



**March 2024**

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Next Membership Meeting

U.S. Senate Candidate Angela Alsobrooks is our Guest Speaker on April 17th, 2024! RSVP [here](#)

April 17th  
**CLUB MEETING**  
with special guest  
**Angela**  
**Alsobrooks**

**Prince George's County  
Executive, Democrat, and  
Candidate for US Senate!**

Come join an informative session.

Participate in our Q&A  
and enjoy light refreshments!

**7pm at the Kent Island Public Library**



More info at [qacdems.org](http://qacdems.org)

## March 2024 Membership Meeting a Postcard and Candidate Success!

Our March 2024 membership meeting served as a great postcard writing kickoff for the upcoming national election! Participants were able to get printed lists of the Democrats in their neighborhoods so they can take a grassroots approach to getting people active.

**Be A Community Captain** This 2024 Election for President, Senator and House of Representative is vital. In QA, we are recruiting people like you to spread the word among our 11000+ Democrats to come out and vote in the Primary on May 14. The way we can do this is to reach out by postcard, text, or phone to your Democratic neighbors and encourage them to make a plan to vote on May 14. Only 58% of Democrats in QA voted in 2022. *We can do better.*

We will give you help, as Captain, with messages, postcards and your list of Democratic neighbors. Please contact Ryan Holdgreve, [rholdgreve@hotmail.com](mailto:rholdgreve@hotmail.com), if you would like a list of the Democrats in your area.



Another highlight of the evening was meeting candidate Blane Miller, one of the two Maryland Democratic candidates for the 1st District of the House of Representatives.



*Candidate Blane Miller*

## Future Club Events

### Takeout Dinner Fundraiser on May 15th - Yummy Crab or Beef!

Instead of a traditional membership meeting on May 15th, we are going to have a delicious solution to your *What's for Dinner?* question! More to come, but we'll be offering a crab cakes dinner or roasted round of beef dinner.

### June Cruise on June 2nd

What could be better than cruising the Chester River, enjoying the beautiful scenery with fellow Democrats, drinks, and good food? This QAC Dem Club fundraiser will help fund our election efforts and provide a great socializing opportunity as well. Mark your calendar now!



*Chester River Packet*

### Juneteenth on June 8th

**Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center**, Centreville, MD. Parade starts at QACHS at 10, Festival at Kennard 11-4. See the Museum, enjoy the company.

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# Let's Meet Up!

## QAC Democratic Office Time

Every **FIRST SATURDAY** - AT 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown 10 AM-12 PM. Join Us for Coffee and Conversation Beginning April 6th.

## Thursdays Think Tank

**Ideas for Messaging** - For Roots to Results, GOTV, and how to win elections! At the Dem office (121 CLAY DRIVE 10am-2pm). Come ready with suggestions and plans for action. All are welcome!

## Coffee Social

**April 20th** at the Lovely Little Coffee Shop, 10 am to noon, 430 Outlet Center Dr., Queenstown, MD. This is near the Gap outlet store. Enjoy conversation with fellow Democrats. Wear something BLUE!

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# Lend a Hand

Booths at events like Centreville Friday nights, Kent Island Day parade, Juneteenth Grasonville Labor Day **etc** need helpers - **we need you** to interact with potential members and Dem voters.

## Thoughts of Running for Office or Helping Someone Else?

Learn the ins and outs of successful campaigns at the event **HOW WE CAN WIN-Upper Shore**. It will be held at Washington College on Saturday April 27 from 8am until noon. There will be breakfast, a QA forum, and hints on how to win. Call 443 262 1310 for details and website or email [info@easternshoredems.com](mailto:info@easternshoredems.com)

## Join our Planning Committee (Board)!

We have openings for our 2024 QAC Democratic Club Planning Group (Board). It's a small but mighty group. With the 2024 election approaching, we could use additional members to help us think through events. We do a mix of political and social efforts, and have lots of fun in the process. Please connect with Andrea Alduino ([4hgsleader@gmail.com](mailto:4hgsleader@gmail.com)) or Merle Schwartz ([merleschwartz@me.com](mailto:merleschwartz@me.com)).

