



April 2026

Join-Renew Membership for 2026! Visit qacdems.org!

Thank you to those that have recently joined or renewed.

What's Coming Up

April

- 11th - Dem Coffee Meetup - A Lovely Little Coffee Place, Queenstown, 10:00 AM - noon
- 15th - Membership Meeting, 7 PM, Kent Island Public Library
- 18th - Liz Filter Candidate for County Commissioner At Large
- 25th - Yard Sale Dem Club Fundraiser, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Dem Office, 121 Clay Dr.

May

- 9th - Dem Coffee Meetup - A Lovely Little Coffee Place, Queenstown, 10:00 AM - noon
- 20th - Membership Meeting, 7 PM, Kent Island Public Library

Meet Primary Candidates! Next Membership Meeting is April 15th at Kent Island Library, 7 PM.

We have local primary candidates coming to introduce themselves!

There is so much going on right now in our country and with the upcoming 2026 elections. We use the monthly membership meetings as a way to talk about the most current events unfolding, take action together where we can, bring candidates to our meeting so you can know more about who is running for office, and offer the opportunity to share conversation with like-minded people.

Our meetings are generally the third Wednesday of every month. Mark it on your calendar. Plan to join us on April 15th!

Andy Harris does not want to be your Member of Congress!

Andy Harris has entered his sixteenth year as our Member of Congress. And it's never been clearer that he has no interest in doing the job. Scroll later in this newsletter to read Paul Honigberg's editorial on the 10 reasons why Andy Harris does *not* want to be your Member of Congress!

Recent Events

March 18th Membership Meeting

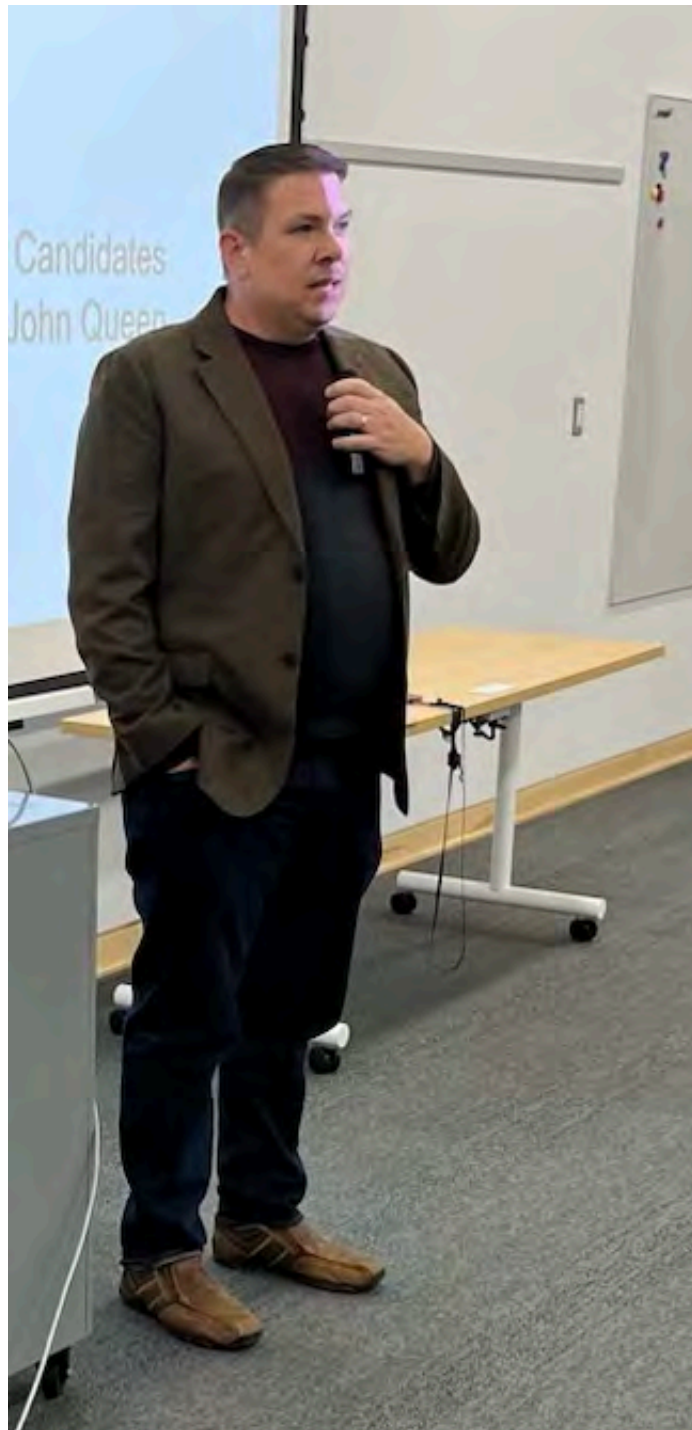
Our March 18th membership meeting included hearing from Maryland Senate District 36 primary candidates John Queen and Nivek Johnson, and Jeff Starling, Judge of the Orphans' Court candidate. We also had our Andy Harris update and discussed the upcoming No Kings Day Rally for March 28th.



