chair

ACDC will have at least two contested races for leadership positions at the January 6th meeting.

In addition to **Mike Lieberman** and **Bob Platt** vying for chair, **Maureen Markham** and **Gabe Snow** are running for the deputy chair job. Both have been deeply involved in ACDC activities for some time. Their campaign statements are below.

I would be honored to have your vote for Deputy Chair of ACDC. I believe that being in the leadership of the Party means building a team, reaching out to all types of people who share our Democratic values and finding ways that we can work together to promote those values. We work to elect our Democratic candidates because they represent a Vision for our Country and our Community and a set of principles that we believe in – good jobs, good schools, good health care; peace, justice, equality and fairness. That’s why I’m a Democrat and as Deputy Chair I would work hard to carry that message to Democrats everywhere, and make them feel welcome in the Party.

In the past four years that I have been Precinct Chair, we have won every race in every precinct in the County. But we can’t be complacent. We have to be a year-round party, organizing and promoting our issues and the visibility of our elected officials not just at election time, but all the time. As Deputy Chair I’ll do my best to make sure that we keep moving Arlington and Virginia forward by engaging the community, reaching out to young and old, to new citizens and those who may have become disinterested or complacent; organizing special events like the Issues Fair and the Obama Platform Café; collaborating with groups of like mind like Organizing for America; and working with the new Chair and Steering Committee to keep our Party vibrant and growing and successfully electing progressive Democratic candidates in every race.

As your next Deputy Chair I plan to take an active role in the continued development and improvement of the party operation. It is extremely important that we continue the legacy of hard work, results, transparency, inclusiveness and progressive values that this committee has produced over the years.

I have gained valuable experience through my vast and varied involvement with our Democratic community. I served as a precinct captain for Crystal City and I learned how well the precinct operation works here in Arlington County, thanks in no small part to our continued efforts to involve and activate our Democratic base.

I was honored to be elected to serve as the President of Arlington Young Democrats and to have headed one of the most well respected young Democratic clubs in the country. In 2005, when I served as the co-chair for the Arlington Democratic Joint Campaign, I saw firsthand how campaigns can work together and the results can be remarkable.

These experiences are the reason that I am the ideal candidate for Deputy Chair. It is the responsibility of this committee to continue to meet and exceed our goals. The 2010 and 2011 election cycles will be extremely important in shaping the future of Arlington County and I look forward to helping our party to meet these challenges. I ask that you support my candidacy for Deputy Chair. Thank you!



**Maureen
Markham**



**Gabe
Snow**

Start the year off with a winning campaign

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it is considered winnable.

A December 12 fundraiser for Marsden was held by Senator and Democratic Caucus Chair **Mary Margaret Whipple** at her home. The event was well-attended and, even though the candidate was not present, his wife, Julia, was. When she apologized for his absence, saying he was out knocking on doors, she was told, "no problem. Everyone here knows how important this race is and we don't need him to tell us. What he's doing is more important!"

The Senate is now in Democratic hands by a 21-19 margin, so a Marsden victory would add considerable comfort to the Democratic majority.

The Marsden campaign is looking for volunteers in two main areas:

Canvassing door-to-door: It's cold out there, so you will need to bundle up. But the cold also means that more folks are likely to be at home

Phone calls: The campaign is operating

a phone bank at its offices. But for those who prefer to call from home, the campaign can arrange that, too, and save you the trip.

Marsden's district is at the far western end of Fairfax County, just before the Bull Run battlefield. It is centered on Centreville.

Arlington's **Kip Malinosky** is coordinating the canvassing drives out to Fairfax. "We had a great canvass today," Kip reported. "Six people showed and we knocked over 400 doors."

Two offices are staging locations for calls and canvassing: Fairfax Station Office at 5618 Ox Road Suite G and Centerville Office 5954 Centerville Crest Lane. Phone banks run from 9am to 9pm. Canvassing on the weekends starts at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

To volunteer, call (571) 249-3037 or email jeremy@marsdenforsenate.com

Contributions can be made through the campaign website, which is located at www.marsdenforsenate.com

Marsden has spent his career in juvenile justice. After college, he started as a probation officer with the Fairfax County Juvenile

and Domestic Relations Court. He set up the county youth shelter and for 17 years superintended the county's Juvenile Detention Center. Then he was named to run the state's Department of Juvenile Justice. He now manages a U.S. Justice Department program to help localities reduce gang activity and violent youth crime. He has just completed two terms as a delegate in the General Assembly.

There is one other Senate vacancy being filled in the Tidewater area where a Republican senator won election in November as county sheriff. Since both vacancies involve retiring Republicans, the Democratic majority is not threatened.

Rules set for Skul Bd caucus

Rules for a School Board Caucus in 2010—should there be a need for one—were adopted at the December 2 monthly meeting.

The Caucus would be scheduled for Thursday, May 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Washington-Lee High School and Saturday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

School Board candidates run as independents. However, they may—and do—seek the endorsement of Arlington's political parties. Arlington Dems have traditionally endorsed candidates who share Democratic values and visions for Arlington education policy.

In 2010, the seat currently held by School Board Chair **Sally Baird** is up for election. Baird has already announced her intention to seek re-election. (See her announcement on page four.) As of *The Voice's* deadline, no other candidates have come forward. If there are no other candidates seeking the Democratic endorsement, the caucus will be canceled.

Anyone wishing the Democratic endorsement must file a letter of intent with the chair of the Arlington County Democratic Committee or his designated representative, at ACDC headquarters, 2009 14th Street, Suite #612, Arlington, VA 22201 by 5 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2010.

The caucus is often called a firehouse primary. However, there are no fires or houses involved.

The complete rules for the caucus may be found on the ACDC website at www.arlingtondemocrats.org.

Simonett chairs AYDs

Gordon Simonett has been chosen to lead Arlington Young Democrats in 2010. Simonett was elected at the AYD annual meeting December 3 to succeed outgoing President **Sarah Godlewski**.

Born in Trinidad, West Indies, Simonett moved to Michigan at the age of 8, quickly learning what cold weather was all about. He graduated from American University where he served as treasurer of AU College YDs and was also an active member of his local YD chapter in Ann Arbor, Michigan where he earned the Young Democrat of the Year award. He has been a member of AYD for the last two years, serving as deputy membership director in 2008 and membership director in 2009. He also was an active participant in ACDC's Joint Campaign for the last two election cycles.

Simonett works as a Residency Education Administrator at Georgetown University Hospital. His goals for AYD in 2010 include growing AYD's membership; increasing AYD participation in ACDC activities; promoting outreach efforts; and encouraging AYD's to take an active role in issue/advocacy campaigns.

Other AYD officers elected for 2010 are:
Lauren Hall – Vice-President

Shannon Straw – Secretary
Shani Harmon – Treasurer
Brian Straw – Finance Director
Mary Kate Francis – Community Service Director
Therese Griffin – Outreach Director
Kim Klingler – Party Representative
Ben Lingeman – Political Director



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