

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)***  
***invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, June 13, 2012.***  
***First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.***

***Robert Henrey***

### **Syria: An Antique Land**



Syria has been much in the news lately, with massive protests as part of the Arab Spring, and worldwide condemnation of that government's brutal crackdown on protesters. Lost in all of this is the story of Syria as an ancient land at the crossroads of history, ruled by the Persians, Greeks, Romans and Ottomans, and influenced by many other cultures.

Mr. Henrey's presentation will be a reflection, following a number of visits to the Middle East, on the relevance of the area's rich history, culture and religious heritage, to our own contemporary identity. It is particularly timely, as it will include pictures taken in Syria in April 2011, just days before the country became effectively closed to visitors.

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.

**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.**