



*Alexandria Democratic Committee*

## You know it's Spring when the parades begin

By Susan B. Kellom, ADC Chair

### Inside this issue:

Chair	Page 1
Outreach Corner	Page 3
Book Club	Page 4
Delegate Races to Watch	Page 5
GW Parade Pics	Page 6
45th District Candidates	Page 7
Euille asks for your help	Page 9
Calendar	Page 10
Precinct Captains	Page 12

As I write this, the last (we hope) snowstorm of the winter is racing up the East coast. With as much hype as the storm is getting, we probably will have no snow at all. So often our storm forecasts in this area remind me of the Bush Administration.

Whether it is Iraq, terrorist threat levels or Social Security, the Bushies predict that the sky is falling. When it turns out that the "crisis" is based on untruths, half-truths and nothing but non-truths, they don't even have the grace to act embar-

assed. They just act like the Saturday Night Live comedian Gilda Radner playing her character, Emily Latella, and say "Nevermind!"

At least we can be certain that Spring is almost here when Alexandria launches its parade season and campaign activities begin to heat up. The more than 150 enthusiastic supporters who marched with us in the George Washington Birthday parade had a wonderful time.

We hope even more people will join us on Saturday, March 5 at 12:30 PM for the Alexan-

dria St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will mark the start of a busy three days. We will meet at the front yard of Lonnie Rich's law office, 1317 King Street, then move on up King Street to our stepping off point. Temperature appropriate refreshments will be served. We especially need people to carry Tim Kaine for Governor signs.

On Sunday, March 6, at 2:00 pm, we will hold our first Candidates' Forum for the 45th House of Delegates candidates at the Durant Center, 1501

*(CHAIR Continued on page 2)*

## Kaine to march in St. Pats Parade March 6th

By Nick Kessler, Kaine 2005 Coordinator

Tim Kaine, Democrats' candidate for Governor, will march in Alexandria's St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 6th. Supporters are needed to meet at 12:00 pm at 1317 King Street. We'll march with signs, stickers and spirit. Show your support for the next Governor. For more information contact Nick Kessler at 703-528-8589

Tim Kaine is a mainstream pro-business leader whose career has been marked by national recognition for innovative programs to spur economic growth, slash crime and expand educational opportunity.

Tim Kaine was inaugurated in 2002 as Virginia's 39th Lieu-

tenant Governor. He previously served seven years as City Councilman and Mayor of Richmond. Throughout his career, Tim has built a reputation for bringing people together to get results.

As Richmond's Mayor, Tim promoted tax incentives to spur job growth among small businesses and reinvigorate the city's historic neighborhoods. His leadership helped Richmond become one of Forbes Magazine's ten most business-friendly American

cities. Tim reorganized the city's budget to promote school construction and rehabilitation without raising taxes. He was also a leader in the city's

award-winning Project Exile program, which helped cut violent crime in half and won the support of law enforcement groups, the National Rifle Association, and gun safety organizations. Project Exile became a national crime-fighting model for the Clinton and Bush Ad-

*(Kaine Continued on page 3)*

*(Continued from page 1)*  
Cameron Street. The Forum will be moderated by former City Council member David Speck and will be an excellent opportunity to find out where the candidates stand on the issues.

After looking to the future on Sunday, we will look back on the 2005 General Assembly session on Monday, March 7 during our annual Legislative Wrap Up and Dessert Party.

Senators Dick Saslaw and

Patsy Ticer and Delegates Marian VanLandingham, Brian Moran and Adam Ebbin will explain what really happened in Richmond. The wrap-up will start at 7:00 pm and will be followed by the regular ADC meeting at about 8:30 pm.

Please call the ADC office, 703-549-3367, to volunteer to bring a dessert or to help with set-up or clean-up.

I hope that all of you are taking a close look at our candidates for Lieutenant Governor

and Attorney General. We need strong candidates who both embody our beliefs and can win state-wide.

The candidates for Lieutenant Governor are Viola Baskerville, Leslie Byrne, Chap Peterson and Phil Puckett. The candidates for Attorney General are Creigh Deeds and John Edwards.

We have a very busy month – it will be good to see you all at the many events!

## Cong. Jim Moran maintains key appropriations spots

Congressman Jim Moran will serve in key roles for House Appropriations Committee Democrats following Republican re-organizing of that Committee in the 109th Congress.

GOP Leaders recently put forward changes to the House Appropriations Committee that significantly curtail the number of subcommittees, from 13 to 10. Despite that subcommittee reduction, Congressman Moran maintains his seat on the key Defense Subcommittee and will again join the Interior Subcommittee.

These appropriations subcommittees are particularly vital to Northern Virginia. The Defense Appropriations subcommittee handles a wide range of defense and homeland security spending issues crucial to the Northern Virginia economy, thereby fueling job growth and generating cutting-edge technologies and equipment crucial to our military.

