

**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)  
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, May 9, 2012.  
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.**

**Mary Ellen LeBien and Marian Phillips**

**Camels on the Avenue; Dead Menhaden in the Selectmen's  
Office; Saved by a Telephone Pole in the Hurricane of '38.  
Selections from the Greenwich Library Oral History Project**



"To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child." Cicero

Very few of us have lived in Greenwich our whole lives, but for most of us, Greenwich is now our true home. The Town has become part of us and who we are. But exactly who are we?

The Greenwich Library Oral History Project is a collection of over 850 interviews with people who have helped to make or witnessed the history of Greenwich since 1890. Oral histories are recorded interviews of someone who has first-hand memories. The Project's earliest recorded memories are from Mary Dodge Ficker, who describes growing up in Old Greenwich in the 1890s. Subsequent interviews have focused on different parts of town, politics, trades, and events, such as the hurricane of 1938, the 1983 collapse of the Mianus River Bridge, and controversies such as the proposal to make Greenwich the home of the United Nations.

Ms. LeBien has a long and distinguished career in public service in Greenwich. She is a past Chairman of the OHP, and a past President of the Greenwich Library. She was a founding member and past Chair of the Selectmen's Nominations Advisory Committee, and currently serves as a member of the Plan of Conservation and Development's Implementation Committee. She and her husband, Harry LeBien, have resided in Greenwich since 1976, and have three grown children and four grandchildren.

Ms. LeBien will be joined by Marian Phillips, chairman of the OHP's Readers Committee. A long time member of OHP, among her many responsibilities, she has conducted scores of interviews, and is responsible for teaching oral history techniques to new members.

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 Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.