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## Got Victory? — Neighbor to Neighbor, Getting Out the Vote

In Fairfax County and across the Commonwealth of Virginia, we know that the most effective method of producing wins in November is to knock on doors and persuade voters, face-to-face and in our own voice, to get out to the voting booth and cast their ballots for our Democratic candidates. During the past few election cycles, it was the grassroots efforts of numerous committee members and activists that enabled us to keep a Democrat in the Governor's seat, to take down an incumbent Republican senator and to win back the Democratic majority in the State Senate. Along the way, we've added more Democratic Delegates in the State House, County Supervisors and School Board members!

Our party, locally and nationally, now has a powerful tool that in the hands of our

most valuable resource – our grassroots volunteers – will enable us to effectively communicate with voters in an easy, convenient and manageable way. It's known as the Democratic Neighborhood Leader Program. Last year, volunteers in Fairfax were the first to use this program to help get out the vote in two important State Senate campaigns – Chap Petersen's and George Barker's. Later this spring Democratic activists across the nation will take the lessons we learned here and will reach voters in neighborhoods in every state!

Your participation is crucial to ensure victory for our nominees for President, Senate and Representative! By signing up to participate, you will receive 25 voters to contact at least 3 times over the course of the months leading up to November

4th. These voters will be your neighbors right on your street and around the corner or in your apartment building. You'll set your own schedule when you contact your neighbors (when you're walking the dog, taking a stroll on a Sunday afternoon). You'll have access to the list, the script and literature available on your home computer. If you're unable to print out the list, we'll deliver one to you. If you're only able to call, that'll be fine. For more information please feel free to call or e-mail me. To sign up, just visit our website - [www.vademocrats.org/page/s/nlsignup](http://www.vademocrats.org/page/s/nlsignup) or contact Joe Montano at 202-352-0560 or [joe@vademocrats.org](mailto:joe@vademocrats.org). Joe is the Deputy Political Director, Northern Virginia, Democratic Party of Virginia and the DNC's State Partnership Program. ☺

### 8th CD Report

**Susie Warner, (703) 971-2731**

At our February 18th Eighth District meeting we voted to hold our District Convention on May 17, 2008 at Francis Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Patrick Morrison was appointed to be Acting Chair for the EDDC Rules Committee and Dick Hobson was appointed Acting Chair for Resolutions. Susan Kellom will chair the Arrangements Committee and the Credentials Committee Chair will be Maureen Markham.

As stated in my last report to the Democrat, anyone interested in serving on these committees may contact either Scott Survell or me.

Much discussion ensued regarding holding caucuses, conventions and such on days of religious observance and Pixie Bell offered a resolution stating: When calls are drawn up for future caucuses and conventions, the dates of all holidays, including religious ones are to be taken into consideration. The resolution passed without objection. ☺

### 11th CD Report

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The 11th CD Democratic Committee looks forward to seeing many of you at both of our upcoming events. Two important dates to remember:

- April 13, Sunday – 11th CD Sturdivant Award and Public Service Awards Event 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Old Town Hall, Fairfax City.
- May 17, Saturday – 12 noon (credentialing begins at 11 am) – 11th Congressional District Democratic Convention – Robinson Secondary School – Sideburn Rd., Fairfax.

The April 13 event, named after the late AFGE President and Democratic activist John Sturdivant, will honor a member of the labor community for his or her commitment to Democratic ideals and values. Also honored with public service awards for their contributions to the community are Democrats from Fairfax County, Prince William County, and Fairfax City.

We hope you will join us on April 13 to break some bread with fellow Democrats and elected officials and help us honor some hard working Democrats.

Our 11th CD Convention on May 17 will elect six national delegates and one alternate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver. The Obama camp will elect four

national delegates (two men, two women) and one national alternate (one woman), while the Clinton caucus will elect two delegates (one man, one woman). In order to attend the May 17 convention (and the state convention on June 14) as a delegate or alternate, you must pre-file and get elected at FCDC/Magisterial District caucuses on April 19.

