



July 2025

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Quick Peek at What's Coming Up

July

- 4th - Pop-up protest against tyranny in front of Dem office, 10 - 11:00 AM (121 Clay)
- 12th - Sign waving in Centreville, 9-10:30 AM
- 17th - Honoring Congressman John Lewis
- 21st - Tacos for Democracy Takeout Dinner, order ahead and pickup at El Jefe 5-6:30 PM
- 24th - Free Ice Cream Social - 6-8:00 PM at the QAC Democratic Club (121 Clay)
- No Membership meeting this month

August

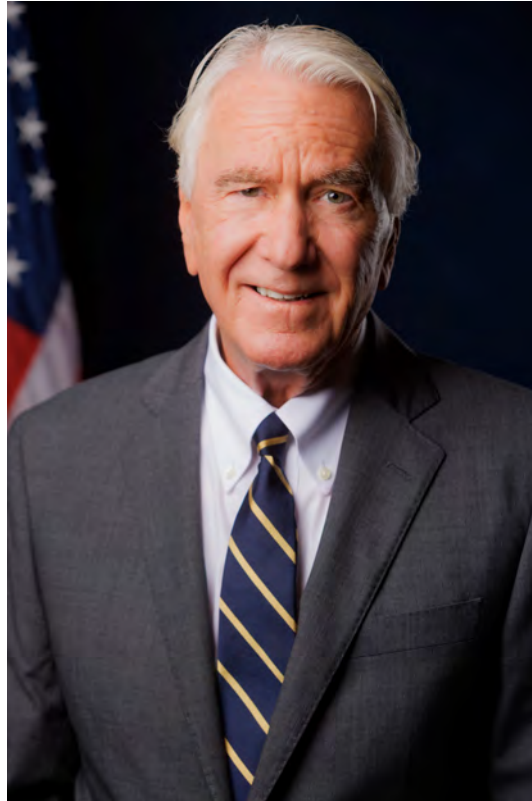
- 11th - 16th: QAC County Fair, Democratic Booth, VOLUNTEER [Here](#)
- 20th - Meet candidate George Walsh, opposition to Andy Harris District 1, Kent Island Library, 7 PM

September

- 1st - Labor Day Parade
- 2nd - Yummy Takeout Dinner Fundraiser, Dem Club office, 4:30-6:30 PM
- 17th - Hot Topic Membership Meeting at Kent Island Library, 7:00 PM

August 20th - Meet a Second Candidate, George Walish, opposing Andy Harris!

We had a fabulous turnout at our June membership meeting to meet candidate Dan Schwartz, running against Andy Harris, District 1. Join us on August 20th to meet a second registered candidate, George Walish, also running to unseat Andy Harris. The meeting will be at 7 PM, Kent Island Library.



Eastern Shore resident and longtime business executive George M. Walish Jr. has filed with the Maryland State Board of Elections as a Democratic candidate for Maryland's 1st Congressional District, formally launching his campaign to unseat Republican Rep. Andy Harris in the 2026 election.

Walish, of Earleville, is a former senior executive at BMW of North America and a former elected commissioner of the Town of St. Michaels, Walish brings decades of leadership across education, labor, and industry to his first bid for federal office.

"I believe we can do better—for our working families, for the health of the Chesapeake Bay, and for the small towns and rural communities that make this district special," Walish said. "I'm running to bring open, honest, and accountable leadership to Washington—and to make sure the voices of Eastern Shore and upper Baltimore County residents are heard."

Come join us for another informative evening!

No July Membership Meeting- Save August 20th for the next meeting

For more information, or to make a hot topic suggestion, contact Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com, or Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com.

More Upcoming Events

July 4th Pop-up Protest Against Tyranny!! 10-11:00 AM, Dem Office

Got an hour to protest tyranny on the 4th of July? Join us at the Dem Office, 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown. Bring a sign. Contact Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com with questions.



Tacos for Democracy Takeout Dinner, July 21st

Join the QAC Democratic Club for a hard hitting, hard shelled fundraiser that is sure to spice up your civic engagement!

- **For just \$20**, you can pick chicken, beef, or bean tacos that are served with refried beans and Mexican rice— because nothing says grassroots organizing like carbs and queso.
- Pick-up at El Jefe, located at 1235 Shopping Center Rd., Stevensville, between 5 - 6:30 PM.
- **Pay at pick-up but preorder is required by 7/14/25.** (Yes, if you pre-order you are, indeed, taco-ly committed.)

