

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting on Wednesday, Dec.10, 2014.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.***

***DONNA COLETTI, M.D., GREENWICH HOSPITAL
PALLIATIVE CARE: EDUCATING, EMPOWERING AND
COMFORTING PATIENTS***



When faced with serious illness or pain, patients and loved ones may need help in making care decisions. Working to relieve symptoms, pain and stress, the palliative care team at Greenwich Hospital, led by Dr. Coletti, helps families understand the pros and cons of various procedures. The team explains treatment options, helps patients be comfortable with their decisions, and keeps lines of communications open among patients, their families and their doctors. Care is focused on the emotional, physical and spiritual support of the patient and family to improve quality of life. Palliative care often works with, but is distinct from, hospice care (which focuses on end of life). Care is focused on the emotional, physical and spiritual support of the patient, and is available whether the patient is home or hospitalized. The palliative care team will make sure that the patient's needs and wishes are being met, and that his treatments are in line with his goals.

Dr. Coletti is the founding medical director for Palliative Care Service at Greenwich Hospital and is Medical Director of the hospital's home hospice program. Her career in women's health care includes 20 years in obstetrics and gynecology, with 15 years spent as a member of Greenwich Hospital's active medical staff. Her health-care path was redirected in 2006 by what she described as "a familiar yet different clarion call" for her aging parents who needed assistance. She became medical director of Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care of Southwestern Connecticut in 2009. She earned board certification in Hospice and Palliative Care and, when Greenwich Hospital created a palliative care department in 2012, she assumed the helm. Since then, patient volume has tripled and services include a teaching curriculum with resident and staff education, community outreach and a comprehensive palliative care team. Earlier this year, she received a YWCA Brava Award given to recognize outstanding woman achievers who have excelled in their professional careers and who volunteer their time and talent to help others. She received her M.D. from Weill Cornell Medical College.

Our business meetings begin at 10, and our speakers are scheduled for 10:30. No Charge, and No Reservations are required. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558;bgsesq@gmail.com. See our website greenwichrma.org.