



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
**Invites you to its meeting **June 19, 2019** at 11:00 a.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**

## **Stephen Meskers**

### **“State of the State: Connecticut Crossroads to Growth”**



Stephen Meskers identifies himself as a Democrat, a fiscal conservative and a social progressive. In November, 2018 he was elected State Representative for the 150th district in Connecticut, which covers over 1/3rd of Greenwich, essentially from the Post Road south to the shoreline, from Port Chester east to Stamford. Representative Meskers was the first Democrat elected to the State House from Greenwich in over 100 years. He has just completed his first legislative session and will speak to the RMA on the issues that Connecticut faces and the progress that has been made to date.

In his freshman year, Representative Meskers proved himself to be a strong advocate for policies on taxation, environmental protection, energy reform, and healthcare costs. As the vice-chair of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee, he advocated against higher capital gains taxes and against various increases in sales taxes. He also advocated for more training at vocational tech schools and for a bill that offers students some relief from debt. This is the “Act Establishing a Tax Credit for Employers That Make Payments on Loans.” The latter passed both houses earlier this month. He also sits on the Energy and Technology committee and has pushed for reform of the energy markets.

Representative Meskers will discuss his views on healthcare reform and the proposal to introduce tolls on Connecticut highways. He will also address the energy markets, the budgetary process, and the pros and cons of boosting state revenues by increasing taxes on estates, property, and capital gains.

Representative Meskers has a BA from Fordham University in Economics and Spanish, and an MBA in Finance from the Lubin School at Pace University. Prior to entering the House, Representative Meskers had a 35 year career in emerging markets at Irving Trust, Chemical Bank and Banco Santander. His role as head of fixed income sales at Banco Santander provided him with exposure to macro-economic policy and regulatory reform in various emerging economies.

**Next week, June 26, Laurence Kantor, Ph. D., Economist, "The Economy, Financial Markets and the Fed: Where Do We Go from Here?"** *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. **Note Address Change: This program will be held at the Eastern Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd, Old Greenwich, CT 06870.** For additional information see [www.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org)*