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Message from the Chair

By Scott Surovell,
Chair, Fairfax County
Democratic Committee

Ordering dinner at a restaurant is easy for me because I am a vegetarian - I only have one or two choices. Likewise, voting in November is easy because as a dutiful yellow dog, I always vote Democratic.

The primary season always gives me heartburn. Having to choose between my friends is not easy or fun, but it is a necessary part of the democratic process.

Candidate selection is as much about choosing our party's direction as is platform development.

Because of this and other reasons, many of you invested a great amount of time, effort, energy, emotion, and money into our primary process because you care very strongly about the future of our community, our state, our country, and about our party. I congratulate you for our effort. Our candidates could not be successful without you.

We have remarkable candidates. Hillary Clinton and Leslie Byrne are women who have made history in their careers. Doug Denny and Mike Turner are accomplished pilots who proved to be worthy opponents. Barack Obama, Gerry Connolly, Judy Feder, and Jim Moran are better candidates and we are a stronger party as a result of our primary process.

Congratulations to the winners for their well-earned victories, and congratulations to their opponents for fighting hard for what they believe in and stepping up to serve our Democratic Party.

Whether you were for Obama or Clinton, Connolly, Byrne, Alexander or Denny, Feder or Turner, or Moran or Famiglietti it is now time to come together to fight our battles this Fall.

TO VICTORY IN NOVEMBER! ☺

GERRY CONNOLLY WINS 11th CD Primary In Landslide — Enters General with Momentum



Chairman Gerry Connolly

The primary voters of the 11th congressional district gave Gerry Connolly a resounding validation of his record of good local government and getting things done, and set the stage to send Gerry to do the same with the federal government in November. Gerry addressed the hundreds of celebrating supporters on election night and promised that "Mark Warner and I have a lot of work to do in Congress, and we will deliver!"

The election results were loud and clear: Voters know Gerry is the one who can finally take back the congressional seat! The legendary 'Connolly machine,' with whiz kid campaign manager, James Walkinshaw, seasoned volunteers and scores of volunteer

canvassers, helped continue Gerry's unbeaten streak to six electoral victories with over 60% of the Fairfax county vote, surpassing his 2007 chairman's win. This time Gerry won all but one precinct in Fairfax County and in Fairfax City, and came in first in the great majority of precincts in Prince William. As James stated, "We know where the votes are." James nailed the turnout with his 7% prognostication as actual county turnout was over 6.7%.

With Governor Tim Kaine's enthusiastic endorsement, the electoral victory map showed that fellow Democratic leaders went out and helped deliver the overwhelming win for the issue based campaign. The public disappointment and rejection of negative campaign allegations were evident as one elderly female voter said "they've made it sound like 'Rosie the Riveter' would be a war profiteer!" These sentiments were reflected in the returns as our Democratic leaders delivered their FCDC districts: Sharon Bulova in Braddock, Linda Smyth and Phil Niedzielski-Eichner in Providence, Jeff McKay in Lee, Gerry Hyland in Mount

Vernon, Cathy Hudgins in Hunter Mill, and Penny Gross in Mason with Rachel Rifkind, a force to be reckoned with. Almost all of the local state legislators followed majority leader Dick Saslaw's lead, and got the vote out for Gerry and his issue based campaign. Fairfax City also showed it had another leader as Dan Drummond helped Team Connolly carry it.

Gerry also highlighted and thanked "the boots on the ground" efforts by our union brothers and sisters, especially the Firefighters, SEIU, Laborers, CFWA, police and sheriff deputies among many union organizations who rolled up their collec-

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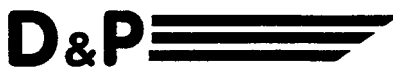
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Congratulations to our 11th District Congressional nominee Gerry Connolly on his decisive victory in the June 10 Democratic primary.

It was a long path to reach this point, but now the 11th CD Committee is ready to support Connolly as we roll on to victory in November over Republican candidate Keith Fimian. On primary night, the 11th CD Committee presented our nominee with a check for \$5,000 to kick start his general election campaign.

