



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
Invites you to its meeting **November 1** at 11:00 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

## **Richard Halkyard**

### **"Training Workers for 21st Century Rail Transportation"**



Railroading is not only a part of American history, but very much a phenomenon of the present and poised for America's future as well.

Richard Halkyard, a professor at New Haven's Gateway Community College, is the Program Coordinator for the Railroad Engineering Technology curriculum.

He will talk about Gateway's training programs which offer career options in the rail industry for his young students. As the industry modernizes, it requires a work force with technical training and a wide range of specialized skills. Last year, a high percentage of his students, after pursuing a curriculum of hydraulics, motor controls, electronics, HVAC, radio communications, computer science, and more, got jobs in the rail industry.

Professor Halkyard will further discuss the changes the industry is undergoing and its expanding and vital role in today's economy. Precision scheduling, innovations in the design of transit cars, and investment in the construction of rail cars of the future promise a better experience for riders, whether on Metro North, subway lines or Amtrak. Freight by rail is cost effective, efficient, and environmentally friendly. One train can carry as much freight as several hundred trucks and avoids the congestion of aging highways. To date in 2017, rail carloads and rail/truck combos together are up 4.1% over 2016.

Professor Halkyard has a Ph. D. In nanoscience from the University of Minnesota, a Baccalaureate from Quinnipiac College, and is an engaging speaker, with a family background in railroading.

### **Next week, November 8, RMA Annual Dinner, No program**

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