There is a great deal of interest in this year's 11th CD Convention among FCDC members and other Democrats because of the Democratic presidential nomination contest. We also expect to hear from our four Democratic candidates for Congress in the 11th: Lori Alexander, Leslie Byrne, Gerry Connolly, and Doug Denny.

One other date to put on your radar screen is Tuesday, June 10, when 11th CD Democrats will participate in a primary to decide our Democratic nominee for Congress.

We also want thank all of you who supported our 3rd annual Super Bowl Bash and we look forward to sharing some more good times (and Democratic victories) with you this year. ☺

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### Alexander for Congress Campaign Report



Lori Alexander

Dear 11th Congressional District Constituents: As many of you know, I am seeking to be your candidate for the 11th congressional district. My campaign

is now gaining steam and I urge you to join me in my quest for change – my focus will always be on your concerns.

My website is now up and running at [www.lorialexanderforcongress.com](http://www.lorialexanderforcongress.com). Also, please take some time to watch my appearance on George Burke’s “Inside Scoop” at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6060432902110948611&hl=en>.

My campaign is grounded in the grassroots. I have been talking with many people throughout the 11th district and they all share my concerns regarding healthcare, the environment, and transportation. These are the issues that I intend to focus on if elected. Further, my focus will be on what is best for you, not the special interests.

My lawn signs and bumper stickers will arrive soon. Please let me know if you would be willing to place a bumper sticker on your vehicle or post my lawn sign in your yard. I truly value your assistance in spreading my name through grassroots efforts.

When I am elected to congress, it is my promise to each of you that I will work harder than any other congressperson to serve you. I welcome your support and assistance in my campaign - volunteers of all abilities are welcome. Please call me at 703-216-9867 to let me know your availability.

Sincerely, Lori Alexander ☺

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### Byrne for Congress Campaign Report



Leslie Byrne

I become more energized every day by the support and encouragement I have received from so many of you since announcing my candidacy for U.S. Congress. I am thrilled and honored to add Senator Jim Webb to the list of individuals and organizations who have endorsed my candidacy. On March 6, Senator Webb stated:

“I am convinced that Leslie Byrne is our best candidate. Leslie shares my values about economic fairness and the need to re-order our national security policies – both in Iraq and throughout the world. In her service as a state legislator and member of Congress, Leslie Byrne has demonstrated time and again that she is tough, fiercely independent and willing to stand up to powerful special interests. I would be proud to serve in Congress with her.”

I have great respect for Senator Webb and thank him for his endorsement and kind words. I would be honored to serve in Congress with him, Mark Warner, and congressmen Rick Boucher, Jim Moran and Bobby Scott.

I am also thrilled that my candidacy has been endorsed by Blue America PAC, a creation of four progressive, national blogs that has been instrumental in helping elect progressive Democrats nationally. I am honored by their endorsement. Locally, I am delighted to have endorsements and support from numerous Democratic bloggers and activists. I began my career in service on my local PTA and the League of Women Voters; I know well that progress always begins at home.

We invite you to visit our campaign headquarters at 11216 Waples Mill Road, off Route 50 in Fairfax. I also encourage anybody interested in volunteering to call our office at 703-357-0470 or email our volunteer coordinator at [sarahjohn@lesliebyrne.org](mailto:sarahjohn@lesliebyrne.org).

As unbelievable as it sounds to those of us who have lived here for several decades, Virginia is on the cusp of becoming a blue state! It is up to us in Northern Virginia to put it over the top. I look forward to working with many of you over the weeks and months to come to turn Virginia and the 11th Congressional District blue!

Kindest Regards, Leslie ☺

### Connolly for Congress Campaign Report



Chairman Gerry Connolly

Wow! It’s been an amazing few months at the Connolly for Congress Campaign.

