



October 2025

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Quick Peek at What's Coming Up

October

- 15th - Membership Meeting at Kent Island Library, 7:00 PM, Speaker Topic: Medicaid at Risk: Implications for the 1st Congressional District
- 18th - No Kings Day, Centreville Courthouse, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 25th - Centreville Day, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Downtown Centreville

November

- 19th - Membership Meeting at Kent Island Library, 7:00 PM, Speaker and Topic to be announced

December

- 6th - DCC Fundraiser, Holiday on the Bay, Stevensville

[October 15th Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM at the Kent Island Library](#)

Medicaid at Risk: Implications for Maryland's 1st Congressional District and its Residents

Speaker Kerry Forrestal, MD, MBA, FACEP

Join us for what will be a very informative evening! Our speaker, Dr. Kerry Forrestal, is an Emergency Medical Physician at Tidal Health located in Salisbury. He is a graduate of Stony Brook School of Medicine, Dr. Forrestal joined the National Guard as a Commander's Advisor for DEI. For the last 20 years, he practiced medicine in trauma centers as an attending physician.

Dr. Forrestal addresses topics ranging from cancer to suicide, and examines societal issues as they relate to the practice of medicine.

Come, learn, and socialize after!



OCTOBER *Join us!*
**MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Kerry Forrestal, MD, MBA, FACEP

Topic:
**Medicaid at Risk: Implications for
Maryland's 1st Congressional
District and its Residents**

October 15th, 7:00 PM
Kent Island Library
121 Library Circle, Stevensville
Light refreshments provided

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

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

More Upcoming Events

No Kings Day, Historic Courthouse in Centreville, October 18th,
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Queen Anne's County Democratic Club is joining organizations across the

country in sponsoring a No Kings Rally at the Historic Courthouse in Centerville, October 18. The event will run from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM and will include speakers, music, art, interactive projects, sign-making and sign-waving.

As the national announcement explains, "...But in America, we don't have kings, and we won't back down against chaos, corruption, and cruelty."

All are invited to attend the rally and show that there are many Queen Anne's County citizens who resist the challenges today to our democracy. Bring your neighbors, bring your family, and hear how the White House and Congress are harming the Eastern Shore and the rest of the country.

Centreville Day, October 25th, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Downtown Centreville

We are looking for volunteers to help at the booth we will have set up. Set up time is 10:00 AM. Please contact Marti MacKenzie martimackz@gmail.com.

Recent Events

September 17th Membership Meeting with Speaker Morgan Murphy- Topic: Veterans

On September 17, Morgan Murphy of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, gave a powerful presentation on the impact of Trump Administration cuts that affect veterans here on the Eastern Shore and elsewhere in Maryland. During this excellent presentation, Morgan highlighted the many struggles that veterans face in Maryland and across the nation.

September 2nd Yummy Take-out Dinner Dem Club Fundraiser

On September 2nd, we had a take-out dinner fundraiser with delicious home style meals from Humble Hearts Catering out of Centreville. Thank you to everyone who placed orders or donated to our cause! We will have more take-out fundraisers in the future, so stay tuned. This is one way to avoid cooking dinner *and* support the Dem Club's work!

First Friday Centreville, September 5th

We set up our informative Dem Club booth to encourage folks to stop by, learn about what's going on, and to ask questions.



Coffee Meetup, September 20th, at A Little Lovely Coffee House, Queenstown

There's nothing like having like-minded folks sharing their views over a cup of joe! At this last meetup, we had an interesting informal discussion about the latest attacks on the First Amendment. Stay tuned to future announcements for additional opportunities to meet up with other locals of similar perspective.

Labor Day and Pondtown

The club had a table set up in Grasonville during the Labor Day celebration, as well as in Pondtown for Pondtown Day. We had poster presentations about how the Trump budget cuts are going to affect us on the Eastern Shore. It stimulated a lot of conversation. One woman shared that her status for voting was changed from Democrat to unaffiliated, without her permission! We were able to quickly reach one of our members who is at the Election Board and make suggestions to the voter about how to correct her status.



Talk-Back Tour, September 13th

There were several members in attendance at the Talk-Back Tour from the Dem Club and DCC, along with people from Indivisible and other organizations. The presenters used an effective visual interactive survey tool to elicit opinions. The group is traveling to many counties on the Shore. Justin Butler encouraged the group to run for local offices.

See the entry below under the QAC DCC for additional information.

