

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.
THE HONORABLE LOWELL PALMER WEICKER, JR.***

MAVERICK: MY LIFE IN POLITICS



If you start your political career as the First Selectman of Greenwich, there is no limit to what you will achieve. Lowell Palmer Weicker, Jr. served as a U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator, the 85th Governor of Connecticut, and unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for President in 1980. Weicker was born in Paris. His grandfather, Theodore Weicker, co-founded the E.R. Squibb Corporation. He graduated from Yale University (1953) and the University of Virginia School of Law (1958).

Weicker served in the Connecticut State House of Representatives (1962-1966), and as First Selectman of Greenwich (1963-1967), before winning election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1968 as a Republican. He only served one term in the House before being elected to the U.S. Senate , serving three terms, from 1971 to 1989, and gaining national attention on the Senate Watergate Committee. Weicker was a liberal voice in an increasingly conservative Republican Party. He became known as a “radical centrist”.

Weicker's political career appeared to be over after his 1988 defeat for reelection to the Senate by Joe Lieberman. Two years later, however, he ran for Governor of Connecticut as a member of “A Connecticut Party”, gaining national attention through his upset victory. As Governor, he instituted a broad-based income tax. The Assembly passed a measure repealing the tax, which was subsequently vetoed by Governor Weicker. The override of the veto fell a vote short.

After retiring from politics, he joined the Board of Directors for Compuware, where he still serves. In 1999, he became a member of the Board of Directors for World Wrestling Entertainment, holding this position until 2011. From 2001–2011 he served as President of the Board of Directors of Trust for America's Health, a Washington, DC-based non-profit, non-partisan health policy research organization. He has received the prestigious Lasker Award for Public Service.

Let us now praise a famous man who has seen much and done much for the Town of Greenwich and the State of Connecticut. Senator Weicker will share observations on his career, and on Connecticut and national politics, past and present.

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. See our website greenwichrma.org.