



**June 2024**

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Speaker: Justin Butler, Regional Organizing Director of the Eastern Shore for Maryland State Democrats- June 18th!

Pizza, Dessert, and Beverages!

# JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Pizza, Desserts, and Beverages!

Guest Speaker:

**Justin Butler**

*Regional Director for the  
Eastern Shore*

Maryland Democratic Party



**Tuesday, June 18th, 7pm**

Kent Island Public Library  
200 Library Circle, Stevensville

*RSVP at [qacdems.org](http://qacdems.org)*



Come learn about the Maryland Democratic strategies, particularly focused on the Eastern Shore, for ensuring success in the upcoming election. Justin Butler will join our June 18th membership meeting and the evening promises to be very informative.

Note that this meeting is on a Tuesday instead of our typical Wednesday. It will be at 7 PM at the Kent Island Public Library. [RSVP at qacdems.org](http://qacdems.org).

## May's Takeout Dinner Fundraiser Success

We had a yummy takeout dinner of beef or crab cake on May 15th. Dinners were picked up from our Democratic Office in Queenstown. It was a win-win event. The club made a bit of money to support our efforts, and folks got a great meal to enjoy at home!

Be on the lookout for another dinner-to-go fundraiser. We appreciate your support!

## June 2nd River Cruise Fundraiser Success!

What could be better than cruising the Chester River, enjoying the beautiful scenery with fellow Democrats, drinks, and good food?

We had a beautiful evening for the event and are most appreciative of everyone who participated! The funds raised will help our election efforts.

See some of our smiling faces below.







## Be A Community 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](mailto:rholdgreve@hotmail.com), if you would like a list of the Democrats in your area.

## Future Club Events

## June 7th - First Friday in Centreville

Join us in the town square from 6-8pm 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

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



The parade starts at QACHS at 10 AM with the Festival at Kennard from 11 AM-4 PM. See the Museum and enjoy the company. We need help to set up a table, and will have shifts available to help staff our table. Please join us for this event. We have 11,000 Democrats in QAC - let's reach out to every one of them! Contact Andrea Alduino 410-310-0573 or [4hgsleader@gmail.com](mailto:4hgsleader@gmail.com).

## July 24th Annual Ice Cream Social!

All are welcome!

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL!



Courtesy of  
Isiah Ice Cream  
Delights!

**Wednesday, July 24th, 6-8pm**  
121 Clay Drive, Queenstown

# ICE CREAM!

Beat the heat with your friends at the QAC Dem Club (and make some new ones) at our annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will be held at our office at 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown. Please [RSVP online](#).

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. Bring your lawn chairs, family, and friends. Join us!

[August 12th-17th, 4H Fair!!](#)



COME VOLUNTEER FOR DEMOCRATS AT THE

# 2024 QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY FAIR!

**August 12th-17th**

Volunteers needed for set-up, 2-hour slots tending  
the booth, and packing up!



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

It's time to think about our booth for this year. We need support from our members to help set up and take down our space, as well as daily support (manning the booth) throughout the week. We will have sign ups for shifts later in the summer, closer to the event. There will be two 2-hour shifts each night. It's a great way to spend a summer evening!

If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please contact Andrea Alduino at 410-310-0573.

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# Let's Meet Up!

First Saturday Open House Beginning Again June 1 (each month until the Election)

At the office, coffee, munchies, conversation and sharing of ideas

## Thursday Think Tank-Work Group

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

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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.

## 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!

Reasons to Vote Democratic Up and Down the Ticket



Here are some reasons to vote Democratic up and down the ticket in November and some suggestions for summer reading that might be clarifying:

1. **America's future.** For a short summary of what is at stake, look at Ken Burns' address to the 2024 graduates of Brandeis University. You can read his speech on the Brandeis University website (<https://www.brandeis.edu/commencement/2024/burns.html>) or watch and listen to it on <https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/unum> .

The most chilling passage in Ken Burns' address may be this: *"There is no real choice this November. There is only the perpetuation, however flawed and feeble you might perceive it, of our fragile 249-year-old experiment or the entropy that will engulf and destroy us if we take the other route. When, as Mercy Otis Warren would say, "The checks of conscience are thrown aside and a deformed picture of the soul is revealed." The presumptive Republican nominee is the opioid of all opioids, an easy cure for what some believe is the solution to our myriad pains and problems. When in fact with him, you end up re-enslaved with an even bigger problem, a worse affliction and addiction, "a bigger delusion", James Baldwin would say, the author and finisher of our national existence, our national suicide as Mr. Lincoln prophesies. Do not be seduced by easy equalization. There is nothing equal about this equation. We are at an existential crossroads in our political and civic lives. This is a choice that could not be clearer."*

(<https://www.brandeis.edu/commencement/2024/burns.html>)

1. **The Supreme Court.** The next President will choose the next Supreme Court Justice. The Senate will confirm or reject the Justice the President names. At this time the appointment to the Court is for the life of the Justice, and each Justice largely determines whether he or she can fairly sit in judgment. Term limits, an enforceable code of conduct, and clear lines as to when a Justice must recuse himself/herself from participating in a matter might be straightforward mechanisms to assure that the court, as Justice Amy Coney Barrett stated, is not composed of a bunch of partisan hacks. <https://www.cnn.com/2021/09/13/politics/amy-coney-barrett-supreme-court-not-partisan/index.html>. Given the recent Supreme Court decision to overturn reproductive rights that had been protected under Roe v. Wade for fifty years, and the decisions of Justices Thomas and Alito to not recuse themselves from hearing cases when questions regarding their impartiality are widespread, it can be hard to conclude now that there is no partisan bias at the court. For a short summary of what is wrong and what can be done, see the recent suggestions of Maryland's own Congressman from the 8th Congressional District, Representative Jamie Raskin. <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/29/opinion/alito-thomas-recuse-trump-jan-6.html>.

1. **Democrats Get Things Done.** To borrow a frequently used phrase from

President Biden, this is not a joke. (e.g., <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2024/05/01/remarks-by-president-biden-at-a-campaign-reception-7/>.) President Biden's last three years have been consequential. For a good summary of the Biden-Harris record, see <https://www.whitehouse.gov/therecord/>. The list is long and the accomplishments real.

1. **Two Democratic Senators work in tandem for Maryland.** Senator Ben Cardin and Senator Chris Van Hollen have worked collaboratively for years and their websites show sustained joint and bipartisan efforts that benefit both Maryland and the nation. <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/press-releases/> ;

<https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/news/press-releases>. Senator Cardin is retiring; Angela Alsobrooks is running for his seat. Two Democrats in the Senate have worked well for Maryland. Democrats should remember that and vote to keep the Senate in Democratic hands.

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## 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

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## Additional Activities Coming Up for 2024

- **June 19** membership event at the Kent Island Public Library
- **July 24** Ice Cream Social at the Dem office
- **August 12-17** QAC 4H Fair and Dem booth

## QAC Democratic Office Time

(each month until the Election)

At the office, coffee, munchies, conversation and sharing of ideas

## Thursdays Think Tank

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

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## Our Legislators

[Ben Cardin](#)

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U.S. Senator

[Andy Harris, MD](#)

U.S. Representative

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Maryland State Senator

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Maryland State Delegate

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