TO PRE ORDER: Contact Andrea Alduino via call/text at 410-310-0573 or email at 4hgsleader@gmail.com with taco dinner in the subject line, please.

Pre-order today –let's guac the vote!



FREE Ice Cream Social! July 24th, 6 - 8 PM

Beat the heat at our free annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 24 outside the Queen Anne's County Democratic Club office, 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown. Ice cream is provided by Isiah's Ice Cream Delights and it's our treat. Bring a lawn chair, your friends and family and enjoy a relaxing casual summer evening.

Indie-folk singer-songwriter [Danah Denice](#) of Stevensville will be our featured musician. Danah's music journey began at an early age when she studied classical piano. Her music demonstrates a deeply rooted passion for jazz, soul, R&B, and folk. Danah released her debut album "Light From a Dark Room" in February 2024. You do not have to be a Club member to attend. All are welcome.



QAC County Fair – Volunteer to Help at our Dem Booth Aug.10 - 17th

There's nothing like summertime and the local county fair!

We need volunteers to help man our booth throughout the week of August 10th - 17th. IT'S A LOT OF FUN! Each shift is only two hours. We usually have four people running the booth. Our volunteers help kids win prizes, answer questions, and engage in interesting conversation with folks that stop by. We also need folks to help set up before the fair begins and pack up at the end. Easy peasy! To sign up for a shift, go to qacdems.org and **please sign up [HERE](#) and/or contact Andrea Alduino at 410-310-0573.**



September 2nd Yummy Take-out Dinner Fundraiser

Be on the lookout for a take-out dinner fundraiser on Sept 2nd. Humble Hearts Catering out of Centreville will be providing delicious homestyle meals including Guava Chicken BBQ meal for 4, Fall Focaccia Pizza (vegetarian option available) for 2, Butternut Squash Soup (32 oz) and Cornbread Shortcake Dessert to share. Pickup will be at the Dem Club office in Queenstown from 4:30-6:30 pm. More details to come. Thank you for supporting our Dem Club!

Recent Events

Membership Meeting June 17th, 2025: Guest Speaker Dan Schwartz, Opposing candidate to Andy Harris, District 1

We were pleased to host Dan Schwartz, a Democratic candidate for US Congress running against Andy Harris, our eight-term Congressman. Dan introduced himself and followed up with Q&A. Our participants were highly engaged, asking many questions. Dan was willing to offer his perspective on all topics that were tossed his way and we were grateful to have him join us for the evening.



A bit about Dan Schwartz – For the past 14 years, Dan has worked as a consumer watchdog- helping state regulators implement reforms coming out of the 2008 financial crisis. He focused for a decade on community banking and in recent years, he's helped state regulators coordinate enforcement actions against firms like CashApp, FIC, and large banks that have abused the public trust. Dan lives in Talbot County with his family.

Check out Dan Schwartz's website. <https://schwartzforcongress.com>

River Cruise Fundraiser on June 8th, 5-7 PM!

Brought back by popular demand, the Chester River cruise fundraiser was a success *and* a lot of fun! We had a lovely meal and the rain held off, allowing for delightful conversation. Many thanks to all who supported the event financially and to Julia Kreb and Donna Edwards for their excellent planning.

Coffee Meetup, June 21, at A Little Lovely Coffee House, Queenstown

On Saturday, 6/21/25, a small but mighty group of Queen Anne's County Democrat Club members enjoyed delicious coffee and breakfast and shared thoughts and concerns about current events as well as what we are doing to find joy in these difficult times. Please join us next time (date/time TBD) at A Little Lovely Coffee House!

Juneteenth Activities on June 14th

There was a great turnout at the Centreville No Kings Day protest, sponsored by the Eastern Shore Indivisible Group. There was also a sign waving rally earlier in the day and a local Juneteenth celebration that took place at the Kennard Center. It was a great day for action!





Action Group Update from Cindy Miller

The Action group helped to provide signs for the recent NO KINGS day rallies. As long as there is interest, we will continue to meet every first Thursday of the month. The next one is scheduled for July 3, at 6:30 in the Club office in Queenstown.

Meanwhile, there are many issues currently putting Americans at risk that need to be addressed. So, if you have slowed down your phone calls and emails to Andy Harris, it is time to get busy. If you don't already have 5calls (app store), get it – it is really helpful in making calls to our representatives.