I also want to thank candidates Leslie Byrne, Doug Denny, and Lori Alex-

ander for their willingness to participate as candidates in the grueling race for the Democratic nomination in the 11th CD and for their graciousness in pledging their support for our primary winner.

Thanks, as well, to all you hard-working Democrats who participated in the process for the candidate of your choice. Now it is time for all of us to rally around Gerry Connolly and secure his victory in November.

Some folks think that Fimian will be a pushover in November, but I beg to differ. The GOP candidate already has raised \$1 million and he didn't have to deplete his campaign funds in a hard-fought four-way primary like Connolly did.

The Republicans are not going to roll over and give this seat to the Democrats. Retiring Congressman Tom Davis has endorsed Fimian and he will use his skills as a political strategist to try and keep the 11th CD in the Republican column.

It's not going to happen, folks, but only because we are going to work together to elect Barack Obama, Mark Warner, and Gerry Connolly in the 11th CD, reelect Jim Moran in the 8th, and work for other Democratic candidates across the Commonwealth.

Our 11th CD Convention, held at Robinson High School in May, was a great success. Senator Jim Webb, state Senate Majority Leader Dick Saslaw, Senator Creigh Deeds and Delegate Brian Moran spoke to the assembled convention delegates along with Gerry Connolly and the other 11th CD candidates.

Three 11th CD Committee members -- Dawn Lawson, Sue Langley, and Keith Scarborough -- were among the national delegates we elected at the convention.

— George Burke, chair 11th CD ☺



Gerry Connolly Wins ...

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tive sleeves and helped make this landslide possible with phone calls and canvassing.

At the election night celebration, Gerry thanked the voters for endorsing his campaign for a government that will end the disastrous Iraq war, a government that will get the economy back on track, a government that will be good stewards of the environment, a government that invests in education for the children and transit for citizens, a government that will end reckless "cowboy diplomacy," a government that will get real results, and most of all a government that works for and is accountable to the people!

Gerry also thanked his primary opponents for their respective unique passions displayed in the race, and reached out his hand to all Democrats to unify the party and join him to deliver the 11th CD to Democrats in the house, Mark Warner in the senate, and Barack Obama as president. With this, the Connolly campaign officially announces a competition for the best OBAMA-WARNER-CONNOLLY bumper sticker and yard sign! Send your entry to www.GerryConnolly.com. ☺

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Braddock

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No report available at time of publication. ☺

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We are excited to announce our upcoming Independence Day Parade in historic Old Town Fairfax on Friday, July 4th at 10:00am. At our Committee meeting on Thursday, July 3rd at 7:30pm at City Hall, we will put final touches on the float. This year's float promises to be a terrific edition to the parade. We welcome all Democrats to join in. Further details are available on our website at www.fairfaxcitydemocrats.org.

We welcome everyone to our monthly Dems Breakfast on Saturday, June 19th at 9:00am at Old Country Buffet. What breakfast, you ask? Each month on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the City Dems hold a breakfast that is simply a good time to get together and talk politics. This month we will be featuring a discussion with the Coordinated Campaign, so you can hear first hand how we are all going to work together toward victory in November.

The *Open Your Eyes*, video presentation series continues on Sunday, July 20th at 4:00pm at the City of Fairfax Regional Library. Last month we featured *Can Mr. Smith Get To Washington Anymore?*, a classic political underdog story comes to life in a suspenseful, fast-paced documentary. We will continue the video series this month with another short video reflecting an awareness of the world around us.

While you are enjoying your summer break, remember to join in when you can. There are plenty of voter outreach opportunities. Democracy doesn't rest.

There are many other opportunities to join your neighboring City Dems, just check out our website at www.fairfaxcitydemocrats.org. ☺

Dranesville

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Congratulations to Judy Feder on winning the Democratic primary for the 10th Congressional District nomination. Dranesville has 26 of our 28 precincts in the 10th District, with nearly 15% of its voters, so what we do here is critical to electing Judy Feder to Congress. Congratulations also to Jim Moran, who represents the remaining

two of our Dranesville precincts, and to Gerry Connolly, for their victories.

