

**Think
Blue!**



**And vote
in the
primary
June 9**

**Or even
earlier—find
out how on
page eight**

**And read all about
the candidates on
pages 7 thru 10**

ACDC recruits Obama Army

The vast army of Obama volunteers has been invited to the June membership meeting, which will focus on bringing their enthusiasm and skills into the broader party.

The ACDC meeting June 3 will bring together Obama 2008 volunteers, long-time Arlington Democrats, and a regional official with Organizing For America (OFA) to look at lessons learned from last fall's campaign and what we can do now to keep the Obama agenda moving forward in Arlington and Virginia.

The focus of the meeting is to involve more Obama volunteers in ACDC. To that end, ACDC is

using new technology to reach out to these volunteers, many of whom have never been involved in ACDC and may never even have heard of it.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., a half-hour earlier than usual, to allow time to meet with state and local candidates before the program.

Organizing For America's Betsy Hoover will keynote the meeting with a discussion of how each of us can help the president's agenda become reality, with a focus on health care reform. County Board Chair **Barbara Favola** and the co-chairs of the 2009 Joint Campaign will present local perspectives on

continued on page two

Moran urges defense policy

The 8th Congressional District Convention turned out to be virtually an Arlington convention as more than half the Democrats who showed up came from Arlington.

Congressman **Jim Moran** delivered a rousing speech to the crowd, but not his usual Republican-as-red-meat barnburner. Instead, Moran emphasized the importance of a progressive domestic policy as the first line of offense and defense in leading the world in the 21st Century.

Moran argued that the main battle in the world today is ideological, not military, a fight for hearts

and minds, not for land and sea. Around the world, Moran said, "There are a limitless number of young people looking for something to believe in." And Americans must lead them away from those who preach bloodshed by setting a good example.

"When we have 47 million citizens without health insurance, that helps the other side," Moran said. "When we have a third of our students drop out of high school, we lose ground."

Moran argued that most of the \$800 billion we will spend this year on defense "is irrelevant to this

continued on page four

HQ must move again

The beautiful new Democratic Headquarters near the Courthouse will have to move to newer quarters, although not any time soon.

But, in the meantime, parking will be restored at the current headquarters in just a few weeks.

The County Board has approved a new development project for the site on North 14th Street. The existing seven-story building will come down and eventually be replaced by a 16-story residential structure with ground floor retail and office space.

The date for the ball to knock down the current building hasn't been set, although it will not be until sometime in 2010 at the earliest—and maybe later than that.

ACDC moved into the current headquarters in April 2007 after the rooms were painted blue. (What

else?!) Previously, ACDC headquarters had been on Lee Highway for 20 years.

The new headquarters has been a huge improvement in terms of location and livability—but, about nine months after moving in, engineers found a structural fault in the support system under the surface parking deck, and the entire off-street parking area—a factor in the selection of the building—had to be closed.

Now that the property owners have determined there will be a significant delay in the re-development of the project, they have decided to demolish the surface parking deck to make parking available in what had previously been the underground garage. The property ownership estimates this demolition will be completed in June—well in time for the fall campaign season.

Report from Chairman Peter Rousselot

Arlington Democrats: Wake up!

With your vital help, Arlington is again going to make history in 2009 by providing the decisive vote margins to carry the state of Virginia for our Democratic nominees for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General!

The Democratic votes we produce in Arlington will be critical in turning Virginia blue in 2009. To illustrate, in 2006, Arlington's Democratic voters provided a 33,000 vote margin of victory for Jim Webb in a U.S. Senate race that he won statewide in Virginia by only 9,300 votes. That race changed the course of history by turning the U.S. Senate blue! And just last year, in 2008, Arlington alone provided a full 21 percent of Barack Obama's statewide Virginia victory margin.

Arlington is indeed the GATEWAY TO A BLUE VIRGINIA!

BUT, NONE OF THIS IS GOING TO BE EASY.

We Democrats here in Virginia put in a tremendous effort to turn the state blue in 2008, and now in 2009 we have seen signs that suggest that many of our Democratic

voters and activists are still weary from the all-out push we had last year. In particular, we need the help of every *Voice* subscriber to help us reach out to the many first-time Obama volunteers.

Please take a few moments now to think back to 2008 and identify as many of these first-time Obama volunteers whom you met and know. Then, please tell these volunteers that ACDC, in collaboration with Organizing for America (OFA)—the successor organization to Obama for America, last year's Presidential campaign organization—is sponsoring a special event for Arlington Obama volunteers on the evening of June 3.