#### Lake Research Poll Shows Gerry’s 23-Point Lead

Earlier this month, we released the results of a poll showing Gerry with a solid

23-point lead in the Democratic primary. Democrats in the 11th district like Gerry and are happy with the work he has done as Chairman. Furthermore, when voters hear balanced, positive profiles of Gerry and Leslie Byrne, we extend our lead and move beyond 50% of the vote.

Unlike some other polling you may have heard about, our results are from an initial head-to-head ballot question. In other words, we’re willing to state unequivocally that these results aren’t manipulated by skewed candidate profiles or a series of negative messaging. This is an accurate view of the race as it stands.

But there’s still a long way to go before the June 10 primary and we need your help! Email [tania@gerryconnolly.com](mailto:tania@gerryconnolly.com) to volunteer.

#### Andy Hurst Endorsement

We’re proud to add 2006 11th District Democratic nominee Andy Hurst to our growing list of endorsements. Andy sent an email to his supporters in which he cited Gerry’s ability to “advance a progressive agenda for Fairfax” and “appeal to voters of every demographic and type” as reasons for making the endorsement. Thanks Andy!

To date, we’ve received endorsements from more than 60 elected officials, candidates and party leaders. We’ll be rolling out those endorsements in the weeks to come. So stay tuned!

#### New Office

We just opened our brand new office in the City of Fairfax. We’re at 11200 Lee Hwy Suite C-2 Fairfax, VA 22030 (in the Jermantown Square shopping center). We’ve started weekly volunteer nights every Wednesday from 6-9pm. Email [tania@gerryconnolly.com](mailto:tania@gerryconnolly.com) if you can join us! ☺

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## Denneny for Congress Campaign Report



Doug Denneny

The campaign has jumped into high gear. We've opened up an office in Fairfax and are welcoming interns and volunteers to the team. Our new office is at 11094 Lee Highway in Fairfax City. We're raising money and talking to

voters. In recent history, Fairfax County has established a tradition of strong grassroots activism and that's exactly what we're seeing on this campaign.

Recently, Doug was proud to announce the endorsement of VoteVets.org. The organization was formed to support veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan running for office and to end the failed Iraq policy of President Bush. Please take a moment to learn more about their efforts by visiting [www.votevets.org](http://www.votevets.org).

If you know any young people interested in gaining campaign experience, please let them know to contact Tyler Gray at our office for intern opportunities. Our team is growing every day and we're going to have a lot of fun on the road to victory.

If you are interested in volunteering with the campaign, please give us a call at (703) 352-DOUG (3684) or visit the website at [www.DougForCongress.com](http://www.DougForCongress.com). ☺

### Good Ole Girls Brunch

The "Good Ole Girls" Brunch will be on Sunday, March 30th at the Tysons Corner Marriott. The "Good Ole Girls" is a social group for Democratic women who want to support women. We have no officers, no by-laws, just a good time while benefiting Democrats. Find out what went on at the 2008 General Assembly with our annual report.

Registration is at 12:30pm and brunch at 1:00pm. The cost is \$25.00 and reservations are required. For reservations call Jane Vitray at 703-938-8316 or email to [jgvitray@verizon.net](mailto:jgvitray@verizon.net), or email Emilie Miller at [EmilieMiller@cs.com](mailto:EmilieMiller@cs.com).

## Feder for Congress Campaign Report



Judy Feder

Our campaign to bring fundamental change to Washington is going exceptionally well. Thanks to your help, Congressional Quarterly recently named Judy the 9th best funded Congressional challenger in the entire country.

Building on our financial strength, Judy continues to gain momentum, garnering early support from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, The Service Employees International Union, The Boilermakers, The United Auto Workers and the National Organization for Women, among many others.

While we're building momentum for change, Frank Wolf continues to stand in the way. Just last month Wolf voted against the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Act. The bill, which passed the house by an overwhelming 268-148 margin, would "require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans." Forty seven Republicans crossed party lines to vote to end the stigma of mental illness, but Frank Wolf continued adding to his dismal record on health care issues.

