



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
Invites you to its meeting **January 23, 2019** at **11:00 a.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**

## **Betsy McCaughey, Ph.D**

### **“Beware of Health Policies that Will Shorten Your life”**



Health care was the biggest voter issue in the 2018 November election and continues to be of vital concern for many Americans. Lack of access to affordable health insurance and rising health care costs are two of the problems with the current health care system in the United States. Many working families also worry about being turned away from insurance companies because of a pre-existing medical condition or illness. While the Affordable Care Act passed by Congress in 2010 set out to address these problems, it has been strongly criticized as inadequate by the public and politicians on both sides of the aisle.

Betsy McCaughey, an outspoken critic of the ACA, will discuss current health care policies in the United States and some of their pitfalls. An historian with a Ph.D. from Columbia University, McCaughey has provided conservative media commentary on US public policy affecting healthcare-related issues. Her 1993 commentary on the Clinton healthcare plan was likely a factor in the initially-popular bill's defeat in Congress. She wrote two op-ed columns for the Wall Street Journal

opposing Clinton's plan and an expanded article in The New Republic titled "No Exit" which won the National Magazine Award in 1995 for the best article in the nation on public policy. Her advocacy brought her to the attention of Republican George Pataki, who chose her as his running mate. In 2009, her criticisms of the Affordable Care Act, then a bill being debated in Congress, gained significant media attention in television and radio interviews.

Ms. McCaughey served as Lieutenant Governor of New York from 1995 to 1998, during the first term of Governor George Pataki. She has been a fellow at the conservative Manhattan Institute and Hudson Institute think tanks and has written numerous articles and op-eds. She authored the NY Times best seller ***Beating Obamacare*** and is currently a columnist for the New York Post. She is a resident of Greenwich.

**Next week: January 30, Victor and Benoit Ansart, “Winning the Clipper Sailing Race Around the World”**

*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.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org)*