This special event replaces our regular monthly meeting, but will be held at the same NRECA building location, starting at 6:30 p.m..

This event will focus on ways in which each of us can help to see that President Obama's agenda becomes a reality. I urge each of you to come hear, for example, how you can help to pass health care reform legislation. Come find out what needs to be done

right here in Arlington to provide health care and preserve the social safety net.

Those who attend this meeting will have the opportunity to tell us what worked in the 2008 Presidential campaign. We want to hear what you think would help us advocate for important issues and elect a governor and legislature who will work to support President Obama as he strives to bring the change we all worked so hard to see.

This event is completely FREE and all are welcome. We need help planning and organizing this event. If you can help in this regard, contact Marge Epstein at mcoxepstein@yahoo.com

Obama Army being sought by ACDC

continued from page one

moving the Obama health care agenda forward in our own community.

Obama volunteers and other meeting participants will divide up into small groups with facilitators to discuss what worked for them in the 2008 presidential campaign. The ACDC volunteer coordination team is eager to hear what 2008 volunteers think would help us advocate for important issues and elect a governor and legislature to support the president as he strives to bring about change.

All are encouraged to attend this meeting and bring any Obama volunteers you know along with you. This can be a great opportunity to connect with people who are avid Democrats but not yet involved with ACDC.

For more information, contact Marge Epstein at mcoxepstein@yahoo.com.

Precincts filling up

Two new precinct captains were elected at the May meeting. **James Schroll** becomes captain in Clarendon precinct, one of the precincts where ACDC has been captainless recently, and **Jason Rylander** becomes the third captain in Woodlawn, one of the larger precincts and one of the 15 with three captain slots rather than two.

Arlington County has a total of 51 precincts. Only two have no captains at this time: Monroe and Abingdon.

Jerry Botland Computer Consulting

Troubleshoot and resolve computer and computer related problems.

Perform upgrades, set-up wireless routers and print servers.

Transfer old files, address book and emails from an old computer to a new one.

Ph# (703) 933-0558 — jbotland@msn.com

Published monthly by the

Arlington County Democratic Committee

2009 North 14th Street, Suite #612, Arlington, VA 22201

Tel: (703) 528-8588

Fax: (703) 528-2321

<http://www.arlingtondemocrats.org>

Chair: Peter Rousselot —703-276-1584 (o), peter.rousselot@gmail.com

Editor-in-Chief: Barbara van Voorst —703-522-6294 (h), barbvanvoorst@aol.com

Deputy Editor: Warren L. Nelson —703-243-7867 (h), warnelson@aol.com

Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of the ACDC unless expressly approved by an appropriate Committee Resolution

Copyright ©2009, ACDC, All Rights Reserved

Next Monthly Meeting—All Dems (Obama Volunteers Especially) Invited

Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 6:30 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

NOTE—WE ARE STARTING A HALF-HOUR EARLIER THIS MONTH. The Obama Army of volunteers has been invited to this month's meeting as we are trying to recruit them and their enthusiasm to help out on Virginia state and local campaigns. Come and join in.

Bumper Sticker of the Month

**Annoy a
Republican –
Drive a Hybrid**

Latinos score big in state cong. district conventions

Led by State President (and ACDC Vice Chair) **Alfonso Lopez**, the Democratic Latino Organization of Virginia—DLOV—has met the criteria for becoming an official Latino Caucus for the first time in the history of the Democratic Party of Virginia.

Caucus designation required the election of eight Latino individuals from at least four congressional districts to the State Central Committee. This happened at the respective district conventions held on May 16.

In the 8th District, which includes Arlington County, **Lopez** and **Carolina Espinal** were both elected. Other Virginia districts which also elected Latinos include those from Stafford County, Virginia Beach, Richmond, Charlottesville, Roanoke, and Loudoun County.

The effort to recruit candidates took five months and travel to every corner of Virginia. Formal designation of the Caucus will take place at the State Central Committee meeting June 13.

“As a Caucus, DLOV will have greater power to affect policy, resolutions and decisions made by the DPVA,” said Lopez. “We will also have an improved ability to assist the Democratic Party’s outreach efforts to the Latino community; encourage Latino participation at the local, state, and national levels; facilitate voter registration efforts; develop potential candidates for public office; and better inform the public about issues of importance to our community.

