



**September 2024**

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



## September Membership Meeting

★ GET OUT THE VOTE! ★

*Wednesday  
September 18th  
7:00pm*

*Kent Island Public Library  
200 Library Circle  
Stevensville, MD 21666*



The Democrats are on a spectacular journey to win, but we have much to do to make that happen! Please join us for an informative and active meeting on September 18th at the Kent Island Public Library, 7 PM. Bring your favorite pen as we may also be doing postcards. Mark your calendars!

## Recent Club Events

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

Big shout-out to Andrea Alduino for all the hard work in pulling our booth together and many thanks to all the volunteers who help man the booth over the week-long period! There were some great conversations had by people who stopped by, Democrats, Independents, and Republicans.





Democratic Club of  
**QUEEN ANNE'S  
COUNTY**



Democrat

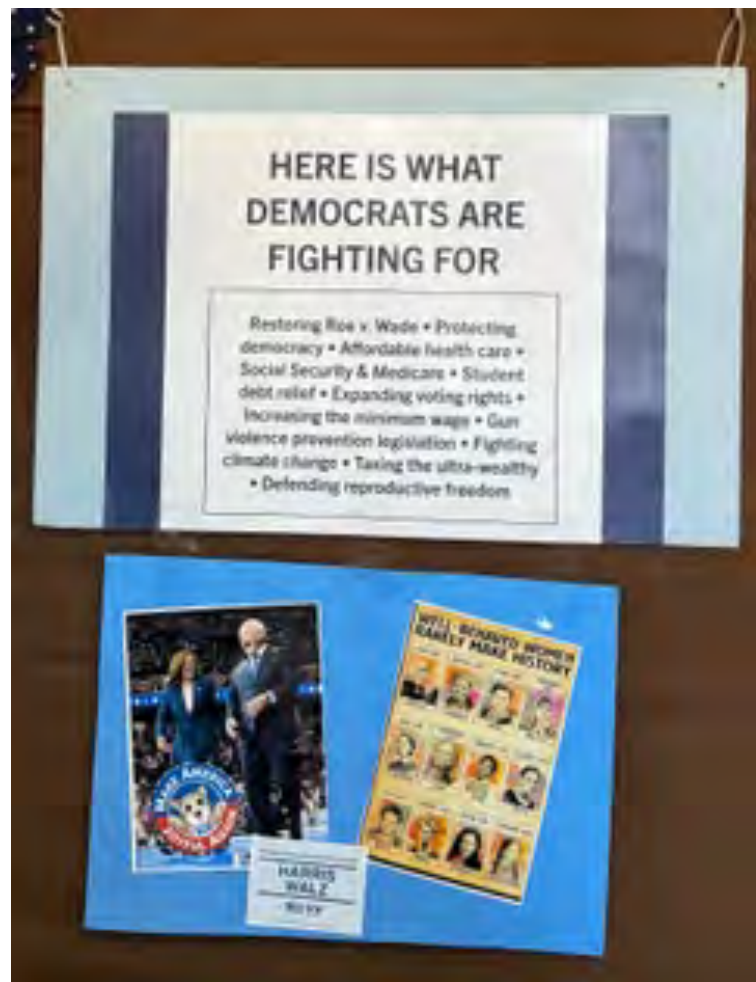


Republican

DEMOCRACY	FOR	AGAINST
Universal Health Care	FOR	AGAINST
Affordable Prescription Drugs	FOR	AGAINST
Universal Pre K	FOR	AGAINST
Women's Rights	FOR	AGAINST
Voting Rights	FOR	AGAINST
Childs Tax Credits	FOR	AGAINST
Common Sense Gun Reform	FOR	AGAINST
Vaccination Mandates	FOR	AGAINST
Minimum Wage Increase	FOR	AGAINST
Tax Increase on the Wealthy	FOR	AGAINST
Protecting the Environment	FOR	AGAINST
Family Paid Leave	FOR	AGAINST
Immigration Reform	FOR	AGAINST
Tax Breaks for the Wealthy	AGAINST	FOR
Controlling a Women's Body	AGAINST	FOR
Easy Access to Guns	AGAINST	FOR

