

RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA) Invites you to its meeting **September 27, 2023** at 11:00 am. First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT The program will also be shown on Webinar: <u>https://bit.ly/30IBj21</u>

Bob Morgan

"My Career as a Major Label Recording Executive in the 1960s with Artists Ranging from Bobby Vinton to the Dave Clark Five"



The speaker at the RMA on September 27 will be music man Bob Morgan, who will tell us about his lifetime in music from childhood to today. His mother said he could not play baseball with the neighborhood kids after school until after piano practice. The reason given, was that in years to come while playing piano he would meet girls. She was right! Bob played in bands from the time he was 12 and continues today playing piano and doing arrangements for the RMA Melody Men. Bob will tell you how his Yale dixieland jazz band called Eli's Chosen Six made an LP for Columbia Records in 1955, which led to them playing at the 1958 Newport Jazz Festival and appearing there in the Bert Stern movie "Jazz On A Summer's Day." This led to his getting a job with Columbia Records, going through an eight week training

program, and ending up as an assistant in the Artists & Repertoire Department. Bob will tell you inside stories from his eight years with Columbia where he climbed to Executive Director of Columbia's Epic Records label and produced and directed recordings that sold millions. Then, on to MGM Records and later founding his own Good Music Record Co. in 1982. Over the years, Bob made hit records with Bobby Vinton, The Brothers Four, George Maharis, Jerry Vale, Connie Francis, Don Ho, Godfrey Cambridge, The Clancy Brothers & Tommy Makem, Bobby Hackett, Lionel Hampton, Foster Brooks, Teddy Wilson, Enzo Stuarti, Australian Rolf Harris, British star Cliff Richard, and the Glenn Miller Orchestra w/Buddy deFranco, among many others. In addition, early in the '60s British music invasion, Bob acquired for Epic the U.S. rights to the hit groups The Dave Clark Five and The Yardbirds.

Our speaker on October 4 is Christopher Shays, former Connecticut Congressman from the Fourth District

men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at **10:40 AM** followed promptly by our presentation at **11:00 AM**. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave. in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact <u>info@greenwichrma.org</u>.