The Interior Subcommittee post will continue to allow Moran to maintain a leadership role on National Park Service, conservation and land manage-

ment issues. Under the reorganization, the Interior Subcommittee will now also oversee EPA and environmental spending programs of strong concern to Northern Virginians.

Congressman Moran served as the Ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee's Legislative Branch Subcommittee until the GOP slated it for elimination. Congressman Moran will continue to be vocal and visible on those issues in the full Appropriations Committee.

---

### AlexandriaDemocrat

Volume V, I Issue 2  
March 2005

#### Editor

Todd W. Ruopp  
Alexandria Democratic Committee  
Public Information Officer  
703-960-7600 or truopp@att.net

The AlexandriaDemocrat is published monthly and paid for and authorized by the Alexandria Democratic Committee (ADC).

The ADC is composed of dedicated Alexandria citizens who promote the principles of the Democratic Party by electing Democratic candidates to City, State and National office as an arm of the Democratic Party of Virginia.

### Letters & Editorial Submissions are Welcome

Letters or editorial submissions are encouraged and must be submitted by the third Thursday of each month to 618 North Washington Street; Ground Floor, Suite 2; Alexandria, VA 22314-1914 or sent via e-mail to truopp@att.net.

Every effort is made to ensure accuracy. The ADC, its officers, members and volunteers are not responsible for errors or omissions. Articles under individual bylines reflect the individual views of the author and not necessarily that of the ADC or Democratic Party of Virginia.

Copyright © 2005  
Alexandria Democratic Committee

## AmeriCorps volunteers available for non-profits

By Martin Haley

Could your nonprofit organization use more staff to help deliver your programs? Consider the benefits of having AmeriCorps members stationed full- or part-time in your office, funded largely by the federal/state government who could help you launch that new service, or meet a community demand you can't currently handle.

The Virginia Commission for National and Community Service has announced its annual

solicitation for AmeriCorps funding proposals. The Request for Applications opened on Feb 11th, and the deadline for submissions is April 7, 5 pm.

Proposals for new programs will be reviewed in the spring, with awards being made by the end of summer.

Give a young person the opportunity to serve his/her community here at home, while gaining valuable staff support for your organization. And be sure to join the Virginia Com-

mission mailing list to receive important information about this and other developments in Community Service throughout the State. Download the RFA from the Commission website at [www.vaservice.org](http://www.vaservice.org). Staff is available to answer technical questions about the requirements involved in the program & grant application process at 800-638-3839 and [info@vaservice.org](mailto:info@vaservice.org).

## A “Friend of the ADC” receives the *AlexandriaDemocrat*

By Fay Slotnick, ADC Deputy Chair for Finance and Administration

To all of our many volunteers throughout 2004, thank you for your help during the election season. We are counting on seeing a great deal more of you to ensure Virginia’s leadership remains Democratic this fall.

As a way of saying “thank you” we included you on the *AlexandriaDemocrat* newsletter mailing list. We hope you have enjoyed staying abreast of how the Alexandria Democratic Committee is living Democratic values here at home.

Typically we mail 400 newsletters each month. When our many volunteers are added the

number doubles to over 800. Printing and postage expenses prevent us from continuing to send you the newsletter unless you become a “Friend of the ADC” for just \$25 for one-year membership.

We are blessed with a very large group of volunteers. If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter, please complete the “Friend of the ADC” form on page 11, mail it and a \$25 check to the address shown.

As an active volunteer you will continue to receive email announcements from Judy

Lowe whether or not you join the “Friends of the ADC.”

If you are not receiving Judy’s bi-weekly emails, send her an email message at judy-low36@comcast.net and ask to be added. Thank you.

### Lending Library Needs Help

Please bring your political/government/history books, CDs, and tapes. We’ll make a space and let people borrow what we have. Since we are not librarians, this will be operated strictly on an honor basis.

## No time for patience when it comes to human rights

By Matt Harris, ADC Outreach Chair

As an educated, white, heterosexual male, even in the worst of times, I’ve cruised through life with relatively few urgent grievances against the government. I am impatient by nature and am generally intolerant of those who do not share my degree of impatience.

As we all know, the suffragette movement started well before the Civil War, yet women did not obtain the right to vote until 1919. Likewise, it took African-Americans nearly 100 years to legally obtain the rights supposedly guaranteed to them following the enactment of the

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments. Countless generations of Americans were needlessly deprived of their rights of full citizenship.

