

RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to attend its February 22, 2012 Meeting at the
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.

Marjorie Castro - New Head of Eagle Hill School

How did I get there?
Confessions of an Unlikely School Leader



Dr. Marjorie Castro previously was Superintendent of Schools of the Croton-Harmon School District in Westchester County for thirteen years. Prior to her work in Croton, she was Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Bedford Central School District.

She spent 11 years in the Dobbs Ferry School District first as Principal of Springhurst Elementary School and later as Principal of Dobbs Ferry Middle School. She also has been an adjunct professor in the Bank Street College of Education Future School Leaders Academy and the Columbia University Future School Administrators Academy. The goal of both of these programs was identifying, preparing, supporting and encouraging outstanding teachers to become educational leaders.

Dr. Castro has done extensive graduate work at Teachers College, Columbia University in the area of curriculum and instruction and earned her doctorate in school administration.

Dr. Castro wrote an article published in the September 2000 edition of Phi Delta Kappa that chronicles her struggles and achievements as an educational leader who wants to stay closely in touch with the work of teachers titled, *"You Know, Mrs. Castro, You'd Be a Really Good Teacher!"* In a second article (November 2002 edition of Educational Leadership) titled, *"A Superintendent Returns to Her Roots"* she shares her experiences working with fifth graders on an architecture project and rediscovering the joys of teaching. Dr. Castro's most recent article, *"A River Town Goes Global"* chronicles the Croton-Harmon School District's experiences as it forged sister school relationships with educators and students in China.

Over recent years, Dr. Castro, along with her professional colleague and friend, Dr. Lyn McKay, has done training for administrators and teachers in regional districts on **Learning Walks**. This is an instructional and supervisory strategy for better understanding the work of individual teachers and aids in identifying both strengths and areas in need of further attention.

During her first two years at Eagle Hill, Dr. Castro was involved in a comprehensive entry process which included interviewing Board members, faculty members, administrators and parents about their experiences at Eagle Hill. She was following Dr. Mark Griffin, Founder and Headmaster of Eagle Hill for 34 years, and knew this was a critical time of transition for the school. She noted that, "Everyone was so supportive and helpful, I felt like I'd come to an amazing place with dedicated Board members, like-minded, committed colleagues, caring parents and wonderful students. This is Dr. Castro's third year at Eagle Hill and she says, "I pinch myself everyday as I realize what a special school this is. I'm honored to serve as Head of School."

RMA members and their guests should arrive by 9:45 AM for our full meeting. The general public should plan to arrive at 10:45 AM. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich. No Charge and No Reservations are required. Questions about any of the above, call George Shaddock (203) 542-0986