



## November 2025

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### What's Coming Up

#### November

- 19th - Candidate Randi White speaks at Membership Meeting, Kent Island Library, 7:00 PM
- Migrant Holiday Gift Program kicks off

#### December

- 6th - DCC Fundraiser, Holiday on the Bay, Stevensville
- Migrant Holiday Gift Program concludes

**COME MEET RANDI WHITE, ANOTHER CANDIDATE OPPOSING ANDY HARRIS!!!**

November 19th Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM at the Kent Island Library

We are pleased to host Randi White, Democratic candidate for US Congress running

against Andy Harris, our eight-term Congressman.



Randi was born and raised in Salisbury, MD. She earned two Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Communications and built a 20-year career in Marketing and Communications. In every role she's had, her goal has been to *make people's lives better*. She sees running for Congress as the most direct way to accomplish this goal for her community in MD-01.

Randi has three key messages for her campaign:

1. Show Up - Accessibility & Accountability
2. Healthcare is a Human Right - Rural Healthcare Crisis
3. Commonsense over Chaos - Pragmatic Economic Development

Come, learn, and socialize after!

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).

## More Upcoming Events

[Dem Coffee Meetup, Saturday, November 8th, at A Little Lovely Coffee House, Queenstown, 10 AM - Noon](#)

Come join us on Saturday, November 8th, 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). A little laughter goes a long way right now!



## Recent Events

### No Kings Day, Centreville, October 18th was AMAZING!

Downtown Centreville came alive Saturday, Oct.18, as hundreds of citizens, young and old, gathered to protest the cruel, punitive, often unconstitutional policies and programs from the Trump administration. There were over 300 people actively participating in the No Kings Day rally at the Historic Courthouse in Centreville. The event included speakers, music, art, interactive projects, sign-making and sign-waving.

The rally in Centreville was sponsored by our Queen Anne's County Democratic Club and was one of more than 2,700 actions across the country and around the world. It is estimated that more than 7 million people peacefully participated in actions in small towns and large cities, and often invoked humor to contrast the ugly, threatening, often violent behaviors from the MAGA right. The local rally featured several folks in inflatable costumes, including a frog like that seen in the Portland resistance to ICE and military occupation.

"Our club members and volunteers did a colossal job in setting up the venue and keeping the event joyful," explained one of the organizers. "The people turned up for many different reasons, but they all expressed love for their country and agreed with the national announcement which explained, '...but in America, we don't have kings, and we won't back down against chaos, corruption, and cruelty.'"

Additional actions will be planned in the future, focusing on the midterm elections in 2026.





## October 15th Membership Meeting with Dr. Kerry Forrestal

Dr. Forrestal spoke at our October membership meeting about the implications for Maryland's 1st Congressional District and its residents. He helped distinguish between the provisions in Medicaid versus Medicare. There will be a significant impact on many Maryland residents, as numbers are high for Medicaid recipients. Of additional concern was the link made between lack of funding on Medicaid and the potential to affect Medicare spending. Lively participation followed the conclusion of Dr. Forrestal's formal presentation.

Dr. Forrestal also handed out two copies of his book, *Cruising Cancer, A Patient's Complete Guide to Managing a Cancer Diagnosis*.



*Dr. Kerry A. Forrestal*

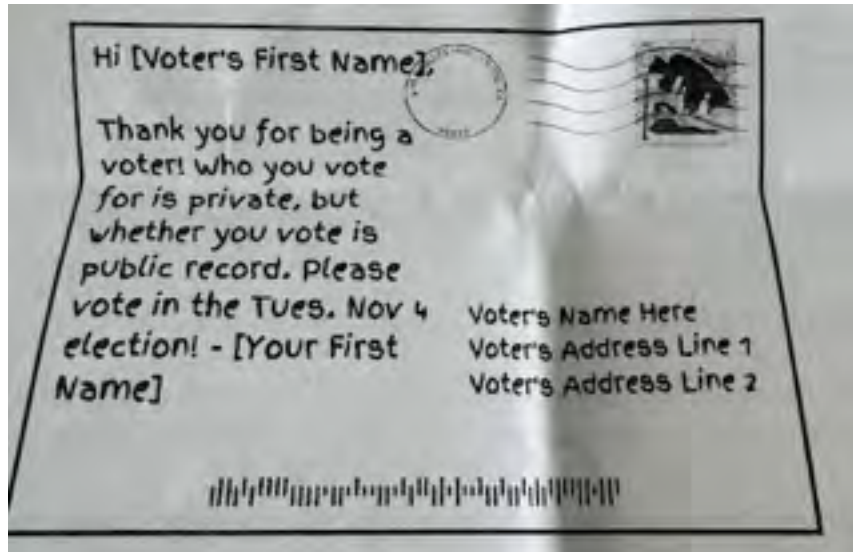
## Centreville Day, October 25th

What a spectacular day for Centreville Day this year! As you can see in the picture that follows, we had a lively table set up that included a lot of information about today's political issues. We provided an opportunity for people to share insight about how we can help our federal workers right now. There were many positive interactions from people who want to join our club and participate in any way that they can. One mother shared that she is getting involved in politics for the first time, not for herself- but for her daughter.