Nivek Johnson, MD Senate District 36 primary candidate



John Queen, MD Senate District 36 primary candidate



Jeff Starling, Judge of Orphans' Court candidate

No Kings Day Rally, March 28th, Centreville

We were part of a big nationwide protest event as people took to the streets in cities and towns across the country to say:

No Kings here now or ever. This is our America.

We filled the Queen Anne's County Courthouse Square and lined the streets of Centreville. Building on the success of our No Kings Rally in October, we had a number of candidates speak, including District 1 Congressional candidate Randi White, District 36 primary MD senate candidates John Queen and Nivek Johnson, Legislative District 36 candidates Nevin Crouse and Crystal Woodward, County Commissioner Commissioner candidate Andrea Alduino, and Judge of the Orphans' Court candidates Barry Schwartz.

The following photos are just a small sample of what a success the day was here in Centreville. Many thanks to Marti MacKenzie and all the helpers who made the day what it was!





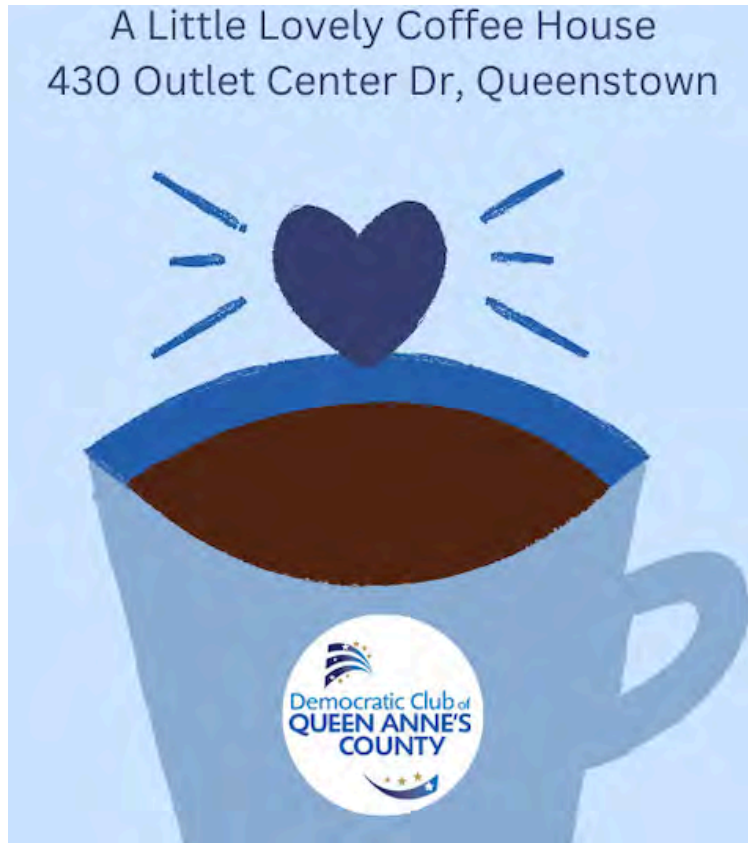


Upcoming Events

[Dem Coffee Meetup on April 11th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM](#)

Come join us on April 11th for a bit of Democratic 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), 430 Outlet Center Dr.

A little laughter goes a long way right now!



Yard Sale Fundraiser at the QAC Dem Office, April 25th!!



Looking to declutter your home or find some hidden treasures? Join us for a community Yard Sale Fundraiser hosted by the Democratic Club of Queen Annes County! It's the perfect chance to support a great cause, shop for unique items, and

enjoy a day out with neighbors.

Event Details:

- **Date:** April 25th, 2026
- **Rain Date:** April 26th, 2026
- **Time:** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Set-up starts at 8:00 AM)
- **Location:** Democrat Club Office, 121 Clay Street, Queenstown, MD

Vendor Spaces Available:

We're offering vendor spaces for only \$20! Bring your own tables and sell your items to help raise funds for the Democrat Club. Whether you're clearing out old clothes, furniture, or collectibles, this event is a great way to contribute to a good cause.

