

**RETIREE MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wed. March 18, 2015.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.**

**DEBRA PONZEK AND GREG ADDONIZIO
BEHIND THE SCENES AT AUX DELICES.**



When a simple sandwich won't do, foodies flock to Aux Delices for "delish" French-New American entrees, finely crafted specialty foods and superb pastries. Debra Ponzek and her husband Greg Addonizio make it all look so easy, but a lot of hard work and attention to detail keeps the Fairfield County crowd coming back for more. So, how is it all done, how is the difficult made to look simple and, above all, how does one translate a love of food into the difficult task of running a business? Debra and Greg will reveal the secrets of starting and operating a successful takeout food store and catering establishment.

Debra and Greg graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, and Debra began her career as Executive Chef for Drew Nieporent at Montrachet in New York City, earning three consecutive three-star reviews from the New York Times. At the age of 28 she was selected as one of the "Ten Best New American Chefs" by Food and Wine magazine. In 1990 she was named "Chef of the Year" by the Chefs of America Association and a year later she was the recipient of the coveted "Rising Chef of the Year" award by the James Beard Foundation. Fast forward to 1995, when she and David opened Aux Delices, a gourmet prepared food shop, café and catering business in Riverside, followed by stores in downtown Greenwich, Darien and Westport. They also operate Aux Delices Events, a full-service catering and event planning business which handles parties and events of all sizes. Greg brings to the table many years as a successful chef and restaurant owner—from the River Café in Brooklyn (working with Larry Forgione), the Pear Tree restaurant in Rumson, New Jersey, Livanos in White Plains, , Miramar Beach Inn in Half Moon Bay, California, and Clearwater's in Monroe, Connecticut.

Debra has published several well-received and successful cookbooks including *French Food, American Accent, Debra Ponzek's Spirited Cuisine; The Summer House Cookbook* (reviewed as "However gloomy or rainy the weather, the book is like a ray of sunshine.") and, most recently *The Dinnertime Survival Cookbook*. She has been the subject of articles in numerous newspapers and magazines; her television credits include David Letterman, The Today Show and the CBS Morning Show. The couple have three children and live in Greenwich.

RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:45 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 11:00. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.