“We will also be able to more effectively advocate for and on behalf of issues important to our community and defend against anti-immigrant attacks,” Lopez added.

Sue Gruskiewicz
Investment Representative

801 N. Quincy Street
Suite 150
Arlington, VA 22203
Bus. 703-243-9276 Fax 866-597-6452
Home 703-553-8031
www.edwardjones.com

Serving Individual Investors Since 1871

Edward Jones[®]



PC HELP

*Want help with setting up, networking, upgrading,
fixing, or just using your new or old PC?*

Affordable, personalized assistance.
Evenings and weekends. Your home or office.

Ron Hicks DBA Systems That Work

Email: ronhicks@systems-that-work.org

Website: www.systems-that-work.org
H/O: 703-528-1009 Cell: 571-217-9949

Arlington Chamber of Commerce

Moran seeks perspective on defense

continued from page one

conflict....The most lethal weapon the enemy has been able to use against us has been Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo.”

When Moran finished, the conventioners treated him to a remarkably off-key- and out-of-rhythm chorus of “Happy Birthday” to mark the congressman’s 64th birthday.

Despite that, the convention’s main order of business May 16 was the election of local members of the State Central Committee to four-year terms.

Each of the four jurisdictions within the 8th Congressional District—Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and a large chunk of eastern Fairfax County—broke into jurisdictional caucuses to elect their own representatives.

Arlington elected three women and four men and had a contest in both genders. On the female side, Arlington re-elected **Margo Horner**, who is the chair of the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee, and **Maureen Markham**, while electing newcomer **Carolina Espinal**; incumbent **Carole Lieber** lost. On the male side, Arlington re-elected incumbents **Alfonso Lopez**, **Charley Conrad** and **Terron Sims** and elected newcomer **Peter Rousselot**; incumbent **Dan Steen** was defeated as was challenger **Bryan Straw**.

On a motion by Rousselot a few days later, the 8th District Committee elected Steen to fill a vacancy, so he will retain his seat.

Any registered voter living in the 8th District was eligible to attend and vote. A total of 155 came out, with 82 or 55 percent coming from Arlington, although Arlington comprises only one-third of the population of the 8th District.

The convention also considered 25 policy resolutions. In a break with the past, all 25 were adopted unanimously, shaving an hour off the conventional schedule. Dick Hobson of Alexandria, who has chaired the Resolutions Committee for many years and gone through many floor battles, said he hoped that would set a new standard for future conventions. The full texts of all the resolutions are available at <http://www.va8thcdems.org/2009/05/15/2009-8th-cd-resolutions/>

Donkey Ears

Listening to the doings of Arlington’s Dems

as overheard by Dan Steen and Warren Nelson



Day jobs: ACDC volunteer coordinator **Marj Signer**, who also just happens to be the mom of Mike Signer, candidate for lieutenant governor in the June primary, doesn’t seem to have enough to do coordinating volunteers, parenting an offspring’s candidacy and chairing the Virginia section of the National Organization for Women. So, she’s gone and started her own blog. It’s at <http://femnation.blogspot.com/> and that hints at what it’s all about. By the way, Marj can also be seen delivering the tagline on TV spots being run by Common Sense Virginia to educate the public on what GOP gubernatorial candidate Bob McDonnell has actually done (or not done) over the years. Check her out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQSMh0k793I&feature=channel.page>.

Battle of the Parliamentarians: It will take a third parliamentarian to sort this out. Both last year and this year, **Bob Platt** (ACDC Parliamentarian) and **Dan Steen** (8th District Parliamentarian) have run the Marine Corps Half Marathon on the day following the Eighth District Convention. Last year Steen finished first, and this year Platt finished first (2:00:06 vs. 2:00:35). However, Steen started further back in the crowd, so his “net time” was a minute faster than Platt’s.

Bikers: Lyon Village precinct captain **Keith Oberg** runs Bikes for the World, which collects used bicycles and delivers them to parts of the world where a bike is top of the rung transport. Keith has been notified by the State Department that it wants to make a video showing how Bikes for the World collects bikes here and distributes them around the globe. Have an old bike you no longer need? Or that’s needed more elsewhere? Tell Keith at info@bikesfortheworld.org.

