



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
Invites you to its meeting **September 13, 2017** at  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**

## **Nina Willner**

***“Forty Autumns, a Tale of Family, the Iron Curtain, and Spycraft”***



Our speaker, author and former U.S. Army Intelligence officer Nina Willner, tells the story of what happened to one family during the Cold War. It is a story of a divided Germany -- of eighteen million people trapped in a country knowing that freedom lay just beyond its borders -- and about the four decade clash of communism and democracy, the Soviet-American superpower fight for dominance in the space race, the nuclear arms race and battles around the globe that brought the world to the brink of nuclear war.

In her book *Forty Autumns*, which was cited as one of the fifteen non-fiction must-read books of 2016, Nina recounts her family's story...ordinary lives buffeted by circumstances beyond their control. She takes us deep into the tumultuous and terrifying world of East Germany under Communist rule, revealing both the cruel

reality her relatives endured and her own experiences as an intelligence officer, running secret operations behind the Berlin Wall that put her life at risk.

Nina Willner is a former US Army intelligence officer who served in Berlin during the Cold War. Following a career in intelligence, Nina worked in Moscow, Minsk and Prague, promoting human rights, children's causes and the rule of law for the US Government, non-profit organizations and a variety of charities. She currently lives in Washington, DC and Istanbul, Turkey.

**Next week, September 20: Deirdre McDonald, Executive Vice President, Sony BMG Music Entertainment Co., “What Lobbyists Do”**

*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.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org)*