Human rights are sacrosanct and I am a Democrat because our party truly values the rights of the individual, include the right of the individual to make responsible choices without government interference. It is for this reason that I am particularly annoyed with our Commonwealth’s unrelenting attack on the rights of gay and lesbians to live as they see fit. It is with equal fervor that I believe

that we, as freedom-loving Democrats, should take it upon ourselves to fight, without delay, for the rights of gays and lesbians to enter into civil unions, contracts with one another, and for all other rights enjoyed by the rest of the population. While sacrifices on certain issues for political gain can be appropriate in some circumstances, on matters of human rights time is always of the essence.

Right makes might and now is the time for our leaders to take a stand and fight without fright!

*(Kaine Continued from page 1)*  
ministrations.

As Lieutenant Governor, Tim has worked with Governor Mark Warner to make government more efficient, reform the state tax code, and preserve Virginia’s Triple-A credit rating. Tim led the effort to broadcast floor sessions of the Virginia Senate to keep citizens informed about their government. He championed improvements to the state’s emergency alert system to fight terrorism and has increased housing and

employment opportunities for the disabled as chair of the Virginia Disability Commission. During tough budget times, Tim reduced the Lt. Governor’s Office budget by 40% and returned 30% of his salary to the taxpayers.

Tim’s top priority is his family. His wife, Anne Holton, is a juvenile court judge. Their three children, Nat, Woody, and Anella attend Richmond Public Schools and are involved in sports and music. The Kaines are active in their church and

enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, biking, and canoeing in Virginia’s outdoors.

Tim is an honors graduate of the University of Missouri and Harvard Law School. During law school, he took a one-year leave of absence to work with Catholic missionaries as the principal of a vocational school teaching carpentry and welding to teenagers in El Progreso, Honduras. Tim is fluent in Spanish.

## Lieutenant Governor candidate seeks your support

The *AlexandriaDemocrat* received the following submission unsolicited and felt our readers would benefit from its publication. Any Democratic candidate may send 100-word submissions for publication.

### Sen. Phillip Puckett

I am running for Lieutenant

Governor to unite our Democratic Party, and all of Virginia, around core values upon which we can agree.

I believe in excellence in public education, making prescription drugs and health care more affordable, creating more and better jobs, and building a strong transportation infrastructure.

I believe in the values that unite Virginians like faith, family and hard work.

My life experiences have prepared me for this job. I am a former teacher and principal, a volunteer firefighter and a successful small businessman. I would appreciate your support. I will fight for you and your family.

## ADC members are going places, doing things

### Elizabeth Jones

Dennis and Elizabeth are the proud parents of a healthy baby boy, Eddie Pfeiffer, who came into this world at 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Cards can be sent to 608 South View Terrace, Alexandria, VA 22314.

### Judy Lowe

Judy Lowe's husband Larry underwent surgery as part of his on-going cancer treatment. Both of them have shown marvelous grace under the pressure of this illness. You may send get well cards to: Larry Lowe, 14 W. Mount Ida Avenue,

Alexandria, VA 22305.

### Edward J. Walters

Mayor Euille appointed Ed to a two-year term on the Alexandria Commission on Employment. The Commission works with the city council to link city employment and training programs operated by the city school system with the economic development programs run by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

Separately, Ed's Alexandria-based legal research company, Fastcase, just celebrated its five-year anniversary. Fastcase

is now the third largest caselaw library in the world, after Westlaw and LexisNexis.

### Todd W. Ruopp

Todd was re-appointed by the City Council to his second three-year term on the Alexandria Consumer Affairs Commission. The Commission advises the City Council on consumer protection matters and acts as a finder of fact in consumer disputes that cannot be resolved by the City's Citizens Assistance Office investigators.

## ADC Book Club reading "Who are we?" by Huntington

By Peter Schumaier, ADC Member

The ADC Book Club will meet March 16th at 7:30 pm at La Madeleine in Old Town (500 King Street). The ADC Book Club meets ten times a year on the third Wednesday of the month at the same time and location. For more information please contact Peter Schumaier at 703-549-3204.

March's discussion uncovers *Who are we? The Challenges to America's National Identity* by Samuel P. Huntington (Simon & Schuster).

Alan Wolfe, writing for *Foreign Affairs* magazine, said this

about the book: "In the course of a remarkably distinguished academic career, Samuel Huntington has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to realism. Distaste for sentimentality is certainly on display in his best-known book, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*. It has also been characteristic of his analysis of U.S. domestic politics. The heroes of *The Soldier and the State*, his 1964 book on civil-military relations, are neo-Hamiltonians such as Secretary of State Elihu Root and the

naval strategist Alfred Thayer Mahan, members of "the first important American social group," as he describes them, "whose political philosophy more or less consciously borrowed and incorporated elements of the professional military ethic."

In April, the club will read and discuss Joseph Ellis' latest book, *His Excellency: George Washington*. And, in May join the group when it looks into *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond."

