

The Alexandria Democrat

Message from the Chair by Susan Kellom, Chair, ADC

In Memorium

Jack Hughes

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Tom Taylor

Henry Thomas

Thank you for your service to the Democratic Party and to the City of Alexandria

This is one of those months where one hardly knows where to start.

The maltreatment of our wounded veterans?

The saber rattling toward Iran?

The surge of troops to Iraq?

The determination of the Republicans in the Virginia General Assembly to rob the common good to pay for transportation?

The firing of US Attorneys who had the temerity to prosecute Republican officeholders? Or who refused pressure to from Republican lawmakers to tarnish Democrats just before the November election?

The continued abandonment of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast?

The failed former Virginia Governor (Jim Gilmore) whose operatives manipulated an Iowa push-poll to give him a lead of 31% over his Republican opponents.?

With so much negative going on, maybe it would be better to focus on what we can do here in Virginia to make a positive difference in people's lives.

(However, as a veteran, I reserve the right to comment about the mess at Walter Reed.)

By assisting our General Assembly delegation in our **21 – 51** effort you can help insure that Governor **Tim Kaine** has reasonable, sensible legislators to work with in the next General Assembly session.

The best way to start our 2007 Campaign season and our **21 – 51** program is to attend our Annual Legislative Wrap Up and Dessert Party on Monday, March 5, at 7:00 PM at the Minnie Howard Cafeteria.

We encourage you to attend (our coffers would be thrilled and filled if you decide to donate more than the minimum) and listen to our legislators describe the 2007 session. (Please bring the form on page 5.)

After you have listened to Senators **Patsy Ticer & Dick Saslaw** and Delegates **Brian Moran, David Englin** and **Adam Ebbin**, you will understand just why we are so proud of them and how much we need to support them in adding to our Democratic numbers in the General Assembly.

I really like the sound of "**Majority Leader Richard Saslaw of Fairfax and Alexandria.**"

We will be asking quite a bit of you this year. We hope that you will be willing to spend the time on the campaigns of our local as well as our neighboring candidates.

You may have noticed that we are already including volunteer opportunities for neighboring candidates on our calendar. We hope that you will (continued on page 2)

ADC Newsletter Enters 21st Century & Public Information Officer Vacancy by Susan Kellom

This is the second issue of **The Democrat** that we have sent primarily via email. In the interest of saving trees, energy and money, we hope that you will continue to opt to receive our newsletter in this way.

If you have received this by regular mail and would prefer to have it sent to your email address, please call the ADC office at 703-549-3367 or email office@alexdem.org.

As of this writing, no one has yet come forward to express an interest in running for the Public Information Officer position. I

held this job for about 12 years and I loved every minute of it. The PIO gets to talk to everybody on the ADC (and in Alexandria) to gather news.

The duties of the ADC PIO include reporting for and editing the **The Democrat**, drafting press releases and maintaining the media contact list. We would also like the PIO to maintain an ADC scrapbook and to insure that digital photos of all ADC events are taken and posted on our web site. Volunteers are available to help.

Please give me a call at 703-548-9273 or email me at SusanBKellom@aol.com if you are interested.

Message from the Chair *(continued)*

March with the ADC and in the St. Patrick's Day Parade!



Meet at Noon on Saturday,
March 3 at 1307 King
Street.

Refreshments will be
provided as we wait to step
off.

Volunteers are still needed
to help blow up balloons and
pass them out.

participate in these activities as your time permits.

We also hope that you will commit yourself to donating several days this fall to the projects that the ADC will take assume on behalf of these candidates. We envision, for instance, volunteering to conduct a one day canvass or a one night phone bank for each of our supported candidates.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch — we will soon be resuming our voter ID program. Expect to hear from **Amanda Ruff** and **Scott Price** about helping with this important program.

Diana Bedoya and **Scott Johnson** will need your help at the many Alexandria ethnic festivals. We will post the schedule as soon as it is available.

Sarah Stott and **Charniele Herring** are raring to go with the many great ideas we developed during the recent Precinct Captains' retreat. One of the most exciting and useful is the precinct mapping project. You will hear more soon.

How Low Can They Go?

