



January 2025

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A happy and healthy 2025 to all, with renewed energy to take on opposition to MAGA efforts!

Next Membership Meeting - Moving to Action!
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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 some time to engage with our fellow democrats as we face current challenges together.

For more information, contact Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com, or Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com.

Recent Events

Our QAC Democratic Club Holiday Celebration - December 4th, 2024

We had a lovely group turn out for our annual free holiday celebration at the Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center. There was game playing, lively conversation, great food, and festive drinks for all. Thank you Andrea Alduino for spear-heading the efforts and to Board members Carol D'Agostino and Bonnie Nelson for their help. Many thanks as well to Lynn Mason for the delightful red and white wine!



Co-Presidents Merle Schwartz and Andrea Alduino



Holiday Giving Campaign a Huge Success!

A big thank you goes out to the 21 Club members who participated in this year's Migrant Family Holiday Giving Campaign. In all, 31 children ranging in age from six-months-old to 13-years-old, received gifts.

This is the Club's fourth year coordinating this holiday giving program, and the second year, which included support from the Queen Anne's Advocates for Youth. The non-profit donated \$500 toward the project. The funds were used to purchase a bicycle, a scooter, and gifts for four children.

An additional thank you goes out to Mike Morgan for creating and managing the website page, Lynn Mason for transporting the bicycle, Donna Edward for shopping and wrapping gifts purchased by the Advocates funding, and Dorotheann Sadusky and Elaine McNeil for facilitating pickups and drop offs.

The gifts were picked up on Monday, December 16 by Ana Padilla, Queen Anne's County Public School Migrant Education Program Recruiter.



Upcoming Events

New Year's Eve Democratic Breakfast - December 31st

Please join us for our annual New Year's Eve Democratic Breakfast on December 31st, 10 AM at Ram's Head Shore House. Take some time to chat with others and enjoy breakfast. Each attendee will be responsible for their own check.



Join us for our annual

NEW YEAR'S EVE DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST

Tuesday, December 31st, 10am at the Ram's Head Shore House

Please RSVP to Crystal Woodward:
crystalcj2@gmail.com

Attendees responsible for their own checks



NEW!!! Drop Into our Newly formed Action Group! Starting January 7/9 at the QAC Democratic Office

We are starting a new group to pick up on the momentum we had during the final weeks of the election, following Michele Obama's plea to *do something*. Member Cindy Miller is leading this effort. What follows is the email that she sent for our Club members:

Hello friends,

We hope you are doing well during this holiday season. For Democrats, it is a challenging time. We are sure many of you are feeling overwhelmed by the firehose of bad news coming from Washington, as are we. But despair is not an option, and at the QAC Democratic Club, we will be working hard to try to ameliorate some of the worst outcomes.

To that end, we will be trying to organize our membership to become more active in the opposition. We can't do all of it, but we can do one little piece at a time. We CAN make a difference. Right now, our priorities are the following:

1. register our opposition to presidential appointees – all of them are bad, but some are patently dangerous and unacceptable
2. hold appointees' feet to the fire when they start breaking the law to achieve their objectives
3. do some serious work around local issues (Andy Harris!)

This will be a very fluid situation, and we will need to be nimble.

We are forming a working group of committed folks who would meet on a regular basis to discuss together what needs to be done and engage in some specific action (letter-writing, phone calls, etc.). For the most part, we will be relying on the fine work of the Chop Wood Carry Water folks and Indivisible (Indivisible: A Practical Guide to Democracy on the Brink) to guide our actions. We imagine this group to be a fluctuating bunch, as people will have various other priorities and commitments.

We would like to start the ball rolling ASAP, so we have scheduled our first meeting for **Tuesday, January 7th at 7 PM** (refreshments), or **Thursday, January 9th at 10:30 AM** (light brunch). We are trying to find a good time(s) to fit everyone's schedule, so feel free to come to either one or both. They will both be held at the **QAC Democratic Office in Queenstown (121 Clay Drive)** QAC Democratic Office in Queenstown (121 Clay Drive). We anticipate being able to schedule meetings that will fit everyone's schedule, so don't worry if this does not work for you. Please come prepared with ideas and be ready to work.

If you have questions, or ideas to share, please contact Cindy Miller (millercynthia1952@gmail.com), Merle (MerleSchwartz@me.com), or Andrea (4hgsleader@gmail.com). RSVP is not required, but it would help us with food planning.

Thanks, and hope to see you on January 7th or the 9th!

The Chestertown People's March - January 18th, 2025

Kent County Democratic Club has invited us to join them, in solidarity with the People Marches in DC and cities around the US, for this special event.

Let's acknowledge the chaos and fear around us and show a powerful force for connection, hope, and the best of human nature. This event is non-partisan, open to all, and focused on giving voice to the diverse concerns about the future of ALL our residents.

WHEN: January 18, 2025 – 1 pm to 2pm

WHERE: Gather at Memorial Park

Proceed to Wilmer Park for presentations

Signs and sign-making materials will be available at Democratic HQ, 357 High St., from 10am, on Jan. 18.

QAC Democratic Central Committee (DCC)

The QAC DCC meets January 8th at 121 Clay Drive, 7 PM. It is open to the public. They welcome interested and prospective 2026 candidates. For more information, contact Elaine McNeil at 443-262-1310.

“Good Trouble” Discussion Group

This group meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is on January 21st at 121 Clay Drive. There are ongoing topics aimed at creating a more informed electorate in Queen Anne’s County, keeping our friends and neighbors informed using *Roots to Results*.

More on Andy Harris -

One of the things that our newly formed Action Group will focus on in the next year is unseating Andy Harris. He is an extreme MAGA House member who represents District 1 (including QAC), who is on board with all of the Trump initiatives. So we are planning to watch what he does in the next year or so and report to our membership how his activities in the House are harming QAC residents.

Most recently, Harris voted against the Continuing Resolution (CR) that was eventually passed by the House (after the third try) on Dec. 20. A CR is a bill that funds government services for a short period of time (in this case, until March) in lieu of a real budget that allows funding of the government for the entire budget year. It is a stopgap that at least allows the government to operate. Had the bill failed, the government would have shut down indefinitely on Dec. 20, just before the holidays. When the government shuts down, it means Social Security checks, access to Medicare and Medicaid, veterans’ benefits, funding for the military, TSA agents, and many other vital government functions, all stop for some unspecified period of time – just in time for the holidays. Importantly, in this CR, there was also a farm bill, which continued benefits and subsidies to local farmers. Harris’ vote against the bill was in support of this shutdown. His decision to vote against the bill was in direct loyalty to Trump, and would have harmed SS recipients, Medicare/Medicaid patients, current and former military, air travelers, and farmers in our area.

Please share this information with people you know, and if you hear of other actions of Harris that are harmful to the country, and particularly to QAC residents, please let us know.

You can send whatever information you have to Cindy Miller, millercynthia1952@gmail.com. Thanks.

Let’s Meet Up!

[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

31st - New Year's Eve Democratic Breakfast, Rams Head Shore House, 10 AM

January

7th - Newly formed Action Group, Dem Club office, 121 Clay Dr., 7pm

8th - DCC meeting, all are welcome, Dem Club office, 121 Clay Dr., 6:30pm

9th - Newly formed Action Group, Dem Club office, 121 Clay Dr., 10:30am

18th - Chestertown People's March, Memorial Park, Chestertown, 1-2pm

21st - "Group Trouble" Discussion Group, Dem Club office, 6:30pm

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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