TAWES Event, September 24th - Wes Moore Reelection Campaign Kick-off

There were 25,000 crabs, 700 dozen ears of corn, hundreds of Democrats and Republicans, and three members of the Queen Anne's County Democratic Club at the 48th Annual J. Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake in Crisfield on September 24th. The gathering of Maryland citizens, politicians and government leaders showcases the importance of the Chesapeake Bay, its aquaculture, commercial fishing, and recreational benefits. In election years, it's a place for candidates to meet and greet constituents.

Lynn Mason, Virginia Patterson, and Marti MacKenzie took a charter bus sponsored by the Eastern Shore Democrats. They were among the dozens wearing Wes Moore t-shirts and helping the governor kick-off his reelection campaign. The governor and his wife, as well as Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller and other state officials, spent much time in the gigantic Democratic tent, shaking hands and smiling for selfies. Our members noted they never saw the governor sit down, much less picking crabs and eating!



Governor Wes Moore



Action Group Update from Cindy Miller

The Action Group is taking a brief hiatus while we reset our priorities. There are many actions ongoing by other groups to pay attention to in the meantime – [50501Maryland](#), Eastern Shore Indivisible, Worcester Indivisible, and many more. Please get active where you can.

We are cancelling the Oct. 2 meeting to honor Yom Kippur. Stay tuned!

QAC Democratic Central Committee (QACDCC)

Steuart Pittman kicked off a long election season by bringing his Talk-Back Tour to Centreville on September 20th. He is visiting with people in every county seat to hear what all of us in the party think the party (if you are a registered democrat, you are in the party) needs to do. He listened, and we talked about issues facing our county, the state, and the country. The economic health of farmers, consumers, and employees were top of mind. The “Tour” will be done by Thanksgiving, and we will pass on the results. Consider checking out the MD Democrats website, [mddems.org](#) for information about all kinds of events, including the second half of the Talk-Back Tour.

The hunt is on for election candidates, local and state, for 2026. The deadline to register to run is February 24th. I have been meeting with District 36, our state legislative group, which includes all of QA and Kent, part of Cecil, and Caroline Counties. We also have openings for:

- Commissioner places (5)
- Board of Education (2)
- Clerk of Court
- Register of Wills
- State’s Attorney
- Orphans’ Court (3)
- Sheriff

See the website for more information, [QACDCC.org](#). We have some people considering running, but they will need all of our help to become known in our county.

Events coming up:

- No Kings Day on October 18th at the historic Courthouse in Centreville, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Our major fundraiser for the 2026 elections is the Holiday on the Bay. It is scheduled for December 6th in Stevensville

See [QACDCC.org](#) for information on upcoming events, openings, and a list of local races for 2026. If you want to help plan events, come to our Dem office from 10:00 AM - noon on Tuesdays.

The QAC DCC meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month at the office. We begin at 7:00 PM.

Robert Reich on Confronting Tyranny

Substack, September 21, 2025

Check out Robert Reich's piece on [Confronting Tyranny](#), within the context of the upcoming No Kings Day on October 18th. To peak your interest, here are the first few paragraphs:

It's getting worse.

Donald Trump's regime threatens to take away broadcast licenses of networks whose TV personalities criticize him. Demands that the attorney general prosecute his enemies. Sues The New York Times for criticizing him. Bombs boats in international waters. Occupies American cities. Accuses the left but not the right of political violence. Targets "liberal" organizations. Kidnaps (and sometimes disappears) people who look Latino. Allows Putin and Netanyahu to do their worst. And so on.

If you are feeling upset, worried, or scared, you have every reason.

Yet we have learned several lessons about how to deal with this tyrant, and we must practice them. I want to highlight two of them:

Continue your reading [from here](#).

Campaign Info for District 1

The QAC Dem Club encourages reporting from any Democratic candidate running for the District 1 seat in opposition to Andy Harris. To date, we have had two candidates come to our meetings. Below is updated information from the Dan Schwartz campaign.

From the Dan Schwartz Campaign

A recent column in the [Baltimore Banner](#) said Dan's campaign has a real shot at flipping the district. If you want to see Dan in action, here is a link to [remarks](#) he gave at a No King's Day event in Salisbury, MD. Also, here is a link to his [website](#). Finally, here is a [video](#) he released on Instagram in the wake of the Charlie Kirk assassination--calling for calm and unity as Congressman Harris pushes for the creation of a McCarthy-esque Committee in Congress to investigate "the left."

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

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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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