Wolf's record on health care includes voting to allow insurance companies, not doctors and patients to make health care decisions, gutting state protections for diseases like diabetes and breast cancer and repeatedly voting against potentially life saving stem-cell research.

As a nationally recognized health care expert Judy knows we have serious problems with our health care system. Whether it's mental health equity or the need for affordable health care for all Americans, Judy's been a leader in the fight for years, and in Congress she'll put her expertise and experience to work to finally get something done.

You can hear more about health care and all of the issues important to you at any of our upcoming meet and greets. Find one near you at [www.judyfeder.com/events](http://www.judyfeder.com/events). Also, watch for an exciting upcoming fundraiser with former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle in May. ☺

## Turner for Congress Campaign Report



Mike Turner

March got off to a fantastic start for the Mike Turner for Congress campaign with an interview published in the March 3rd edition of the Winchester Star – a major, conservative news source in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley.

Positive coverage in an area of the 10th congressional district normally considered "safe" for Frank Wolf demonstrates clearly that Mike Turner, a retired USAF Colonel from Loudoun County, can excite voters in a manner very similar to Jim Webb's Senate campaign two years ago.

Also Mike received the endorsement of Thom Beres, former chair of the Loudoun County Democratic Committee (LCDC) this month. The LCDC recently was awarded "Committee of the Year" for the large committee category by the Virginia Democratic Party. Mr. Beres stated, "From my experience, Mike has the best chance of winning in November. He has demonstrated the leadership, background, and skills needed to beat Frank Wolf and bring needed change to the district." Visit our Website for Thom's full endorsement ([www.MikeTurnerforCongress.com](http://www.MikeTurnerforCongress.com)).

More exciting news! For the first time since the 1980s, Democrats in the 10th district will get to vote in a primary election for Congress. This primary race will be supported by several debates between Mike and his opponent, Professor Judy Feder. The Sterling Foundation has scheduled a debate for May 22nd. Additional debates are in the planning stages. Visit our Website to learn the details of each debate as they are scheduled.

Finally, in March, our campaign began a program of weekly "Meet Mike" events. These will be held throughout the district each weekend from now through the June 10th primary. These informal, friendly, and free get-togethers are open to all residents of the 10th district and Democrats outside the district who would like to support Mike Turner's campaign. Come out and "Meet Mike" and learn about his background and his stands on the issues. For information on all of the above, visit our Website at [www.MikeTurnerForCongress.com](http://www.MikeTurnerForCongress.com). ☺



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**Braddock**

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Braddock District will meet at 7 p.m. before the FCDC meeting at Marshall High School on March 25th. District members will hear an update on the April caucus and vote on new members. If preliminary counts are any indication there will be a spirited contest to participate in the district and state convention. Co-chair Marc Greidinger is chairing the meeting with assistance from Vice Chairs Liz Griffith, Cheryl Fulton and Jan Hedetniemi.

Gretchen Bulova and Liz Griffith are leading planning for our Annual Derby Day fundraiser on May 3rd. Kilroy's in Ravensworth Plaza will host the event for the 26th year. With the high interest in this year's election, we are anticipating a record setting turnout.

While our efforts at the February primaries were limited by the afternoon rains and ice, Braddock members managed to sign up more than 180 eager Democrats who want more contact with our party. Over 1300 signed petitions for a new Senator Warner and Republicans were hardly seen. ☺

**Dranesville**

**Sue Rosenberg, (703) 938-5031**  
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Despite pens that didn't work and ink that ran, Dranesville volunteers still managed to get well over 1,200 readable signatures for Mark Warner and several hundred each for Judy Feder and Mike Turner, as well as some for Jim Moran (well, we only have two precincts in the 8th). The campaigns thank you.