Just a few things to note:

- the Supreme Court has recently said that Trump CAN deport the people they are kidnapping to any country he wants
- the Supreme Court has upheld a South Carolina law banning Medicaid money to go to Planned Parenthood
- the huge ugly bill is still in play and may be voted on this weekend or next week – it includes an \$800 billion cut to Medicaid, huge cuts to SNAP, an end to clean energy tax cuts, huge tax cuts to billionaires, and will trigger large cuts to Medicare, among many other things (and the only Republicans who might vote no are doing it because the cuts are not sufficient); the war on Ukraine is still raging and getting worse as the world's focus on it is diminishing; the illegal bombing of Iran and continuing lies about the results
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- SCOTUS has paved the road for the elimination of birthright citizenship AND opened the door to allow Trump to violate the constitution in any other way he chooses.

We could go on.

So, get on the phone, call Andy Harris, and get him on the record (he, by the way, is one of the Republicans who thinks the cuts are not large enough), saying that kidnapping people off the street by masked, unidentified men is just not dandy. And don't forget to check out Paul's (voterm1) continuing Substack posts concerning Andy Harris.

WE NEED TO KEEP STANDING UP AND SAYING "NOT IN MY NAME!"

QAC Democratic Central Committee (DCC)

Candidates in Every Race in 2025, 2026

Is it on your "**bucket list**" to run for office? Do you know someone who would make a good candidate? There are so far two Democratic candidates for D1 Congressional seat but we have state, county and municipal positions in the offer. Republicans have controlled this area for the last 16 years. It's time for change and it starts with candidates with lots of support from the rest of us.

Check out the website qacdcc.org. Click on the **HOME** button and it brings up the 2026 races and what is required of candidates. If you have questions, call me at 443 262 1310.

Add July 17 to your calendars. On that day, we honor the passing of the great Selma foot soldier, and Congressman, John Lewis and we endorse his legacy of resistance. His words resonate in our fight to keep our constitution.

"Never give up, never give in, and keep your eye on the prize." On Thursday July 17th there will be get-togethers, teach-ins and marches.

Steuart Pittman, currently County Executive in Anne Arundel County has been elected the MD Democratic Party Chair of our Democratic Central Committee. A farmer and experienced community organizer, his election in 2018 changed that county to blue. We look forward to working with him.

Roots to Results- we had 2,300 Democratic registered voters who **did not vote** in the last election. We need to work on this! Can you help? Help us reach out to neighbors and friends and keep them informed. Call to sign up at 443-262-1310.

What's the Matter with Andy? – June 28, 2025, by Paul Honigberg

Let's see what Andy's been up to since he courageously voted "present" on the Republicans' OBBA Act on May 22

- The Freedom Caucus, which Andy chairs, took credit for the bill, which the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated will add about \$2.4 trillion

to the federal debt over the next decade, while growing GDP by a whopping 0.04 percent over that same period. What's the matter, Andy? Afraid of actually doing something to address the deficit?

- Took to Facebook on June 6 to once again attack Kilmar Abrego Garcia. What's the matter, Andy? Afraid of due process, a Constitutional right afforded all persons residing in the United States, including undocumented immigrants (and recognized by none other than the late conservative Justice Antonin Scalia)?
- Stayed silent after HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. fired all 17 members of the CDC's vaccine advisory panel and named at least four replacements with known anti-vaccine views. The GOP Doctor's Caucus, of which Andy is a member, has done nothing while Secretary Kennedy has upended the vaccine-approval process. This despite RFK Jr. having promised Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-La.) during a confirmation hearing that he would not do so. What's the matter, Andy? Trying to make infectious diseases "great" again?
- Andy and the GOP Doctors Caucus have also stayed silent as the Trump Administration has illegally withheld grant monies and attacked biomedical and other scientific research. What's the matter Andy? Afraid of scientific facts?
- Moreover, where is the Doctor's Caucus after the House passed the Big Beautiful B.S. Bill, including hundreds of billions of dollars of cuts to Medicaid, which would deprive approximately 16 million Americans of health care (according to the CBO). What's the matter with you, DOCTOR HARRIS? I thought the physician's motto boiled down to doing no harm. Harm is all you are doing.
- The House Appropriations subcommittee chaired by Andy finished work on the agriculture appropriations bill for FY 2026.
 - Andy claimed that the bill ensures that farmers "have the investment, support, and resources they deserve—without growing the deficit"
 - The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition disagreed, describing the bill as a *"setback for farmers. The proposal makes outsized cuts to relatively small programs in the name of fiscal responsibility, reducing access to new market opportunities and limiting on-farm productivity and resilience, and ultimately leaving farmers and their communities in a lurch."*
 - This is on top of the grants and contracts with farmers that the Administration summarily canceled shortly after taking office, and the tariffs that will render our agricultural exports non-competitive and increase food prices for all Americans. What's the matter, Andy? Afraid to level with the farmers you represent?
- Voted for the Trump Administration's recessions of \$9 billion in appropriations for public broadcasting and foreign aid, despite having touted his role on the Appropriations Committee and Congress' power of the purse. What's the matter Andy? Afraid to stick up for your Constitutional power in the face of a would-be autocrat?
- Claimed that "Los Angeles is under siege by violent rioters," which comes as news to the state's governor, the city's mayor, and the Los Angeles Police Department, all of whom stated unequivocally that the situation was under control and that Trump's sending of the National Guard and U.S. Marines was unnecessary. What's the matter Andy? Afraid of the right to protest?
- And speaking of the right to protest, Andy went on Facebook on June 14 to

