



December 2025

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What's Coming Up

December

- 6th - DCC Fundraiser, Holiday on the Bay, Stevensville
- 13th - Coffee and Conversation Meetup, 10 AM - noon, Little Lovely Coffee House, Queenstown
- Migrant Holiday Gift Program

January

- 10th - Coffee and Conversation Meetup, 10 AM - noon, Little Lovely Coffee House, Queenstown
- 21st - 2026 Election and Membership Kickoff Event - Drinks and hors d'oeuvres, 6:30 PM, Kennard Cultural Heritage Center, Centreville

Make the holidays brighter for Queen Anne's County Migrant Families

2025
Migrant Families
Holiday Project

Democratic Club of
QUEEN ANNE'S
COUNTY

Join us for our annual campaign to make the holidays a little brighter for Queen Anne's County migrant families.
Drop off your gift by December 15th

SIGN UP TODAY

<https://signup.com/go/mHujJGy>

Join us to make the holidays a little brighter for 13 Queen Anne's County migrant families. This year we will be shopping for Moms and Dads and children from one-year-old to 17-years-old. The gifts are pajamas plus a book and a stuffed animal for the children.

You can select parents, a whole family or any combination from the 30 listed. Simply make your selection, shop and wrap the gifts, marking the boxes or bags with the family name plus who you shopped for. For example: Lozano Oropeza Family Mom and Dad or Lozano Oropeza Family Child 1: 5-year-old boy. You may select more than one family member.

To sign up, visit: <https://signup.com/go/mHujJGy>

Our campaign ends **Monday, December 15th**. Gifts can be dropped off at the Club Office at 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown or by connecting with Carol D'Agostino (Chester) , Elaine McNeil (Centreville), Dorotheann Sadusky (Chester), Crystal

Woodward (Stevensville), and Donna Edwards (Grasonville) for neighborhood pickups/dropoffs.

For info: caroldag3@gmail.com or (410) 604-2319.

2026 Election and Membership Kickoff Event with Drinks, Food, and Political Perspective! - *Be our Guest!*



We are throwing a 2026 Kickoff Party on January 21st, 6:30 PM at the Kennard Cultural Heritage Center, Centerville.

Be our guest! We'll toast to the new election cycle, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and share conversation about what we need to do to have a successful 2026 election.

We'll also be kicking off our 2026 QAC Democratic Club membership. Please go to qacdems.org to renew your membership for the 2026 year. Time to roll up our sleeves and make the difference!

[RSVP here](#) so that we know how much food and drink to buy.

More Upcoming Events

Dem Coffee Meetup, Saturday, December 13th, at A Little Lovely Coffee House, Queenstown, 10 AM - Noon



Little Lovely Coffee House
430 Outlet Center Dr., Queenstown

Coffee & Conversation

Dec 13th & Jan 10th

10am - noon

Join
the
Conversation



Come join us on Saturday, December 13th, for a bit of Democrat camaraderie. No RSVP necessary. We each buy our own and share in the conversation at A Little Lovely Coffee House located within the Queenstown Premium Outlets (near the Gap).

If you can't make the December coffee meetup, we plan to meet every second Saturday of the month, at the same time and place.

A little laughter goes a long way right now!

Recent Events

Dem Coffee Meetup, Saturday, November 8th, at A Little Lovely Coffee House, Queenstown, 10 AM - Noon

The coffee was great and the discussion devine!

November 19th Membership Meeting with Candidate Randi White

We were pleased to host Randi White, Democratic candidate for US Congress running against Andy Harris, our eight-term Congressman. We had a full group of participants and there was an engaging Q&A session when Randi concluded her initial presentation.

Randi emphasized that she would represent *all* the constituents, and not just who voted for her. She talked about keys themes in her candidacy that include accessibility & accountability, healthcare as a human right, and using common sense in problem-solving.





Candidate Randi White

Action Group Update from Cindy Miller

It is now exactly one year from the 2026 Congressional elections. During this time, the Action Group will be laser-focused on challenging Andy Harris' seat. This will require a LOT of work for all of us, but it is critically important that we rid the Congress of this MAGA fanatic.

One of our efforts in the next couple of months will be to try to identify and engage voters from parts of the QA County (and District 1 more generally) that we don't usually reach. To begin this process, we are looking for help from folks who live in some of the less central parts of the District to help us reach your neighbors. We are looking specifically at places like:

- Sudlersville
- Crumpton
- Chestertown
- Caroline County
- Harford County
- Wye River
- Church Hill, and
- Salisbury.

If you live in or near one of these communities and would be willing to work with a Dem Club Board member to engage your neighbors, please contact Cindy Miller (millercynthia1952@gmail.com; 607-435-6048) ASAP. We would love to help you set something up to get your neighbors together to talk about the important issues confronting our state and country!

QAC Democratic Central Committee (QACDCC)

2026 is around the corner. It is a big year!

From Elaine McNeil, Chair:

1. **Candidates for every election** race. *Know someone?*
2. **Enough funds** to help candidates compete. *Sell tickets to events, donate through ACT BLUE monthly.*
3. **Get Out the Vote** "precinct" groups across the whole County. *Can you claim a part of the county?*
4. Holding **events, large and small** to present the candidates. *In your home, somewhere else?*
5. Help keep the office open. *A couple of hours a week would help.*
6. Come up with **NEW IDEAS** to wake up this County. *?????*
7. Mark your calendars: **Women's Luncheon March 7th El Jefe**

See our website for more information, QACDCC.org.