Now that we have had our Presidential preference primary, the next election, April 19th, will be to elect the delegates to the Congressional District and State Conventions, which will, in turn, elect delegates to the national convention. Dranesville will elect 22 Obama delegates and 11 alternates and 14 Clinton delegates and 7 alternates for the 10th District and 3 Obama delegates and 1 alternate and 1 Clinton delegate and 1 alternate for the 8th District. If you are interested in filing, make sure that your filing form is in my hands by 5 pm, Monday, April 14th. You may mail or deliver forms to me at 9304 Shouse Drive, Vienna, 22182. The filed forms will be available for inspection at that address from 7 to 9 pm on April 14th. ☺

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Hunter Mill meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with regular meetings on even months and precincts operations meeting on odd months. The Hunter Mill District meeting was held at Dogwood Elementary School on Thursday February 21th, 2008, at 7:30PM. Included were reviews of presidential primary coverage, lasagna dinner status, financial status, Standing Committee membership status, precinct captain status, CD/State Delegate Convention information, FCDC/JJ Dinner information, and voting on new members (3). Our next Hunter Mill District Precinct Operations meeting will be held on Thursday March 20th, 2008 at the Flint Hill Elementary School. The next regular meeting for Hunter Mill will be April 17th. Please refer to the Hunter Mill web site calendar at [www.huntermilldemocrats.org](http://www.huntermilldemocrats.org) for other local area political events, and to the FCDC web site calendar at [www.fairfaxdemocrats.org](http://www.fairfaxdemocrats.org) for Fairfax County-wide events.

The Hunter Mill Lasagna Dinner planning is underway, headed by Dick Shields. The event will feature a Patron/Sponsor Reception, a silent and live auction, great food and drink, and the opportunity to meet and talk with your elected officials. The Hunter Mill Lasagna Dinner will take place on Saturday Evening, March 29, 2008 at the Hunters Woods Reston Community Center (RCC) with the Patron/Sponsor Reception at 5PM and dinner at 6PM. Please mark your calendars.

Delegate Selection planning for the CD/State/National Conventions is underway. The Hunter Mill caucus (if required) is scheduled for April 19th at the North County Government Center Community Room. The 8th, 10th, and 11th CD Conventions are scheduled for May, and the State Convention is scheduled for June 14. The FCDC Jefferson-Jackson Dinner with Representative Chris Van Hollen, Chair of the DCCC, as guest speaker will be May 18 at the McLean Hilton. ☺

**Lee**

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Thanks to everyone who came out and helped on Primary Day. Despite a morning cold enough to freeze the ink in our pens and an evening of treacherous ice, we signed up

numerous volunteers and got many signatures for our petitions.

Due to problems with the meeting room divider at the Franconia Government Center, we have not set a date and location for our March meeting as of this report. Once a location and time has been determined we will email everyone with the March meeting information. We will be discussing the upcoming caucus in Lee District (on April 19th from Noon-2pm) and our congressional district caucuses on May 17th. If you have questions about how to become a delegate and attend the State, and possibly the National, Democratic Convention, this is the meeting to attend.

Starting in April, however, we will return to our monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Franconia Government Center. We hope to see everyone there as we plan for a busy and productive year ahead.

We are now planning for our Lee Luau fundraiser in June. Please be on the lookout for silent auction items or possible business sponsors. If you have any auction items or would like to help with the fundraiser, please contact Kathy Robertson at [kmatt10533@aol.com](mailto:kmatt10533@aol.com). There are already plans in the works to make this a huge event you won't want to miss. We also still need precinct captains for 6 of our precincts in Lee. Please contact Ed Joseph at [eddein@aol.com](mailto:eddein@aol.com) if you would be interested in volunteering. You do not have to live in the precinct to serve as a precinct captain and your help will be especially important this year as we work to elect a Democratic president.

