

May 2024

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Next Membership Meeting- May 15th

No Meeting but Great Dinners to take Home!

What a yummy way to celebrate the conclusion of the 2024 primary election, donate to a worthy cause, and pick up some great food for your dinner table all at the same time!

Two delicious choices to choose from Crab Cakes with Ginger Remoulade, or Roasted Round of Beef with Dark Onion Au Jus. Both meals come with macaroni and cheese, seasonal vegetable saute` & dessert.

Deadline to order is May 7th! Place your order <u>from here</u>. Please contact Andrea Alduino with any questions 410-310-0573. We have a modest goal of 50 dinners - sign up today!!

HELP THE CLUB MEET ITS FUNDRAISING GOAL!

DEMS DINNER FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, May 15th, 4:30-6pm @ QAC Dems Office: 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown

Sign up and order by 5/5!

Food by Humble Hearts Catering \$35 per dinner



Contact: Andrea Alduino 410-310-0573 4hgsleader@gmail.com

April 2024 Membership Meeting and Meet & Greet with Angela Alsobrooks a Success!

U.S. Senate Candidate Angela Alsobrooks joined us on April 17th for an active evening, allowing our participants to better understand her priorities and to ask questions.



Candidate Angela Alsobrooks at the QAC Dem Club Membership Meeting, April 17, 2024.



QAC Dem Club Co-presidents Andrea Alduino and Merle Schwartz with Angela Alsobrooks at membership meeting (note Andrea's fabulous T-shirt!).

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, if you would like a list of the Democrats in your area.

Future Club Events

May 3rd - 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

May 18th - Walk with the Democrats in the Kent Island Day Parade!

Join us to represent the QAC Democrats!The parade will begin at 10:30 AM at the Kent Island Elementary School. Line-up is at 9:30am. The parade will follow a one mile circular route, through downtown Stevensville. After the parade, join the Kent Island Day fun. If you are interested in heading up this activity, helping to decorate a truck, or just to show your support by walking with us, please reach out to either Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com or Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com.

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. Dinner is included and there is a cash bar. Buy your tickets here. Please sign up today! Questions -contact Andrea Alduino 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 <a href="mailto:410-democrats-

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 Beginning April 25th

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

Coffee Socials (over until September) - Come to the Kent Island Day Parade Instead on May 18th!

We typically meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Lovely Little Coffee Shop, 10 am to noon, 430 Outlet Center Dr., Queenstown, MD. This is near the Gap outlet store. For May, enjoy conversation with fellow Democrats at the parade instead. Wear something that represents the Democrats (or just blue) and bring your own coffee to the parade!

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) 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!

Republican Larry Hogan's Record Shows What He Believes About Abortion

(From the Maryland Democratic Party sent messages.)

He can't cover up his decades of anti-choice views and actions.

Mitch McConnell's hand-picked Republican Senate Candidate Larry Hogan continues to avoid being straight with Maryland voters on just how out of the mainstream his views on abortion are...and that is when he is not laughing at being asked about protecting women in Maryland and across the country.

And while his silence speaks volumes, he can't cover up his *decades* of anti-choice views and actions.

What follows are the unvarnished views of Republican Larry Hogan, not a poll-tested position:

- In 1980, Larry Hogan worked with his father trying to ban abortions through executive order in Prince George's County hospitals. 1
- Larry Hogan was "disappointed" when the Judge threw out the executive order aimed at banning abortions.2
- Larry Hogan Sr., whom Larry Hogan worked closely with, referred to the Hogan's as the "First Family in Maryland when it comes to opposing abortion."

- When Larry Hogan ran for Congress in 1981, he supported an amendment aimed at overturning Roe v Wade.4
- During the same campaign, he proudly tried to distinguish himself in the field by campaigning on a federal abortion ban through a constitutional amendment.5
- When he ran again for Congress in 1992, he still wanted to roll back abortion rights by having states impose restrictions.6

Mitch McConnell picked Larry Hogan to be the Republican candidate because he has been aligned with the modern Republican party's out-of-the-mainstream views since he entered the political scene 44 years ago and he knows he will be the 51st vote for whatever Republican abortion bans move out of the Senate.

Marylanders are smart and won't be fooled by a wolf in sheep's clothing when they go to the ballot box in November.

https://mddems.org/sites/default/files/HoganBansAbortionsinPGCountyHospitals.jpg

- 2 "Abortion Bill Defeated In Pr. George's Council; Prince George's Council Vetoes Abortion Bill." Loretta Tofani, Washington Post, 9/2/81
- 3 "Turning a Moral Issue Into Political Squabble." Richard Cohen, Washington Post, 12/9/80
- 4 https://mddems.org/sites/default/files/HoganDefendsAbortionBan.jpg
- 5 "Prince George's Voters Face 31 Political Flavors at Polls on Tuesday." Margaret Shapiro, Washington Post, 4/5/81
- 6 https://mddems.org/sites/default/files/HoganAntiAbortionQuestionnaire.jpg

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.

Support the Cause

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. Donation is \$65. Please visit qacdcc.org for more information and reservations.

SAVE THE DATE!

LET'S ROE THE VOTE! Raising Voices for Women

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{MAY} & \mathsf{SAT} \\ \mathbf{04} & \mathsf{12-2PM} \end{array}$

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

- 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!

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.

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>





Our Legislators

Ben Cardin

U.S. Senator

Chris Van Hollen

U.S. Senator

Andy Harris, MD

U.S. Representative

Steve Hershey

Maryland State Senator

Steven Arentz

Maryland State Delegate

Jefferson Ghrist

Maryland State Delegate

Jay Jacobs

Maryland State Delegate

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