



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **November 23, 2016 at**
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.

Evelyn N. Farkas

“Thoughts About Russia”



In 1939 Winston Churchill said, "I cannot forecast to you the action of **Russia**. It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma; but perhaps there is a key. That key is Russian national interest." Dr. Evelyn Farkas, an expert in Russian affairs, will peak behind these veils to discuss Russia's actions and interests today.

Currently President of Farkas Global Strategies, LLC and a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, she served from 2012 to 2015 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia/Ukraine/Eurasia, responsible for policy towards Russia, the Black Sea, Balkans and Caucasus regions and conventional arms control.

From 2010 to 2012 she was Senior Advisor to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe /Commander, U.S. European Command, and as Special Advisor for the Sec. of Defense at a NATO Summit. Prior to that she was a senior fellow at the American Security Project, where she focused on stability and special operations, counter-proliferation and U.S-Asia policy.

In 2008-2009, she served as Executive Director of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism. Farkas was an election observer in Afghanistan in 2009. From April 2001 to April 2008, she was a Professional Staff Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, covering foreign and defense policy in Asia Pacific, Western Hemisphere, Special Operations Command (policy and budget oversight), foreign military assistance, peace and stability operations, the military effort to combat terrorism, counter-narcotics programs, homeland defense, and export control policy. From 1997-2001 Farkas was a professor of international relations at the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College. From 1996-1997 she served in Bosnia with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

She speaks Hungarian and German, has studied French, Spanish, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, and Hindi and appears as a regular commentator on MSNBC's Morning Joe and major television networks, including NBC, CNN and Fox. Dr. Farkas obtained her MA and Ph.D. from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Next Week: Steve Myers and Wayne Martin, “Proving Einstein Right on Gravity Waves and Relativity”

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