As some of you know, Hugh slipped on the ice on primary day and fractured his shoulder. He and Kathy would like to thank everyone who offered to help and gave their sympathies during his surgery and recuperation. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and shows how much of a family our Lee District Democratic Committee has become. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting. ☺



**FCDC Meeting New Location**  
**Marshall High School**  
**Michael Hall**  
 7731 Leesburg Pike  
 Falls Church, VA 22043  
 7:30 Meeting  
 \* New start time  
 \* No social before meeting  
*Come bear Parag Mehta, DNC's*  
*Director of Training, present "The*  
*Plan" for winning in 2008 and the*  
*role we all will play to achieve victory!*

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Spring has sprung or is about to!! This means a new election cycle!! This means district caucuses and congressional district primaries – we have four candidates in the 11th CD and potentially a second candidate in the 8th – pick your candidate and get out there and work for them – get volunteers for primary day and work to get the vote out on June 10. The caucus convention process has started. Mason caucuses April 19 from noon to 2 at the Mason Government Center. Filing forms are due April 14 by 5pm to my home address. The forms are available on the FCDC web site. Following the caucus are the 11th and 8th CD Conventions: the 11th CD convenes at Noon at Robinson Secondary and the 8th convenes at 10am at Frances Hammond ES. All of this is followed by the state convention on June 14 in Hampton.

The FCDC Jefferson-Jackson Dinner will be held on May 18 at the McLean Hilton. Representative Chris Van Hollen, Chair of the DCCC, is our keynote speaker. Mason's goal is to have two tables - please help us in this effort by marking your calendar now and buying a ticket when the invitations are mailed.

We have started thinking about the Mason thank you party. We have not set a date or place yet. Stay tuned. But that does not mean you can't start the planning – please provide me with the names of your volunteers from last year and any who may have helped you with the primary this year. Let's take the opportunity to get more people involved in our party and invite new people to our thank you party; I know it's early but I plan on mailing the invitations in the middle of April. Also please let me know what finger food or drink you will provide.

Mason meets on April 9 at the Mason District Government Center. FCDC meets on March 25 at a NEW LOCATION: George Marshall High School on Leesburg Pike. The meeting is at 7:30PM. ☺

## Mt. Vernon

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No report was available at time of publication. ☺

## Providence

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Spring is fast approaching and daylight savings time has arrived. That means that Providence District Democrats are ready for working hard to get their great candidates elected in November. Daylight savings time will come in handy for all those energized canvassers!

PDDC is organizing Precinct Parties for the spring. Training, planning and organizational help will be provided so that you wouldn't have to do it all on your own. If you are interested in hosting a party or volunteering to help organize, contact Carrie Nixon by email at carrienixon@yahoo.com.

These parties are a great way for people to meet their Democratic neighbors, Democratic officials and candidates.

With a focus on November, we encourage Providence Democrats to participate in the Democratic Neighborhood Leader Program to strengthen our party organization and ensure presidential and congressional victories in 2008.

This is a program where people contact a limited number of Democrats in their own neighborhood to Get Out the Vote. Please contact Joe Montano for program details at (202) 352-0560 or joe@vademocrats.org.

The push to make Northern Virginia's representation in the U.S. Congress a deeper shade of blue brings us a primary this June in Providence. Be sure to talk to your precinct captains about your availability for working at the polls. We have a lot of great candidates. So, get out there and meet them, take the time to understand where they stand on your issues, and talk to your friends about your candidates. We know your time is valuable, and we appreciate your work in getting Democratic candidates elected.

Our next meeting will be April 22, 2008, at FCDC headquarters (2815 Hartland Rd). If you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to contact Rick Dotson at 703 319-9010 or rickdotson@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there! ☺

## Springfield

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Springfield Democrats are looking forward to the Annual Smoke & Roast on May 19, from 4-7 pm at the home of Seth & Sharon Stark! This year, we will have all new "dunkees" in our dunk tank, and terrific items in our silent auction, including an autographed baseball donated by

the Washington Nationals. As always, we expect the food to be outstanding and the companionship even better, so we hope you'll all join us for a great afternoon of Democratic fun. This is Springfield's annual fundraiser, and we hope that each Smoke and Roast is bigger and better than the last in every way.

