



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **January 29, 2020** at **11:00 a.m.**
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Howard Husock

“Effective Ways to Lift People out of Poverty”



Howard Husock will discuss the most effective ways to address poverty and narrow the widening gap between rich and poor in America-- a gap that he feels is a grave threat to American democracy. He presents a preventive strategy, based on positive social norms, that he believes will be more effective than the billions of American tax dollars going into the vast array of government programs targeting various social issues.

Husock will talk about the individuals and institutions of civil society that in the past actively promoted norms to nurture healthy habits so that social problems would not emerge in the first place. He sees today's massive social service state and government agencies doing more harm than good for struggling communities. He is an advocate for the formative work to be done by civil society through philanthropic activity, as both a source of effective new ideas and as a core aspect of democracy and liberty.

Howard Husock is Senior Fellow, Contributing Editor, City Journal, Manhattan Institute. He is the author of *Who Killed Civil Society? The Rise of Big Government and the Decline of Bourgeois Norms* and *Philanthropy Under Fire*. As a longtime print and television journalist and documentary filmmaker, his work for WGBH, Boston won three Emmys. In 1987–2006 he served as director of case studies in public policy and management at the Harvard Kennedy School. He was a member of the board of directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (2013–18). He is a Graduate of the Boston University College of Communication and was a mid-career fellow at Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

Next Week: February 5, Tom Shachtman, Author, “The Founding Fortunes: How the Wealthy Paid for and Profited from America's Revolution.”

Community Discussion Group with Tom Shachtman at the Greenwich Library 2:00-3:30, “Money and Wealth in Politics, Past and Present.” Registration, using the Library's online calendar, is required for the discussion group.

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 AM followed promptly by our speaker at

11:00 AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org