

July 2024

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Next Membership Meeting- September 18th, Get Out the Vote!

Join us for an informative and active meeting on September 18th at the Kent Island Public Library, 7 PM. The election will be looming. There is a lot to do!

Upcoming Summer Club Events

FREE July 24th Annual Ice Cream Social!



Beat the heat with your friends (and make some new ones) at the QAC Dem Club Annual Ice Cream Social. Enjoy delicious ice cream, courtesy of Isiah Ice Cream Delights, and it's our treat! All are welcome. You do not need to be a member of the Club.

The event is on Wednesday, July 24 from 6 to 8 PM at our office, 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown. Please RSVP online and **BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS!**

August 12th-17th, 4H Fair!!!



The fair is a great time for us to spotlight Democratic efforts and have fun at the same time!

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP AT OUR BOOTH. There are two 2-hour shifts each night, 5-7 PM and 7-9 PM We also have set up and take down help slots to fill. Our booth is in a pavilion, so no worries about tent stuff and rain!

If you have questions, please contact Andrea Alduino at 410-310-0573. Otherwise, go to the link and sign up. Get your friends to join your shift. It's a great summer activity with a purpose!

Recent Club Events

Justin Butler Spoke at our June 18th Club Meeting

Justin Butler, an experienced Eastern Shore Organizer for the Maryland State Democratic Party, spoke with our group about the importance of getting out the vote for the upcoming election. He emphasized that we need to get people to vote Democrat for the Senate seat (and not for Larry Hogan), and ways that we can involve our friends, families, and neighbors. His message was both inspiring and practical!



Juneteenth on June 8th- Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center, Centreville, MD



It was a beautiful day for our QAC Dem Club to join the festivities of the Juneteenth celebration at the Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center on June 8th. We found many supporters for the Democratic party and had some great conversations with folks who stopped by our table.

Special Non-Club Community Event

July 6th - Presentation About Bryan's Methodist Church, one of QAC's Oldest and Most Important Black Churches

Chris Pupke, former Queen Anne's Historical Society President, and Kay Brown, Grasonville resident and member of Bryan's United Methodist Church will give a 15 minute talk about the Bryan's United Methodist Church and cemetery history and recent grant awarded to the church by the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture and the Maryland Historical Trust's African American Heritage Preservation Program. Hear a first-hand account from Chris about his

family's role in the establishment of the church.

The talk is part of a larger Queen Anne's County Historical Society's Old Fashioned Independence Day Picnic that will be from 5-7 PM in the backyard of the Society's historic Wright's Chance, which is located next to the Centreville library at 119 S. Commerce Street in Centreville.

Future Club Events

July 5th and August 2nd - First Friday in Centreville

Join us in the town square from 6-8 PM to meet neighbors and talk about what is important in QAC. We could use a hand setting up a table and hanging out for a couple of hours with fellow Dems. If the weather is poor, the event could be canceled. Please contact Andrea Alduino if you are interested. 410-310-0573

September

2nd - Labor Day event in Centreville, includes QAC Dem table

6th - First Friday in Centreville, 6-8 PM

October

5th - Democracy on the Water Fundraiser (QAC Democratic Central Committee is organizer)

16th - Monthly Club meeting at Kent Island Public Library, 7 PM

19th - Centreville Days, includes QAC Dem table

November

20th - Monthly Club meeting at Kent Island Public Library, 7 PM

29th - Start of the Silent Auction online fundraiser

December

4th - Free Holiday Party Dinner and Festivities

18th - Monthly Club meeting at Kent Island Public Library, 7 PM

Let's Meet Up!

First Saturday Open House Drop In

Join us each month until the election. We'll supply the coffee, munchies, and conversation. We can use volunteers for postcards, training, and brainstorming. Open House is at the Dem office, 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown, from 10 AM to 1 PM.

RSVP 443-262-1310 by text or call.

Thursday Think Tank-Work Group

Got Ideas? We need you to help us get out the vote. Talk messaging, key groups, graphics, tactics

Lend a Hand

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

Volunteers are needed to help us with our strategies to get out the vote and connect with independents.

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

Be a Community-Neighborhood Captain!

This 2024 Election for President, Senator and House of Representative is vital. In QAC, we are recruiting people like you to spread the word among our 11000+ Democrats to come out and vote. 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 in November. 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, if you would like a list of the Democrats in your area.

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 (4hqsleader@gmail.com) or Merle Schwartz (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, Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com, or Elaine McNeil elainemcneil101@gmail.com.

It's Political!

Hogan for Senate -Not as Moderate as He Claims to Be?

Read the article written by Jane Jewell from the April 3oth edition of Common Sense for the Eastern Shore. Direct link: https://www.commonsenseeasternshore.org

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 <u>membership</u> 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

Donate today.

Set up a recurring donation through ActBlue to help support the 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 <u>qacdems.org</u>





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