Open Letter to Andy Harris

By QAC Dem Club Member, Bob Garrant, Army Veteran, November 24th, 2025

Dear Congressman Harris,

You sent your newsletter today, November 24th, highlighting how much you say you're doing for Marylanders in rural areas. You wrote:

- “Last week, I [Andy Harris] joined the 2025 Rural Health Summit on National Rural Health Day to address the challenges facing rural hospitals and clinics across Maryland’s rural communities.”
- “We discussed ongoing federal efforts to expand access to care and improve outcomes for families.”
- “The wellbeing of our rural health communities is essential and I remain committed to ensuring they have the resources needed to continue serving our communities.”

But here is what you *didn't* tell Maryland residents who live in rural areas...

You didn't say that your “One Big Beautiful Bill” will make rural healthcare worse next year—then even worse in 2027, and worse still in 2028.

Because of your bill:

Rural Hospitals, Clinics & Underserved Areas

- Deep federal cuts will force Maryland to reduce services and may push clinics and hospitals in rural or underserved areas toward closure.
- Rural hospitals and clinics—already vulnerable—are at the highest risk.
- Nursing homes in rural communities may cut services or close entirely, leaving seniors with nowhere nearby to go.

Seniors & People with Disabilities

- Low-income seniors and people with disabilities will lose access to programs that help cover prescription drugs and essential health costs.
- Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) may be scaled back, including in-home care, adult day programs, and respite care.
- Medicaid cuts threaten long-term care, nursing-home coverage, therapies, and community-based supports.
- Changes in eligibility and coverage processes may leave seniors with unexpected medical bills.
- Many older adults will face higher premiums and out-of-pocket costs.
- People with disabilities risk losing the therapies, home-care services, or supports that allow them to live independently. Some may be forced into institutions.

Low-Income Families & Children

- Cuts will reduce eligibility or benefits for children and low-income parents.
- Families will pay more for the same coverage they have now.
- Children’s access to healthcare—including preventive care—will be at risk.
- Some families will see premiums rise by thousands of dollars, pushing them to choose inadequate coverage or go without insurance entirely.

And you did this while continuing to allow high-income households to avoid paying taxes on gifts up to \$15 million.

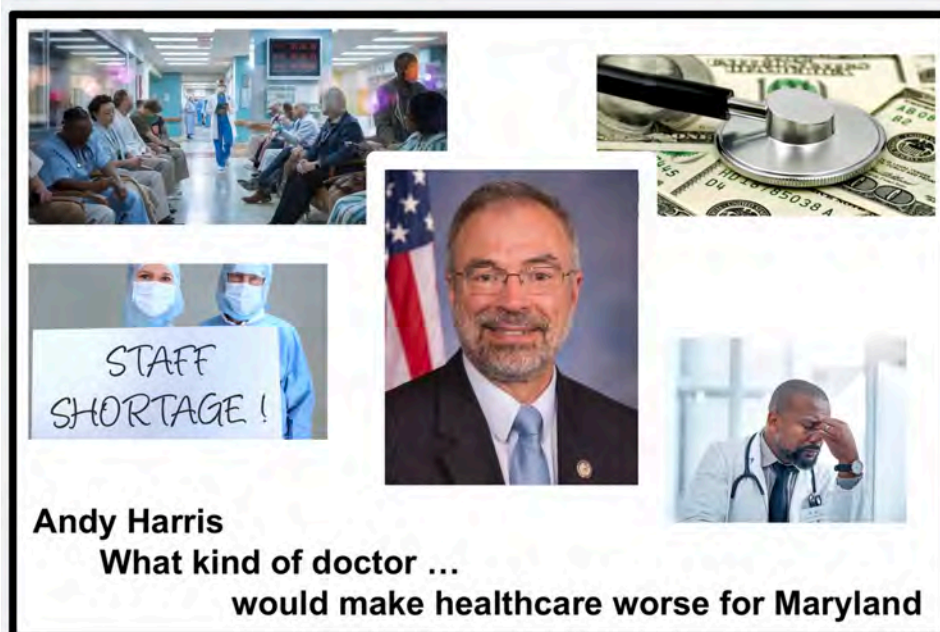
Because of your new law, an estimated **175,000 Marylanders** will lose some or all of their healthcare coverage.

Your changes will cost Maryland approximately **\$2.7 billion every year**. That means people making far less than \$1 million per year will have to make up the difference through higher state taxes. How many of us make \$1 million in a year—or even in ten years?

According to Maryland state lawmakers, your new law “**rips healthcare away from millions**” and “**gives to the rich while taking away from those who need the assistance.**”

So, Congressman Harris—

Why didn't you tell Maryland's rural residents any of this?



Let's Meet Up!

Stay Informed

[Maryland Matters](#) is a great site to track what is going on in Maryland. Take a look!

**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 would like to have members covering the county headquarters every Tuesday and Thursday morning. 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, Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com, or Elaine McNeil elainemcneil101@gmail.com.

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>

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 candidates*, and maintain a *presence in our community*. \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20.... a month will help keep the office open! Visit qacdcc.org for more information Recurring donation? Click on [ActBlue](#)

If you would like to make a donation to the QAC Democratic Club, an easy way to do it is either through our [website](#) or use the QR Code below.



Donate to the QAC Dems
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Our Legislators

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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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