

# **The Alexandria Democrat**

## **VIRGINIANS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE!**

**Help Turn Virginia Blue in 2007!**

The 21/51 effort is our chance to Turn Virginia Blue by supporting Democratic candidates in competitive districts throughout Northern Virginia and around the state.

Democrats **can** win majorities in the Virginia Senate (21 seats) and House of Delegates (51 seats) in 2007!

### **Why the Urgency?**

A Democratic Legislature will move Virginia forward on transportation, education, health care and civil rights. There is also the not-so-small matter of Virginia setting an example for the rest of the country.

And, majorities this year will also give Democrats a voice in the Congressional Redistricting of 2011.

**Redistricting is critical for  
Virginia's future.**



Can you give two or three hours **now** so that we may all savor success in those late return-watching hours of November 6?

Here's how to give those hours: Come to the ADC office on Saturdays between 9:45 and 10:45 am, then car-pool to help a candidate in another district. Takes only a few hours of your time and effort, not a full day!

Or, make calls from the ADC office at 618 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, on behalf of competitive-district candidates. Calling hours and days are 7-9 pm on Wednesdays. Call 703-549-3367.

Or, make calls from the "Team Englin home" ("campaign central") on 10/16, 22, 25 and 30. Call 703-549-3203.

**Alexandria  
Democratic  
Committee**

**October 2007**

**Still time to step  
up to make it  
happen...**

**21/51**

**Campaign**

**"Turn**

**Virginia Blue"**

**on**

**November 6**

**Remember,**

We still need volunteers to staff the polls here in Alexandria, drive voters to the polls, flush and many other Election Day tasks.

Call the office at 703-549-3367 or email [office@alexdem.org](mailto:office@alexdem.org).

## Election of November 6 Trumps November Meeting

Because the Election for Virginia Senate and House of Delegates will be held on Tuesday, November 6, there will be NO meeting of the Alexandria Democratic Committee in this month.

## December ADC Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the first Monday, December 3, at 8:00, at the Minnie Howard School, 3801 West Braddock Road. Remember, if you are a Committee member and cannot attend, please notify Mary Lyman, Committee Clerk, at [MSLyman@verizon.net](mailto:MSLyman@verizon.net) or 703-845-1510.

## ADC Reorganization

Every two years, the Alexandria Democratic Committee ceases to exist for a brief moment in time and then reappears as a new organization!

Under the provisions of the Virginia State Party Plan, the ADC must reorganize every two years. This means that the current ADC will dissolve and an entirely new committee will be formed, with each member filing for membership again and officers elected again. Each Alexandria precinct is entitled to six members plus one member for each 500 voters above the baseline number of 2500 voters. There are also 10 at-large members for each Alexandria School Board District. The number of members per precinct will be determined by the voter list used in the November 2007 election. In addition, current and former Democratic elected officials, members of the Electoral Board, and members of the State Central Committee are automatic members of the ADC and do not count against the precinct membership.

If more people file for membership in a precinct than there are slots, we will first ask if anyone would accept an at-large seat. If we still have precincts with more applicants than slots, an assembled caucus will be held to elect the precinct members before the reorganization meeting, and would be open to any Democratic registered voter in the involved precinct.

The reorganization keeps the local committees in tune with their communities. Local Democratic Committees are quasi-legislative bodies which provide the framework and legal basis for all Democratic political activities in each city or county. For example, the ADC is empowered to determine the method of nomination for some elective offices and to set the dates and rules for nominating caucuses.

The reorganization call was made and adopted at the September ADC meeting. The provisions are: Members **MUST REAPPLY** (download application from the ADC website, [www.alexdem.org](http://www.alexdem.org)) and submit the completed application and membership fee of \$25.00. (A confidential waiver of the fee may be obtained from ADC Susan Kellom, 703-548-9273.) It **MUST BE RECEIVED IN** the ADC office **BY 5:00 PM on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26**. No Faxes or Emails permitted. See notice on page 3 regarding Associate Membership.

## 21/51 Campaign— Last Push —Give Two Hours to Virginia

With your help, the Washington Post headline on November 7 will say “Dems Capture Virginia General Assembly.” We have been working so hard to achieve 21 members in the Senate and 51 in the House of Delegates, and we need just a little more help from all of you — two hours could turn the tide!

Right here in Northern Virginia, we have several races that are so close that just a bit of extra effort can change the outcome. The campaigns of incumbent Senator Charles Colgan and challengers Chap Peterson, Janet Oleszek, George Barker and Karen Schultz would be grateful for your help.

In the House, we urge you to support our neighboring challengers, Margi Vanderhye, Carlos del Toro, Bruce Roemmelt and Rex Simmons.

Be a part of the Blue Wave — you'll be glad you took the time!

### Associate Membership (from page 2)

These memberships also expire on Monday, November 26. Associates, however, may re-apply at any time after Nov. 26.

## Alexandria's Jefferson-Jackson Dinner

Alexandria Democrats gathered at the Hilton Mark Center on Sunday, September 30 for the Annual Jefferson—Jackson Dinner. Our Keynote speaker, soon-to-be-Senator Mark Warner, joined by Congressman Jim Moran and Mayor Bill Euille, called on us to dedicate the next weeks to turning Virginia's General Assembly BLUE.

The dinner featured a silent — and very profitable — auction of political memorabilia. Many thanks to **Patti Donmoyer**, who organized the auction, and to the many folks who donated items. We were very appreciative of the generosity of Vola Lawson, Larry and Brenda Smith and all of our elected officials. We hope to have even more items next year.

We do not have enough space to list everyone who donated items or time, but a special thanks due to **Julie Jakopic** for organizing the dinner.

### Kudos to...

**Susan Butler**, ADC Grassroots Award winner for 2007

**Adam Osterman**, Alexandria Young Democrats “Emerging Leader” Award winner

—more about these two winners in the next newsletter—

### Congratulations to...

Amanda and Greg Ruff on the Oct. 11 birth of **James Everett Ruff** (known as Everett) Councilman Justin Wilson and wife Alex on the Oct. 15 early-morning, “mere mile and a half from Alexandria Hospital” birth of **Lena Eliza Wilson**.

## Northern Virginia's Kennedy-King Dinner

(edited from Mike DiCicco's article...The full article is at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/printarticle=88700](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/printarticle=88700))

“Saturday night's (Oct. 13) Kennedy-King Dinner, hosted by the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Committee, was partly a celebration of the lives and principles of President John F. Kennedy and civil rights leader Martin Luther King, but was primarily a rally for Northern Virginia's Democratic Party, where hopes run high for gaining a majority in the VA Senate next month.

Speakers included Gov. Tim Kaine and Sen. Jim Webb, as well as U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, who represents the Eighth District, and a host of state and local politicians. About 400 party members, from both within and without the district, attended this 15th annual dinner.

“We in this room, we care about all, especially the least of these,” Kaine told the crowd in the evening's first speech. “We do believe in that old-fashioned notion of commonwealth,” he said, referring to valuing what people all have in common.”

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Next Meeting of the  
 Alexandria Democratic  
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 December 3, 2007  
 8:00 pm at  
 Minnie Howard School

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