What retirement? **Dave Bell** retired as clerk of the court a little over a year ago. Retirement? Doesn’t seem to be much of it. He’s still at the courthouse a few times each month for one committee or another. He’s doing volunteer work with the Salvation Army and been named to chair the new Arlington Sports Foundation. Dave also spent a week in Richmond during the legislative session acting as Del. **Al Eisenberg**’s assistant while the full time legislative assistant was on vacation. Dave gleefully says “Richmond barely survived” his brief tenure. Dave also happily reports that his gigantic portrait, now installed on the sixth floor of the courthouse, is terrifying many a passerby. Dave’s 32-year tenure as clerk makes him the longest serving elected official in the history of Arlington.

Opposition research: The GOP candidate for lieutenant governor, incumbent Bill Bolling, recently sent out a fund-raising letter touting himself as “one of our country’s most loyal conservatives.” Bolling pledges, “I will continue my fight to stand up for your family by defending pro-life policies, fighting for traditional marriage and stopping leftwing extremists who want to take away your Second Amendment right to bear arms.” And he describes Tim Kaine as a “lame-duck governor presiding over a \$3 billion budget shortfall created by his financial mismanagement of state finances.” Ready to go out there and campaign against Bill Bolling?

Passages: **Wayne Cofer**, a fixture of precinct work for decades in central Arlington, passed away May 2, about a month before his 86th birthday. He was precinct captain in Jefferson for many years and helped draw in and train captains for neighboring precincts as well. He finally hung up his telephone list in 2003 when he moved into the Goodwin House retirement community in Alexandria where he passed away in his sleep. When not knocking on doors, Wayne proved to a skilled backgammon player and denizen of area coffee houses.

ACDC hidden weapon wins award

‘List Lady’ is honored at J-J

Carrie Johnson, long the hidden secret weapon of Arlington Democrats and better known as the “List Lady” to generations of volunteers, was finally awarded the Mary Marshall Outstanding Democrat Award at this year’s Jefferson-Jackson Dinner.

Johnson has been known for the outstanding care and maintenance she has given to Arlington Democratic lists—of financial donors, *Messenger* deliverers, precinct letter signers and a multitude of other volunteer contributors, as well as just plain loyal voters. Since the mid-80s, she has given the lists the same care and maintenance she gives to her 1966 Volkswagen Beetle, which has served her for decades as she has served ACDC.

At the J-J Dinner May 15, ACDC Chair **Peter Rousselot** gave her the Mary Marshall Award “in appreciation of her outstanding service to the Democratic Party in Arlington County.” Mary Marshall was a major figure in building ACDC to preeminence and served 24 years as an Arlington delegate in the commonwealth General Assembly.

The dinner also saw awards given to 33 other volunteers for their services to Arlington Democrats in 2008. They are listed in the box on the next page.

This year’s J-J dinner, held at the Arlington Westin Hotel, also heard speeches by all three Democratic candidates for governor—Creigh Deeds, Brian Moran and Terry McAuliffe. The keynote speaker was Rep. Glenn Nye, who defeated a Republican last November to become one of three Democratic congressional gains in Virginia. And, as in past years, opera-trained **Jason Rylander** sang a rousing a capella rendition of the national anthem.

The dinner was organized this year, as last year, under the direction of co-chairs **Gabe Snow** and **Bree Raum**.

Jefferson-Jackson Dinners date back to the 1820s (when they were Jefferson Day Dinners) as the premier social event and fund-raiser of the party in cities and counties all across the nation.

The most famous such dinner was held April 13, 1830, in Washington. At that dinner, President Andrew Jackson made a major policy declaration, signaling his opposition to southern efforts to “nullify” federal legislation by offering the ringing toast: “Our Union: It must be preserved.”



Photos courtesy: Sun Gazette Newspapers

J-J — Carrie Johnson (left above) holds up the Mary Marshall Award she received at the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner for constantly making lists. She stands with Charley Conrad who received the Herselle Milliken Award as precinct captain of the year. The annual J-J dinner also heard from the Democratic gubernatorial contenders—below from left, Brian Moran, Terry McAuliffe and Creigh Deeds—who look more like the Three Musketeers than primary rivals.



2009 Volunteer Awards

Mary Marshall: Outstanding Democrat.....
Herselle Milliken: Precinct Captain of the Year.....
Campaigner of the Year.....
Campaigner of the Year.....
Outstanding Precinct: Glebe.....
Best New Precinct Captain.....
Best New Precinct Captain.....
Senior Outreach.....
Obama Volunteer Coordination.....
Voter Turnout Innovations.....
Promoting Absentee Voting.....
Visibility.....
Promoting Absentee Voting.....
Chili Cookoff.....
Obama Volunteer Coordination.....
Rides to the Registrar.....
Newcomer of the Year.....
Outreach.....
Merchandising and Visibility.....