The recent revelations in the Washington Post about the deplorable treatment of our wounded soldiers by the Bush Administration

is probably the most heinous of all the crimes and misdemeanors they have committed in the pursuit of the folly that is the Iraq war.

They callously send our young people to war — three and four times for some of them, then discard them when they are no longer useful.

They tried to say that a brain injured soldier was already retarded when he was accepted for military service — so that they could deny him benefits. Have they no shame?

They tried to say that gravely damaged young people were not disabled, only to have the VA say that were in fact entitled to benefits. Have they no shame?

They scapegoated the Walter Reed commander who had only been in charge for six months, and re-installed a commander who had presided over the same mess for years. Perhaps they have no shame, but they do have chutzpah.

Republican Senator John McCain did **NOT** misspeak when he referred to "wasted lives." He spoke a truth that is almost unbearable to face.

They are shameful and they must be held accountable.

Elevator Speech Contest by Julie Jakopic

Imagine you are in an elevator. The doors open and in walks a potential volunteer. You have from now until the elevator reaches the lobby to introduce yourself, let them know what the ADC is working toward and ask for their help. What do you say?

In our efforts to make 21 – 51 a reality, we want us all to have a ready answer so that we can consistently share our vision with fellow Virginia voters. Let us know what your answer is by March 28, 2007. We'll gather your suggestions and vote at the April meeting. The winner will receive one free ticket to our JJ Dinner in June.



The 2007 George Washington Birthday Parade — Photos by Julie Jakopic

2007 Annual Democratic Legislative Wrap-up & Dessert Party

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Senator Patsy Ticer

Senator Dick Saslaw

Delegate Brian Moran

Delegate Adam Ebbin

Delegate David Englin

Monday, March 5, 2007, 7:00 PM

Minnie Howard School Cafeteria, 3801 West Braddock Road, Alexandria

\$5 per Adult

\$15 — Cookie Monster

\$25 — Chocoholic

\$50 — Decadent Devourer of Desserts (Students Free)

Yes! — We need more desserts and help with set up and clean up. Please call the ADC office, 703-549-3367

Reservations are appreciated, but not required. Children are welcome. Donations of \$15 or more will be posted at the event.

Please mail this coupon to the Alexandria Democratic Committee, 618 North Washington Street, Ground Floor, Suite 2, Alexandria, Va. 22314. For further information, call the Alexandria Democratic Committee office (730) 549-3367

Name (s)

Address

Home Phone

Work Phone

Email

Occupation

Employer

Employer's Address

____ I (we) will be unable to attend, but have enclosed _____ to help the Alexandria Democratic Committee to support our Democratic candidates and issues.

Legislative Wrap-Up and Dessert Party Reservations

____ Adult(s) @ \$5.00

____ Cookie Monster(s) @ \$15.00

____ Chocoholic(s) @ \$25.00

____ Decadent Devourer of Desserts @ \$50.00

Contributions are not tax deductible for federal income taxes purposes. Your contribution may be used in connection with federal elections and is subject to the limitations and prohibitions of the Federal Election Campaign Act. State law requires political committees to report the name, address, occupation and employer of individuals whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$100 in a calendar year. Federal law requires the Alexandria Democratic Committee to use its best efforts to collect and report the name, address, occupation and employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. Corporate and PAC contributions will be accepted for deposit in the ADC State account.

Killeen awarded for efforts By Kaleigh Maher, staff writer (Reprinted by permission of the James Madison University Newspaper "The Breeze")

Senior Jessica Killeen smiles when she talks about her life at JMU. Her passion for politics and enthusiastic dedication to helping others has set her apart as the Woman of Distinction award winner.

Killeen, a political science and Spanish double major from Alexandria, knew she was destined to be a Duke after auditioning for an all-state band at JMU in the ninth grade.

"I completely bombed the audition," Killeen said, "and my dad and I went and had french fries at Dukes. I just knew this was where I wanted to be."



Jessica and Friends visit Manchester, NH to support Mark Warner.

Killeen has been involved in politics since high school while working with the local Democratic Party, which she describes as providing her with a "second family." Killeen has carried her passion for politics with her and is president of the JMU College Democrats as well as working for the Harrisonburg Democratic Party.