## Virginia and New Jersey Postcard Efforts

Many thanks to all of our participants who helped write (and donate postage) for over 2,000 postcards to both New Jersey and Virginia Democrats, encouraging them to get out and vote on November 4th! Here is a sample of the script that many copied onto the postcards:



## 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) - by Elaine McNeal

### Why run for office in Queen Anne's County as a Democrat?

1. Give voters a **choice**.
2. Campaign on **issues** that matter to citizens
3. Shape the future in a **BLUE WAVE**
4. Build momentum and inspire others

### Will candidates have help?

1. Volunteers will hold meet & greets for their neighbors to help
2. Training and mentors are available
3. Step by step help with paperwork
4. Help with answering questions, messages

### About running...

1. You need to care about voters and be ready to listen
2. You can raise awareness of issues that matter to you
3. Choice in elections is fundamental to Democracy.

### About fundraising – Holiday on the Bay – December 6th, 4-6 PM

We're contesting every legislative seat, but only if we have the resources to compete! Your sponsorship /attendance at **Holiday on the Bay** directly funds our voter turnout operation for the 2026 election. Join us for this exclusive inaugural gathering! We'll have hors d'oeuvres, drinks, invited guest speakers, and a gorgeous waterfront setting on the Chesapeake Bay!

YOU'RE INVITED!



## Holiday ON THE Bay

Join us for a very special donor event with live music, a special guest (TBA), food and drinks, in a beautiful setting on the bay.

Donations start at \$100. Sponsorships available.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025, 4-6PM

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BLUE HERON LANDING  
STEVENSVILLE



Visit [qacdcc.org](https://qacdcc.org) for tickets

By authority of Lynn Mason, Treasurer

- Bring a guest, meet fellow activists, make an impact, and enjoy the music.
- Purchase tickets here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/holidayonthebay25>

See our website for more information, [QACDCC.org](https://qacdcc.org).

### DCC Events coming up:

- The QAC DCC meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month **at the office**.
- Next meeting Nov 10th at 7pm

## Where's Andy?

*Editorial by QAC Dem Club Board Member, Paul Honigberg, October 27, 2025*

### **Andy Harris is Out of the Office**

**Question:** What do you call a federal employee who hasn't shown up at his or her main place of employment for over a month but still has a job and a salary while the government is shut down?

**Answer:** A Republican Member of Congress.

That includes Congressman Andy Harris, M.D. (MD-1) who, along with the rest of the House Republican Congressional Caucus, has not met for a legislative session

at the U.S. Capitol since September 19. House Republicans skipped town after voting for their so-called “clean” continuing resolution and haven’t been back in session since. They have now left it up to the Republican-controlled Senate to pass their continuing resolution, or another that they can then consider. But unlike their draconian budget reconciliation bill, which needed only a majority of the Senate to pass, the continuing resolution is subject to the filibuster, *i.e.*, they need at least 60 senators willing to debate the legislation before it can pass. Until the Senate breaks the logjam, the parties are at an impasse, and the government remains closed.

What is the sticking point? Andy’s *Capitol Hill Report* sent on September 19, claimed that the Democrats planned to shut the government down “over one trillion in **unrelated policy demands**.” (Emphasis added.)

Let’s be clear. The so-called “unrelated policy demands” are the Democrats’ insistence that Congress undo the provisions in Republicans’ budget reconciliation bill – the inaptly named “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” – which, among other things, will terminate the federal subsidies for premiums under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) at the end of this year. Unless these provisions are reversed, insurance premiums under the ACA will increase dramatically for approximately 20 million Americans, with an estimated 4 million likely to lose their health-care coverage entirely. According to Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen (D), the Republicans’ budget bill will cause premiums to “rise by 35% for 190,000 Marylanders, and 30,000 will lose their health insurance entirely because they won’t be able to afford it. Some Maryland families could [see their health costs triple](#).” This is in addition to the estimated 10 million Americans who are likely to lose their health coverage entirely under other provisions contained in the Republican budget-reconciliation bill.

During a telephone town hall held on October 21, Andy supported his opposition to extending the ACA subsidies because, in his words, “we just can’t afford it.” He asserted that maintaining the subsidies would cost \$400 billion over 10 years. (The Congressional Budget Office estimates that continuing the subsidies would cost \$350 billion.) He failed to mention, however, that he voted for the budget reconciliation bill, which is estimated to increase the federal budget deficit by \$3.4 trillion plus an additional \$700 billion in interest payments over 10 years. Thus, under Andy’s logic, we can afford to give massive tax breaks to wealthy Americans at a cost of \$4.1 trillion over 10 years but cannot afford to allow millions of Americans to keep their health insurance under the ACA for less than one-tenth of that amount.

When asked by a caller why he appears to represent only the Republicans in Maryland, Andy made it clear that, when it comes to voting, he only feels obligated to those who voted for him. He candidly noted that he would vote for whatever is the most-conservative position available, regardless of its effects on his constituents. “That’s the way representative government works,” he explained.

But is it? Doesn’t he represent all the almost-800,000 residents of the First Congressional District?

Andy flatly rejected requests by multiple callers that he compromise on the issue of continuing ACA premium subsidies at their current level. And he made it clear he was in no hurry to return to the Capitol. Once the Democrats agree to reopen the government, Andy claimed that Congress would probably be able to “negotiate an

off-ramp” to the impasse over ACA premium subsidies. But, in the meantime, he is content to let federal employees, including our military and essential workers, go without pay and recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Benefits have their Electronic Benefit Transfer cards run dry. I guess economic and food insecurity is also part of the way representative government works.

Instead of doing the job to which he was elected, Andy prefers partisan warfare. Is this how representative government is supposed to work? For all our sake, let's hope not.

**Andy, get back to work.**

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## 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](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>

## 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](http://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.



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Club!

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U.S. Senator

[Andy Harris, MD](#)

U.S. Representative

[Steve Hershey](#)

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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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