## Jump In!

Help candidates, write postcards, computer entry, filing, greeting people at outreach events like Centreville Days, KI Farmers market and more. Contact Merle Schwartz [merleschwartz@me.com](mailto:merleschwartz@me.com), Andrea Alduino [4hgsleader@gmail.com](mailto:4hgsleader@gmail.com), or Elaine McNeil [elainemcneil101@gmail.com](mailto:elainemcneil101@gmail.com).

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## It's Political!

### Keep the Senate and Win the House

In this election cycle so much attention is focused on the presidential race. But one cannot overstate how crucial it is that Democrats hold the Senate and regain the majority in the House of Representatives. It is the Congress where legislative power is vested and things get done – or not.

The official websites of the current Maryland delegation to the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives tell a lot about who our Congressional representatives are, what their priorities are, what they are thinking and working on, and ultimately, whether they deserve your vote.

Senators Cardin (<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/>) and Van Hollen (<https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/>) identify what they are doing for Marylanders on an almost daily basis. Their press releases are short and highlight not only votes taken and bills introduced, but also their views on specific matters. For example, over the two-day period from March 20 to March 22, 2024, Senator Van Hollen's press releases: i) explained reintroduced legislation that would expand human rights safeguards; ii) announced funding for planning to improve access to the Aberdeen Train Station; iii) summarized the bill he, Senator Cardin and Senator Tammy Baldwin introduced to make it easier for local governments to access federal funds to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians; iv) explained the Senator's call to release funding for food aid to Gaza; v) announced release of the text of the Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act and highlighted its key provisions; vi) described the Senator's meeting with Eastern Shore Crab Houses and his efforts to support the seafood industry's employment needs; vii) explained the Senator's efforts along with 17 of his Senate colleagues to

urge President Biden to establish a framework for the U.S. to recognize a non-militarized Palestinian state; and viii) announced with Senator Cardin, \$4.5 Million in funds for improvements on U.S. Route 50 in Easton and Route 113 in Berlin.

<https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/news/press-releases>

For the same two-day period Senator Cardin's press releases referenced the Route 50/Route 113 infrastructure and bike safety projects, and also noted the reintroduction of bicameral legislation (with Congressman Raskin) that would establish protected status and a pathway to citizenship for stateless individuals living in the U.S. <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/press-releases/>. Use of the "search" function on Senator Cardin's website allows constituents to access information of particular interest. For example, search results for "Infrastructure Act" referenced multiple infrastructure projects for March 2024. These included i) federal funding for local projects across Baltimore City and County; ii) direct investments for local projects across the Eastern Shore; iii) direct investments for Anne Arundel and Southern Maryland; iv) direct investments for Western Maryland, and v) funding for restoring connections for West Baltimore communities to Druid Hill Park.

<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/?s=infrastructure+act+projects>

Each member of the Maryland Delegation to the House of Representatives has a website. Representative Jamie Raskin has an informative site.

<https://raskin.house.gov/about> His month of March press releases included not only a virtual IRS information session for the 2024 season, but also identified funding secured for a range of projects and statements on a variety of issues.

<https://raskin.house.gov/press-releases>

Representative David Trone, running for Senator Cardin's seat, has a press site that demonstrates his focus on a range of matters.

[https://trone.house.gov/category/congress\\_press\\_release/](https://trone.house.gov/category/congress_press_release/). His March 2024 press releases describe: i) the Congressman's launch of a reproductive rights resource to combat nationwide attacks on reproductive freedoms; ii) his efforts to secure community project funding, increases in funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children as well as funding for mifepristone access; iii) passage of the End Fentanyl Act in the House that he introduced together with a Republican colleague from Mississippi; iv) the Congressman's efforts to secure criminal justice initiatives in the FY24 Government funding package; and v) efforts to secure strong labor standards for companies receiving CHIPS and Science Act funds.