"The organization that Jessica has built up will help the JMU College Democrats to succeed for years to come," junior Jamie Lockhart said.

It was Lockhart who nominated Killeen for the Woman of Distinction award. "I consider Jessica Killeen a woman of distinction because she not only does great things for the community, but she motivates others to do great things," Lockhart said in her nomination. "There's a quote about the function of leaders that says that leaders aren't there to lead followers, but to produce more leaders. I think Jessica exemplifies that."

When she is not involved in politics, Killeen dedicates her time to teaching English as a second language to Hispanics in the Harrisonburg area.

"It's one of the most rewarding experiences I've had in my life," Killeen said. "I admire people who work that hard and that diligently; it's hard learning a second language."

Killeen credits her parents as role models in her life for coming from nothing, paying their own way through college, and for the support they give to her and her two younger brothers.

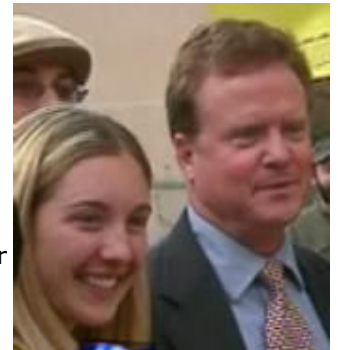
"My mom is a doctor; every day she goes to work and helps people," Killeen said. "My dad is my best friend; I call him three or four times a day about random things."

Killeen also credits several family vacations to her love of travel. She has participated in numerous study abroad programs, including spring 2005 in Salamanca, Spain, fall 2005 interning for Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and a summer 2006 trip to Argentina.

"Every day I strive to make a positive difference," Killeen said. "It doesn't have to be a big thing, but [I'm] definitely trying to make a positive difference through my actions and my words."

After graduation Killeen is looking forward to a family vacation in Puerto Rico and is applying to be a 2007 Governors Fellow for Gov. Timothy M. Kaine in Richmond for two months this summer. She then plans to attend law school.

"I'm really proud of my four years here at JMU and am really grateful for my experiences, my friends, studying abroad and my professors," Killeen said. "It really is a one-of-a-kind university and will prepare me for the future."



Jessica campaigns with now Senator Jim Webb in 2006.

The ADC Calendar

To submit calendar items, contact Judy Lowe at 703-549-3367 or judylowe36@comcast.net

More detailed Calendar Information is available at www.alexdeems.org

Friday, March 2, 7:00 pm. Banquet honoring our own former Mayor, **Kerry Donley**, who will be the Grand Marshal of our 26th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Alexandria. Holiday Inn, 625 First St., Regular price, \$75 a plate; for us, \$70. Contact F. J. Pepper at his (703)823-2311, between 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 midnight.

Saturday, March 3, 12:30 pm. 26th Annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade.** Fun Dog show in Market Square at 11:00 am. Antique Car Show on N Royal St Between Cameron & King St. **ADC marchers** meet at 1307 King Street.

Monday, March 5, 7:00 pm. **Alexandria Democratic Committee Legislative Wrap Up and Dessert Party**, followed by the regular ADC meeting at Minnie Howard School, 3801 W Braddock Rd. ADC members who cannot attend, please notify the Clerk, Mary Lyman at 703.845.1510 or MSLyman@verizon.net. Information: 703.549.3367.

Tuesday, March 6, 5:00pm. In honor of "**March is Red Cross Month,**" Monroe's Restaurant - located at 1603 Commonwealth Avenue in Del Ray- is hosting a Restaurant Night to raise money for the Alexandria Red Cross. For more information contact Tina Games-Evans at 703-549-8300.

Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 pm. **Planning Commission Meeting.** City Hall

Thursday, March 8, 7:00-9:00 pm. **City of Alexandria Community Meeting to discuss Route 1 Transit Improvements.** at George Washington Middle School auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Avenue. For information contact Tom Culpepper, T&ES, at 703.838.4966 or tom.culpepper@alexandriava.gov.

Sunday, March 11: Daylight Saving Time Begins (set clock ahead one hour)

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm. **City Council First Legislative Session,** CouncilChambers.

