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## May 2025

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Quick Peek at What's Coming Up

### May

- 3rd - Rally in Centreville, 10 AM - noon, at the Old Courthouse
- 6th - 12th: Boycott Amazon
- 17th - Women's Luncheon, El Jefe Restaurant, save the date
- 20th - 26th: Boycott Walmart
- 20th - "Good Trouble" Discussion Group, 6:30 PM, Democratic Office 121 Clay Street
- 21st - QAC Democratic Club Membership Meeting, 7 - 8:30 PM, Kent Island Library

### June

- 5th - 9th: Boycott Target
- 8th - River Cruise Fundraiser, 5-7:00 PM, Chester River Packet Co.
- 18th - QAC Democratic Club Membership Meeting, 7 - 8:30 PM, Kent Island Library
- 24th - 30th: Boycott McDonald's

## July

- Ice Cream Social - date TBD

## August

- 11th - 16th: QAC County Fair, Democratic Booth

**Next Membership Meeting: Rise of Fascism, May 21st,  
7 PM**



# MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM

Kent Island Library

**Topic: Rise of Fascism,  
featuring guest speaker  
Nevin Crouse, Professor of  
History and Government,  
Chesapeake College**

More info at [qacdems.org](http://qacdems.org)!



Our next membership meeting will feature guest speaker Nevin Crouse. Nevin teaches History and Government at Chesapeake College. His topic is:

*The rise of fascism—Answering the musical question, "Can you be a banana republic without growing bananas?"*

Please join us at the Kent Island Public Library, May 21st at 7 PM.

For more information, or to make a hot topic suggestion, contact Merle Schwartz [merleschwartz@me.com](mailto:merleschwartz@me.com), or Andrea Alduino [4hgsleader@gmail.com](mailto:4hgsleader@gmail.com).

## Recent Events

## Membership Meeting April 16th, 2025: Guest Speaker Paul Zeitlin on Tariffs

Our April membership meeting was highly informative and our participants had many comments and questions following Paul Zeitlin's presentation on Tariffs. Paul defined tariffs, and spoke about the financial impact on the individual, our domestic economy, and the global implications resulting from the current administration's actions.



Paul has spent a majority of his career working for Big Five Firms. He led large DoD programs focusing on the budgeting and financial management, including developing annual Presidential Budgets before setting out and opening White Cap Advisory Services (WCAS). White Cap Advisory Services is a financial and project management firm focusing on government, corporate, and individual needs. In 2011,

Paul was appointed to the Queen Anne's County Budget Task Force. The objective of the Task Force was balancing the county's budget during a period of short falls incurred by the county.

**You can follow Paul at Bluesky: [theliberalcrab](#).**

Here are some key points made during Paul's presentation:

**Financial impact of tariffs on the domestic economy and global implications;**

- Primary result most likely is the other country will impose tariffs on U.S. goods, which squeezes U.S. companies profitability
- Countries look for other trading partners or establish new production facilities, which reduces the ability to trade internationally by the U.S.
- May, and has, lead to inflation
- Impacts our relationships with our government beyond the fiscal implications
- May lead to economy slowdown
- Market uncertainty
- Destabilize U.S. economy

**Impacts to the individual**

- Higher cost on U.S. and foreign made goods (inflation)
- Slowdown of economy means higher prices which causes less demand, and less demand results in less corporate investment, which impacts the stock market
- Unemployment resulting from uncertainty created by both tariffs and the economic slowdown, which impacts the hiring practices of companies

## Action Group Update

The Action Group has been busy participating in actions organized by 50501 ([fiftyfifty.one](#)) and Indivisible ([mobilize.us](#)). We continue to send emails and postcards, and to make phone calls to Andy Harris. We will start having regular meetings at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of every month (except May, when our meeting will be May 8). Please join us at our next meeting at the QAC Democratic Office, 121 Clar Dr., Queenstown.

**Make it hurt dates- Upcoming boycotts:**

- Amazon, May 6-12
- Walmart, May 20-26
- Target, June 3-9
- McDonald's, June 24-30

# Upcoming Events

## May 3rd Centreville Rally, 10 AM, in Front of the Old Courthouse

We had a great rally in Centreville two weeks ago, so we are doing it again. Join us from 10:00 AM until noon this Saturday, May 3, in front of the Old Courthouse in Centreville, to ***stand up against the insanity and cruelty spewing out of Washington.***

Bring your homemade signs expressing your concerns about the frightening executive overreach and shattering of democracy. Show our neighbors that we care and we fight back!

## QAC Democratic Central Committee (DCC)

Stay tuned to QA Dems, our private group on Facebook. You can post there and avoid the trolls. We understand if you are no longer on Facebook.