**WHAT ARE YOU FOR?**



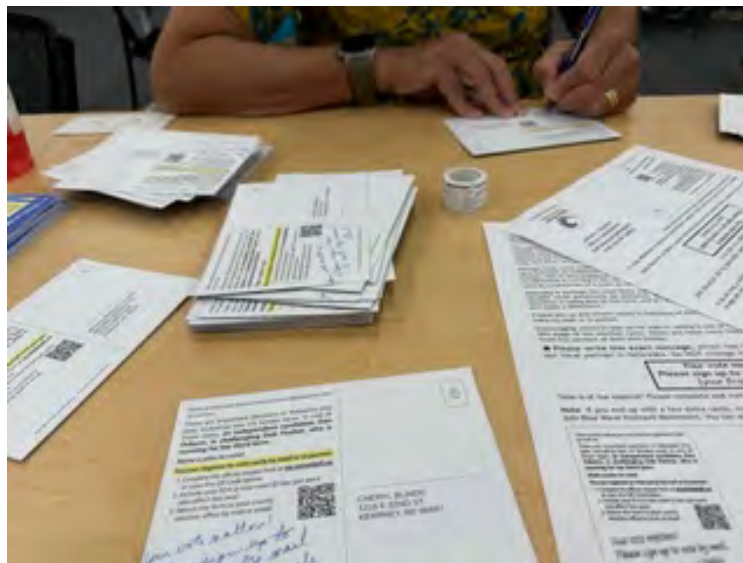


*Raffle Winner*

Al Collins won the \$250 Amazon prize at our Dem Club Fair Raffle!



## Election Related



Less than 100 Days, can YOU HELP with any of the following (DCC - Democratic Central Committee?)

- Let's keep the office open, drop-ins increasing with the excitement about the three democratic candidates in the upcoming election
- Contact your family and friends to get out the vote
- Write postcards to neighborhoods
- Write postcards to SWING STATES - we can show you how
- Provide Supplies and Stamps
- Donate to local efforts
- Provide refreshments
- Help sell tickets? **Saturday October 5 Celebrate Democracy on the Water - details coming soon - Invited guests - Ken Ulman, Angela Alsobrooks, Blane Miller**

## Grassroots Neighborhood Effort

Marsha and Scott Peters (Dem Club members and Four Seasons residents) organized a Nebraska postcard writing session on August 21st at the Kent Island Public Library. They purchased 2,000 postcards from the Blue Wave Postcard Movement. Over 20 people showed up to pitch in and write.



## Why Nebraska?

- Nebraska's one competitive Electoral College vote may be the deciding vote for the EC outcome if the presidential election is extremely close.
- Nebraska has one competitive House race —in the same district as the Electoral College vote.
- Nebraska has a competitive U.S. Senate race between an independent candidate, Dan Osborn, and the incumbent Republican Senator Deb Fischer, who is very unpopular. Deb Fischer votes with Mitch McConnell more than 90% of the time. No Democrat is running in the race.

From the Blue Wave Postcard Movement:

*Nebraska is perhaps the most likely state on the 2024 Senate map where an incumbent Republican Senator could be defeated. Most public polls have shown that Osborn is neck-and-neck with Fischer, with many voters still undecided. Polls indicate that Osborn lacks name recognition in the state—he has never run for public office before —while Fischer is much better known (and unpopular). When voters learn who Dan Osborn is and what he stands for, they are far more likely to vote for him than Fischer.*

*The Blue Wave Postcard Movement is the only campaign reaching out widely to left-leaning and independent Nebraskans and informing them about Dan Osborn. Nebraska is worth the effort, and this could be their most impactful campaign yet.*

## Watch Party at the QAC Dem Office on August 22

A group of excited QAC Democrats got together to share their enthusiasm on the last night of the Chicago Democratic Convention. What could be better than pizza, friendly conversation, and fantastic speakers, watched on the office television, leading up to one amazing nomination acceptance speech by Kamala Harris!



## Upcoming Events

### Labor Day Grasonville Community Center Parade and Celebration

This event on Monday, September 2nd is sure to be a lot of fun! There will be plenty of Democrats joining in. Attend the celebration and support our booth by meeting and providing information to constituents. We could use a hand between 11 AM and 4 PM. For more information, contact Elaine McNeil at [elainemcneil101@gmail.com](mailto:elainemcneil101@gmail.com) or Andrea Alduino at [4hgsleader@gmail.com](mailto:4hgsleader@gmail.com) or 410-310-0573





## Day of Action ("Do Something!") - Sept. 8th

On Sunday September 8th, we will meet at the QAC Democratic Office to embark on a variety of activities we hope will advance the cause for getting out the vote and achieving a Democratic win. Watch for more information via membership email. On the docket will be things like delivering election information to your neighbors, knocking on non-Republican doors, phoning, etc. We'll need help from 1 - 5 PM.

## Fabulous Democracy on the Water Fundraiser - Saturday, October 5th, 2 - 5 PM

Come join us for a wonderful afternoon of live music, food, drinks, and guest speakers at a gorgeous waterfront setting at Blue Heron Landing in Stevensville. This event is back by popular demand and sponsored by the QAC Democratic Central Committee. Ticket price \$75. Sponsor tickets available. Purchase your tickets at [www.qacdcc.org](http://www.qacdcc.org).

