



GEOFF DIEHL SPEAKS AT ANNUAL SOUTH SHORE GOP BBQ

AWARD HONORING FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN PRESENTED

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WHITMAN, MA (6/7/09): Whitman's VFW Post #687 pavilion was the site of a large gathering to honor Michael J. Sullivan, former U.S. Attorney, Acting ATF Director, Plymouth County District Attorney and 7th Plymouth District State Representative. He was inducted into The Century Club, commemorating the Whitman Republican Town Committee's 100th Anniversary as "Person Of The Year," in recognition for his tireless service to the citizens of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Geoff Diehl, candidate for the same State Representative seat held by Sullivan, greeted the audience, saying, "It's an honor to be a part of the program to recognize Michael Sullivan, who has served the people of the Commonwealth with such distinction." Elected officials on hand to speak on behalf of Mr. Sullivan were State Senator Robert Hedlund, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz, Plymouth County Sheriff Joseph McDonald, and State Representative Daniel Webster. Whitman Selectmen Brian Bezanson and Daniel Salvucci were also part of the day's events.

Sullivan, who has recently opened the Boston office of Ashcroft and Sullivan, LLC, acknowledged his gratitude for the award and expressed his happiness to be able to attend events like this, once again. "All ninety-two U.S. Attorneys were under strict orders from President Bush to 'stand down' so that their positions remain non-political." Having resigned the position, Sullivan explained that he was now free to endorse candidates such as Geoff Diehl, in the same way that former State Senator and Representative Ned Kirby did during Mr. Sullivan's first run for political office.

Additional guest Harry Markopolos, resident of Whitman and fraud investigator who broke the Bernie Madoff ponzi scheme, received the Whitman RTC 2008 "Citizen of the Year" award. Markopolos has appeared on "60 Minutes," explaining how he spent ten years trying to convince the SEC that Madoff has been bilking his clients for billions of dollars in fraudulent funds.

ABOUT DISTRICT / CANDIDATE:

The 7th Plymouth District includes all of Abington, East Bridgewater and Whitman. Notable State Representatives from this District include Michael Sullivan, former U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and former Plymouth County DA, and Andrew Card, former White House Chief of Staff under George W. Bush.

This is the first time Geoff Diehl has considered a run for political office. He resides in Whitman with his wife, KathyJo, and their two daughters, Kaylee and Emily. Diehl is an Eagle Scout, a graduate of Lehigh University and an Account Executive with Poyant Signs. Geoff is also a member of the Whitman Finance Committee as well as the South Shore and MetroSouth Chambers of Commerce. He and his wife co-own Boss Academy of Performing Arts, located in Hanson.

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