Democratic Maryland Congressional Representatives Glenn Ivey

<https://ivey.house.gov/media>; John Sarbanes <https://sarbanes.house.gov/media-center/press-releases>;

Steny Hoyer <https://hoyer.house.gov/media>; Kweisi Mfume

<https://mfume.house.gov/media/press-releases>; and Dutch Ruppersberger

<https://ruppersberger.house.gov/news-room/press-releases> each have their own websites. The websites illustrate the representatives' interests and priorities and are worth a look.

Maryland's Republican Congressman Harris also has a website.

<https://harris.house.gov/media> His press releases for March include: i) a statement regarding his vote to require ByteDance to divest ownership in TikTok in order to continue operating in the U.S.; ii) a report of his demand that the

Department of Health and Human Services provide answers on how the Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research Expansion Act is being implemented together with a link to his letter to the agency; iii) a statement expressing pleasure that the Senate “passed language included at [his] direction” to help contain and market invasive blue catfish in the Bay, iv) announcement of the launch of the 2024 Congressional Art Competition; and v) announcement on March 4 of two telephone town halls, one to be held March 5 and the other on March 7.

The websites of our congressional representatives are a tell. And the tell is clear - Democrats get things done. Democrats need to hold the Senate and regain the House

## Elections 2024

**EARLY VOTING** - May 2 - May 9 7AM-8PM

**Primary Election** May 14 7AM- 8PM

If you plan to vote by mail that works too!! It needs to be in the BOX at the Election Sites. by Election day.

Any questions? Please call 443 262 1310

There are two Democrats running for the MD First District against Harris. Both are from Harford County. Blane Miller and Blessing Oluwadare. There are also elections for QA School Board Districts 2, 3, and 4. On voting day we vote in each district, not just the district we live in. The school Board will not be on the Primary Ballot in May.

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## Queen Anne’s County Democratic Central Committee (DCC)

Let’s ROE the Vote, Raising our Voices for Women- Special Fundraiser Lunch on Saturday, May 4th!

This special event will include Guest Speaker Sharon Blugis and be at the El Jefe restaurant from 12-2pm. Cost is \$65. Please visit [qacdcc.org](http://qacdcc.org) for more information.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## LET'S ROE THE VOTE!

### *Raising Voices for Women*

MAY | SAT  
O4 | 12-2PM

QAC Democratic Central Committee  
Luncheon and Fundraiser  
at El Jefe Restaurant, Stevensville MD

GUEST SPEAKER:

Sharon Blugis, MS, Executive Director  
*Reproductive Justice Maryland*



### Additional Activities Coming Up for 2024

- **April 5:** *First Friday Centreville* at the old Courthouse (weather permitting)
  - **April 6:** *Safety Drive Hazardous Waste Collection* (the day they accept old air conditioners, paint cans etc!! (couple of miles North of Centreville near State Police Barracks on RT 301N
  - **April 13:** *NAACP MLK Luncheon*— \$45 person (\$18 Under 18). For tickets contact Eric Daniels 443-480-5989. It's a great event, inspirational speaker, scholarships for students, and a wonderful buffet!
  - **APRIL 27:** *How We Win* at Washington College, Chestertown 8AM - 12 NOON, 443-262-1310 for details
  - **May 4:** *Reproductive Justice Special Event Brunch*, details to follow
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# Support the Cause

Join the MD Dems on the Eastern Shore!



## Help Us Find New Members

Share our website with friends! <http://qacdems.org>

## *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](#) in the Democratic Club of Queen Anne's County or joining for the first time. Your dues help to cover the Club's outreach efforts, special events, materials, printing, and postage. Annual dues are only \$35/household, \$20/individual, or \$10/student.

Renew at <http://qacdems.org>

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**Queen Anne's County Democrats.****

Recurring donations help us keep our *county  
headquarters*, lend support to local *democratic  
activities*, and maintain a *presence in our community*.

**Any amount will help! Visit [qacdems.org](http://qacdems.org)**

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## Our Legislators

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[Chris Van Hollen](#)

U.S. Senator

[Andy Harris, MD](#)

U.S. Representative

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## QAC Democratic Club Board

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