# DEMOCRACY ON THE WATER *fundraiser*

Live music, food, drinks, invited guest speakers, a gorgeous waterfront setting, and your friends from the Democratic party!

OCTOBER

SATURDAY

5

2-5 PM

2024



BLUE HERON LANDING  
STEVENSVILLE



Tickets at [www.qacdcc.org](http://www.qacdcc.org)!

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## 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. We'll talk about messaging, key groups, graphics, tactics

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# Lend a Hand

**Booths** at events like Centreville Friday nights and Grasonville Labor Day Parade and Celebration 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 [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) 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](mailto: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 ([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!

## Do Something this Election Year: Vote Democratic Up and Down the Ballot

*Democracy and fundamental individual rights are at stake this election year. If you scan the text of The Heritage Foundation's Project 2025 and some of the accompanying commentary, you get an immediate sense of how the 180-day plan for the next Republican administration would deconstruct the federal government and take control— to the detriment of many Americans and with significant implications for much of the rest of the world. <https://www.project2025.org/>. See also <https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/11/politics/trump-allies-project-2025/index.html> ; <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/what-is-project-2025-trump-conservative-blueprint-heritage-foundation/>; [www.aclu.org/project-2025-explained](http://www.aclu.org/project-2025-explained); <https://joebiden.com/project2025/>; <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2024/07/12/project-2025-summary-trump/>*

*What gets lost in the discussion of the 2025 agenda is the record of what a Democratic House in 2020-2022 and a Democratic Senate and a Democratic President during 2020 - 2024 accomplished to move America forward.*

*During the last four years, the Biden Administration and Democrats in the Congress provided the funds and support that help people and business in their day-to- day work and everyday lives in a real and tangible way. You can see this most directly in the way the Federal Government spends its money. In Maryland, for example, total federal spending was this:*

**FY2024 (through August 25) \$82.5 Billion**

*Top 5 Awarding Agencies: Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation [Maryland | Spending Profile | USAspending](https://www.usaspending.gov/state/maryland/2024) <https://www.usaspending.gov/state/maryland/2024>*

**FY2023 \$98.1 Billion**

*Top 5 Awarding Agencies: Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration, Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Agriculture. [Maryland | Spending Profile | USAspending](https://www.usaspending.gov/state/maryland/2023), <https://www.usaspending.gov/state/maryland/2023>*

**FY2022 94.9 Billion**

*Top 5 Awarding Agencies: Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration, Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Agriculture. [Maryland | Spending Profile | USAspending](https://www.usaspending.gov/state/maryland/2022)*



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*In Maryland, the federal government did not just spend money on Social Security payments, pension payments, VA benefits, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and agricultural support: there were also investments in the Eastern Shore itself. Democratic Senators Van Hollen and Cardin helped secure \$32,537,200 in direct federal funding for local projects across the Eastern Shore within the six-bill package of fiscal year 2024. These funds support projects that encompass a wide array of local priorities for Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties ranging from public safety and infrastructure improvement to environment and workforce development. <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/press-releases/cardin-van-hollen-announce-over-30-million-in-direct-investments-for-eastern-shore-in-senate-passed-fy24-funding-package/>*

*It is instructive to note that Maryland's sole Republican representative to the House of Representatives voted against various 2024 appropriations bills that help Marylanders. <https://clerk.house.gov/Votes/202458>; <https://clerk.house.gov/Votes/202464> <https://clerk.house.gov/Votes/2024102>;*

*As important as protecting fundamental rights, and funding legislative priorities, a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress could determine whether changes should be made to the functioning of the U.S. Supreme Court such as term limits or an enforceable code of ethics. Absent changes, the Court's recent decisions to restrict reproductive rights, curb environmental protections, weaken the exercise of agency expertise in crafting regulations, and grant of immunity from criminal prosecution to the President for "official" acts may be only a harbinger of things to come.*

*This election is crucial and the record could not be clearer: The people of Maryland benefit from a Democratic President, Senate and House of Representatives.*

## Calendar

### September

2nd - Labor Day event at Grasonville Community Center, 11 - 4 PM

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

8th - Day of Action, QAC Democratic Office, 121 Clay Dr., Queenstown, 1 - 5 PM

14th - Pondtown Day, fun event at the park on Rt. 544, 11 - 4 PM

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

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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

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

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## Our Legislators

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U.S. Senator

[Chris Van Hollen](#)

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[Andy Harris, MD](#)

U.S. Representative

[Steve Hershey](#)

Maryland State Senator

[Steven Arentz](#)

Maryland State Delegate

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Maryland State Delegate

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Maryland State Delegate

## QAC Democratic Club Board

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