### DCC Events

- First Saturday Open House - 10 AM - 1 PM. Coffee and pastries at the Democratic Office (121 Clay Drive). Bring questions and comments to today's issues.
- Every Tuesday at 10 AM - 12:30 PM. Discuss events by request. Want to run for office? Have an issue? A solution?
- Thursday May 20th, "Good Trouble" Discussion Group at Democratic Office
- May 17th for Women's Luncheon (men welcome). El Jefe.





## 2nd Annual Women's Luncheon

*Keynote Speaker: **Ariana Kelly, Executive Director,  
Maryland Commission for Women***

*Special Guest Speaker:  
**Dr. Charlene Dukes, Maryland Democratic Party***

Join us on  
Saturday, May 17th, 12–2pm  
at El Jefe Restuarant

**Tickets available at  
[qacdcc.org](http://qacdcc.org)**



Roots to Results- we had 2,300 Democratic registered voters who **did not vote** in the last election. We need to work on this! Can you help? It might just mean staying in touch with people so they know what's at stake.

### River Cruise Fundraiser on June 8th, 5-7 PM!

Back by popular demand! Join us for a fun 2-hour cruise on the Chester River. Enjoy the company of like-minded folks and know that your ticket includes not just dinner, but a donation that helps the QAC Democratic Club do its good work.

# Cruise into Summer with the QAC Dems!



Join us on June 8th from **5-7pm**  
on the *Chester River Packet* for a  
dinner cruise.



Dinner on the cruise includes:

- Filet mignon sliders with horseradish sauce
- Cold poached shrimp
- Pasta or potato salad
- Green salad
- Cookies

We'll have a cash bar.

[Order your tickets](https://qacdems.org/river_cruise-25) by June 1st! Order form may also be found at [qacdems.org/river\\_cruise-25](https://qacdems.org/river_cruise-25).

## Where's Andy?

*Written by Paul Honigberg, April 30, 2025*

### What Golden Age?

In late January, Congressman Andy Harris, M.D. (R-MD1) triumphantly reported that he had attended Donald Trump's inauguration. It was held in the Capitol Rotunda due to the frigid outside temperatures. But there was Andy, alongside billionaires Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, and Mark Zuckerberg, among others, basking in Trump's

reflective glow. Andy proclaimed, “The Golden Age of America begins now.”

Now that we have reached the 100-day mark of Trump 2.0, let’s see how the Golden Age is going. In a Facebook post on April 29, Andy celebrated the first 100 days of the Trump Administration, specifically citing the changing of the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the “Gulf of America” as a noteworthy achievement. Given that the name “Gulf of Mexico” first appeared on a map in 1550, it is unclear what, if any, benefits will accrue to the United States by insisting that this body of water now be called by another name, particularly one intended to provoke the rest of the world. Indeed, during Andy’s telephone town meeting held on April 7, a constituent asked him why Republicans were focusing on renaming the Gulf of Mexico rather than reforming the health care system. Good question. Is renaming the Gulf of Mexico and subjecting the United States to worldwide ridicule part of the Golden Age?

Turning to more substantive matters, Andy’s constituents are feeling the pain of Trump’s ever-changing tariff pronouncements, which have caused the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Standard and Poor’s 500 index to drop by approximately 7 percent since Trump’s inauguration. During Andy’s telephone town hall on April 7, 2025, a long-time teacher hoping to retire next year expressed concern that her retirement plan had decreased in value by \$118,000. She asked Andy what the “real plan” was, adding that she did not want to be told that the tariffs would bring manufacturing back to the United States. What did Andy say? “We need to bring industry back.” He assured the caller, without elaboration, that the tariffs would “work out best for all Americans.” In other words, trust us. Will the teacher recap the benefits of the Golden Age? Or is she merely collateral damage?

Of course, Andy remains all-in on plans to extend and expand the Trump tax cuts for ten more years at a cost to the taxpayers of at least \$4.5 trillion. While wealthy individuals and corporations may reap the benefits of the Golden Age, average Americans – including those residing in Andy’s Congressional district – will not. And although Andy denies it, Republicans plan to pay for these tax cuts by slashing at least \$1.5 trillion from federal spending, including \$880 billion from Medicaid alone. As a result, Medicaid recipients, including pregnant women and children, will not likely be enjoying the Golden Age of Trump.

Also during the April 7 telephone town hall, a caller asked Andy if the House still had the “power of the purse,” given that the Trump Administration was refusing to spend funds duly appropriated by Congress. Andy assured the caller that the Anti-Impoundment Act of 1974 required the President to either spend the appropriated funds as directed by Congress or present a so-called “recission” bill by September 30. But he did not indicate he had any plans to force the issue. Is Andy’s abdication of responsibility part of the Golden Age?

