

***RETIREED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.***
DAVID L. LEVINSON, PRESIDENT, NORWALK COMM. COLL.
STUDENT SUCCESS AT NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE



“In the coming years, jobs requiring at least an associate degree are projected to grow twice as fast as jobs requiring no college experience. We will not fill those jobs—or keep those jobs on our shores—without the training afforded by community colleges.” President Obama. In an increasingly competitive world economy, America’s economic strength depends upon the education and skills of its workers. As the largest part of the nation’s higher education system, community colleges enroll more than 6 million students and are growing rapidly. They feature affordable tuition, open admission policies, flexible course schedules, and convenient locations. Community colleges are particularly important for students who are older, working, or need remedial classes. Community colleges work with businesses, industry and government to create tailored training programs to meet economic needs like nursing, health information technology, advanced manufacturing, and green jobs. In his 2015 State of the Union Address, President Obama outlined a plan (the “American College Promise”) to offer two years of free community college to students-- “as free and universal in America as high school.” Higher education is expensive, and initiatives aimed at lessening the burden should be welcomed as a step in the right direction.

Dr. Levinson has been President of NCC since August 2004. During his presidency, NCC completed a successful capital campaign for a new Science, Health and Wellness Center, became an achieving Dream Leader College, and was selected by MDC, Inc. as one of the fifteen community colleges nationwide to receive funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Educational Foundation. NCC also received an award from the Carnegie Foundation for its extensive service to Fairfield County.

He was appointed Vice President for Community Colleges statewide, in addition to his NCC presidency. He co-chairs the American Sociological Association’s Task Force on Community College Faculty, and served on the American Council of Education’s Commission on Lifelong Learning. He is the editor of and contributor to publications too numerous to mention, including *The American Prospect*, the *American Journal of Sociology*, and *Contemporary Sociology*; and is a much in-demand speaker. He was honored by Phi Theta Kappa with the Shirley Gordon Award of Distinction and the Elizabeth Roberts Award from the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County for his work in education. He is the recipient of a Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He holds a B.A in Sociology from SUNY New Paltz, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from UMass at Amherst.

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.