

She's not going to miss the Arlington County Fair. Don't you miss it either.

Thurs-Sun, Aug 7-10

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What the . . . ? Dems laud GOP governor at J-J dinner

In what is probably a first in almost 200 years of Jefferson-Jackson dinners all across the country, Arlington's Democrats gave a standing ovation at the county J-J dinner to a former *Republican* governor, Linwood Holton, the first GOP governor of Virginia since reconstruction.

Gov. Holton, not incidentally, is the father-in-law of Gov. Tim Kaine, who was the J-J keynote speaker.

Rep. Jim Moran welcomed Holton to the ban-

quet and said that Holton was one of two Republicans Moran has voted for in his life. (He did not name the other one.)

Moran also commented that there were undoubtedly some other Republicans in the room: "After all, we've made some money on this dinner, so there must be some Republicans here."

Gov. Kaine explained Moran's vote by describing his father-in-law as more of a Democrat than most Virginia Democrats when he won election in

1969, as the man who built the two-party system in Virginia and as the governor who buried segregation in the commonwealth before the state GOP was taken over by conservatives defecting from the Democratic party.

The sold-out J-J crowd rose spontaneously in a standing ovation for Holton, now 85 years old.

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Dems at County Fair balloon-free

The 2008 Arlington County Fair is almost upon us, with more than 60,000 people expected to descend on Thomas Jefferson Middle School from Thursday, August 7 to Sunday, August 10.

This is Arlington's largest annual multi-day event, and features food, fun, displays and racing pigs, among many other activities.

As always, the Arlington Dems will be out in force, representing the Barack Obama for President and Mark Warner for U.S. Senate campaigns, as well as well as the county Joint and statewide Coordinated Campaigns. Expect stickers, flyers and signs galore—plus, ACDC will unveil its brand new booth.

In keeping with Arlington's Fresh Aire Initiative and to play our part in protecting the environment, the Arlington Democrats are going balloon-free this year. No more Democratic balloons hovering above you in the TJ rafters or escaping outside to ensnare birds and never biodegrade.

There's still much fun, plenty of campaign materials, Obama tattoos for the kids and young at heart, and a variety of Democratic officials and candidates. Please sign up to help or stop by to visit. TJ is located at 3501 S. 2nd Street, just south of Arlington Blvd.

If you'd like to volunteer at the booth, we'd love to have you. The following shifts are available: Thursday 7-10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 1-4 p.m., 4-7 p.m. or 7-9 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or 2-5 p.m.

To sign up, or if you have questions, contact **Chris King** at partyrep@arlingtonyoungdems.org.

See you at the Fair!"



KEYNOTER — Gov. Tim Kaine not only whipped up the crowd at the Arlington J-J, but brought a Republican governor along with him.



(Don't try this at home.)

Help bring the 2008 campaign to a safe landing. You can help by volunteering.

See page 8 for some things you can do to help—including things you can do at home!

Report from Chairman Peter Rousselot

On the need to replace the GOP brand

“Members instinctively understand that the Republican brand is in the trash can. I’ve often observed that if we were a dog food, they would take us off the shelf.” Advice from retiring Virginia GOP Congressman Tom Davis in a May 2008 Strategy Memo to his House GOP colleagues.

The most basic demand of every voter in every election ought to be: Who will do the best job? What do both your heart and your head tell you? For jobs as critical as U.S. president and U.S. senator, voters also must place their choice in the context of association: Who will you bring along with you? Have your likely associates demonstrated that they know what they are doing? Can your team lead and govern? Given this time-tested framework, every Arlingtonian should vote for Barack Obama and Mark Warner.

Why the GOP Brand Got in the Trash Can

America: Nationally, the Republican brand got in the trash can through a series of disastrous choices by George Bush, his aspiring successor, John McSame, and the Republican team on which they rely: the war in Iraq;

the total lack of a plan to address climate change; the failure to address the nation’s health care crisis; the failure to regulate mortgage lending—the list goes on and on.

