

**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.**

RON KAPON

CONFessions OF A NON WINE SNOB



Ron Kapon will discuss his 74 years of drinking and enjoying wine and the 147 countries he has visited in pursuit of his passions for wine and travel. He had his first drink (mixed with water) at age 3, and wrote (with help from his father) his first wine list at age 12. After graduating from Columbia College and Columbia's Graduate School of Business, he moved to Europe, which allowed him to expand his knowledge of, and interests in, wine and travel.

His family's business, Acker Merrill and Condit, established in 1820 is the oldest wine merchant in the United States. Acker's Auctions is currently the largest wine auction company in the world.

Mr. Kapon's interest in teaching led him to begin the wine programs at Queens College, C.W. Post, and the New York Institute of Technology. In 1995 he organized the new wine program at Fairleigh Dickinson University's International School of Hospitality and Tourism and co-authored and co-produced FDU's On-Line Wine Course, developed for the New York Times Knowledge Network. He was recently honored by the James Beard Foundation for his educational efforts.

A much-in-demand lecturer on wines and spirits, Professor Kapon has conducted numerous events both here and abroad for private and corporate clients. The Italian, Spanish, French, Cypriot and Portuguese governments have invited him to participate in panel discussions. He co-founded Les Amis du Vin and the Tasters Guild Journal, running both of them for 30 years.

Ron's articles and opinions can be ubiquitously found on his web site ronkapon.com, and in a wide variety of magazines, including The Fifty Best, Real Travel Adventures, Tasters Guild Journal, Leisure Travel Report, and his newest column in Resident magazine.

RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:30 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 10:45. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558;bgsesq@gmail.com.