



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
invites you to its meeting **September 23, 2015** at  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.**

## **Ajit Hutheesing**

### **“India: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”**



**India:** The world’s largest democracy. The world’s second most populous nation, with 1.3 billion inhabitants, half of whom are under 25 in age. A land of immense talent, enormous potential, staggering poverty and violent religious conflict. Once enemy of the West and friend of the USSR, then leader of the supposedly neutral Third World, and now a thriving mixed model economy. Although the daily news covers China and the persistent wars in the Middle East, India steadily gains the attention of the West: “As rivals falter, India’s economy is surging ahead (NY Times). But troubles mirror the nation’s size.

Who could be better to share his observations about India with us than the uniquely qualified **Ajit Hutheesing**? Born in Mumbai, his mother was the sister of India’s first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, from the Nehru family, which led India’s struggle for independence from Britain. His mother was the aunt of Indira Gandhi who was India’s third Prime Minister. That made him the uncle of Rajiv Gandhi, the fourth Prime Minister. His insider’s viewpoint promises a fascinating view of a vitally important nation.

Today he actively builds philanthropic and business bridges between India and the United States. He is a significant donor to Young Concert Artists, Inc., a highly reputed non-profit New York-based young artists’ organization and to other music organizations, and has served on several Boards of Directors of public and private companies.

Earlier he had a successful career in finance. When he began his investment-banking career in 1960 with Loeb Rhoades & Company, he was one of the first Indians in Wall Street. He worked with S.G. Warburg & Company in London, and then he became the youngest director at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment-banking arm of the World Bank. At J. Henry Schroder Corporation, New York, he was Managing Director and then Vice Chairman. At the Sherwood Group he was Chairman. He was the Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of International Capital Partners Inc., which provided private placement equity to finance the growth of successful smaller companies.

Mr. Hutheesing took his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry, Physics, Metallurgy and Mathematics, and his Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Cambridge University in England, then his MBA from Columbia University in New York. His recent his first book, “The Shadow of Her Smile,” is about his life with his late wife, Helen Armstrong, a prominent violinist who devoted her life to furthering chamber music and music education.

RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:40AM for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 11:00M. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich, with parking on-street or at public lot two houses north of the church on Lafayette Place. For additional information, contact: [jim.fishbein1@verizon.net](mailto:jim.fishbein1@verizon.net)