Donations Welcome:

Don't have anything to sell? No worries! We are also accepting donations for the Democrat Club before the event. Your generosity will directly support the club's future activities.

To reserve a space or donate, please sign up here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DADAF29ABFBC25-63087550-flea#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DADAF29ABFBC25-63087550-flea#/)

We can't wait to see you there – let's make this Yard Sale a huge success for our community!

Important Notes:

- In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled to April 26th.
- Please bring your own tables for setting up your sale space.

We appreciate your support and look forward to a fun-filled day!

Barbecue Bash at Conquest Beach, October 3rd, 2026 *SAVE THE DATE!*



Get ready for a fun-filled family day at **Conquest Beach** in Centreville, MD! We're excited to announce our **Barbecue Bash** on **October 3rd, 2026**, and we want YOU to be part of the excitement.

Event Details:

- **Date:** October 3rd, 2026
- **Location:** Conquest Beach, Centreville, MD

This event will be packed with great food, games, and activities for all ages! It's the perfect opportunity to gather with friends and family, enjoy the beautiful fall weather, and make lasting memories.

We Need Your Help!

We're looking for **volunteers** to help with planning and organizing the event. If you're interested in lending a hand, we'd love to have you on board to make this day a success!

How to Get Involved:

To volunteer or for more information, please contact **Andrea Alduino** at 410-310-0573 or email 4hgsleader@gmail.com. Be sure to put "**Conquest Beach**" in the subject line for quick reference.

Community Efforts and Action

The Action Group

We have two major areas of focus for this month. First, we need to try to get **Andy**

Harris (202-225-5311) on the right page regarding pending legislation. If some version of the SAVE act passes the Senate, it will go back to the house (where Andy has already voted for it). If it passes, it is likely to disenfranchise tens of millions of voters. Tell Andy to vote **against** it. Also, tell him NOT to support additional funding for this illegal war against Iran.

Our other focus is on Maryland Senate President **Bill Ferguson (410-841-3600)**. He is refusing to bring the redistricting bill to the floor of the Senate. Please call and ask him to bring the bill to the floor, where it will likely pass. It is an important corrective for the massive voter suppression legislation that Republicans are enacting all over the country.

We need lots of volunteers. Contact marti, martimackz@gmail.com, or Cindy, millercynthia1952@gmail.com, to offer your services.

QAC Democratic Central Committee (QACDCC)

Elaine McNeil, Chair

Frank Alduino Vice Chair, Mike Morgan Secretary, Lynn Mason Treasurer,
Committee members: Crystal Woodward, Debbie Krueger, Chris Estes, Barry Schwartz, Peter Hobby, Josh Freeman

Congratulations to all the candidates for taking the plunge and signing up to run. Your Central Committee meets on the First Wednesday of the Month at the Democratic Office at 7pm.

Guests are welcome.

The office is open 9:00 - 11:00 AM on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00 AM to noon on Tuesday and Thursday. We are often open on Saturday mornings as well. There is lots of work to do to help our candidates.

Please sign up to cover the office, do research, hold a meet and greet, doorknock, make phone calls, etc. The Primary Election is in June - let's get everyone out to support the party candidates. LOTS TO DO!

Andy Harris does not want to be your Member of Congress!

Written on March 26th by QAC Dem Club Board Member, Paul Honigberg

Andy Harris has entered his sixteenth year as our Member of Congress. And it's never been clearer that he has no interest in doing the job. Here are 10 reasons why not:

1. The Constitution gives Congress the power of the purse. This includes decisions on how federal funds must be spent. Yet Andy was only too happy to

allow the Trump Administration, including the so-called Department of Government Efficiency, to ignore Congressional directives creating federal departments and agencies and directing how money should be spent. Instead, the Administration has run rampant by terminating employees throughout the federal government and illegally closing independent departments and agencies. Andy is just fine with letting the Administration do his job.