## Three more seats helps to stop the extremist agenda

By Delegate Brian Moran (46th District)

This is the first in a series of updates I am writing as the House Caucus Chair regarding the campaigns across the state.

Well, it's over. This legislative session has been interesting to say the least. As is evident by the thrashing we take over and over again, Democrats are in the minority in Richmond. We hold 38 seats and there are 100 delegates. Because of our position, House Republicans had free reign when it came to pushing their divisive, right-wing agenda. Thank goodness for Senators **Patsy Ticer** and **Dick Saslaw** and moderate Republicans in the Senate who did a terrific job in beating back bad legislation. But don't underestimate their resolve to push their agenda.

I have the good fortune of being the House Democratic Caucus Chair. My mission is very clear: we need to elect more House Democrats in Virginia. Luckily, we have a strong coordinated campaign. Lt. Governor **Tim Kaine** and Governor **Mark Warner** are committed to sharing in our mission of getting Democrats elected all the way down the ballot.

We only need three more seats before we can start securing more powerful positions on committees, which will in turn allow us to both make positive change and put a stop to the right's extremist agenda more effectively.

First and foremost, we must protect our Democratic incumbents. In order to pass a fiscally responsible budget, Democrats had to cast some tough votes in 2004. Republicans will attempt to misinform voters but with truth and results on our side we can keep current House Democrats in their seats.

I've been meeting with candidates and potential candidates and I am continually impressed with the quality and commitment.

**Rosalyn Dance** is the new nominee for a special election March 22nd in the 63rd House District vacated by Fenton Bland. Rosalyn Dance has a history of public service that spans two decades, as Petersburg Mayor.

Democrats have a real chance to pick-up seats in Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun Counties.

### Good News

## Kemler fills circuit court judgeship

Alexandria Judge Lisa Kemler received the long-awaited nod by the house to fill the seat on the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit for a term of eight years beginning March 1, 2005.

Governor Warner appointed Lisa Kemler at the suggestion

Close to home in Fairfax County, **Greg Werkheiser** is working to unseat Delegate David Albo in the 42nd. The moderate voters in Springfield are beginning to realize that Albo talks like a moderate in Northern Virginia and walks like a conservative in Richmond.

I also met **David Marsden** in Fairfax County (41st District) who will run for the open seat being vacated by Republican Jim Dillard. And **David Poisson** is challenging Delegate Dick Black in Loudoun County (32nd District), who has spearheaded some of the most divisive legislation this year, including major anti-choice initiatives.

### Get Involved

Our candidates are working hard, but they can't win without your help. Please contact my office at 703-370-4154 to see how you can be involved in making real gains for House Democrats.

of the Alexandria Delegation, when Judge Nolan Dawkins declined the appointment.

There has been much controversy over the judicial appointments, but common decency and local autonomy prevailed.

### Special Election Mar 22 63rd District

Rosalyn Dance  
Contact Brian Moran  
703-370-4154

### 32nd District

David Poisson  
Poisson for Delegate  
20756 Eastlake Court  
Sterling, Virginia 20165  
Poisson4delegate.com

### 41st District

David Marsden  
Contact Brian Moran  
703-370-4154

### 42nd District

Greg Werkheiser  
Werkheiser for Delegate  
P.O. Box 2171  
Springfield, VA 22152  
(703) 644-0564  
(703) 991-5949 fax  
WerkheiserForDelegate.com

## The ADC wants a sign for its headquarters, got design?

The ADC will be applying to the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review to place a sign on the facade of our building. The dimensions of the sign are flexible -- we are entitled to have a sign of up to 32 square feet, but we don't want anything that big. Our goal is

something that clearly identifies us, fits in with the ambience of the neighborhood and will pass muster by the BAR. We welcome suggestions and drawings of proposed signs. Please submit your drawing (including the proposed size of the sign and its placement on

the building) to Fay Slotnick by Monday, March 7, at the ADC meeting. If you have any questions, please call Fay at the ADC office, 703-549-3367. Everyone who submits a drawing will be recognized in the next newsletter.