Carrie Johnson
 Charley Conrad
 Marge Epstein
 Kip Malinosky
 John Lett
 Denis Serenyi
 Chad Robinson
 Carol Fontein
 Pat Haman
 Paul Ashin
 Peter Owen
 Krysta Jones

Bob Platt
 Michele McCall
 Kevin Vincent
 Nancy Pilchen
 Virginia Robinson
 Voncille Hines
 Richard McKee, Beth Holtzclaw, Kip Malinosky, Charley Conrad,
 Suzanne Lawter, Jean Marshall Crawford, Nicole Truhe, George
 Rovder, Jerry Long
 Gillian Burgess

Lucy Denney Award for an ACDC HQ Volunteer....
Joint Campaign Fundraisers of the Year:
Dollars for Democrats.....
Debate Watching Parties.....
Unsung Hero.....

Warren L. Nelson
 Christine Lamb, Melanie Ciolek, Gordon Simonett, Maria Cvitkovic
 Lorraine Eide



ACDC Jefferson Jackson Dinner • May 15, 2009

AYDs reaching out to like-minded groups

It's easy to find Arlington Young Democrats at many an ACDC activity, but recent special events have created exciting opportunities for AYDs to collaborate with other organizations, from local like-minded groups to the larger Young Democrat organizations on the national and regional levels.

Recently, AYD partnered with over 20 local Obama and Democratic support groups to co-sponsor the "First 100 Days Grassroots Celebration" at Capitol Lounge Sports Bar on Capitol Hill, drawing a crowd of over 300 Obama enthusiasts. Twenty AYDs mingled with other activists, joined in playing 'Obama-Rama Trivia,' listened to speakers from the 2008 campaign, and watched President Obama's press conference.

"This event not only helped to celebrate the efforts of all those who dedicated countless hours toward getting Obama in the White House, but also re-invigorated the enthusiasm behind the grassroots movement," said Cathy Kennington, AYD's director of retention and one of the event organizers.

AYD will get the chance to showcase its chapter of the Young Democrats of America when the biennial Mid-Atlantic Region Convention of the national YDA organization hosts its conference in Crystal City the last weekend in May.

Congressman Jim Moran and Democratic Governors Association Executive Director Nathan Daschle will be special guests during the two-day event, which will bring

Young Dems from six regional states and Dems Abroad together for valuable trainings, exciting guest speakers, and fun events.

AYD Executive Committee Members **Atima Omara-Alwala** and **Sarah Godlewski** are just two examples of the many young Arlingtonians who will be attending the conference.

AYD will be hosting a special screening of the documentary 'Ask Not' with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) caucus June 4, as well as an African-American caucus mixer, followed by a special Primary Day AYD happy hour.

Folks can gather more details on these and other AYD events at <http://www.arlingtonyoungdems.org/calendar>.

For governor

Creigh Deeds

Our grassroots campaign is gaining momentum heading into the June 9 primary. Virginians are responding to Creigh's positive message of creating opportunity, prosperity, and hope in every corner of the Commonwealth.

After Creigh's standout performances at debates from Blacksburg to Annandale, a new ABC 7 poll said "Deeds is the only candidate with momentum.... McAuliffe and Moran are flat, and Deeds is up."

Nothing is accomplished by pitting one part of the state against another for transportation improvements. Ask Mary Margaret Whipple. She's supporting Creigh because of his record of supporting the transportation solutions Northern Virginia needs and because she knows he can bring people from all parts of the state together to invest in a statewide solution to transportation. And that's why *The Washington Post* called Creigh Deeds, "a legislator of substance and former prosecutor with a keen understanding of issues important to Northern Virginia."

Like Mark Warner, Creigh appeals to Democrats, independents, and even some Republicans in urban areas, suburban communities, and rural areas from Arlington to Abingdon. Creigh is the most prepared Democrat to be Governor and he will clearly put us in the strongest position to beat Bob McDonnell in November.

Creigh can beat Bob McDonnell in November, but we need your help to win the Democratic primary on June 9. The majority of voters in this race are undecided and our grassroots campaign continues to fight for every vote across this great commonwealth.



Terry McAuliffe Brian Moran

The biggest challenge facing Virginia is how to improve the economy to create jobs and improve our quality of life.

Of all of the candidates for Governor, Terry McAuliffe is the best prepared to meet these challenges. He is the only candidate who has created thousands of jobs. Like Governors Warner and Kaine, McAuliffe is an executive who will bring bold new ideas to state government.

Already he has laid out a business plan that includes tax incentives to create long-term economic growth and high-wage, high-value jobs. He'll encourage entrepreneurship by improving access to capital and providing small business owners the tools they need to succeed.

Terry knows Virginia is a Commonwealth, and that means Northern Virginia can't continue to thrive unless other regions thrive too.

That's why he wants to develop a statewide economic policy that is built upon the unique strengths of each region. Terry is focused on Virginia's future. He'll increase access to Virginia's top-rated universities. Terry's university scholarships and university research plans will reduce college tuition costs.

His plans for high-speed rail will reduce traffic and reduce pollution. And the League of Conservation Voters endorsed McAuliffe because his ideas will make Virginia a leader in developing renewable sources of energy. That is new energy that will bring new jobs. Terry is the only candidate with the background to lead the charge to economic recovery and growth.



Every day, the choice becomes more and more clear: Brian Moran is the only candidate who's been fighting for Virginia for 20 years and has a bold, progressive vision for the future.

Brian is running on his honest record, emphasizing the important differences between the candidates, and building a positive, grassroots-focused campaign. We all know that in times like these, the stakes are too high to get the choice wrong! We need a strong candidate who voters can trust to go up against Republican Bob McDonnell.

With just days left to go in the campaign, Brian continues to gain momentum and pick up support. County Board member Mary Hynes recently announced her endorsement, joining so many other great Arlington leaders.

You can see all of his endorsements at <http://www.brianmoran.com/endorsements>. Board Member Hynes joins well over a hundred local elected officials and grassroots leaders who know that Brian Moran is the right candidate with a real record of fighting for people.

But there is a lot of work left to do and Arlington will be critical to our success on June 9th.

You can help! Join a phone bank, knock on doors, help at the office, or organize your neighbors. To join in, call 703-300-9508 or email volunteer@brianmoran.com. Phone banks run 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and after 1 p.m. on Sundays in our Arlington Field Office at 5401 Lee Highway. Thanks in advance for your support – we can't do it without you!



Primary day is June 9

*Vote early if
you like—but
don't forget
to vote*

Virginia Democrats will be heading to the polls June 9 to pick their nominees for governor, lieutenant governor and General Assembly delegates.

Three candidates are vying for the gubernatorial nomination: Creigh Deeds, Terry McAuliffe and Brian Moran. The winner will face former Lt. Governor Bob McDonnell, the only Republican seeking that party's nomination.

Michael Signer and Jody Wagner are seeking the Democratic nod for lieutenant governor. Jon Bowerbank, who had been a candidate, pulled out of the race May 15, but his withdrawal came too late for his name to be removed from the ballot. Two Republicans, current Lt. Governor Bill Bolling and challenger Patrick Muldoon are duking it out to face the winner of the Democratic contest. The GOP will choose its candidates at a convention on May 30.

In Arlington, Democrats in the 47th District will also vote for their delegate nominee to replace retiring **Al Eisenberg**. The candidates are **Miles Grant, Patrick Hope, Alan Howze, Adam Parkhomenko** and **Andres Tobar**. The 47th District, which lies entirely within Arlington County, includes

continued on page eleven

For lieutenant governor

Jody Wagner

Friends, the Democratic Primary is here! I'm pleased to report that the response in Arlington and across the Commonwealth has been extraordinary. I've been humbled by the show of support from thousands of Virginians, who have cited my comprehensive plans to create new jobs, grow the economy, improve our public education system, and transform Virginia into a leader in energy efficiency and renewable energy production (check them out at www.jodyforva.com).

In this campaign, one question is paramount: which candidate is best prepared to carry on the Warner-Kaine legacy of success? My answer is simple: having served as Treasurer of the Commonwealth under Gov. Warner and Secretary of Finance under Gov. Kaine, I had the opportunity to play a key role in both administrations, as we restored the state's fiscal health, created over 175,000 new jobs, and invested millions in education. My seven years in state government and background as a small business owner and as a mother of four have prepared me with the experience and fresh ideas to confront the challenges that the Commonwealth faces.

