

AlexandriaDemocrat

Alexandria Democratic Committee

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All Democratic Council sworn in July 7th

By Todd W. Ruopp, ADC Public Information Officer

For the second consecutive City election voters gave control of City affairs to an all-Democratic City Council.

Mayor **Bill Euille**, who ran unopposed, Council incumbents **Ludwig Gaines, Rob Krupicka, Andrew Macdonald, Del Pepper, Paul Smedberg** and council newcomer **Tim Lovain** were sworn in July 5th at Pendleton Hall on the campus of Episcopal High School.

In an election many predicted would include voter's discontent over property assessments, instead became an overwhelming endorsement of Democratic vision and leadership.

"Alexandria's best days are ahead of us," said Mayor Euille. "Our work is not yet done. We have a lot of work ahead of us to provide affordable housing, reduce the City's reliance on

property taxes, and improve the quality of life for all our citizens."

Democrats bested most Republican challengers by a two-to-one margin in the may 2nd contest.

Republican nominees threw everything they had at us according to **Sean Kumar**, Rob Krupicka's campaign manager. He said the problem they had was challenging a well-managed City that is evidenced by Alexandria being one of only 37 cities in the nation with the highest rating among bond agencies who judge a community's credit worthiness.

"Thanks to a long tradition of citizen involvement and careful leadership our triple-A bond rating saves us thousands of dollars in interest when we fund community needs," said Council Member **Paul Smedberg**. "It demonstrates that

independent agencies see the same thing voters do — a City on the right track."

New Council Member **Tim Lovain** was profiled by a Washington Post reporter who referred to him as a political junkie who worked tirelessly on more than 13 different Democratic campaigns to earn his stripes. Lovain, a transportation lobbyist, held several positions on Capitol Hill. Prior to being elected to the Council Lovain was chair of the City's Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee, which advises the Council on budget issues.

The Council conducted one order of business following the ceremony by electing **Andrew Macdonald** vice mayor, following a custom of naming the election's highest vote-getter to the post.

Democrats refuse to remain silent about Bush mistakes

By Susan Kellom, ADC Chair

One of the best parts of taking a New England vacation is being able to read the Boston Globe. The following is a letter to the editor that was published on Friday, July 21, 2006:

"Bush Unscripted – Like the Wizard of Oz with the curtain pulled aside, President Bush was caught with the microphone on at the G-8 meetings, revealing his true inner self – an irritable, vulgar, immature

man with essentially no understanding of what is going on in the world and nothing substantive to say to his fellow world leaders. During his lifetime, he has broken almost everything he has touched. The enormous tragedy for us all, and if we are silent, what will be our enormous shame, is that this little man is now holding our future in his hands." The letter was written by Dr. Eric Chivian, who

shared the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize for co-founding the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Thank goodness that you and your fellow Alexandria Democrats refuse to remain silent. With your help, we will re-elect Jim Moran to Congress in November. And by electing Jim Webb to the Senate, Virginia will send a message that even

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Courtesy Alexandria Times

Susan Kellom

ADC Chair

Bush can understand. Most of you have probably heard by now, that Peter Schumaier, the co-recipient

(with Judy Lowe) of this year's Grassroots Award, has died of cancer. Peter was a kind and thoughtful man who was so appalled at the results of the 2004 election that he vowed not to cut his beard and hair until a Democrat was back in the White House. Peter will be deeply missed by his three daughters and by all who knew him.

Make plans now to attend the ADC Labor Day picnic on Mon-

day, September 4, at Fort Ward Park and our West End Community Rally on September 9. You will also want to be sure to join Jim Moran and his special guest, Senator Ted Kennedy, on September 13th – see below for more details.

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Sen. Kennedy to headline Cong. Moran event Sept 13

Congressman **Jim Moran** announced Senator **Edward Kennedy** will appear at a September 13 event at the Alexandria Hilton at Mark Center from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Hosts for the event will be featured on an invitation. If you

are interested in becoming a host, parton, sponsor or friend, please contact **Hannah Margetich** at 703-738-3417 or hmar-tetich@moranforcongress.org or **Jan Boswell** at 703-738-3417 or

jboswell@moranforcongress.org. You must RSVP by Sept. 8.

Visit moranforcongress.org for more information. And to reserve tickets.

Alexandria Democrat to return to its former self

By Todd W. Ruopp, ADC Public Information Officer

The August 2006 *Alexandria Democrat* is an abbreviated form because of equipment at the Democratic Party of Virginia's printing center in Arlington.

Look for a full eight-page version coming in September.

The latest calendar items can be found online at www.alexDEMS.org.

If you have articles or opinion editorials you wish to submit, please send them to Todd Ruopp at truopp@att.net.

Thank you for your understanding.

ADC Members & friends are going places

Sam Ulm

J. Wesley Ulm, son of long-time ADC member Sam Ulm, graduated from the Health Sciences and Technology Program of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on June 8.

Wesley will be awarded an M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School and a Ph.D. in Genetics from Harvard University. He will enter the Pediatrics

Residency Program at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

Wesley was valedictorian at T.C. Williams High School in 1992 and graduated summa cum laude from Duke University in 1996.

Todd W. Ruopp

ADC Public Information Officer Todd W. Ruopp was elected chair of Agenda: Alexandria as

part of the organization's June annual meeting. Ruopp joined the board of directors in 2003.

During his one-year term Ruopp will increase attendance at the provocative monthly programs on emerging Alexandria issues, establish a corporate identity, and improve board governance by leading a strategic planning process that will result in measurable objectives.

2006 Jefferson Jackson Dinner Webb fires up crowd; Judy Lowe & Peter Schumaier honored



LEFT Congressman Moran awards the 2006 ADC Grassroots Volunteer of the Year to Judy Lowe who used the opportunity to encourage Democrats to work hard for Jim Webb.

RIGHT Anna Leider accepts the Grassroots Volunteer Award on behalf of Peter Schumaier, a long-time ADC activist who lost his battle with cancer July



Grassroots Award Hall of Fame

- 2005 Sarah Stott
- 2004 Ron & Hazel Rigby
- 2003 Diane Crawford-Batt & Bob Batt
- 2002 George & Bonnie Lowrey
- 2001 Rossie Kelly
- 2000 Scott Donley & Elisabeth Campbell
- 1999 Kit Leider
- 1998 Brigitte Guttstadt
- 1997 Patrick Butler
- 1996 Jim Cisco
- 1994 Nicki & Luis Colantes
- 1993 Caryl & Jim Hughes
- 1992 Maggie Bernasco & Amoret Bunn
- 1991 Jim & Ruby FitzGerald

ABOVE Donna Kloch and Susan Butler pose with ADC Chair Susan Kellom at the end of a wonderful evening.

FAR LEFT Senate nominee Jim Webb reminded Democrats Allen has hired the same consultants who attacked decorated disabled veteran Max Cleland in the 2002 Georgia Senate race.



LEFT Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille acknowledged ADC's efforts to achieve a clean sweep in spring City elections.

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committed citizens can change the world; indeed,
it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead**

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