At bottom, anyone who loves and cherishes the Constitutional order of the United States does not see the first 100 days of the Trump Administration as a Golden Age. Through executive orders – signed with the fanfare of royal proclamations – and a refusal to follow the law, the Trump Administration has launched an all-out assault on our system of government and our standing in the world. Andy, a member of the House Appropriations Committee and a subcommittee chairman, should be defending Congress’ power of the purse. Instead, he has allowed the Executive Branch to usurp Congress’ role with nary a peep.



The real story of the first 100 days of the Trump Administration was best summed up by a constituent who called into Andy's telephone town hall on April 1. She asked Andy how he reconciles the dismantling of the U.S. Agency for International Development, including its programs to end worldwide hunger and to provide vaccines, with his staunch anti-abortion views. She asked him, "Why do you favor one life over another?" After Andy asserted that the United States couldn't afford these programs, the caller reminded him of the benefits of American soft power, and said she could not believe that more Republicans "can't use their own consciences and integrity" to prevent the dismantling of these humanitarian efforts. She concluded: "I used to be proud to be an American. Now I'm ashamed"

Despite Andy's claim that we are entering a Golden Age, history will likely tell a different story of the Trump Administration and Congressional Republicans, like Andy, who have enabled the undoing of the United States government and the world order. Theirs will not be a Golden Age, but one of shame.

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## Action Items

**Write a Postcard to one or More News Agencies**

BREAKING  
NEWS

# IGNORING THE MOVEMENT IS A CHOICE.

## COVER THE 50501 PROTESTS BEFORE HISTORY RECORDS YOUR SILENCE!

Write a postcard  
to one or more of  
these news agencies:



 <b>NBC News</b> 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10112	 <b>CBS News</b> 524 W. 57th St New York, NY 10019	 <b>CNN</b> 190 Marietta St NW Atlanta, GA 30303	 <b>FOX News</b> 1211 Ave of the Americas New York, NY 10036
 <b>PBS News</b> 1225 S. Clark St Arlington, VA 22202	 <b>C-SPAN</b> 400 North Capitol St NW, Suite 155 Washington, DC 20001	 <b>ABC News</b> 77 W 66th St New York, NY 10023	 <b>OANN News</b> 4757 Morena Blvd San Diego, CA 92117

### NATIONAL PROTESTS DEMANDS NATIONAL COVERAGE.

The American people are watching – will you?

## Let's Meet Up!

### Join a Short-term Planning Committee or Action Activity!! Volunteer!

Is your thing helping with events? Contributing cookies? Making phone calls? Being a helping hand at an event? Read this newsletter and/or come to the meetings and volunteer to help, maybe on just one thing. Every little bit helps!

We need help supporting future candidates, computer entry, filing, greeting people at outreach events like Centreville Day, 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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## 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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**Set up a *recurring donation* through  
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**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 [qacdems.org](http://qacdems.org)**

**ActBlue**



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## Our Legislators

[Angela Alsobrooks](#)

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

## **QAC Democratic Club Board**

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## **Pro-Democracy News Sources (source: Indivisible) and Resources**

**Want to *do something* quickly and often to oppose what is happening in DC?**

Install the app 5 Calls!

5 Calls is an easy way to take five minutes to make five calls to influence our representatives. 5 Calls does the research for each issue and determines which representatives are most influential for which topic, collecting phone numbers for those offices and writing scripts that clearly articulate a progressive position.

### **Independent Writers**

Heather Cox Richardson (Letters from an American)

Robert Hubbell (Today's Edition Newsletter)

Jessica Craven (Chop Wood, Carry Water)

Joyce Vance (Civil Discourse)

Jamelle Bouie (The New York Times, but also on TikTok)

Timothy Snyder (historian focused on democracy and authoritarianism)

Marc Elias (Democracy Docket)



Mehdi Hasan (Zeteo)

Osita Nwanevu (The New Republic)

Michael Podhorzer

Brian Beutler, Dan Pfeiffer (“The Message Box”)

### **Podcasts & New Media**

Politics Girl

The Bulwark Podcast

MeidasTouch / “Legal AF”

Pitchfork Economics

Majority Report with Sam Seder

Deep State Radio (The DSR Network)

SiriusXM Progress Channel 127

Media Matters

### **Traditional & Mainstream News Outlets**

MSNBC

NPR

BBC

PBS

The Guardian

Mother Jones

Rolling Stone

The Atlantic

ProPublica

The American Prospect

The New Republic

Harper’s

### **Fact-Checking & Media-Bias Resources**

AllSides (Media Bias ratings)

Ad Fontes Media (Interactive Media Bias Chart)

Media Bias/Fact Check

FactCheck.org, PolitiFact, Snopes, Reuters Fact Check

Ground News (bias checker feature)

### **Other Notable Mentions**

Democracy Now! for progressive-leaning coverage

Daily Kos (community-driven political news)

Talking Points Memo, The Intercept for deep investigative or policy-focused content

Pod Save family (Crooked Media), focusing on progressive politics and activism

Local / State News: Some recommended tracking state legislative news via



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