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In this Newsletter edition, we'll reflect on November happenings and move onto holiday joy!

From [*Despair is Not a Strategy*](#)- A snippet from Abby Brockman

Abby Brockman published a piece called [Despair is Not a Strategy: 15 principles of hope](#), recommended by one of our Club members, Marsha Peters. The piece is part of a daily political actions email called [Chop Wood](#). Marsha particularly liked the following point, in light of recent election results.

There is a difference between our actions being worthless and our actions not accomplishing what we hoped they would. Our actions, no matter how small, register in two ways: externally in the social world and internally towards the cultivation of our character. In the social world, our actions often have a delayed sense of cause-and-effect as they aggregate with the actions of others. This can fool us into thinking our actions failed to accomplish our goal- like flipping a light switch and the light not going on. But really it's just that social change doesn't work as quickly as electricity so it may take 'the light' a few months (or longer) to turn on. That said, even when it seems that our actions truly haven't had the impact we had hoped for (in the time we hoped it would take), our efforts were not wasted if they contributed to our growth and the fortification and improvement of our moral

personhood. The next time you call your legislators, tell yourself that you're calling to influence their actions but also because you want to be the kind of person who gets involved/chooses action over despair/stands up for what you believe is right.

A Sincere Thank You

So many people stepped forward to give their all for the 2024 election! It is something we all can be proud of, even if the results leave us far from happy. We “whistled while we worked” (can you name that tune?) with so many postcards, sign wavings, sign plantings, pumpkin paintings, and on-going cheering for each thing we could accomplish.

It sounds a bit corny, for sure, but imagine this newsletter as a group hug and handshake for all the selfless hours put in by our Club members, Club Board members, neighbors, friends and family, and QAC Democratic Central Committee folks.





Next Membership Meeting- January 22th.

Moving to Action Post-Election

Join us at 7 PM at the Kent Island Public Library for discussion about immediate and long-term action to be taken in moving beyond the 2024 election, implementing “damage control” strategies, and planning ahead to the 2026 election. We will be sure to add something to engage with our fellow democrats as we face current challenges together.

November’s Post Election Debrief

Our Election Debrief membership meeting was well attended by fellow democrats who were ready to get together and engage in conversation about the election results. The feelings shared ranged from anger, dismay, fear, resolve, and beyond. It was helpful to talk with each other. It was important to recall the positive results that came out of Maryland. Lastly, we had Beth Anne Dorman, President and Chief Executive Officer of For All Seasons, a mental health organization, provide some guidance about dealing with the negative emotions and how to look towards the future in a positive way.

In facilitating the broader conversations, we referenced a helpful resource: [Indivisible: A Practical Guide to Democracy on the Brink](#). We will look at ways to infuse the strategies in Club activities moving forward.

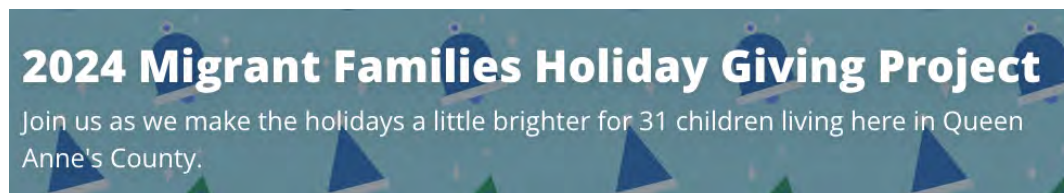


Find Joy- Join us to Celebrate the Holiday Season!

Holiday Party is December 4th, 6:30- 8:30 PM at Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center



RSVP is very helpful. Please do so at <https://www.qacdems.org/events>. For more information, contact Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com.



Spread Holiday Joy to Children in our Community!

Our fourth Migrant Family Holiday Giving campaign is underway! Join us as we make the holidays a little brighter for 31 children living in Queen Anne's County. This year we will be shopping for children ranging from six months to 13-years-old.

Sign up [HERE](#)! When you visit the web page, on the left-hand side of the page is a description of our children with their wish list. Simply select a child from the blue list on the right-hand side of the page, shop and wrap the gifts. Mark the boxes or bags with the child's name and age.

Consider purchasing an article of clothing like pajamas, a book, and a toy, if possible. For those of you interested in helping more than one child or if you have concerns about children from the same family getting an uneven number of gifts,

we've noted siblings in this year's list.

Gifts need to be wrapped and dropped off no later than Friday, December 13th. Gifts can be dropped off at the Club holiday party on December 4th or by connecting with Carol D'Agostino, Dorotheann Sadusky, or Elaine McNeil for Club office drop off or pick up/drop offs. For information: caroldag1@atlanticbb.net or (410) 604-2319

Thank you for your generosity!

Let's Meet Up!

Thursday Think Tank-Work Group

Got Ideas? Join our conversation. We'll talk about messaging, key groups, graphics, and tactics as we move forward with the Democratic agenda post election.

Contact Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com, Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com, or Elaine McNeil elainemcneil101@gmail.com to help!

Join our Planning Committee (Board)!

We have openings for our 2025 QAC Democratic Club Planning Group (Board). It's a small but mighty group. 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) or Merle Schwartz (merleschwartz@me.com).

Jump In!

Life for QAC Democrats continues after this presidential election. We need help supporting future candidates, computer entry, filing, greeting people at outreach events like Centreville Days, KI Farmers market, and more. Contact Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com, Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com, or Elaine McNeil elainemcneil101@gmail.com.

Calendar

December

4th - Free Holiday Party Dinner and Festivities

13th - Final drop off for Migrant Family Holiday Giving campaign

January

22nd - Taking Action Post Election 2024, Club meetings Kent Island Public Library, 7 PM

Support the Cause

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](#) for 2025 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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