2. The Constitution gives to Congress the sole power to impose taxes and tariffs. Since President Trump's nonsensical "Liberation Day" announcement in April 2025, Andy supported the President's illegal tariffs and has invariably opposed legislation that would end them. These tariffs, which change often depending on the President's whim, have made it impossible for businesses to plan long-term, contributed to the weakest job growth in over 20 years (barring the pandemic year), and added to inflation. Thanks a lot, Andy.
3. The Constitution gives to Congress the sole power to declare war. Yet President Trump has spent the last 14 months using the U.S. Military for a variety of war-like actions, including the sinking of fishing boats in the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean without proof that these vessels were engaged in illegal drug trafficking or due process for those on board; the abduction of Venezuela's president and his wife using military force; and the ill-planned bombing of Iran and torpedoing its naval vessels. These actions have terrifying potential consequences, which the Administration has apparently not considered seriously, if at all. Gasoline prices have skyrocketed and the country is hurtling toward an energy crisis. Whenever Andy has had a chance to reclaim Congress' power to declare war, he has declined and voted to allow the President to act with impunity. Andy, what's the plan?
4. The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States, and its waters are vitally important to residents of the First Congressional District. Andy claims to revere the Bay and pledges to leave the environment better than he found it. Despite these lofty words, Andy's legislative score from the League of Conservation Voters is a whopping 2 percent, including a score of zero in 2025. Words alone will not save the Bay, and neither will Andy.
5. The government shut-down last fall presented Andy with a rare and wonderful opportunity. After voting for a continuing resolution on September 19, Andy and the other Congressional Republicans fled Washington for the next 54 days, creating the longest government shutdown in U.S. history. During this time, Andy continued to receive his regular pay and benefits, while federal employees were either furloughed or required to work without pay. At issue was the Republicans' refusal to extend the enhanced subsidies under the Affordable Care Act, which is expected to deprive 20 million Americans of their health insurance. Andy supported the Republicans' refusal to negotiate with the Democrats on this issue and does not care if his constituents have health insurance or not.
6. On November 1 of last year, during the shutdown, funding for federal nutrition assistance expired. As a result, millions of Americans, including those in the First Congressional District, faced the prospect of going hungry. Although the U.S. Department of Agriculture could have easily moved money to keep funding food aid, the Administration refused. And when states like Maryland attempted to use their own funds to keep the program funded, the Trump Administration sued them to prevent that from happening. Andy never uttered a peep in opposition, preferring to see Americans suffer rather than negotiate a

compromise.

7. Andy continues to oppose reforms in the tactics used by ICE and CBP, including the murder by federal agents of two U.S. citizens in Minnesota exercising their Constitutional rights, which has led to the shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security. As a result, numerous DHS employees, including TSA agents, have been working without pay. Andy continues to oppose sensible reforms in ICE or CBP, which would simply require them to function as normal law-enforcement bodies. He also opposes reallocating the tens of millions of dollars presently available to DHS to the TSA. Meanwhile, lines at TSA security checkpoints continue to lengthen around the country. So, when you are standing in a long security line wondering whether you are going to be able to make your flight, you can thank Andy. Happy Spring Break, America!
8. Andy is a Johns Hopkins-trained physician, who also worked at Hopkins, and is a member of the House Republican doctors' caucus. He has never said a word in opposition to the Administration's illegal cuts in research funding or the baseless reforms in vaccine policies engineered by unqualified HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Thanks to these policies, measles, a disease considered eradicated in the United States in 2000, is making an historic comeback, with over 3,600 confirmed cases since Trump's inauguration. The CDC is in shambles, and its vaccine advisory board is dysfunctional. Andy is helping to make America less healthy by the day.
9. Andy wants to take away your right to vote. He is a huge proponent of the so-called SAVE Act, which purports to prevent non-citizens from voting in federal elections. Guess what? Voting by non-citizens is already illegal and virtually non-existent. In fact, the SAVE Act would disenfranchise huge segments of American voters, segments the Republicans believe favor Democrats. In addition to requiring voters to show a photo ID when voting, this abomination of a bill would force all Americans to re-register and show proof of citizenship through passports or birth certificates and greatly curtail mail-in voting. (News Flash: President Trump just voted by mail in an election in Palm Beach County, in which a Democrat flipped another Republican seat!) It also would expose voting records to the Department of Homeland Security, supposedly for citizenship verification. The potential for misuse of this information is obvious, especially by an Administration that judges have found time and again to have acted illegally.
10. Andy does not want to meet his constituents to defend his record. He has not held an in-person town hall since August 2023, over 2½ years ago. He hasn't even held a telephone town hall, in which his staff and he can control the questions, since October 21, 2025, over five months ago. For someone who has been proclaiming the "Golden Age of America" since Trump's inauguration last year, Congressman Gaslight's fear of facing his constituents is telling. Perhaps things are not as golden as he claims.

Andy shows us week in and week out that he does not want to do the job. We should find someone who does.

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 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

Get Your Awesome QAC Democrat T-Shirt Now!



Are you proud to be a Queen Anne's County Democrat? 2026 can result in a blue wave, so wear your blue and show you are working to Free America! Shirts in sizes small-to-extra large will be on sale at our membership meetings and at Democratic headquarters each Tuesday morning. The cost is \$20 each.

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.



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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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