

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)  
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, July 24, 2013.  
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.***

***DAVID D'ANDREA***

***“THE GRIFF”, ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE***



The Griffith E. Harris Golf Course, one of the crown jewels of Greenwich life continues to garner wide-spread acclaim. Built on land donated by the Bruce family, it is one of the best public courses in New England. Designed by Robert Trent Jones, and opened in 1963, use of the course is open to all Town of Greenwich residents who become members. The Griff only continues to improve, recently

installing a new state of the art irrigation system.

The heart and soul of The Griff its Operations Manager Dave D'Andrea, beginning his 12<sup>th</sup> year. He is responsible for supervision and maintenance of the course (and its golfers), from reviving the course from its winter hibernation every spring, and to keep the course in tip-top shape late into the fall. Landscaping the par 71, 6,152 yard 163-acre course is a year-long full-time occupation. David learned the green trade and the finer points of running an upscale golf course from his father, a horticulturist.

He will share with us his experiences in management and modernization of the physical plant that is The Griff, but more importantly people with whom we works with, and his relationships with its 4,000 members. Golf is a social game that brings people together, and it often begins with Dave's "Good to see you." RMA members may well find themselves the subject of Dave's on-target anecdotes. But looking to the future is what keeps us all young, and Dave will share his philosophy of enjoying life and where he expects the future of golf to be , in Greenwich and for the sport as a whole.

Dave has been a fixture on the Greenwich sports scene for decades. After playing a variety of sports as a youngster, he coached middle and high school basketball teams and played on town championship softball teams. He is President of the Redmen Home Association of Greenwich, and a member of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America.

**RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:30 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 10:45. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.**