Save the date of Sunday, September 28 for the Dranesville Fall Festival. Our keynote speaker will be Deborah Tannen, professor of linguistics at Georgetown University. She is the author of many popular books, including *You Just Don't Understand*, which was on the New York Times bestseller list for nearly four years, and is a frequent guest on television and radio talk shows. She'll talk about the language of politics.

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 26, 7:30 pm in our usual location, the Community Room at the McLean Governmental Center on Balls Hill Road. Other important dates are Tuesday, June 24 and Wednesday July 16, which are Dranesville's nights to dial for dollars at FCDC headquarters. If you have not yet signed up to do so, contact Kate Fisher to let her know what evening you will be calling. ☺

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The Hunter Mill District Precinct Operations meeting was held at Flint Hill Elementary School on Thursday May 15th. The June 10 primary coverage, VAN use and training, the Neighbor Leader program, review of precinct captain status, and convention information were discussed. Plans for the June 10 primary include staffing a table at each Hunter Mill precinct providing campaign literature and recruiting volunteers. Please email your district chairs for VAN training and access, or information on the Neighbor Leader program.

Hunter Mill committee member who were delegates to the 8th, 10th, and 11th attended their respective Congressional Conventions on May 14th. The Virginia State Convention is scheduled for June 14th.

We are continuing to gather "lessons-learned" comments from our annual Hunter Mill Lasagna Dinner; an analysis of the results will follow. If you attended and have comments, please send them to your district chairs.

The next regular meeting for Hunter Mill will be June 19th at the Dogwood Elementary School library, and our next Hunter Mill District Precinct Operations meeting will be held on Thursday July 17, 2008 at the Flint Hill Elementary School, both at 7:30pm. Please refer to the Hunter Mill web site calendar at www.huntermilldemocrats.org for other local area political events, and

to the FCDC web site calendar at www.fairfaxdemocrats.org for Fairfax County wide events. ☺

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Thanks to everyone who made it through the sweltering heat and attended our Lee District Luau Fundraiser on Saturday. Despite the balmy weather we all had a great time and raised a lot of money to help our Democratic candidates. Special thanks to our host, Susie Warner, our Fundraiser Chair Kathy Robertson, and everyone else who contributed food and silent auction items. Steve and I will be sending out thank you letters soon to our contributors.

Coming up in July we have our July 4th celebration at Lee District Park. We will need people to help from 4:00-9:00pm at this large visibility event to help sign up volunteers and get out the vote. If you can attend please email Hugh Robertson at hughbrtsn@aol.com or call him at (703) 924-1433. We will also be doing two nights of fundraising calls for FCDC in July from 6:00-9:00pm on July 10th and 17th at FCDC Headquarters. Please sign up to volunteer as we help raise funds for our sample ballots, back-to-school materials, and Lee District election brochure.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 26th at 7:30pm in the Community Room of the Franconia Government Center. We hope that you all can attend as we plan our activities for summer. ☺

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Congratulations to our Democratic ticket for November! After several long, and sometimes contentious primaries, we have an amazing slate of candidates running for the federal offices representing Mason District, and we are going to be working hard to see them sweep to victory this fall. Barack Obama, Mark Warner, Jim Moran, and Gerry Connolly are the perfect candidates for Northern Virginia. Now is the time for Mason Democrats to unite behind this ticket and keep Northern Virginia deep blue! Our differences with the Republicans are so much greater than any of the differences we argued about in our primaries, and

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I know we'll have no problem coming together as a united party this fall.

Speaking of primaries, I want to thank Barbara and Bill Kreykenbohm for an incredible precinct operations effort for the June 10 primary. The operation was as smooth as I have seen in many years of being on this committee.

Mason precincts are being canvassed, in fact as this issue goes to press, Edsall and Brook Hill will have been canvassed by the Coordinated Campaign. And on June 22, the FCDC Ops Committee will be canvassing in Willston precinct. Many of our committee members are participating and we can always use a few more of you. This work is critical to making sure that we can target and turn out our vote in the fall. It's also a great chance to get to meet and enjoy the company of your fellow Democratic volunteers. So please attend all the canvasses you can.

