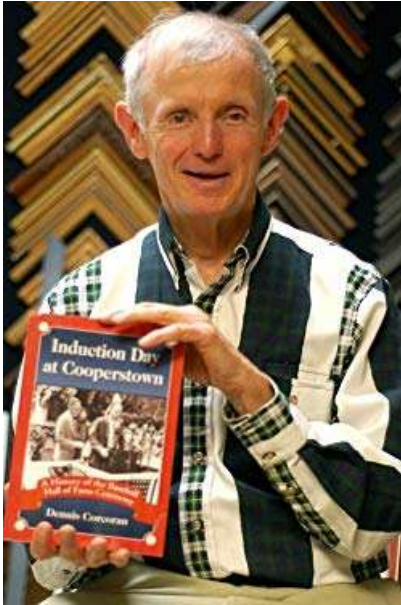




RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **July 18, 2018** at 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Dennis Corcoran Author of
***“Induction Day at Cooperstown:
A History of the Baseball Hall of Fame Ceremony”***



Almost every year since 1939, baseball's most outstanding players, umpires, pioneers and executives have been enshrined at Cooperstown in a public ceremony attracting thousands of fans from across the United States. Hall of Fame membership, the game's highest honor, is conferred by the Baseball Writers Association of America, the Veterans Committee, and in the case of 17 Negro League greats in 2006, an ad hoc committee of historians.

Teacher, author, historian, and baseball fan, Dennis Corcoran will talk about the origins and history of the Hall of Fame museum and its election process. He will discuss how the ceremony on induction day has evolved since 1939 and will highlight four of the most impressive speeches by honorees inducted into the Hall of Fame. He will also tell us stories about the fans, including a former president, and how their enthusiasms have become an integral part of the ceremony. Over 80,000 attended the induction of Cal Ripken, Jr. and Tony Gwynn in 2007.

A graduate of Villanova University and the John Jay School of Criminal Justice, Mr. Corcoran taught social studies for thirty years in the Hendrick Hudson School District. In addition to his book, *Induction Day at Cooperstown*, he has written a history titled *Pleasantville--300 Years--From Manor to Suburb*. He has also researched and developed presentations on *The Benedict Arnold and John Andre Conspiracy* and *Baseball Discrimination*, the latter inspired by the story of Jackie Robinson.

Mr. Corcoran lives in Pleasantville, N Y. and has a monthly blog, *I left my Heart in Cooperstown*.

Next Weeks: July 25, Martin Nguyen, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Faculty Chair for Diversity, Fairfield University, “Islam: its Faith, Culture and Place in America” *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.greenwichtma.org or contact info@greenwichtma.org*