Virginia: In Virginia, the Republican brand got in the trash can through a series of disastrous choices by then GOP Governor Jim Gilmore, most notably his campaign to repeal the car tax without thinking through the fiscal consequences, the ensuing budget crisis, and the failure of the Virginia GOP legislative leadership to do anything about it.

Why Obama & Warner will Lead Us Out

Obama: It’s time to get out of the trash can and back on the road to a brighter tomorrow. Barack Obama has demonstrated that he has the judgment and the vision to lead us out of the mess we are in. He was right from the start about the war in Iraq—while Bush and McSame were wrong. He has comprehensive plans to address climate change, health care, mortgage lending, and more. Most importantly, Barack Obama has a style of governing that unites, not divides, that inspires, not belittles, that asks every American to do better. Why not the best for America?

Warner: Like Obama, Mark Warner has a record of bringing people together to solve problems—not a record of ideological confrontation. Mark Warner confronted the fiscal mess he was left by Gilmore; cut many expenses for second tier programs, and then proposed and negotiated necessary tax increases with the Republican-led legislature to put Virginia’s house in order. Mark Warner is a problem-solver, not a prisoner of unyielding ideology. Mark Warner will be a leader on Day One in the United States Senate for an Obama Administration ready to tackle this country’s long-deferred problems.

What Every Arlington Dem Should Do

- Talk to every Republican you know, and explain why—regardless of how they voted in the past and might vote in the future, they should vote in 2008 for Obama and Warner.
- Volunteer as much time as you can to help the Obama campaign, the Warner campaign, the Arlington Joint Campaign, or the Virginia Coordinated Campaign. You’ll find details on how to do that elsewhere in this issue of *The Voice*.

Retiring Virginia Republican Congressman Tom Davis knew what he was doing when he bailed out of running for re-election this year. Now, it’s your turn to vindicate his judgment by helping Arlington turn America and Virginia Blue. Let’s take the Republicans “off the shelf”!

Scatton resigns

ACDC Communications Director **Antonia Scatton** has resigned due to the heavy demands of her day job.

Antonia promises she will “still be around and will contribute what time and effort I can. I’d be happy to provide advice to any who would find it helpful.”

Some of her responsibilities for the calendar and website have already been taken over by **Melanie Ciolek** who can be reached at Melanie@arlingtondemocrats.org.

Calendar items

To submit items for the calendar—both for the website or *The Voice*—go to <http://www.arlingtondemocrats.org/submitevent.phtml>.

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**Next Monthly Meeting—
All Dems Invited**

Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 7 p.m.

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

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

***Bumper Sticker
of the Month***

***Once we had Clinton,
Johnny Cash
and Bob Hope.
Now we have Bush, no
cash and no hope.***

J-J stirs the juices for fall campaign



STOP— Rep. Jim Moran (left) appears to be restraining ACDC Chair Peter Rousselot from continuing a highly laudatory introduction at the J-J dinner.

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But Holton was the only Republican to get that euphoric recognition at the J-J. The rest of the party was treated as a large bull's eye punctured by one well-deserved arrow after another.

"We are the ones who established Social Security—over the objections of the Republican party," said Moran. "We are the ones who established Medicare—over the objections of the Republican party. We are the ones who established unemployment compensation—over the objections of the Republican party."

Kaine noted that Virginia had made a point of excluding party labels from the ballot. But in the 1990s, when the GOP was feeling its oats, it changed the law and put party labels next to candidates for state office. "They rue that vote now, folks," Kaine said with a piteous smile.

Kaine then lifted the microphone out of its cradle and shifted into high gear, praising Arlington Dems for all they have done to bring a Democratic majority to the State Senate and to shave the GOP majority in the House of Delegates. Arlington has four delegates, all Democrats. "You couldn't elect any more Democratic delegates in Arlington—unless you created some sort of Chicago thing," Kaine said—and you could almost see the wheels turning at the thought of that.

