



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)

Invites you to its meeting **July 31, 2019 at 11: a.m.**

First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

George Ubogy

“The Creative Genius of Oscar Hammerstein”



Moon, June, Croon—Tin Pan Alley doesn't lack for clichéd, uninspired rhymes. But many lyricists have risen above this, into realms of creativity. Oscar Hammerstein II is one of those inspired writers of popular song and theatrical lyrics and has created some unforgettable examples. What drew young Oscar into the theatre? Which of his musicals broke precedents and helped to transform the theatre? How does one write a showstopper? Who became his protégé? The standing joke among authors and composers is that the first question invariably asked of them is this: “When one writes a song, which comes first, the words or the music?” This will be answered!

George Ubogy has been enjoying the creative genius of Oscar Hammerstein for many years and will draw upon Hammerstein's 50 page essay "Notes on Lyrics" to answer these and other questions. Bring your singing voices.

Dr. Ubogy has played the piano for many years and often submits musical arrangements and occasional compositions to his alma mater, Cornell University, where he is a Chimes Master. He attended the Preparatory Division of the Julliard School and continues to play the piano for pleasure. In his career as a physician, he was an internist and for many years Medical Director of the Addiction Recovery Center at Greenwich Hospital.

Next week, August 7: Patricia Chadwick, Founder and President of Ravensgate, and Author of *Little Sister: A Memoir*, “From Life in a Cult to Life on Wall Street.”

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 a.m. followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 a.m. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org