

**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.**

ROBERT HENREY

**THROUGH GROWN-UP EYES, LIVING WITH
CHILDHOOD FAME**



Robert (Bobby) Henrey was eight when he was improbably chosen by film director Carol Reed and producer Sir Alexander Korda to star alongside Sir Ralph Richardson in *The Fallen Idol* based on a Graham Greene story. Released in 1948, the film was an instant box office success; the child's performance was singled out for critical acclaim and it remains one of the classics of British cinema. His brief film career over, the erstwhile star, an only child brought up within an exclusively adult world by eccentric parents focused on their literary careers, was suddenly confronted with the rough and tumble of school life. Survival came at the cost of burying the experience, pretending - unsuccessfully - it had never happened: an attitude Robert carried into adulthood. The death of his 19-year-old daughter and an invitation to a special screening of *The Fallen Idol* in London in 2001 finally persuaded him to come to terms with his childhood experience. *Through Grown-up Eyes* is a remarkably moving and candid account of coping with childhood stardom in post-war London and the vicissitudes of later life in the USA, tragedy and loss. It is ultimately about survival, treasuring the good things of life - and allowing hope to have the last word.

Mr. Henrey is a true Renaissance man, with widespread interests. Professionally, Mr. Henrey enjoyed a long career in finance, where he was a partner in the New York City office of Coopers and Lybrand, heading the firm's International Tax Consulting Practice, and writing numerous articles on foreign exchange. After his retirement, he undertook a program in clinical pastoral education, becoming certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains; until last year, he served as an interfaith chaplain at Greenwich Hospital. As a deacon at St. Catherine of Siena, he is active in several ministries, including the parish's baptismal program, and outreach to the French and Hispanic communities.

Mr. Henrey and his wife Lisette enjoy travel. He is particularly interested in history, and she shares with him her knowledge of geology and the natural sciences. They are both graduates of Oxford University, where he studied languages, a lifelong interest he continues to pursue in retirement.

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, for Vimeo tapes of all of our speakers.