Lastly, we are all getting ready for the State Democratic Convention in Hampton. It promises to be an exciting convention as we look toward November and a Democratic victory all the way to the White House!!

Remember our upcoming meetings: FCDC meeting on July 22 at the Oakton High School cafeteria at 2900 Sutton Road in Vienna (we will be distributing the crab feast tickets). Mason is scheduled to meet July 9 at the Mason District Government Center ☺

Mt. Vernon

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Mt. Vernon Democrats staffed all their polls for at least part of the day on a very hot June 10 Congressional primary. We collected names of about 100 new volunteers to help in the fall presidential election. As elsewhere, Congressman Jim Moran won in our 8th District precincts and Gerry Connolly won in our 11th District precincts.

Our annual spring "Picnic and Politics on the Potomac," held to welcome new volunteers and host a primary forum, was held despite a sudden severe rainstorm that swept through the area. The picnic, held at Pohick Regional Park near Lorton, started at 2 p.m. with clear skies, but was drenched by 3 p.m. The heavy rain and quarter-sized hail started an hour earlier in our northern precincts discouraging attendance. The 50 people who attended included new faces as well as regulars and elected officials.

Eleventh Congressional District candidates, Lori Alexander and Doug Denny gave us a brief overview of their campaign positions and then took questions from the

group while hiking up their pant legs to avoid the rainwater flowing through the picnic shelter. Candidate Leslie Byrne did not make it because of traffic and weather, but Fairfax Supervisor and congressional candidate Gerry Connolly ploughed through near the end of the event and spoke to a dwindling crowd.

Elected officials attending included State Senators George Barker and Toddy Puller and State Delegate Kris Amundson. The event was organized by Events Chair Laura Sonnenmark with help from many volunteers (thanked by name on our web site) including Sherry Dana who solicited food donations from many Lorton restaurants (thanked by name on our website).

Mt. Vernon filled two and a half tables at the FCDC JJ dinner May 18. Our auction baskets sold for \$400 and \$250.

The next meeting will be at 7:30pm, June 26 at the South County building, room 221 A & B. ☺

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No report available at time of publication. ☺

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Springfield congratulates our nominees for Congress! We're very excited to begin the general election season in support of Barack Obama, Mark Warner, Gerry Connolly, and Judy Feder. At our primaries in February and June, Springfield volunteers met many people who would like to be involved in our activities this summer and fall. We'd love to have your help! We will begin walking and talking with our neighbors across Springfield District on June 21. Check the calendar on the Springfield website, www.SpringfieldDemocrats.org or on the FCDC website to find out where we'll be canvassing each weekend this summer.

On May 17, the sun shone on Springfield's 8th Annual Elephant Smoke and Roast. We welcomed both Democratic candidates for the 10th congressional district seat and three of the Democratic candidates for the 11th congressional district seat. We also were very happy to host many members of our state legislature including Sen. Dick Saslaw, Sen. Creigh Deeds, Sen. George Barker, Del. Brian Moran, Del. Dave Mars-

den, and Del. Chuck Caputo. In addition to old friends, we also made some new friends from around Springfield District. The highlight of the afternoon was a serenade by "President Bush" and "Senator McCain" (lyrics by Mark Itzkoff and sung to the tune of the Beatles' "Yesterday") followed by a respectful dunking of the two men in the dunk tank. We celebrated the last appearance of "President Bush" at our event, and we believe that this was "Sen. McCain's" one and only appearance at the Smoke & Roast -- as long as we successfully identify and turn out Democrats in November as planned! ☺