I want to thank you for your encouragement over the past nine months, and when you make your final decision on June 9th, I hope you'll join 4 of 5 members of the Arlington County Board, 4 of 5 members of the Arlington School Board, 46 General Assembly members, the Arlington Coalition of Police and the Arlington Professional Firefighters and Paramedics in supporting my candidacy. Thank you.



Mike Signer

Mike Signer has the momentum going into the final weeks before the election. His campaign just picked up the endorsement of former Congresswoman and the '05 Democratic nominee for LG, Leslie Byrne, as well as the endorsements of 26 labor unions. He also just won the Perriello Straw Poll with 66% of the vote!

Mike has led in this campaign by having the best policies and the best ideas. His message of turning the office of Lieutenant Governor from a placeholder to a public advocate is resonating across the Commonwealth. We have the momentum, but we need your help to keep it going!?

1. **Join us at "Countdown to a New Dominion/Sign for Signer" Reception** hosted by Northern Virginia for Mike Signer. June 2nd at 6:00 PM. Tickets start at \$20. Visit <http://www.mikesigner.com/novaformike> for more information.?

2. **Volunteer in at our Arlington HQ!** Join us on Memorial Day for our "15 Days to Go!" phone bank, and on May 30th for our "10 Days to Go Weekend Canvass!" Sign up by emailing Matt at matt@mikesigner.com and don't forget, we need your help on Election Day, June 9th!?

Mike is an Arlington native. Raised with progressive values, he has worked in the trenches of Democratic politics for 15 years fighting for social justice and economic fairness.

Mike has a record of beating Republicans and is the strongest candidate to defeat Bill Bolling. A proven fighter who can win!



For 47th District delegate

Andres Tobar

Arlington has a long tradition of legislators who work together well and complement one another. Think of Warren Stambaugh, Jack Melnick, Mary Marshall, Clive DuVal, Ed Holland and Jim Almand. Wow! They not only served Arlington, but their legislation benefited the Commonwealth as a whole.

Ninety percent of a Delegate's work is done in constituent service right in her/his own home district. Andres does that every day in his job as executive director of the Shirlington Employment and Education Center. "Delegate" might be a new title, but his leadership record is clear – he brings people together to work together to solve problems; he treats all people with respect, and Andres works passionately on behalf of those who need help.

Supporters of another candidate have said, "Andres Tobar's longstanding efforts to promote an inclusive and progressive community have made Arlington a better place." And I say, "Why support anyone other than Andres when he fulfills Warren Stambaugh's and Jim Hunter's belief that an elected official is there to make government work?"

Andres Tobar embodies the spirit of "public servant" – to all of us. I've seen him in Richmond for over 10 years, and you've seen him in Arlington working for the public good. I trust him completely. I encourage your vote for Andres. You'll be proud of that vote.

Karen Darner

Former Delegate and retired teacher



Adam Parkhomenko

Adam Parkhomenko was first in fundraising at the end of the first quarter and he has amassed an impressive array of endorsements. These include former President Bill Clinton, Senator Patsy Ticer, SEIU/NAGE R3-05, Arlington Police Local 48 and Arlington Firefighters 2800.

Adam has walked every precinct in the 47th District and he has been re-walking each precinct over the last few weeks. His yard signs have been prominent throughout the district and his campaign office is bustling with activity leading up to the primary.

Adam is the only candidate to pledge to work full-time hours as Arlington's newest delegate. While endorsing his candidacy. President Clinton called Adam "one of the hardest working people" he's "ever met."

Adam has called for prison reform in Virginia in order to save money and divert the savings towards education and social services. His commitment to same sex marriage, the environment, education, public transit and small business has earned him the support of voters throughout the 47th.

Adam's campaign is phone banking daily through June 9th and is hosting canvasses on weekends.

Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated!

The campaign web site is www.VoteAdam.com and the phone number is (703) 340-8830.



Alan Howze

I am running for Delegate to deliver real solutions to the challenges we face. I've knocked on over 5,000 doors across the 47th district and I've heard from people from all walks, ages and stages of life. Many of the concerns that I heard were related to how the recession is affecting our communities, our schools and our livelihoods.

The economy has to be the top priority. Virginia should play a role in renewing our Commonwealth through targeted investments in mass transit and transportation, education, and energy efficiency. These investments will create jobs, set the stage for long term prosperity, and begin to solve some of our most pressing environmental and social challenges. We must also protect those most affected by the recession and ensure that we are providing them with a strong social safety net. But our challenges don't end with the economy.

