



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)  
Invites you to its meeting **October 16, 2019** at 11:00 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

## Ernest Fleishman

# “Today's Education Challenge - Separating Fact from Fiction in a Digital Age”



Ray Bradbury wrote *Fahrenheit 451* in 1953 and many consider it to be his masterpiece. He explored the themes of threats to freedom of expression and the harm of censorship as seen in a future world where the written word is forbidden and books are banned. Today, in a digital age Bradbury's message is more relevant than ever. The Town of Greenwich voted to select this book for the program **Greenwich Reads Together** sponsored by the public library.

Using Bradbury's fictional book as a starting point, Dr. Ernest Fleishman will lead a panel discussion focusing on the dangers of censorship and disinformation. The panel will explore the question of how education can help students lead more meaningful lives in a digital age where it is increasingly difficult to separate fact from fiction. The panel will discuss the challenges of helping students think critically and the techniques and ideas for developing critical thinking skills. The panelists are Emma Goddard, a Greenwich High School student; Ryan Jones, a teacher of history and government; and Alexandra Stevens, a library media specialist.

Dr Ernest Fleishman is a former Superintendent of the Greenwich Public Schools (1976-1989). He recently retired as Senior Vice President for Education for Scholastic Inc., one of the nation's largest publishers and distributors of children's books, educational software, and instructional materials. Dr. Fleishman's role at Scholastic included developing company-wide strategic initiatives with school districts, government agencies, major educational organizations, and corporations.

Dr. Fleishman received his B.A. from Williams College, his M.A. in English from Harvard, and his Ed.D. in Administration from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Williams College in 1984.

**Next week, October 23 Captain Jesse Paluch**, New York State Environmental Conservation Police Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigations, **“Wildlife Crimes Scene Investigation Training in South Africa: on the Front Lines in the Poaching Crisis.”** *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 10:40 a.m. followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 a.m. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see [www.greenwichtma.org](http://www.greenwichtma.org) or contact [info@greenwichtma.org](mailto:info@greenwichtma.org)*