



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **November 16, 2016 at**
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.

Bobby Valentine

“Reflections of a Sports Leader”



Bobby Valentine became executive director of athletics at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield Connecticut in June 2013 after a long, colorful and successful career in major league baseball in the USA and Japan.

Valentine is a Connecticut native, growing up in Stamford where he was the only three-time All-State football player in state history at Rippowam High School. One of the best athletes from Connecticut of the 20th century, as voted by Sports Illustrated, he planned on pursuing a college football career at USC, but was selected fifth in the first round of the 1968 amateur baseball draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers. Valentine made his MLB debut September 2, 1969, versus the New York Mets, a club he went on to manage. Valentine spent 10 seasons in the major leagues, playing for the Dodgers, San Diego Padres, California Angels, Mets and Seattle Mariners. He appeared in 639 games and hit .260 over the course of his career. He played every position on the field, except pitcher, during his career, showing versatility that has served him well since his final appearance on September 30, 1979.

He remained in baseball as a third-base coach for the Mets then in 1985 as manager of the Texas Rangers. He earned UPI's American League Manager of the Year honors in 1986 and went on to winning the most games as manager in Rangers history. Valentine took over the Mets in 1996 and led the squad to back-to-back postseasons, including a 2000 World Series appearance. Including a season at the helm of the Boston Red Sox in 2012, Valentine has 1,186 major league managerial victories under his belt.

Valentine also has experience in the broadcast booth. He can be found on the sets of SNY, covering the New York Mets, and MLB Network, as an expert voice on the state of the game today. In business he has owned and operated Bobby Valentine's Sports Gallery Cafe, a sports bar in his hometown of Stamford, a franchise in Windsor Locks in partnership with Sportech Venues, Inc. and co-founded the Shin Taku Juko School in Japan. In 2010, he started Makuhari Media which produces sports-themed documentaries. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Steel Sports and is the owner of the Bobby Valentine Sports Academy.

In addition to his easy smile and charismatic personality, Valentine is also known for his extensive philanthropy.

Next week's program: Evelyn Farkas, the former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia will speak on “Thoughts of a Russia Expert”

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org