



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
Invites you to its meeting **September 12, 2018** at **11:00 a.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**

## **Tom McGlynn**

### **A Greenwich Resident's Perspective of Living and Working in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**



The largest country geographically in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia is well known as the home of the early 7th century prophet Muhammad, the founder of Islam. It is also the world's largest oil and gas producer. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was founded in 1932 by Ibn Saud who united four disparate regions into a single state through a series of conquests. Saudi Arabia has since been an absolute monarchy ruled by the House of Saud. The ultraconservative Wahhabi religious movement within Sunni Islam has been called the "predominant feature of Saudi culture," but how that translates into the customs and realities of modern day life is little known to Westerners.

Tom McGlynn, who lived and worked in the Kingdom Saudi Arabia for six years, will share his experience of what life is like in the modern day kingdom. As the US Tax Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Mr. McGlynn was responsible for the expatriate tax program for 1800 Americans who worked for the Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco), the world's largest oil company. Whereas all the Americans who worked for the oil company were required to live onsite in company provided compounds in Dhahran, or other locations within the Kingdom, Tom had the advantage of living in Khobar, and so for six years had the opportunity of getting to know a number of local Saudis.

Tom graduated cum laude with a Bachelor Science degree in Accounting from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York. He immediately went to work for the prestigious accounting firm Price Waterhouse where his career spanned 26 years, rising through the ranks to Tax Director. During his tenure at PwC he was stationed in Saudi Arabia for six years. After executive positions at KPMG in London and Deloitte Tax in Stamford, in 2017 he joined BDO USA, LLP in Stamford as a Managing Director in their Global Employer Services practice. He lives in Old Greenwich.

**Next Week: September 19, Chris Bruhl, President, Business Council of Fairfield County, "Connecticut & Fairfield County Business Trends"** *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 10:40 AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 AM. 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)*