Springfield also is planning its first Springfield Springfest to welcome the new friends that we met during the presidential primary. On Saturday, March 29, we will be having hosting a fun afternoon – for free! – so that our Democratic neighbors can get to know us, our activities, and each other a little bit better. Join us at the Fair Ridge Clubhouse at the corner of Fair Ridge Drive and Apple Orchard Court on March 29. For more information, contact Ruth Miller.

Finally, we're thrilled to continue to welcome new members and new interest around our community. Democrats in Springfield District are planning for victory in November. ☺

## Sully

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The excitement and energy just continues to grow at the Sully Democratic Committee! Despite pouring down rain, our March 4th meeting resulted in a standing room only crowd.

Many guests, new members, and potential new members were in attendance. Joe Samaha and our own Lu Ann McNabb from the Angel Fund were our speakers. Angel Fund is working towards "sensible" gun control laws in our commonwealth. Joe Samaha lost his daughter Reema in the Virginia Tech shootings last year. The presentation was deeply touching and especially relevant. Our group listened attentively and with empathy as we have all felt losses related to uncontrolled gun sales in our state. For more information, and to support the Angel Fund, please log on to angelfund.org. Plans for the Annual Sully Barbeque are well under way. It will be held on June 1, 2008 from 5PM until 8 pm at the Centreville Firehouse.

We will once again have a Silent and Live Auction, with Ken Plum as auctioneer. Our web site (www.sullydemocrats.org) has been updated. The neighbor to neighbor program was well received with several of our members signing on. We discussed details on the mechanics of becoming delegates for the State and Congressional Conventions. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on April 1, 2008 at the Sully Government Center located on Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly starting at 7:30 PM. ☺





**Next Regular  
FCDC Meeting:**

**Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 pm**

**George C. Marshall High School,  
7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church**

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**Calendar of Events**

**March**

- 3/22/08 5:30 pm Young Democrats Meeting
- 3/25/08 7:30 pm FCDC Meeting, George Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike
- 3/26/08 6:00 pm Gerry Connolly for Congress Volunteer Night, 11200 Lee Hwy Suite C-2
- 3/27/08 7:30 pm Lee District Democratic Committee Meeting, Franconia Governmental Center
- 3/27/08 7:30 pm Mt. Vernon District Democratic Committee Meeting, Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Hwy
- 3/29/08 5:30 pm Hunter Mill Democratic Committee Lasagna Dinner, Reston Community Center

**April**

- 4/1/08 7:30 pm Sully Dems Meeting
- 4/1/08 7:30 pm FCDC National Affairs Standing Committee (NAC) Regular Meeting, FCDC HQ
- 4/7/08 7:30 pm Diversity Committee, FCDC HQ
- 4/8/08 7:30 pm FCDC Steering Committee meeting, FCDC HQ
- 4/9/08 7:30 pm Mason District Democratic Committee Meeting, Mason Government Center
- 4/19/08 12:00 pm Mason District Caucus, Mason District Government Center
- 4/21/08 8:00 pm 8th CD Monthly Meeting, Falls Church Community Center
- 4/22/08 7:30 pm Providence District Democratic Committee Meeting, FCDC HQ
- 4/24/08 7:30 pm Mt. Vernon District Democratic Committee Meeting, South County Building
- 4/24/08 7:30 pm Lee District Democratic Committee Meeting, Franconia Governmental Center

**May**

- 5/3/08 4:30 p.m. Braddock District's 27th Annual Derby Day, Kilroys
- 5/6/08 7:30 pm Sully Dems Meeting
- 5/6/08 7:30 pm FCDC National Affairs Standing Committee (NAC) Regular Meeting
- 5/13/08 7:30 pm FCDC Steering Committee meeting, FCDC HQ
- 5/14/08 7:30 pm Mason District Democratic Committee Meeting, Mason Government Center
- 5/17/08 4:00 pm Springfield District Smoke & Roast, 10106 Community Lane, Fairfax Station
- 5/18/08 6:00 pm FCDC Jefferson Jackson Dinner, McLean Hilton