Sully

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Sully rocks! Go! Sully go! There is so much energy and enthusiasm in Sully that we just can't keep it to ourselves! We had the most tables at the JJ Dinner, the largest number of members in attendance, brought in the most funds for the baskets auctioned off and have the distinct honor of having Jim Southworth, FCDC Member of the Year, as one of our very own. In addition to all this we have two members, Mary Lee Cerillo and Eula Tate going to the Democratic National Convention as delegates. This story was even picked up by the Wall Street Journal. We invite you in sharing our enthusiasm in turning Sully Blue. Our summer barbeque fundraiser was a great success with over 100 individuals in attendance. A great time was had by all with great food, music and friends. We want to express our gratitude to all the members who made this event possible with their time, energy and donations. We especially want to acknowledge Ken Plum, auctioneer extraordinaire. Our last meeting took place on June 3rd and the group was addressed by Judy Feder and Mike Turner who gave us an update on their campaigns in the Congressional 10th District. Two new members were voted upon and brought into the group. One of our new members, Hung Nguyen, will be helping us to reach out to the Asian community. We also discussed innovative ways of raising funds and will be looking further into these methods. With yet another election scheduled for June 10, we organized volunteers to cover the polls.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on August 6 at the Sully Government Center located on Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly starting at 7:15pm. Please join us and catch the wave! ☺

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8th CD Report

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Our primary elections are over and now is the time to come together as a united party and (re) elect Congressman Jim Moran, Gerry Connolly and Judy Feder, as well as TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY by putting Senator Barack Obama in the White House! Whatever our differences were during the primaries, we need to put them aside and work together from now until November.

Our greatest thanks to Matthew Familietti, Mike Turner, Leslie Byrne, Doug Denny and Lori Alexander for running progressive, issue oriented campaigns. We all hope you will stay involved in the Democratic Party as it is obvious everyone has much to bring to the table.

Congratulations Fairfax for delivering Congressman Moran's highest percentage -87.68%! Nice job! Wish the turnout had been higher but we'll all work on that in future contests.

The Moran for Congress campaign will be hosting an event with special guests Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), Congressmen Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) and Jose Serrano (D-NY) on July 10, 2008 at Cecelia's Restaurant, 2619 Columbia Pike in Arlington, from 6-8 pm. There will be free salsa lessons after the festivities. Tickets begin at \$20. Hope to see everyone there as it will be a great time.

Peace to all. ☺

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Thanks to the more than 60 guests who made our "Tapas Night" on May 31st a success. Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins spoke in support of our diversity goals and called for us to continue the tradition of ethnic outreach. Special guests included county Supervisors Gerry Connolly, Linda Smyth, Sharon Bulova, Penny Gross, Delegate Chuck Caputo, Senator Chap Petersen, and School Board member Ilryong Moon. The Congressional candidates, Judy Feder, Mike Turner, Gerry Connolly, and Leslie Byrne spoke to the audience. Jim Moran's campaign sent a couple of representatives. Everybody raved about the food and we had a number of people offer to help us out at a similar

event next year.

The next Diversity Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 7th at 7:30pm at FCDC headquarters to discuss outreach plans. ☺

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Congratulations Democrats! Good for us! We Democrats should give ourselves a giant pat on the back. We fielded a group of candidates who, collectively, were as solid and impressive as any the Democratic party had put forth in a long time. The Democratic voters responded to this quality by turning out in record numbers during the overall primary season. Even when the race narrowed to the final two candidates, voters and activists were continuing to turn out in record numbers - full of passion, energy, and hope for the kind of America we have not seen since this new century began. The voters, in many ways, were as impressive as the final two candidates themselves.

As of this writing, it looks as if we finally have a nominee: Senator Barrack Obama. The success of his achievement is historic. So, too, is the work of the members of the Democratic party who played such a vital role in bringing us to this point in our effort to reclaim the White House. Obama represents a brighter tomorrow for our party and our nation. He will be someone in whom we can take pride. His successes reflect the best of our vision: a change of course in Iraq, more equitable economy, health care for everyone, a commitment to clear air, and a regard for human life. He is our nominee and, as a result, it is he who will address the issues we have identified for him over the past months. But our role is not yet completed. As well as we did in the primary season, we need to raise the bar even higher for the campaign itself. The Republicans will be difficult to overcome because, if past elections are any indicators, certain elements of their party are shameless enough to say and do most anything to hold onto their power. Let them be shameless and let us continue taking the high road as we speak truths regarding the vital issues of the day.

