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**The Paul Pratt Memorial Library and the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition
Team Up
To Support September-National Recovery Month**



**All Events take place at the Library
35 Ripley Road, Cohasset**

*August 22, 2017.....*The Paul Pratt Memorial Library and the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition invite the community to attend an Author/Speaker Series in support of September -National Recovery Month. The team's purpose is outlined in their new logo and tagline- Spiral Upward from Addiction to Healing. The team will host multiple events during the month to help enlighten and engage the public in this very challenging battle.

Come and experience an amazing journey by viewing a photographic exhibit that documents the challenges of addiction and the glories of recovery captured by photographic artist **Keith Conforti**. It will be held in the library's Meeting Room for the months of September and October. **Annemarie Whilton**, a local artist and prolific and sensitive blogger (heroinheroineblog.com) will be punctuating the art with quotes from parents of children fighting the good fight. **Gayle Walsh**, the reference librarian will be compiling a portfolio of recovery focused readings.

Thursday, September 7th at 7:pm

Steve Kassels MD will speak about his fiction book, "Addiction on Trial: Tragedy in Downeast Maine." This thriller, which culminates in a riveting murder trial, illuminates the societal discrimination toward drug addicts and examines common misperceptions about what drug addiction really is -a chronic illness requiring treatment. Kassels has treated many patients during his years of medical

practice and is dedicated to his work in addiction medicine. He is a renowned speaker and has engagements across the US. Mr. Kassels offered to donate all of the proceeds from the books sold that evening to the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition.

Sunday, September 10th at 4 pm

Susan Kippen will speak about "The Missing Link," a spiritual guide for understanding addictive behaviors. The book provides understanding about the nature of addictive behaviors and offers solutions for healing and transformation into wholeness. Susan Kippen is a gifted spiritual healer, truth seer, and teacher who has effectively assisted thousands of individuals in their healing processes for over 27 years. Her unique holistic approach combines Empathic Therapy, Polarity Therapy, Hypnosis, Shamanic Healing, Reiki, and cellular memory clearing.

Thursday, September 14th at 7:pm

Michael Govoni is the founder of Breath by Breath Wellness and will share his personal healing journey of how he overcame immense trauma, addiction, and illness, to awaken to his life's passion and purpose. Mike has thirteen years of continuous sobriety from drugs and alcohol and works in three major hospitals in the Boston area as a Recovery Coach. Mike is passionate about helping others transform to their highest potential; helping people heal using holistic modalities, mind/body connection, and integrates mindful meditation in his practice to assist his clients to awaken to their own innate ability to heal. Mike realizes that his immense pain and suffering were not in vain, but have only been the vehicle to allow him to birth his passion and purpose for helping others. Mike can be reached via his website: www.breathbybreathwellness.com

Sunday, September 17th at 4 pm

Katie Morini, a Plymouth native, RN and author will speak about "The Story of Red Tail Hawk: One Family's Journey through Addiction". In her book, Katie chronicles her sister Amanda Beth Randall's challenges through substance use and her family's unified and persistent struggle to battle the ravaging effects of drug addiction which ultimately claimed Amanda's life. Morini artfully interweaves Amanda's poetry and letters allowing the reader a peek into her thoughts.

Sunday, September 24th at 4pm

Attorney Bob Harnais, the former President of the Massachusetts Bar Association will speak from a firsthand perspective about the Section 35 Process which permits the courts to involuntarily commit someone whose alcohol or drug use puts themselves or others at risk. Attorney Harnais was the architect of a program available to Norfolk County residents that provides lawyers free of charge to parents who are trying to use Section 35 to commit their loved ones for treatment. **Annemarie Whilton**, a Cohasset parent will discuss the challenging experiences she confronted with the Section 35 Process. She will put a face to the frustration.

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