Wednesday, March 14, 8:00 pm. **Hexagon "Congress Night"** at the Duke Ellington Theater, 3500 R St., NW, Washington. See www.hexagon.org for details and tickets.



Saturday, March 17, 8:00 am to 10:00 am. **Delegate Brian Moran's Seventh Annual Pancake Breakfast**, with special guests **Senator Jim Webb** and **Congressman Jim Moran.** Patrick Henry Elementary School, 4643 Taney Avenue. \$25.00 per person, \$50.00 per family and up.

Saturday, March 17, 9:30 am. **City Council Public Hearing,** Council Chambers.

Monday, March 19, 7:30 pm. **Upper King Street Neighborhood Association (UKSNA)** meets at the Durant Recreation Center, 1605 Cameron Street. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact Trey Hanbury, trey.hanbury@gmail.com or at 703-535-6766.

Saturday, March 24, 10:30 a.m. to noon. **League of Women Voters of Alexandria** is holding a meeting to Update the League Position on Metropolitan Washington Airports. Speaker: Marilyn Doherty, former League president. Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. For more information, contact Judy Miller at 703-548-5168.

Saturday, March 24, 7:30 pm. **10th Annual Metro-DC PFLAG Honors Gala and Silent Auction.** Silent Auction begins at 6:00 pm; Honoree Reception at 6:30 pm; Honors Gala begins at 7:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW, Washington (202.737.1234). Tickets may be purchased by phone by calling 800.494.8497 or www.boxofficetickets.com/pflagdc.

Monday, March 26, 6:00 pm (reception); 7:00 pm (dinner). **Salute to Women Awards.** Radisson Old Town Alexandria, 901 N Fairfax St, Tickets are \$75.00 per person and up for sponsorships. www.alexwomen.com.

Tuesday, March 27, City Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chambers.

Tuesday, March 27, 8:00 pm. Book Talk---Dr. Zachary Schrag will speak about his book *The Great Society Subway: A History of the Washington Metro*, at Duncan Library, 2500 Commonwealth Avenue.

Thursday, March 29, Noon-2:00 pm. **SCAN's 5th Annual Allies in Prevention Awards Luncheon** at the Army-Navy County Club, Arlington, with Keynote Speaker Anne Holton, First Lady of Virginia. The Allies in Prevention Coalition and Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia honors individuals every year for strong commitment and exceptional efforts to stop child abuse and neglect in Northern Virginia. There are sponsorship club levels which range from \$999 to \$5000. For more information, visit www.scanva.org.

Friday, March 30. **Senior Services of Alexandria** will honor **Del Marian Van Landingham** as its "**Senior Extraordinaire**" for 2007 at its Annual Gala at The Belle Haven Country Club. The deadline for the Leadership Club sponsors to have your name included in the invitation is February 9. There are sponsorship club levels which range from \$500 to \$5000. Call Eileen Longstreet at 703.836.4414, x11 or email questions to directorssa@comcast.net. Price per person - \$90. To book your reservation call 703-836-4414, ext 11.

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Rally Corps! By Scott L. Frey

ADC member Scott Frey and his organization's president, former Congresswoman Barbara B. Kennelly (D-CT) are seeking volunteers for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare's Rally Corps. The Rally Corps are volunteers from across the greater DC area who are willing to help build crowds at rallies, press events, or hearings on Capitol Hill or elsewhere in the region, to help show the strength of support for the integrity of a great Democratic legacy, and the great value of Social Security and Medicare to Americans of all ages and backgrounds.

Those who know the Hill understand that these requests may often come on very short notice. When a Hill event is scheduled, the National Committee's Grassroots Department will send a broadcast phone or email message to the members of their Corps, providing the details such as date, time and location of the event. These can be very exciting opportunities. Their most recent effort was to help build a crowd for a rally led by House and Senate Democratic leaders and about 40 members of the Democratic Caucus to call for improvements to the Medicare prescription drug program.

For further information, call Scott at 202-216-0420, or contact Lizabeth Wesely-Casella at 202-216-8368, weselyl@ncpssm.org.

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