Well done, Democrats! You have brought the nation to a vital crossroad. Let us all now come together and help the nation make the best decision in electing Senator Obama as our next president. ☺

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Congratulations to Senator Obama for becoming the first African-American to reach this pinnacle of his career. Few have done what he has accomplished for minorities. We all should be proud of that. He has made a dream come true for that young African-American who is now headed to college instead of a gang. As I read all of the fanfare in the papers and listen to the pundits, I couldn't help but think about all the African-Americans that voted for Obama because he was black and all the women who voted for Clinton because she was a woman.

We are forgetting the silent majority of "genderless" and "raceless" people in the U.S. who are dying because they have a pre-existing condition or aren't poor enough to qualify for state provided healthcare. The Democratic Party leaders should get together and bring the party together so we can win in November. This can be accomplished in a number of ways. We have to remember that many of the delegates that are going to Denver are not all supporting Obama. Obama can win over many of the Hillary delegates by adopting her stance of universal health care for all Americans.

We should look at the Massachusetts program as a model where the state is giving medical treatment including preventive care to seniors. It offers free insurance to the very poor and subsidized coverage to the many others. The draw backs are that it penalizes individuals who do not buy into the system. There must be a way to help the millions of uninsured by offering insurance without penalties. Obama does offer for the 50 and under a break on income tax. We can't wait another moment; we must do it now. McCain says he will give tax credits up to \$2,500 per year. McCain's approach is just a bandaid to fix the broken system. We can not afford to let the GOP write the rules on healthcare. In order to win, this should be at the top of the platform for Democratic Party.

We will be meeting in July and will give everyone a call or send out an email. If you are not on our email system, please email one of the co-chairs. ☺



Calendar of Events

June

- 6/23/08 7:30 pm Precinct Operations Meeting
 6/24/08 7:30 pm Providence District Democratic
 Committee Meeting
 6/24/08 7:30 pm Mason District Democratic Committee Mtg.
 6/26/08 7:30 pm Lee District Democratic Committee Meeting
 6/26/08 7:30 pm Mt. Vernon District Democratic Committee Mtg.

July

- 7/1/08 Submission of Agenda Items
 7/1/08 7:30 pm FCDC National Affairs Standing Committee
 (NAC) Regular Meeting
 7/2/08 Drinking Liberally - Mt. Vernon District/Lorton
 7/3/08 Submission of all Officer, Magisterial District,
 and Standing Committee Reports
 7/4/08 Independence Day
 7/7/08 7:30 pm FCDC Diversity Committee Meeting
 7/8/08 7:30 pm FCDC Steering Committee meeting
 7/9/08 7:30 pm Mason District Democratic Committee Mtg.
 7/10/08 7:00 pm Drinking Liberally - Lee District
 7/19/08 12:00 pm Hunter Mill District Family Picnic
 7/21/08 8:00 pm 8th CD Monthly Meeting
 7/22/08 7:30 pm FCDC Meeting
 7/24/08 7:30 pm Lee District Democratic Committee Meeting

August

- 8/4/08 7:30 pm FCDC Diversity Committee Meeting
 8/5/08 Submission of Agenda Items
 8/5/08 7:30 pm Sully Dems Meeting
 8/6/08 Drinking Liberally - Mt. Vernon District / Lorton
 8/7/08 Submission of all Officer, Magisterial District,
 and Standing Committee Reports
 8/12/08 7:30 pm FCDC Steering Committee meeting
 8/13/08 7:30 pm Mason District Democratic Committee Mtg.
 8/14/08 7:00 pm Drinking Liberally - Lee District
 8/18/08 8:00 pm 8th CD Monthly Meeting
 8/26/08 7:30 pm Providence District Democratic Committee Mtg.
 8/28/08 7:30 pm Lee District Democratic Committee Meeting

September

- 9/1/08 Labor Day
 9/1/08 7:30 pm FCDC Diversity Committee Meeting

**Next Regular FCDC Meeting:
 Tuesday, July 22, 7:30 pm
 Oakton High School
 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna**