Moulton's district director to speak at GDCC's Feb. 8 monthly meeting

Our guest at this month’s GDCC monthly meeting on Feb. 8 will be Rick Jakious, district director for U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton. Rick will provide an update on Congressman Moulton’s recent official and political efforts and answer any questions from the committee.

As district director, Rick is focused on ensuring that government works for constituents of the Sixth District and finding ways to combine the strengths of government, nonprofit and business to improve people’s lives.

Previously, Rick was the CEO of the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, representing the interests of thousands of small- to medium-sized nonprofit organizations in the Commonwealth. He worked to pass first-in-the-nation legislation to provide high quality, affordable retirement options for nonprofit workers by leveraging the state’s existing retirement infrastructure at no additional cost to taxpayers. He served on the board of the Massachusetts Health Connector in order to help execute a turnaround of the failing health exchange and protect health insurance for Massachusetts residents.

Rick is a volunteer with the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, RAW Art Works, Boy Scouts of America and the Beyond Walls public arts initiative. He lives in Swampscott with his wife Rachel, a middle school math teacher, and sons Phineas and Atticus.

Meetings are held at the Gloucester House Restaurant, 63 Rogers St. A social hour is at 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30.

Convention caucus set for Feb. 8

Registered Democrats in Gloucester will hold a caucus on Feb. 8 to elect delegates and alternates to the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. The caucuses will be held at 6 p.m. at the Gloucester House Restaurant, 63 Rogers St.

Prospective delegates should plan to arrive no later than 5:45 p.m. The caucuses will be held in advance of the Gloucester Democratic City Committee’s regular monthly meeting which will follow immediately afterwards.

This state convention will be held on June 1 and 2 in Worcester. Democrats from across the state will endorse candidates for statewide office including US senator and governor.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Gloucester. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 18 by Sept. 18, 2018, may participate as delegates or alternates. Delegates and alternates will be chosen to represent each of the city’s five wards.
Please tell us how you want to help Democrats win in November

The response to our survey of activist Democrats has been heartening so far, but there's still time to make your voice heard.

Gloucester Democratic City Committee (GDCC) is reaching out to all Cape Ann Democrats to get feedback from you about how we all can be more effective in working for the common good. Please open the link to our online survey at http://bit.ly/2qB5Tuf and let us know about specific ways you can help the GDCC over the coming year. Your issues and concerns matter! The survey is only nine questions and takes only a few minutes to complete.

Make your voice heard! Your input will help us frame and execute Campaign 2018 here on Cape Ann. This year we have a chance to make a difference in local, state, and national political races. The GDCC and Town Committees in Essex, Manchester and Rockport will be organizing a campaign headquarters in the fall.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Democratic Dialogue

The Gloucester Democratic City Committee’s public access television program, Democratic Dialogue, will air on Cape Ann TV, Ch. 12, on Friday, Feb. 2, at 4 p.m. and repeat on Thursdays at 9:30 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m. throughout the month.

Host Karen Bell will talk with guests John Rosenthal of Gloucester, a founder of the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative (PAARI), which began here in Gloucester, and has helped find recovery and treatment options. In its first year PAARI found help for more than 500 people struggling with addictions.

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