express horror at a photo of a smiling woman protestor at a rally in Cambridge holding what appeared to be a paper mache head of Elon Musk

- Andy wrote, “CC'ing Elon Musk's Security Detail ... Apparently these are the ‘non-violent, peaceful’ protesters attending the Democrat rallies.”
- If Andy wants to see what violent protests look like, perhaps he should review footage of Trump’s pardoned “patriots” storming the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. (Andy, where were you hiding on that day?)
- What’s the matter, Andy? Afraid to call our real attack on the rule of law when it is carried out by Trump supporters? (P.S. – The paper mache head wasn’t real.)

This is just a sample of the way in which Andy supposedly represents the citizens of the First Congressional District. In fact, he is nothing but a cheerleader for the Trump Administration’s agenda: chaos, corruption, and cruelty.

Let’s Meet Up!

Join a Short-term Planning Committee or Action Activity!! Volunteer!

Is your thing helping with events? Contributing cookies? Making phone calls? Being a helping hand at an event? Read this newsletter and/or come to the meetings and volunteer to help, maybe on just one thing. Every little bit helps!

We need help supporting future candidates, computer entry, filing, greeting people at outreach events like Centreville Day, KI Farmers market, and more. Contact Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com, Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com, or Elaine McNeil elainemcneil101@gmail.com.

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Help Us Find New Members

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Renew Your Membership Today!

We still have much to do to turn the tide blue right here in Queen Anne’s County. Let us continue the course TOGETHER to build a solid foundation for future elections

We hope that you will continue to support our Democratic Club to fight for justice, equality, and opportunity by renewing your [membership](#) for 2025 in the Democratic

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Independent Writers

Heather Cox Richardson (Letters from an American)

Robert Hubbell (Today's Edition Newsletter)

Jessica Craven (Chop Wood, Carry Water)

Joyce Vance (Civil Discourse)

Jamelle Bouie (The New York Times, but also on TikTok)

Timothy Snyder (historian focused on democracy and authoritarianism)

Marc Elias (Democracy Docket)

Mehdi Hasan (Zeteo)

Osita Nwanevu (The New Republic)

Michael Podhorzer

Brian Beutler, Dan Pfeiffer ("The Message Box")

Podcasts & New Media

Politics Girl

The Bulwark Podcast

MeidasTouch / "Legal AF"

Pitchfork Economics

Majority Report with Sam Seder

Deep State Radio (The DSR Network)

SiriusXM Progress Channel 127

Media Matters

Traditional & Mainstream News Outlets

MSNBC

NPR

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The Guardian

Mother Jones

Rolling Stone

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ProPublica

The American Prospect

The New Republic

Harper's

Fact-Checking & Media-Bias Resources

AllSides (Media Bias ratings)

Ad Fontes Media (Interactive Media Bias Chart)

Media Bias/Fact Check

FactCheck.org, PolitiFact, Snopes, Reuters Fact Check

Ground News (bias checker feature)

Other Notable Mentions

Democracy Now! for progressive-leaning coverage

Daily Kos (community-driven political news)

Talking Points Memo, The Intercept for deep investigative or policy-focused content

Pod Save family (Crooked Media), focusing on progressive politics and activism

Local / State News: Some recommended tracking state legislative news via



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