Kaine then ginned up the crowd to work for the election of Mark Warner to the U.S. Senate, noting it would be the first time since 1970 that Virginia would have two Democrats in the Senate—"although, in the interests of full disclosure, we wouldn't recognize some of those Democrats in 1970," he said with a nod to his father-in-law.

Next Kaine called for a huge effort to "break the jinx that has lasted 44 years" and put Virginia in the Democratic presidential column. He said he had been on the phone that very day with Senator Barack Obama as one of his national co-chairs. "There were lots of them," on the conference call he noted. Then he recalled a year ago when he became the first governor to endorse Obama and had his first conference call of national co-chairs.

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- Mary Marshall Outstanding Democrat Award
Mary Margaret Whipple
- Herselle Milliken Precinct Captain of the Year
Charley Conrad
- Campaigners of the Year
Mary Detweiler & Chris King
- Outstanding Precinct
Fairlington: Jane Bergen & Mike Anderson
- Best New Precinct Captain
Donna Doering
- Volunteer of the Year--not on the committee
Beth Holtzclaw
- Volunteer of the Year--on the committee
Marj Signer
- Newcomer of the Year
Lesley Sebastian
- Outreach Award
Terron Sims
- Netroots Award
James Martin
- Lucy Denney Award for HQ Volunteer
Pam Henriksen & Janet Spence
- Joint Campaign Fundraiser of the Year
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Arlington Chamber of Commerce

J-J rips GOP

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"It was three guys from Chicago and me."

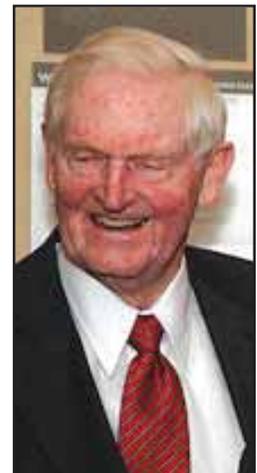
Kaine described the 2008 election as "transformative." Some elections, he said, you want to stay the course, and that is what John McCain is offering. "But I don't want to stay the course; I want to change direction." And if Democrats can convince the rest of the country of that need, "we can exorcise some demons."

The J-J is also known for recognizing those who excelled at electing Dems over the past year. The prestigious MM (Mary Marshall) Award for Outstanding Democrat went to another MM—**Mary Margaret Whipple**. The complete list of award winners appears in the box at the left.

Bree Raum and Gabe Snow served as co-chairs of the event which, for the third year in a row, was held at the Westin Arlington Gateway hotel on Glebe Road near Wilson Blvd.

The Jefferson-Jackson Dinner is the oldest of Democratic traditions. It began in the early 1800s as the Jefferson Day Dinner held in Washington on Thomas Jefferson's birthday. In the 1840s, it became the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. Now J-J dinners are held annually by many hundreds of city, county, district and state Democratic parties all across the country. Some are major banquet affairs like Arlington's. But some are small affairs like the Falls Church tradition of a pot luck supper.

Historical footnote: Anne Holton Kaine is *not* the first Virginia governor's daughter to be a Virginia governor's wife. Martha Jefferson, daughter of Gov. Thomas Jefferson (1779-1781) married Thomas Randolph in 1790, and Randolph served as governor from 1819 to 1922.



**Gov.
Linwood
Holton**

Lawyers are sought to protect vote

Calling all lawyers—practicing, retired or soon-to-be (law students).

The Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA) has initiated the “Promote the Vote” voter protection program and ACDC members can help.

Volunteer lawyers and law students are being recruited to help ensure that voters are aware of their voting rights. They will be posted in the field throughout the Commonwealth on Election Day and for the canvass the following day when the votes are certified to help ensure that all votes are counted and all legal procedures are followed.

Volunteers will be trained for this task and do not have to be licensed in Virginia to participate. If you are bilingual and/or are willing to travel, so much the better.

If you are a lawyer, law student or otherwise have experience in voting rights, contact Rita Aguilar, DPVA Deputy General Counsel at rita@democraticlawyers.org.

Your chance for a say on the Platform

Want to put in your two-cents worth on what should be included in the Democratic Platform? An Arlington meeting to discuss ideas is being held this Saturday (July 26) at 10 a.m. at Cecilia’s Restaurant, 2619 Columbia Pike.

The event is organized as a series of small group discussions at individual tables.

It is sponsored by ACDC, the Joint Campaign (county-level), the Victory 08 Coordinated Campaign (statewide), Jim Moran for Congress and Arlingtonians for Obama.

RSVP by going to <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/4gvzc>

Donkey Ears

Listening to the doings
of Arlington’s Dems

as overheard by
Dan Steen and Warren Nelson



Wedding bells—and a new job—and a new home: ACDC Sergeant-at-Arms **Kevin Appel** has scored a three-fer: a new bride and a new job and a new home. Kevin weds Anna Necheles in Newton, Mass., this month. And, yes, she has a solid Democratic pedigree; her brother even came to Washington with the Clinton Administration. Anna was once executive director of the Arlington YMCA and is now with FEMA. The couple has bought a new home, but Kevin is not sure what precinct it is in because the “Where do I vote” link on the Registrar’s website didn’t respond when he hit it. Last but not least, Kevin retired from the county Treasurer’s Office in May after 24 years of public service. He’s now with the largest law firm in the country that does nothing but help government clients collect back taxes. Donkey Ears is nervously checking its bill box right now.

Recovering: Former ACDC chair and all around activist **Sharon Davis** is recovering from successful surgery but facing a restricted schedule for awhile. Sharon has long known she had a medical problem involving a mass of tangled veins. She lived with it while medical science tried to figure out how to cope with it. In early July, while visiting the family farm in central Virginia, she suffered a massive headache and was hospitalized at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. Surgeons there used a fairly new technique that not only tackled the problem but had her out of intensive care after a mere 24 hours. She is at home now and messages may be sent to her 817 North Irving St., Arlington 22201.

A toast to Adam: For some unfathomable reason, sangria has long been illegal in Virginia. But no more—thanks to Delegate **Adam Ebbin** who shepherded legislation through the General Assembly to restore a body’s right to guzzle sangria in the commonwealth. Needless to say, Adam celebrated with a margarita. Just kidding. He actually hosted a sangria party.

Early detection: Demonstrating the importance of annual mammograms, County Board Vice Chair **Barbara Favola** had hers in May—and it turned up positive. She had an outpatient lumpectomy July 3 and her prognosis is excellent due to the early detection. She will receive follow-up radiation treatments in between campaign appearances toward her re-election in November.

For a healthy campaign: One of our 2007 Joint Campaign co-chairs, **Amanda Brino**, has a new day job. Amanda is now vice president and corporate counsel for the Government Solutions Group at Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. ACS is a Fortune 500 company. Amanda’s group works chiefly with state and federal agencies on health care management.

Dynamic Duo: New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and Arlington County Board Chair **Walter Tejada** have been cited together for awards as outstanding Latino officials by the National Association of Latino Officials (NALO).

On to retirement: Former Delegate **Karen Darner** has retired from the Arlington Public Schools after a 40-year career as a speech pathologist in St. Louis and Arlington. She held the 49th District seat, now held by **Adam Ebbin**, for 13 years until 2003.

Passages: Carole Hoffman Lopez, mother of ACDC Deputy Chair **Alfonso Lopez**, died July 9 at the age of 63 of liver cancer. She had fought four other forms of cancer not to mention two small strokes before her death. Carole Lopez was well-known in the Arlington school community as a long-time guidance counselor at Washington-Lee High School for her work with Latino students, which work was recognized by a resolution enacted by the Virginia General Assembly.



Your Steering Committee

Charley Conrad: Not waiting for tomorrow

Charley Conrad is another one of those ACDC Steering Committee members who seems to have access to a 36-hour day.

As co-chair (with **Sarah Zevin**) of Democratic Values in Action, Charley has spearheaded the cereal drive for the Arlington Food Assistance Center, gathered volunteer tutors to teach English to Latino day laborers and arranged for volunteer scorekeepers at Late Night BBall.

But that's only a fraction of what Charley has done for Arlington and Virginia Dems in the last eight years.

Beginning in 2000, while living in Virginia Beach following his retirement from a 22-year career in the Navy and Navy Reserves, Charley became active with the Virginia Beach Democratic Party. The follow-

ing year he joined the Virginia Partisans Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club, which, he says, "would be a big part of my life for quite some time."

He has been president of the Virginia Partisans since 2005 and has established the organization as a major player on the Virginia political scene.

A job opportunity with the federal government brought him to Arlington in 2004 where he jumped right into ACDC activities. "The first Wednesday I was in Arlington I went to the ACDC meeting and I don't think I have missed a meeting since," says Charley.

"Jim Turpin and **Alfonso Lopez** welcomed me and got me involved right away. **Jay Fisette** and **Adam Ebbin** helped mentor me in the political ways of Northern Virginia.

And Precinct Operations Chair **Maureen Markham** knew a good prospect when she saw one and recruited him as precinct captain in Four-Mile Run, "the best activist role I have ever enjoyed," says Charley. "Seeing people come to vote and knowing you helped them get to the polls is really a great feeling."

But we're not finished yet! Charley also serves as Secretary of the Eighth District Committee, volunteer coordinator for the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, and organizer of ACDC's presence at the Columbia Pike Farmers' Market. Oh, and did we mention that he flips a mean burger at the annual Labor Day Chili Cookoff?

Despite his Navy career that took him to the Mediterranean, the North Atlantic and Pearl Harbor in Hawaii (where he completed a degree in political science at the University of Hawaii thanks to a Navy tuition aid program), Charley actually grew up on Key Boulevard in Arlington.

His dad was an active Democrat in Nebraska in the 1950s, ran (unsuccessfully) for governor and senator and was an active campaigner for John F. Kennedy for President. The last earned him a political appointment in Washington which brought the family to Arlington when Charley was a fourth-grader. He attended James Monroe (now Key) Elementary, Stratford Junior High and Washington-Lee High School, graduating with the class of 1970.

A 10-year marriage produced his son, Matthew, "the true joy of my life." Charley raised Matthew as a full-time single dad and "did not miss anything as a father.... I am very proud to be his dad."

Charley plans to retire early next year, which will give him even more time for Dems, not to mention his hobbies of swimming, biking, power walks, rollerblading, reading and cooking. "I am a secret chef," he says, "and can stir up some good food."

Finally, one can get a keen insight into Charley's outlook on life from his two favorite sayings: "Keep an attitude of gratitude" and "If you are not happy today, what day are you waiting for?"

AYDs pushing absentee voting to shorten lines

The Arlington Young Democrats are focusing on absentee balloting for the election.

This year, they plan to spend over \$10,000 on educating Arlington Democratic voters on absentee balloting. In 2004, the Democratic ticket lost many votes in heavily Democratic Arlington County because of voters' unfamiliarity with absentee balloting procedures and long lines at many polling places.

In 2008, the Arlington Young Democrats would like to help remedy those problems by encouraging voters to take advantage of absentee balloting.

In the 2004, 11,959 Arlington residents voted via absentee ballot. In 2008, the AYDs would like to see twice as many people vote absentee, so 24,000 is the AYD goal.

The AYDs will be mailing out voter information to over 15,000 Arlingtonians 35 years old and under and will be producing 15,000 postcards with voter information and handing it out to at Metro stops in September. For more information on this and other AYD initiatives contact Bree Raum at president@arlingtonyoungdems.org.



36-HOUR DAY— Between flipping burgers at the Chili Cookoff and co-chairing Democratic Values in Action, Charley Conrad is seen here staffing the Democratic booth at the Columbia Pike Farmers Market.

Turnout, dismal last year, matters this year

This November election is likely to set an all-time record for turnout in Arlington. The voter turnout in Arlington last Novem-

ber, however, was the lowest for any November election since 1967—hinting that a declining proportion of the population is inter-

ested in local issues.

Last year, of course, was an “off-off-year election”—the point in the four-year election cycle that normally draws fewer voters because there is no federal or statewide office on the ballot. Look at these statistics for the last four years:

- 2004, a presidential year, had the highest voter turnout of any presidential year in Arlington history.
- 2005, a gubernatorial election year, had the highest voter turnout of any gubernatorial election in Arlington history.
- 2006, an off-year election with a U.S. Senate seat up, had the highest voter turnout of any off-year election in Arlington history.
- 2007, our most recent off-off-year election, had the *lowest* voter turnout since 1967, when Arlington’s population was 15 percent less than today.

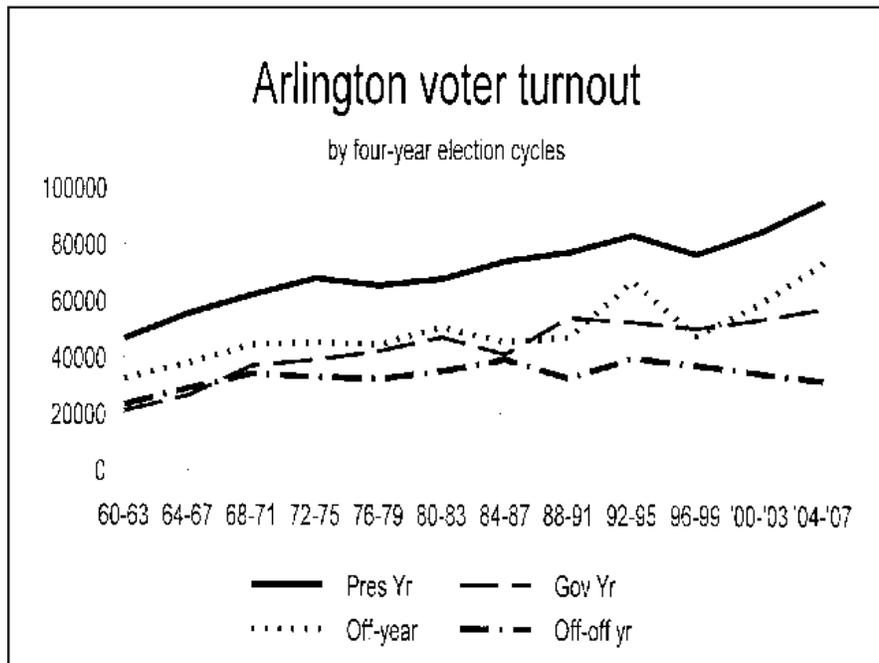
The accompanying chart at left shows the record of voter turnout for the last half century. The bold line on top shows the presidential years—an inexorable climb except for modest drops in 1976 (Carter vs Ford) and 1996 (Clinton re-election vs Dole).

The dotted line shows the other federal year, the off-year elections. There is always a congressional election that year and sometimes a Senate election. The two spikes reflect the two very intense Senate races: Chuck Robb vs Ollie North in 1994 and Jim Webb vs George Allen in 2006.

The gubernatorial election years, the dashed line, starts out almost indistinguishable from the off-off-year elections but then begins to grow and distance itself from the off-off-year elections. The 1989 jump reflected Arlington’s very intense interest in the gubernatorial race of Douglas Wilder, still the only African-American governor of a former confederate state since reconstruction.

The turnout for off-off-years (the dot-and-dash line) rose in the 1960s, but has remained relatively steady for the last four decades despite the rising population. More and more of Arlington’s population lives here for a few years in the growing number of high-rises before moving on. Not surprisingly, they have less interest in the off-off-year elections, which cover only county offices and seats in the state legislature.

This fall’s election, of course, will include a presidential ballot with the prospect of by far the largest turnout for any election in Arlington history. And a huge turnout in Arlington is essential to move Virginia’s electoral votes into the Democratic column.



Joint Campaign is offering you real deal on Gold Card

Virginia is truly the epicenter of Democratic politics this fall and your Joint Campaign is revved up and ready to go!!

We’re combining the best of our tried and true strategies with some new initiatives so Arlington can lead the way in turning Virginia BLUE in November. Check your mail in early August for your invitation to purchase a “2008 Gold Card”—the deal of the Century. This is your ticket to the Labor Day Chili Cook-Off, four debate watching parties, and the Golden Gala. Early Gold Card sales are critical to our success and our cash flow—so please buy one.

The Joint Campaign is launching a new individual fundraising challenge—our online “Grassroots Thermometer Project”—which will allow energized Arlingtonians to solicit donations from their network of family and friends. It will be easy and paperless, as you watch the temperature rise on your thermom-

eter and meet your own personal fundraising goal. Just email all your friends and relatives, tell them how important our battleground state of Virginia is in 2008, and invite them to help make it happen...online! Please visit the ACDC website or attend the August ACDC meeting for more information.

Finally, you may have already seen our high profile volunteer visibility team at the farmers’ markets and other community events. They report that Obama merchandise is selling like hotcakes and that excitement levels are sky high. Arlington Democrats are continuing to join with the Obama and State Coordinated Campaign (Warner and Moran) in their voter registration efforts and canvassing in Arlington neighborhoods.

Thanks for all you are doing...and will do...as Arlington Turns Virginia Blue!

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

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ACDC Calendar 2008

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26, Saturday

10 a.m. - **Platform discussion groups.** Cecilia's Restaurant, 2619 Columbia Pike. RSVP: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/4gvzc>

August

3, Sunday

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

6, Wednesday

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

7-10, Thursday-Sunday

Varied Hours - **ACDC Booth at Arlington County Fair.** Thomas Jefferson Community Center. To volunteer a shift at the ACDC booth contact Chris King at partyrep@arlingtonyoungdems.org.

20, Wednesday

AYD Meeting. Location TBD

September

1, Monday

4-6 p.m. - **Annual Chili Cookoff.** Lyon Park Community Center, corner of Pershing and Fillmore Streets. First event of the 2008 Joint Campaign's Gold Card events. Come enjoy chili, burgers, dogs and all the fixin's and support all of ACDC's candidates. Donation to Joint Campaign. Contact co-chairs Jody Olson at jody_olson@hotmail.com, Madi Green at yellowdog22207@yahoo.com or Jay Fisette at jay@fisette.org.

1, Monday

4-10 p.m. - **Planet Arlington.** Netherlands Carillon/Iwo Jima Me-

morial. Joint Campaign visibility event. For more information contact JC chairs; Jody Olson at jody_olson@hotmail.com, Madi Green at yellowdog22207@yahoo.com or Jay Fisette at jay@fisette.org

2, Tuesday

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

Some ways you can help

Lend a hand—literally: We need folks to hand-address thousands of envelopes going out to raise Dollars for Democrats. You can work at home on your own schedule. Call Warren Nelson at (703) 243-7867. He'll deliver envelopes and address lists right to your door.

Staff the ACDC booth at the County Fair: Three-hour shifts, Thursday-Sunday, August 7-10. See the story on Page One for full details.

The Coordinated Campaign, which is the statewide organization, is looking for volunteers to canvass door-to-door, make telephone calls to voters, enter voter data in our data base, and assemble campaign materials for lit drops. Contact Mary Humphreys at the Alexandria office (703) 636-7264 or mary.humphreys@vavictory08.org

The Obama campaign will soon open an office in Arlington and will need volunteers to staff the office. It is also looking for phone bankers and door-to-door canvassers. Contact Brian Gill (252) 414-8473 bgill@barackobama.com or Elliot Gillerman (703) 927-2386 egillerman@gmail.com

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