



The Annual Auction

Hammer falls
Sat. Sept. 24
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You can vote early (but not often)

If you aren't going to be around Arlington for any part of Election Day, November 8, you can vote absentee. In fact, you can now vote "absentee in-person," a seeming contradiction in terms but one that allows you to vote when it's convenient for you and avoid the lines on Election Day.

You have two choices: mail absentee balloting; and in-person absentee balloting.

In-person voting is conducted at the Arlington Voter Registration Office in the county building at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320.

Voting is now underway. The hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with additional hours on Thursdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 until 7 p.m. and Saturdays, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last day to vote absentee in-person is Saturday, Nov. 5, when voting ends at 5 p.m. (The office will be closed Oct. 10 for Columbus Day.)

Just come by the Registrar's Office and fill in a very short form in about 30 seconds. You will need to show an ID. You are then shown to a standard voting booth with the new Arlington electronic voting machine. It usually takes less time than it would on Election Day.

Who can vote in-person absentee? There are two main categories:

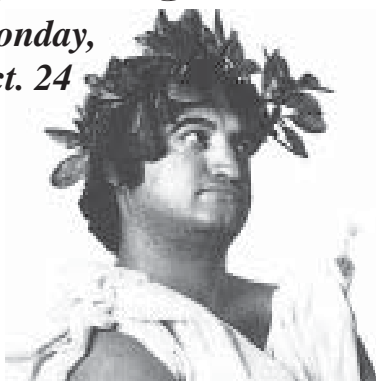
1) Anyone who will be out of the county for any time on Election Day. You can be out for any reason—to shop, to work, to smell the roses. You can be out all day or just a half hour. Just so long as you are beyond the county limits for some period.

2) Those who will be on the job (including commuting time) inside the county for 11 hours of the 13-hour period the polls are open, namely 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Alternatively, you can vote by mail. This is *continued on page seven*

Don't miss the Golden Gala

Monday, Oct. 24



Oops! It's not a Fog a Party
Get all the correct details on Page Five

Why campaign with no opponent?

With fewer than 60 days left until the November 8 election, all three of Arlington's General Assembly Delegates—**Bob Brink, Al Eisenberg** and **Adam Ebbin**—are actively campaigning throughout their districts. They're contacting constituents at their doors, at grocery stores, and at farmers markets. They're introducing themselves to newly registered Arlingtonians, and are planning to mail brochures to their voters. And they're asking you for campaign contributions to fund these activities.

Why are they doing all this when they don't have Republican opponents? "First of all," Brink said, "We have an obligation to stay in contact with our constituents throughout the year, and especially when we're asking for their vote. Even though the Republicans took the voters for granted by failing to put up candidates against us, we're not going to take those voters—or our re-election—for granted."

Eisenberg said, "We have an obligation to help House candidates running in other parts of the state. The more Democrats we elect to the House this year, the more effective the three of us will be in advancing Arlington's interests in Richmond. There are close races for delegate across the Commonwealth, and a pickup of just three seats will mean more and better committee assignments for Democrats."

Finally, Ebbin stressed that "We DO have three

Republican opponents: their names are Jerry Kilgore, Bill Bolling, and Bob McDonnell. Our Democratic statewide team of Tim Kaine, Leslie Byrne, and Creigh Deeds will win ONLY IF we give them the support and votes they need and deserve here in Northern Virginia. With Tim, Leslie, and Creigh in the top three jobs, the Commonwealth will continue the progress of the Mark Warner years. That's why the three of us are working as hard as we are: to generate awareness of the election in our districts, and to turn out as many Democratic voters as possible."

Besides funding their own campaigns, all three delegates are raising funds for other Democrats. Eisenberg donated 40% of a recent event to the local Kaine effort and Brink is giving 50% of the net proceeds of his October 6 fundraiser to the Joint Campaign. Brink and Ebbin are both forming their own PACs that will be used to raise funds for the non-incumbent Democratic candidates who have the strongest chance of winning open seats and unseating far right Republican incumbents.

So in the coming weeks, when you see Bob, Al and Adam out campaigning, or they ask you for help, keep in mind why they're doing this: for a better House of Delegates and a better Virginia. On to victory on November 8!