We must also fight to end discrimination, legalize gay marriage, and protect a woman's right to choose. We must protect our environment and address climate change. I have real experience working with the Governor and legislature in Richmond. I have real experience working in the private sector and building a new energy economy. I will be a forceful advocate for Arlington, and will work tirelessly to deliver real solutions to the challenges we face. Join us in our campaign to renew Virginia's hope and promise www.alanhowze.com.



For 47th District delegate

Patrick Hope

The Hope Campaign was buoyed this week by the strong endorsement of Senator Mary Margaret Whipple and Delegate Bob Brink. "We are supporting Patrick Hope because he offers a unique combination of personal, professional, and community experience that will make him an effective member of the House of Delegates from Day 1." Praising Patrick's community record and collegial style, Whipple and Brink added, "For many years Arlington's delegation to the General Assembly has worked as a team to advance our community's interests and to promote Arlington values. We are confident that Patrick Hope will contribute significantly to our delegation's effectiveness. His civic activism is in the finest tradition of *The Arlington Way*."

In addition to Senator Whipple and Delegate Brink, Patrick has earned the support of County Board members Barbara Favola and Mary Hynes, Commonwealth Attorney Richard Trodden, Sheriff Beth Arthur and thousands of Arlingtonians. They point to his outstanding record as a volunteer leader: his fight for additional funds for people with disabilities when he chaired the Community Services Board, the thriving civic association he started in Buckingham, the solid plans to end homelessness in Arlington developed under his task force leadership, and his work as a member of the Commission on Aging and as an ACDC precinct chair. Patrick's career as a lawyer specializing in health care policy, sure to be a key issue in the 2010 legislature, is another of his valued assets.



Miles Grant

Can Miles Grant for Delegate volunteers knock on the doors of over 10,000 voters by June 9? That's our goal. Dozens of volunteers have already donated their time, helping carry our progressive message from voter to voter. Two Miles Grant volunteers, Charley Conrad and Kip Malinosky, were recently honored for their ongoing service to ACDC. Our campaign is committed to grassroots activism.

On the campaign trail, Miles has stood out from the other Democrats in the race:

Miles is the only candidate to put his call for gay marriage in print. No other candidate has called for marriage rights for all on his website or literature.

Miles is the only candidate to offset his carbon emissions. We've offset our campaign's carbon footprint with carbon credits from TerraPass. From printing all materials on recycled paper to volunteer carpooling, Miles has walked the walk on going green.

Miles is the only candidate to publicly sign a "No Dominion Money" pledge. Miles believes we need to break Virginia's dependence on dirty coal. He's demonstrating his commitment by refusing contributions from Dominion Virginia Power and its employees.

Miles is the only candidate to maintain a Spanish-language webpage. For Miles, community engagement isn't just a campaign promise - it's how he plans to build support for change in Richmond.

See more at www.MilesGrant2009.com, email MilesGrant@comcast.net or call (703) 864-9599.



Primary day is June 9

continued from page nine

the following precincts: Ashton Heights, Clarendon, Arlington Forest, Lexington, Woodbury, Taylor, Ballston, Lyon Park, Fillmore, Arlington View, Buckingham, Barcroft, Overlee Knolls, Jefferson, Ashlawn, Central, Glen Carlyn, Westover, Dominion Hills, Virginia Square and Monroe.

The winner of the primary will face perennial Green Party candidate Josh Ruebner.

No Democratic primary will be held for the third statewide post, attorney general, for which only one candidate filed, Fairfax Delegate Steve Shannon.

There is also no Democratic primary for House Districts 45, 48, or 49 or for County Board since only the incumbents have filed for each of those offices. They will, however, likely face opposition either from a Republican, a Green or an Independent Green (yes, they are different) in November.

School Board candidates run on a non-partisan basis. ACDC has endorsed **James Lander** in that race and no others have filed to run as of *The Voice's* deadline.

Voting will take place at your usual polling site. However, you may vote early if you will be out of Arlington County June 9, even if it's only for a few minutes. As in last fall's general election, early voting takes place at the County Building, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, first floor. Hours are: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, plus 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays, May 30 and June 6. You may also request an application for a written, mail-in absentee ballot. For details, go to the county's web site at www.arlingtonva.us/vote.

