

# The Democrat

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## Special Jefferson-Jackson Dinner Edition



The annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner held Sunday May 4, 2014 at the McLean Hilton Hotel was attended by more than 350 *Democratic activists* including nearly 50 current and past elected officials including Senator Mark Warner, Congressman Jim Moran and Congressman Gerry Connolly, Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam, Virginia State Senators and Delegates, Chairman Sharon Bulova of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Members of the Board of Supervisors, Fairfax Sheriff, Soil and Water Conservation, At Large and District Members of the Fairfax County School Board, and elected members of Herndon and Vienna town councils. The formal event was dedicated to honor the 26 years of public service of U.S. Congressman Jim Moran, who will retire at the end of his current term.

Sue Langley, Chair of FCDC, stated, "Tonight's turnout and the energy in this room excite us for the contests to come this November. We are well positioned to enter the fall election season with the resources we will need to continue turning Virginia blue. While the retirement of Jim Moran will be a great loss for our area and the commonwealth, we have great candidates running to succeed him. After we nominate and elect a successor, re-elect Gerry Connolly and, most significantly elect John Foust in the 10th Congressional District, we will have three Democrats representing Fairfax County in Congress at this time next year." Virginia's senior Senator Mark

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## Jefferson-Jackson Dinner May 4, 2014

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*U.S. Senator, Mark Warner (VA)*

Warner and keynote speaker former Obama strategist Mitch Stewart electrified the crowd. Warner stressed the importance of finding bipartisan solutions to America's complex problems, and Stewart recognized the grassroots contributions made by the people attending the dinner in making Vir-



*Keynote Speaker Mitch Stewart,  
Sue Langley, Chair, Fairfax County  
Democratic Committee and  
Yohannes Abraham*

ginia a significant national battleground state in Presidential elections.

A heartfelt summary of her father's career was delivered by Ms. Mary



*Mary Moran, Daughter of U.S.  
Congressman Jim Moran*

Moran. Congressman Moran delivered his own memorable speech while joined on stage by Congressman Gerry Connolly and the assembled elected officials. These



*U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly  
(VA-11th)*

speeches emphasized the Congressman's willingness to provide a voice for the voiceless among the corridors of power in Washington.



*U.S. Congressman Jim Moran  
(VA-8th)*

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## Jefferson-Jackson Dinner 2014 Award Presentations

### FCDC District Committee Member of the Year

*Bob Haley*



### FCDC District Committee Volunteer of the Year

*Ellen Hayes*



### FCDC Outstanding District Committee of the Year

*Mt. Vernon District*

## Jefferson-Jackson Dinner 2014 Award Presentations



**Charles S. Robb**  
**Young Leaders Award**  
*Matthew J. Bell*

**Lynda J. Robb**  
**Community Service Award**  
*Laura Sonnenmark*



### Jefferson-Jackson Dinner District Award Recipients

#### **Member of the Year**

Ray Smith, Braddock  
Herb Kemp, Dranesville  
Bob Haley, Hunter Mill  
Ed Joseph, Lee  
Alex Rodriguez, Mason  
Ana Prados, Mt. Vernon  
Senora Avery, Providence  
Patsy Brown, Sully

#### **Volunteer of the Year**

Ellen Hayes, Braddock  
Raquel Saenz, Dranesville  
John Horesji, Hunter Mill  
Agnes Johnson, Lee  
Roger Downey, Mason  
Claudia Creo, Mt. Vernon  
Bill Ackerman, Springfield



## Jefferson-Jackson Dinner 2014 Silent Auction

*"FCDC held its most successful silent auction this year thanks to Beverly Jurenko with the help provided by the silent auction team, including Nadja Golding, Maggi Luca, and Matt Bell."*

*- Sue Thomas, FCDC Finance Chair*





## Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner 2014 Food, Laughter and Friends