Report from Chairman Jim Turpin

Some Virginia election history & trends

We are rapidly approaching the November 8 election that will set the course of Virginia's future for years to come. For us, the choice could not be clearer.

However, as a student of political history and trends, I thought it would be interesting to look at what we can learn from the past and what it may tell us about this election. Many of these examples are due to unique circumstances or political trends but may give some insight into Virginia in 2005.

As a starting point, states tend to develop patterns of party control. If you consider 1969 (the election of the state's first Republican Governor, Linwood Holton – father-in-law of Tim Kaine) as the beginning of modern Virginia political history, our state has developed such a pattern. Starting in 1969, we had three Republican Governors (Holton, Godwin, Dalton), followed by three Democrats (Robb, Baliles, Wilder), then two Republicans (Allen, Gilmore), to our current Governor, Mark

Warner. The reason for this pattern varies. Whatever the reason, this looks good for Tim Kaine.

The shortening of the pattern from 12 years to 8 could be indicative of a political system that is becoming more competitive. If you track North Carolina and Tennessee from the advent of the modern Republican Party, their pattern has been similar to ours. In a more established two-party system in Pennsylvania, neither party has won three consecutive terms since World War II.

There are a few examples where one party dominates the governor's office. For example, the current governor of Georgia is the first Republican since Reconstruction—although some may contend the Democratic credentials of some of the state's Democratic governors are questionable. (Zell Miller was a Governor of Georgia.) Republican Governors in West Virginia, Kentucky or Maryland are rare. (Arch Moore was the last Republi-

can governor of West Virginia; Ernie Fletcher is only the second Republican Governor in the history of Kentucky; Robert Erlich is the first Republican Governor of Maryland since Spiro Agnew in the sixties.)

At the same time, there are examples where a state goes one way in national elections and the opposite at the state level. Who would suspect that Massachusetts or New York, both solidly Democratic at the national level, would have both had Republican governors for over 10 years each? Both of these appear to have more to do with local issues and trends rather than any other factor. On the other side, how could one explain Democratic governors in states like Montana and Wyoming?

This year we also have an independent candidate. In recent history, such candidates have not done well. Russ Potts in no Angus King (I, Maine) or Jesse Ventura (I, Minnesota).

In one way, since we are the only state where the Governor cannot succeed himself, our circumstances are a bit different. (The last state before Virginia was Kentucky which allowed the Governor to succeed himself five years ago.) This places pressure on both parties to have a strong bench of candidates to run for Governor. This has either hurt or helped both parties in recent elections. This remnant of the Byrd years cries out for change to bring Virginia into line with the rest of the country.

Our odd year following a Presidential election again provides for an interesting point of comparison and projection. Again, if we start in 1969, twice (1969 and 1973) the state has gone with the same party as the one in power nationally. However, six times (1977, 1981, 1985, 1989, 1993, 1997, 2001) in the year after the national election, Virginia has chosen a Governor of the opposite party. As we all know, Virginia has voted for the Republican candidate for President in all of those elections. The only other state with a similar election schedule is New Jersey, which has been more historically Democratic. This is another historical trend that is a positive for Tim Kaine.

As this election has developed, the question for Virginia voters has to do with the Warner legacy and whether we should return to the Republican approach to government. History supports our case. Let's go out and make it happen.

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Quote of the Month

The Virginia governor's race could hinge on how many voters decide to wear the Tim Kaine Decoder Ring. Seriously, you can get one. Republican Jerry Kilgore, charging that Kaine is using code words to describe the 2004 budget deal, has reached deep into his war chest to buy several thousand cheap plastic rings.

By Hugh Lessig
Daily Press - September 11

Next Monthly Meeting—All Dems Invited

Wednesday, October 5, 2005, 7 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

Election Day is coming—the work continues. After a short committee meeting and campaign updates, we will again break into stations to work on a variety of projects leading up to Election Day.

Voter ID pins naked man!

Precinct Operations has been engaged in some important grass roots activities as we enter the final weeks of this year's campaign.

The Voter ID program has proceeded very, very well in many, many precincts, highlighted by outstanding performances by both veteran and new Area Chairs, Precinct Cap-

tains, and Precinct Leaders.

Among the many, many truly outstanding performances by precinct captains on the Voter ID program, one would have to mention those by **Lauren Hall and Heath Bumgardner** in Park Lane, **Edd Nolen and Joan McDermott** in Rock Spring, **Mary Detweiler** in Overlee Knolls, **Ron Millar and Maury Flagg** in Virginia Square, **Bree Raum and Keith Taylor** in Woodbury, and **Jen Howard** in Lyon Park. Readers of this Newsletter should make a special effort to ask Edd Nolen about the naked man who inadvertently answered the door on one of Edd's Voter ID forays in Rock Spring—and how Edd recorded the encounter on his canvass card!

At the ACDC September meeting, Precinct Ops Chair **Peter Rousselot** presented a special award to Ashton Heights Precinct Leader **Greg Zimmerman** who, in less than 60 days, turned in completed canvass cards for more than 75% of the targeted Ashton Heights households! Greg will be treated to a special celebration of his achievements at Whitlow's on Wilson in Clarendon. Although no formal award has yet been devised for this, Greg and Mary Detweiler from Overlee Knolls currently are tied for the lead in turning in the most "newsy" canvass cards!

In conjunction with similar gatherings sponsored throughout Virginia at the end of the summer by the Kaine campaign, Precinct Operations sponsored its own series of house parties and meetings in Arlington. Elected Officials, Precinct Captains, Precinct Leaders, and active ACDC volunteers joined in this effort. They were led by **Barbara Favola, Libby Garvey, Peg Hogan, Lauren Hall, Sandy Quimbaya, Gabe Snow, Christi Fanelli, Maureen Markham, and Kristine Montamat**. Tim Kaine addressed all of these gatherings via a remote telephone hook-up, and many new active and enthusiastic volunteers signed up to help us.

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Katrina: No runs, no hits, lots of errors

by *Chris Zimmerman*

The failure of the federal response to Hurricane Katrina has created a crisis of confidence in the national leadership. Predictably, the Bush White House snapped into action, seeking to deflect the blame. It was state officials, it was local officials, it was the poor people themselves.

It is equally predictable that Republicans, from the Bush White House down to local parties, will go on the offensive, to insulate themselves from blame, by accusing Democrats of trying to “exploit a tragedy.” Look how unfair they’re being; George Bush didn’t cause the hurricane, etc. Being sensitive to such charges, many Democrats may be hesitant to draw the link between Republican leadership and the governmental mess the country has witnessed in the past month. But when the party in power fails a critical test of leadership, it is the duty of the “loyal opposition” – that would be us – to point it out.

No, George W. Bush didn’t cause the hurricane. But the response to natural disasters is a responsibility of the government he runs. When the policies the Administration has pursued in the past, and continues to pursue, are detrimental to meeting those responsibilities, it is our duty to say so. We need to remember a few things—and remind others.

- It was the Bush Administration that shifted resources away from FEMA’s capacity to fight natural disasters, and demoted the agency by subsuming it under “Homeland Security,” a secretariat consumed with the threat of terrorism.

- It was the Bush Administration that sent the National Guard to fight international wars, leaving the home front unprotected.

- The same Administration continually shows contempt for state and local government, has siphoned off resources for domestic needs to pay for tax breaks for wealthy people and rich industries and a war in Iraq.

- The same Administration promotes climate change-denial, despite scientific evidence accepted all over the world that points to mounting environmental turmoil, including more frequent and more violent tropical storms, as a consequence.

There is a clear and unmistakable relationship between the ideology espoused by the ruling party and carried out by this Administration, and the degree of needless suffering and loss experienced on the Gulf Coast.

A *Washington Post* article earlier this month explored the racial dimension to the crisis in the Gulf Coast, and the disproportional

burden of suffering felt by the most vulnerable and least empowered members of our society. The article quotes law professor Lani Guinier, who made this observation:

“This is not just about poor black people in New Orleans. This is about a social movement, with an administration that is bent on weakening the capacity of the national government to act. . . .”

I would argue that this is the true legacy of Ronald Reagan, of a generation dominated by this social movement that is in fact bent on weakening the capacity of *all* government to act. This is, in fact, what defines the difference between the two parties in 21st Century America. It is not only fair for us to point this out, it is our responsibility to do so.

And, as Virginia Democrats, it is our duty to point out the connection between the approach of Jerry Kilgore and the General Assembly Republicans, and a government unprepared for emergency and incapable of coping with its aftermath.

In their campaign, the Republicans are sharply critical of Governor Warner for his leadership to restore the fiscal health of the Commonwealth. The GOP formula is simple: Taxes are always bad, cutting them is always good. No matter the consequences for services people depend on.

These are folks who simply don’t want government to work. The recent experience in Louisiana and Mississippi is just the most visible sign of their success.

If you expect government to be prepared to deal with crises, natural or human made,

government has to have adequate resources, and has to be run by people who want it to work. And that is the difference between our party and the other one. It is the difference between Jerry Kilgore and Tim Kaine. It is what this fall’s election is about.

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were unable to R.S.V.P



Here's how to invest an hour for victory

The Joint Campaign has been working hard to keep Virginia Blue. The first of the Gold Card trifecta—the Chili Cookoff—was a huge success and the voter ID project has been able to identify an unprecedented number of democratic voters for this cycle.

Tom Hasman has been coordinating the Outreach and Visibility efforts by arranging a Democratic presence every Saturday at the farmers' markets on Columbia Pike and Courthouse.

The two remaining Gold Card events—the Joint Campaign Auction on September 24 and the Golden Gala on October 24—promise to surpass all previous efforts. The Joint Campaign Auction (also known as the County Board Auction) will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 4444 Arlington Boulevard. Tickets are \$50—or \$35 for YDs and Roosevelt Society members. Of course, if you've bought a Gold Card, you get in for free. In the past, the auction has been for the benefit of our County Board candidate. However, this year **Jay Fisette**, who is unopposed for re-election, has generously offered to turn over the proceeds to the Joint Campaign. Attendees will find plenty to bid on from theater or sporting event tickets, to home-cooked meals, political memorabilia, artwork and more. Contact **Susan Prokop**, turkop@worldnet.att.net or **Sarah Zevin**, zevins@teachco.com for information or tickets.

The Golden Gala will be held from 7-10 p.m. on October 24 at the home of School Board member **Mary Hynes**, 1503 N. Highland Street. The cost is \$75 with YDs and Roosevelt Society members paying \$60. Again, if you have bought a Gold Card, you have already paid.

Between now and Election Day there will be numerous volunteer opportunities including working the Democratic booths at the Farmers' Markets, assisting with literature drops, Saturation Saturday, GOTV efforts and rides to the polls on The Day. To volunteer, contact Joint Campaign Co-Chair **Gabe Snow** at 703-926-5919 or gabesnow00@yahoo.com.

Working closely with the Joint Campaign is **Tanya Tarr**, Arlington County Organizer for the Coordinated Campaign (Kaine, Byrne, Deeds), who thanks all those who made it out to Tyson's Corner for the debate on Tuesday, Sept 13th. "That show of support gave a real lift to Tim Kaine, as he headed in for a clear victory against Jerry Kilgore," she said. Victory 2005, as the Coordinated

Campaign is known, has made over 4,000 calls to Arlington voters. Your help is needed to win this, particularly at the phone bank at ACDC HQ, and in assisting Precinct Ops at

the doors. Call 703-528-8589 or email tanya.tarr@vavictory2005.org for more information. An hour or two of your time makes all the difference.

Debate gives Kaine a boost

Tim Kaine is riding a wave of positive press and momentum from the debate in Fairfax against Jerry Kilgore. Anyone who watched the event knows there was only one governor on the stage.

Kilgore, in the debate's defining moment, drew derision from the audience when forced to venture from his tightly scripted remarks.

For months now, he has refused to answer whether he would criminalize women and doctors if the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* and kicks it back to the states. Tim has answered that question with a simple,

"No." Kilgore has avoided the question by claiming it's a "hypothetical," but moderator Tim Russert didn't let him get away with that.

Russert followed up quickly by asking whether Kilgore would veto a tax increase. Kilgore fell for the trick question, saying he would.

"That's a hypothetical question!" Russert said. The crowd burst into laughter.

University of Virginia politics professor Larry Sabato told *The Washington Post*, "Kilgore was nervous and tense. He sounded bad. He argued badly. This was Kaine's best performance ever."

Fendley grapples with duo

The Fendley campaign is gearing up for the final fall stretch. School Board is the only contested county-wide race in the Arlington this year, but we have two opponents to make up the difference. The fall campaign kicked off with the Civic Federation debate, in which Ed was able to clearly demonstrate how his experience in Arlington put him head and shoulders above his opponents.

Ed's campaign is counting on all Democrats to help out in the coming weeks to ensure that **Elaine Furlow's** seat remains in Democratic hands. Ed's platform of broader

community engagement, foreign language learning and health and fitness is really resonating with voters on the campaign trail. However, we need your help to reach out to more Arlingtonians.

Make sure your friends and neighbors know you support Ed Fendley, and be on the lookout for our events. They can be found at our website www.edfendley.com. We are especially looking forward to a big crowd at our event on Saturday, October 22, at the home of Walter and Robin Liten Tejada from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Help David & David & David win

Join Team Englin in Arlington! Thursday, September 29, beginning at 6 p.m., Arlington's elected Democrats, ACDC, AYDs, and Democratic leadership will host DEMOCRATS UNITED, a happy hour in support of David, at Guapo's in Shirlington (recommended contribution is \$25).

Saturdays October 1st and October 8th Team Englin is hitting the doors in Fairlington, Shirlington, and Abingdon.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday night is Volunteer Night—we're making calls to iden-

tify voters for David and Democrats across Northern Virginia - David Poisson (32nd District), David Marsden (41st District), and, beginning in October, Bruce Roemmelt (13th District).

Help us identify more Democrats for "the Davids," Bruce, and the entire Democratic ticket!

Visit www.DavidEnglin.org/calendar for all the details on these events and other opportunities to join this fight for a progressive future. Thank you!

Jean Crawford's daredevil chili wins Labor Day coveted award

With sunny skies, good food and good times marking the day at the 2005 Chili Cook-Off, more than 160 attendees enjoyed chili, cornbread, and other treats at this nearly two-decade old ACDC event.

This year there were 11 chili entries, providing a choice of mild, hot, meaty and vegetarian varieties. Cook-off judges **Susan Prokop, Ben Wheeler** and **Alfonso Lopez** gave the coveted People's Choice Award, to **Jean Crawford's** entry ("Jay's Double Dog Daredevil Chili") on behalf of County Board Chairman **Jay Fisette**.

Runner-up honors went to **Sue Gruskiewicz's** entry, "Taxes Chili: Assess it!", sponsored by Commissioner of the Revenue **Ingrid Morroy**. Ingrid wore a couple of hats that day. Not only did she sponsor a chili entry, but she provided musical entertainment with her band *The Constituents*.

Four overflowing boxes of school supplies were collected for Arlington public school children in need. Donations will be accepted until the end of this month. Please drop off your donations at ACDC headquarters until September 30. School Board candidate **Ed Fendley** noted that the supplies are being distributed by staff at the Drew Model School and the Arlington branch of the NAACP.

Adding to the day's festivities, Joint Campaign Finance Chair, **Sarah Zevin**, spearheaded a DVD player raffle. The big winner was **Eloise Pelton**.

Linda Hasman, who coordinated the event with **Jody Olson** and **Gabe Snow**, would like to extend thanks to **Charley Conrad**, who heroically operated the grill all day. And to those who helped to set-up the event or clean-up: **Andrew Lusson, Dan Fleischmann, Tom Hasman** and **Aaron Siegel**. Also, thanks to all who contributed food and beverages to the event.

A special thanks goes to two young Democrats for their help. Thirteen-year old **Ivania Morales** sold the AYD's raffle tickets, organized the school supplies and endorsed the checks we collected. Twelve-year-old **Luis Morales** spent two hours at the registration table helping to keep lines moving.

Donkey Ears

*Listening to the doings
of Arlington's Dems*

**as overheard by
Charlene Bickford and Lucy Denney**



Another Hat—ACDC Chair **Jim Turpin** has been elected Chair of the Board for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. This is the Board for the state agency that runs the juvenile justice system at both the state and local level.

Good Luck Aimee! — Fisette for Arlington Family Member **Aimee Dawson** (and campaign manager **Marc Kelly's** longtime girlfriend) left for the University of Chicago to study public policy. Jay has suggested Marc submerge himself in campaign work to fill the great void on his life.

Family Support—**Jay Fisette** and **Bob Rosen** joined the rest of Jay's family in August to celebrate his parents' 50th anniversary. Margot and Jerry look great, and will visit Arlington again in September. Stay tuned for appearances by this venerated couple at Jay's upcoming campaign events!

June in September?—Wedding bells are ringing all over the place this month! September 3rd saw the tying of the knots for **Christian Dorsey** and **Rachael Feldman** as well as for **Michael Barton** and **Courtney Ingraffia**. Courtney is a New Orleans native and many of the wedding guests were from the Gulf Coast. Fortunately, almost all of them were able to get here and enjoy the festivities. **Lucy and Jerry Denney's** son, Charles, and Mary Coakley said "I do" on the 17th.

Gus is Back!—**Gus Johnson**, a prominent Democrat and a leader of the battle to overthrow the Byrd machine during the 60's, has returned to Northern Virginia. Gus was the Democratic candidate for Congress from the 10th District in 1960 and 1964 and came very close to defeating Joel Broyhill in '64. He continued to be active in Northern Virginia Democratic politics until 1981 when he and his wife, Connie, moved to Syria, Virginia, where he served as chairman of the Madison County Democratic Committee for many years. Connie passed away recently and Gus decided to sell his house on the mountain and return to Arlington. We look forward to seeing him at ACDC meetings.

An Eisenberg as Archbishop?—**Matt Eisenberg**, talented son of **Al Eisenberg** and **Sharon Davis**, plays the role of Archbishop Thomas Beckett in the Actors Repertory Theatre 2005 production of *Murder in the Cathedral* by T. S. Eliot. Matt is a graduate of the Conservatory Program in Acting.

Gobble, Gobble—No, not *that* turkey; the *country*, Turkey! **Midge and Joe Wholey, Lucy and Jerry Denney**, and **Jean Crawford** are all headed towards the Great Bazaar (but not all together) in September and October. And in the middle of campaign season, no less!

Elvis lives!—Some people will do anything for a cheap drink! The Veramar Vineyard, in Berryville recently offered a 10 percent discount on wine to anyone who came dressed as Elvis. Proceeds were donated to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina Relief. ACDC Chair **Jim Turpin** couldn't resist the offer—and besides, he doesn't get to wear his glittery Elvis outfit that often!

Democratic Values in Action

ACDC & AYDs help with Katrina relief

As part of its ongoing Democratic Values in Action efforts, ACDC and the YDs will be participating in the Arlington Response to Katrina (ARK). Chair **Jim Turpin** attended the initial meeting of representatives from County government, non-profit organizations, and the local business community on September 9 to begin planning for a unified County effort. **Jen Howard** and **Joan McDermott** will coordinate ACDC's participation in ARK.

Suggested ARK components include Adopt a Community or Sister Community, a Community Response Coalition, Assistance to Persons Who Have Been Evacuated to Our Area (Housing, Employment, Other Services), An Arlington Fund, and a Community Awareness Campaign.

Watch for information on an ACDC Katrina Relief Event sometime in October.

For more information or if you are interested in working on the ACDC efforts for ARK, call or email Jen Howard, 703-517-6273 or jenhoward@gmail.com or Joan McDermott, 703-536-9289 or

jdmcderm@aol.com.

On Sept 10, ACDC organized a team in the Arlington Police, Fire and Sheriff 9-11 5K Run as a part of its Democratic Values in Action project. Our team finished in third place, due in part to a strong showing by our School

Board Candidate, **Ed Fendley** and County Board Member **Walter Tejada**. Other members included, **Dan Steen**, **Drenan Dudley** and **Bob Platt**. The race raised funds for 9-11 related charities. This victory is a promising start for the fall campaign.