### George Washington Parade brings out over 150 Dems

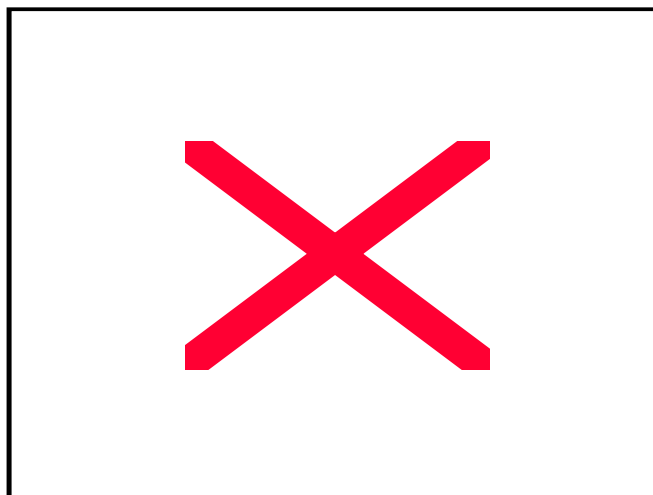


**TOP** Volunteers march for Dana Lawhorne

**RIGHT** Nick Kessler carries the Kaine sign.

**BELOW** Volunteer shows off her Warner sign.

**BIOTTOM RIGHT** Elsie Mosqueda preps a youngster as part of her contingency.



## Candidates in the 45th

The *Alexandria Democrat* solicited 100-word submission from each declared candidate seeking the nomination in the 45th District.

### David Englin

This race is about the future of Virginia, about the kind of Commonwealth my young son and his generation will grow up in. Together, we must build our future through policies informed by the moral imperatives of our progressive values. As your Delegate, with you by my side, we will fight to make housing more affordable, to fix and fund education, to lower the cost of health care, to protect the rights of all Virginians, and for the future of Northern Virginia. Read my complete, detailed "Progressive Agenda for the Future" at [www.davidenglin.org](http://www.davidenglin.org) and join the fight!

### Libby Garvey

Libby Garvey's campaign for the House of Delegates 45th District seat is well underway. She's encouraged by the positive response of so many when going door-to-door, at coffees and other gatherings. Libby will be a strong advocate for education, the environment, transportation, and emergency preparedness. She will fight for the care and services needed by our most vulnerable residents and will be a voice for individual rights to freedom, privacy, and self-determination. Please let us know if you would like to join this campaign. To volunteer or learn more, go to [www.libbygarvey.org](http://www.libbygarvey.org) or e-mail [info@libbygarvey.org](mailto:info@libbygarvey.org).

### Richard Hobson

I am a candidate for the 45th House of Delegates District in Eastern Alexandria and adja-

cent Fairfax County and Arlington. I previously served in the House of Delegates in 1976-1980, representing Alexandria. I have been a member of the ADC since 1963, served as Vice Chair, Chair, and am currently a member of its Executive Committee and Resolutions Chair. I have also served as Eighth District Chair and member of the State Steering and State Central Committees. I solicit your support, vote, and advice in the campaign. Telephone: (703) 712-5437; E-mail: [rkhobson@comcast.net](mailto:rkhobson@comcast.net).

### Jim Lay

Friends, it is honor to be running for delegate in the 45th district. As a former prosecutor and the current General Counsel to both the Alexandria and Arlington Police Unions, I understand the problems facing our police and am honored to have the endorsement of the Arlington Coalition of Police. I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received and have been busy meeting with residents and sharing real solutions to Northern Virginia's problems, focusing on public safety, public health, and education. Recently, my wife, Martina, and I welcomed our second child, Oliver. As your delegate, I would provide a thoughtful approach to public policy. Please visit [www.jimlay.org](http://www.jimlay.org) for more information.

### Laura Mandala

I have entered the race for the Delegate from the 45th because I see a need for Northern Virginia to stand strong in protecting our basic human rights and in bringing home our fair share from the state coffers. My experience lobbying in Richmond and working on legislation to save

the State Council on the Status of Women and protect the rights of victims of violence have prepared me for the fight we have before us in Richmond. As a small business owner I believe I bring skills and experience that are respected in Richmond. Please call me at 703.798.5452 to join our efforts or write me at [Laura@MandalaResearch.com](mailto:Laura@MandalaResearch.com)

### Elsie Mosqueda

The groundswell of grassroots support for my campaign to build on Marian's legacy and turn back the extreme agenda in the House of Delegates is growing. Tim Lovain and Joan McDermott have joined the campaign as campaign manager and deputy manager, respectively. A long list of District supporters can be found on my new Web site - [www.ElsieMosqueda.com](http://www.ElsieMosqueda.com). Campaign headquarters at 1522 King Street will open March 5th following the St. Patrick's Day parade. Come by to learn more about the campaign, join us to protect the rights of all citizens and enjoy some refreshments. I've dedicated my life to protecting and improving lives in Virginia. Please give me your vote and support so I can take that dedication to Richmond.

**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at**  
**Delegate**  
**Brian J. Moran's**  
**5th Annual**  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
**Pancake**  
**Breakfast**



**Watch Celebrity Pancake Flippers and**  
**Meet Democratic Candidates for Statewide Office**  
**Bring the whole family, entertainment for the kids**  
**Saturday, March 19, 8 - 10 am**  
**Patrick Henry Elementary School, 4643 Taney Avenue**  
**Reserved your seats by calling Audra Tafoya at 703-370-4154**

**The treasurer seeks ADC member's annual fee**

The Treasurer of the Alexandria Democratic Committee, Liz Campbell, asks ADC Committee members to send the annual \$25.00 administrative fee. If you have already paid it, you may ignore this message. If you

have not, please send \$25 to the address that follows.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter only and are not an ADC member, you may sign up as a "Friend of the ADC" by sending a check

for \$25.00 to the ADC Office, at 618 N Washington St, Ground Floor, Suite 2, Alexandria VA 22314. For information, you may call 703-549-3367.

## Euille asks residents to stand-up for Alexandria

By Hon. Bill Euille, City of Alexandria Mayor

I want to take a couple of minutes to present the good things going on in Alexandria. Unfortunately, the media often focuses on the negative and fails to report on the positive happenings in our community. A newspaper article that appeared late last year rightly characterized Alexandria as an increasingly urban city that has been able to retain its small town feeling. And that's what makes Alexandria so special. The small-town feel with the benefits of an urban community.

In small communities, neighbors help neighbors, organizations pitch in, and businesses and residents work side by side to improve the community. Alexandrians care about each other and this community. We have witnessed this time after time whenever we face a crisis or when residents are asked to fund community priorities.

### *Alexandria is a safe city*

With an increasing population and steady drop in crime, people in Alexandria are safer now than they were 10, 20 or even 40 years, and we are committed to continuing this trend in Alexandria. The police chief reported on gang violence and the actions the department is taking to address it locally and regionally. The gang incidents are horrendous – but they do not change the fact that Alexandria is safer today than at any time in the past and we plan to keep it that way.

### *Alexandria schools are strong*

The media's focus on events and persons related to our school system has little to do with education. Here are some facts that tell more about the Alexandria Public Schools than

what you may see on television or read in the papers:

12 of 16, or 75 percent, of Alexandria schools have received state accreditation benchmark as measured by the most recent Standards of Learning (spring 2003) tests.

Last June, 585 graduates from the City's high school went on to post secondary education; 80 percent took advance placement (AP) and honor courses and 19 were National Achievement Scholarship semifinalists.

Most recently the community demonstrated its investment in education by breaking ground for a new, state-of-the-art T.C. Williams High School set to be completed September 2007.

All students in grades 9-12 receive laptop computers for use at school and at home. Students in the City's 9th grade center also have laptops. It's impossible to estimate the tremendous positive returns for our children and society as a whole that will come by virtually eliminating the technology gap among students.

The schools in Alexandria are among the best in the metropolitan area and this mayor and council intend to keep them that way.

### *Alexandria means community*

The "small town" in Alexandria can be seen and felt at the weekly Farmer's Market, Art on the Avenue in Del Ray, citizens who band together for affordable housing and residents receiving training to help their neighbors by joining the Community Emergency Response Team. Look at the hundreds of residents who have spent thousands of hours as members of the PTA, who volunteer for Christmas in April, the Red Cross Waterfront festival, the

scholarship fund, to save Freedmen's Cemetery and to protect open space.

Alexandria offers the warmth and charm of a small town with the amenities and conveniences of urban living. Money Magazine and CNN recently ranked Alexandria in the top-five places to live on the East Coast. Ladies Home Journal ranked Alexandria as the "Best City for Women". Washingtonian magazine ranked our Del Ray and Beverly Hills neighborhoods as one of the region's "hottest" neighborhoods. Alexandria is the envy of many in the Washington region for its unique blend of history, the waterfront, an involved citizenry, quality of life, popular stores and restaurants, recreation opportunities, and convenient location.

As Mayor and lifelong resident of Alexandria, I have great pride in Alexandria, and I know everyone on City Council loves this City as I do and so do you. I challenge every resident of Alexandria, every businessperson in Alexandria, and even the media that cover the City, to stand up for Alexandria. Let's focus on what is going right in Alexandria. Join me in standing up for our hometown. Don't sit by and listen to negative comments about your home. Speak up about the wonderful things about this City.

There are many more good things going on in Alexandria than those I mentioned here. Council wants you to know more about them. I invite Alexandrians to send an email to the City and tell us, "What is Great about Alexandria." Send your email to [CityMail@alexandriava.gov](mailto:CityMail@alexandriava.gov).

It's time to Stand Up for Alexandria!



**Hon. William D. Euille**  
City of Alexandria Mayor

## Alexandria Democratic Committee Calendar

By Judy Lowe, ADC Technology Officer

*You can receive weekly calendar updates by sending your email address to Judy Lowe at judylowe36@comcast.net*

*For the most up-to-date calendar and news visit [www.alexdem.org](http://www.alexdem.org)*

Saturday, March 5, 12:30 pm  
**The Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade.** Meet at the law office of former Council Member Lonnie Rich, 1317 King Street which is at the corner of King and West Streets. Get there early enough to see all the dogs. This is a fun parade and the first one in the Washington DC area.

Saturday, March 5  
**Mosqueda for Delegate Campaign Office Opening,** 1522 King Street, Alexandria. Come by before or after St. Patrick's Day. Contact Joan McDermott, Deputy Campaign Manager at DepManager@elsiemosqueda.com for further details or questions.

Sunday, March 6: 2:00 pm  
**45TH House of Delegates Candidates' Forum** at the Durant Center, 1501 be moderated by former City Council member David Speck.

Monday, March 7, 7:30 pm  
**Annual Legislative Wrap Up and Dessert Party** preceding Alexandria Democratic Committee meeting at Minnie Howard School, 3801 W Braddock Rd. If you are a Committee member and you cannot attend, please notify the Committee Clerk, Mary Lyman by calling her on 703.845.1510 or email MSLyman@verizon.net. Information: 703.549.3367. The Alexandria Young Democrats will be starting a new fundraising drive and will be selling drinks and other refreshments prior to the ADC meetings.

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 pm  
**Virginia Grassroots Coalition Meeting** at Capitol City Brewing in Shirlington – 2700 South Quincy St, in Arlington. We'll be screening the film "A Love Story - In The Face of Hate", a story about a lesbian

couple leaving the hostile climate of Virginia after the passage of HB 751. [www.sumoe.com/other\\_art/lovestory.html](http://www.sumoe.com/other_art/lovestory.html) Get there early to get a good seat and dinner before the film starts. To get onto the agenda, email - [eric@vagrassroots.org](mailto:eric@vagrassroots.org)

Thursday, March 10, 7:30 pm  
**Housing in Alexandria:** general housing trends workforce housing, affordable housing by Kerry Donley, former Mayor and housing expert. Question and answer session follows. George Washington Middle School 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. (behind Braddock Metro) Library- Media Room, Parking: rear of building admission: free: everyone welcome, Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Alexandria.

Saturday, March 12, 10:30 am  
**Mandala for State Delegate Campaign Kickoff Rally!** Please join Laura Mandala and her supporters as she formally announces her candidacy for the State Delegate seat in the 45<sup>th</sup> District. The event will be held at Landini Brothers Restaurant, 115 King Street in Old Town from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Contributions will be gladly accepted! For more information, please contact Tina Games-Evans, Finance Chair, at 703-402-2226 or TinaGames@aol.com

Saturday March 12th, 9:00 am  
**2nd VGC Regional Leadership Summit.** Location is still TBD but it will be Metro-accessible. We're expanding the format to an entire day. We'll close the day with networking at a nearby watering hole/restaurant. Early registration is limited to groups only. (Dem committee, church, neighborhood activist group, 527, 501c3). We're a commu-

nity group so coming out to work with us won't hurt your non-profit status. RSVP early to [info@vagrassroots.org](mailto:info@vagrassroots.org)

Sunday, March 13, 2:00 pm  
**Mosqueda for Delegate Campaign Kick-Off** at Ramparts at 1701 Fern St, Alexandria. Join your friends as we give Elsie a big boost to her campaign. Contributions welcome, cash bar. Contact Joan McDermott, Deputy Campaign Manager at DepManager@elsiemosqueda.com for further details or questions.

Saturday, March 19 6:00 pm  
**Rhapsody In Red Gala** benefiting the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross will happen at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in the lobby of the original airport terminal. The gala, reminiscent of a big band evening of the 1930s, will be a bright and sparkling evocation of the period with drinks, delicacies and the spectacular sound of big band music. Following a cocktail reception and dinner, our Red Hot Live Auction will kick-off featuring one-of-a-kind items carefully chosen to inspire robust bidding. For ticket information call Aimee Moore, 703-549-8300 at the Alexandria Red Cross or for online information [www.alexandriaredcross.org](http://www.alexandriaredcross.org).

Tuesday, March 22, 5:30 pm  
**Mosqueda for Delegate Richmond Reception** at the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association office at 1800 W. Grace St. Contact Joan McDermott, Deputy Campaign Manager at DepManager@elsiemosqueda.com for further details or questions.

## Stay connected by becoming a “Friend of the ADC”

The Alexandria Democratic Committee is the legislative body that operates the Democratic Party in Alexandria. Seats on the committee are limited to a select number for each precinct. However our many volunteers and supporters want to stay connected and that’s where a “Friend of the ADC” annual membership is the ideal solution.

After you complete the form below and submit it with your \$25 check, you’ll receive the *Alexandria Democrat* each month. Typically only available to ADC members and elected officials, you will be able to stay abreast of all ADC activities.

Please send \$25 along with this form to the ADC at 618 N. Washington Street, Ground Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314-1914.

