

**RETIREED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Mar.5, 2014.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich, CT.**

DR. DEB SAWCH

**NOT YOUR FATHER'S EDUCATION ANYMORE: TEACHING AND
LEARNING IN OUR GLOBALIZED, INTERCONNECTED WORLD**



We live in a complex, interconnected technological world that has forced us to rethink how, where, when and what we teach our children. We are even questioning the concept of school or what it means to teach and learn. Dr. Deb Sawch, Co-founder/Director of Studies in Educational Innovation at Teachers College, Columbia University will discuss how education for the 21st century has radically changed; how we are preparing students for jobs that don't exist yet, and which will require critical, creative and global capacities that schools—in America and around the world-- are only beginning to understand and cultivate.

She will share global perspectives and insights gleaned from research in Finland, Singapore, Australia, Shanghai and Canada--countries considered top-performers as measured by the PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) but ones that also have particular infrastructures that can explain some of their success. She will highlight that the gap between those who have the resources to prepare students for the 21st century and those that don't is increasing in alarming ways and what we are doing to provide solutions to narrow this gap.

Dr. Sawch and her colleagues work with school districts in the United States and internationally to cultivate 21st century approaches to transformational change, and to push the boundaries of what is possible in the classroom. She has spent the last several years engaged in global research on educational practices in high-performing schools around the world. She is also a co-founder of the Global Learning Alliance, a consortium of scholars and educators from around the world dedicated to sharing and creating effective approaches to global readiness, and to enable the largest number of students to study at a high international level of learning. She received her B.A. from the University of Connecticut and her doctorate in education from Teachers College, Columbia University, where she also received her M.A. and Ed.M degrees. She is also Chair of the Advisory Board of Teach for America-CT. She has published in academic journals and has co-authored two books: *Education for 21st Century Global Capacities--An International Perspective*; and *Academic Innovation and Measurement: 21st Century Teaching and Learning Models (both in press)*.

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, or see our web site, greenwichrma.org.