



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
**Invites you to its meeting **October 11, 2017** at**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**

## **David Gilbert**

**“Nourishing the Great Trees: the Life of a Conductor.”**



David Gilbert, Music Director and Conductor of the Greenwich Symphony since 1975, will discuss the métier of a conductor, from its beginnings to its demands, joys, and challenges. He is well equipped to discuss the subject. After earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Eastman School, he has been Principal Conductor of the American Ballet Theater, Principal Guest Conductor of the Beijing Central Philharmonic, and Assistant Conductor of the New York Philharmonic. At the start of his conducting career, he won first prize in the 1970 Dimitri Mitropoulos International Conducting Competition organized by Leonard Bernstein. It was at the time the most important international conducting competition, and initiated his conducting career on a high note.

Our Mr. Gilbert is on the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music, is a flutist and a composer, and has conducted important New York premieres of operas and symphonic works. He has been guest conductor of a large number of prominent American and international orchestras, including the Pittsburgh, Rochester, Nashville, Oakland, Louisville, and Lexington symphonies, as well as the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Pro Arte of Boston, among others. In 1976 was selected by Pierre Boulez to be chief assistant conductor for the Bayreuth Festival. He is also Music Director of the Senior Concert Orchestra of New York.

**Next week, October 18: Chuck Risio, Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps, on “The Current State of the Marine Corps”**

*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](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org)*