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation\* \_\_\_\_\_

Employer\* \_\_\_\_\_

City/State of Employment\* \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Required for State Board of Elections** reporting. (Information is reported only when your aggregate contributions exceed \$100 in a calendar year.)

**Waiver for financial hardship** may be requested from the Chair, Susan Kellom, Home 703-548-9273 or the ADC Office 703-549-3367.

---

*Make a difference in  
Alexandria by becoming  
a “Friend of the ADC”*

PRSR STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
ALEXANDRIA VA  
PERMIT #81

## Alexandria Democratic Committee

618 North Washington Street  
Ground Floor, Suite 2  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703-549-DEMS  
Email: info@alexdem.org

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens can change the world; indeed,  
it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB**  
**WWW.ALEXDEMS.ORG**

## ADC Officers & Precinct Captains

Contact any officer or precinct captain to join the ADC to help make Alexandria a better place by electing Democrats. Not sure of your precinct? Visit the links section of [alexdem.org](http://alexdem.org) to find out or call 703-549-DEMS (3367).

### Executive Committee

#### Chair

Susan Kellom  
703-548-9273  
susanbkellom@aol.com

#### Deputy Chair for Finance & Administration

Fay Slotnick  
703-739-0233  
fslotnick@verizon.net

#### Deputy Chair for Precinct Operations—West

Greg Roberts  
703-861-2273  
pyramus12@yahoo.com

#### Deputy Chair for Precinct Operations—East

Justin Wilson  
703-299-1576  
justin@justin.net

#### Clerk

Mary Lyman  
703-845-1510  
mslyman@verizon.net

#### Treasurer

Elizabeth Campbell  
703-683-4579  
campfair@comcast.net

#### Public Information Officer

Todd W. Ruopp  
703-960-7600  
truopp@att.net

#### Technology Officer

Judy Lowe  
703-548-1713  
judylowe36@comcast.net

#### Resolutions Officer

Richard R.G. Hobson  
703-370-1858  
rrhobson@mwbb.com

#### Volunteer Coordinator

Jennifer Slotnick  
703-409-3277  
jenann7@yahoo.com

#### Community Outreach Chair

Matt Harris  
703-549-7965  
mattharris@hotmail.com

#### Leadership Circle Chair

Patrick Mulloy  
703-683-3763  
pamulloy@aol.com

#### Alexandria Young Dems Liaison

Ben Klein  
703-535-5423  
benjamin\_e\_klein@hotmail.com

### Precinct Captains

PCT	Name	Precinct Captain	Phone #	Email Address
101	Ladrey Senior Bldg	Marjorie Niehaus	703.836.8038	niehausma@comcast.net
102	City Hall	Hazel & Ron Rigby	703-548-2422	hrigby@aol.com
103	Lyles Crouch School	Vacant	Please volunteer	
104	Jeff. Houston School	Boyd Walker	703.683.0067	boydwalker@hotmail.com
105	The Lee Center	PJ Palmer-Johnson	703.566.0856	drej@aol.com
106	Cora Kelly Rec Cen	Ruth Brannigan	703.535.8813	naginnarb2002@yahoo.com
107	Mt Vernon Rec Cen	Russ Davis	703.836.3215	
108	George Washington	Shayna Englin	703.549.0569	gwdems@mac.com
109	Fire Department HQ	Sarah Stott	703.519.5245	sstott@comcast.net
201	Maury School	John Ates	703.299.0442	kjates@comcast.net
202	George Mason School	Pat Butler	703.549.0177	phbraven@msn.com
203	Agudas Achim Cong.	Paul Friedman	703.671.3843	paulfriedman@comcast.net
204	Blessed Sacrament	Barbara Brenman	703.548.9485	bbrenman@netzero.net
205	MacArthur School	Dick Hobson	703.370.1858	rrhobson@mwbb.com
206	Chinquapin Rec Cen	Vacant	Please volunteer	
207	Temple Beth El	Jack Sullivan	703.370.3039	jack.sullivan9@verizon.net
208	NOVA Arts Center	Laura Mandala	703.820.1041	laura@mandalaresearch.com
301	James K. Polk School	Doratheia Peters	703.751.5054	doratheapeters@aol.com
302	St. Martin Rec Cen.	Dr. FJ Pepper	703-751-0770	fjpeppermd@aol.com
		Charles Howe	703-212-4812	cmhowe@patriot.net
303	Beatley Library	Joelle Jordan	703.998.0148	joellejordan@comcast.net
304	Tucker School	VACANT	Please volunteer	
305	John Adams School	John Frizzell	703.671.7610	
306	William Ramsay Rec	Lisa Walkup	571-228-1646	lisawalkup@yahoo.com
307	South Port Apartments	Libby Cooperman	703.370.9064	lcooperm@aacn.nche.edu