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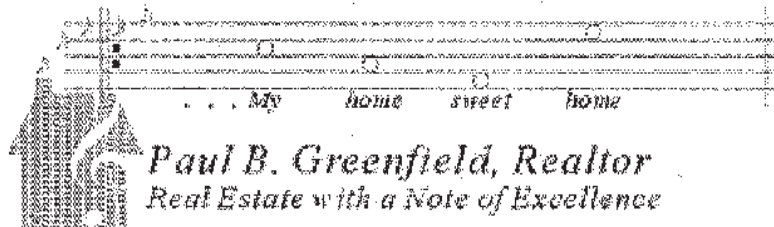
the main means of voting for students in college and military personnel. To do so, you must complete an application form to receive a ballot. These applications are accepted by fax or regular mail, but not by e-mail, because the forms must be signed. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3.

Download the application form at www.arlingtonva.us or contact the Registrar's Office at 703-228-3456 or by e-mail at voters@arlingtonva.us to request the application be mailed or faxed.

To be counted, completed absentee ballots must be received by the Registrar's Office no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.

The disabled and frail are encouraged to vote absentee. It's generally a lot easier for them to do so, and it avoids having a poll worker carry a voting machine out to the curb for someone to vote from their car, which can slow voting for those inside.

The last day to register to vote or update your voter registration address is Tuesday, Oct. 11.



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ACDC Calendar 2005

September

28, Wednesday

7:00-9:00 p.m. — **ACDC Joint Campaign Meeting.** ACDC Headquarters, 4620 Lee Highway, Suite 214, Arlington. Call 703-528-8588 for more information.

28, Wednesday

6:00-8:00 p.m. — **Jay Fisette Election House Party.** Sponsored by Virginia Partisans and Freddie Lutz. Home of Freddie Lutz, 2331 S. Meade St., Arlington. Suggested contribution: \$50. Email Tracy Benton at rsvp@fisette.org to RSVP.

30, Friday

All Day. — **YD Campaign Invasion to Blacksburg to campaign for the Democratic ticket.** Sponsored by Arlington and Virginia Young Democrats. Call Mike Smaha, 240-463-1615, or email smahamike@yahoo.com for more information.

October

1, Saturday

6:30-9:30 p.m. — **NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.** Speaker: Julius Coles, President, AFRICARE. Hyatt Hotel Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington. Call or email Larry Williams at 703-243-0999 or larry.williams1090@verizon.net to RSVP or for more information.

5, Wednesday

7:00-9:00 p.m. — **ACDC Monthly Meeting.** NRECA Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd. (Ballston Metro, Orange Line). Free parking in garage; enter on Taylor Street. Call 703-528-8588 for more information.

6, Thursday

6:30-8:30 p.m. — **Fall Festival for Delegate Bob Brink.** Home of Patricia and Tom Connally, 3110 Roberts Lane. Half of proceeds will go to Arlington Democratic Joint Campaign. Suggested contributions \$35-\$100. Call Delegate Brink's office, 703-531-1048, or email delbrink@starpower.net.

14, Friday

All Day. — **YD Campaign Invasion to Fairfax!! Help two YDs running for the House of Delegates: Steve Shannon (incumbent) and Greg Werkheiser.** Sponsored by Arlington and Virginia Young Democrats. Call Mike Smaha, 240-463-1615, or email smahamike@yahoo.com for more information.

17, Monday

8:00-9:30 p.m. — **Eighth District Committee Meeting.** Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. Call 703-533-3833 for more information.

24, Monday

6:00-9:00 p.m. — **Golden Gala (Gold Card Event).** Home of Mary and Patrick Hynes, 1503 N. Highland St., Arlington. Call 703-528-8588 for more information.

26, Wednesday

7:00-9:00 p.m. — **ACDC Steering Committee Meeting.** ACDC Headquarters, 4620 Lee Highway, Suite 214, Arlington. Call 703-528-8588 for more information.

27, Thursday

7:30-9:30 p.m. — **AYD Monthly Meeting.** 11th Street Bar, 1041 N. Highland St., Arlington. Call 703-516-9523 for more information.

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7:00-9:00 p.m. — **ACDC Monthly Meeting.** NRECA Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd. (Ballston Metro, Orange Line). Free parking in garage; enter on Taylor Street. Call 703-528-8588 for more information.

8, Tuesday

6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. — **Election Day.** Voting at your regular precinct locations. Call 703-528-8588 for more information.

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