



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
GREENWICH LIBRARY and GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Invite you to its meeting October 6 at 11:00 a.m.
at First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**

The program is also available on webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

Jack T. Scully and J. Chris Davala **“Mianus Village—History and Literature”**



Jack T. Scully, author of *Mianus Village*, and Chris Davala, longtime **WGCH Radio Personality**, will present the history of post-World War II GI housing for veterans in Riverside and its place in literature. Chris will focus on why Mianus Village was built and the rise of the *Baby Boomer* population; Jack will relate boyhood experiences and read from his stories about growing up there in the 1950s and 1960s.

Jack was born in Greenwich in 1947. During his formative years, he was greatly influenced by an inner circle of strong-willed, nurturing women including his mother, aunt, and renowned local novelist, Anya Seton. They instilled in him the importance of education, perseverance, and compassion.

Educated in Greenwich's Catholic school system, he graduated from Vermont's St. Michael's College (BA, 1969) and went on to serve as an officer in the U.S Air Force. His Master's thesis at the University of Vermont (1984) was on Anya Seton's historical novels.

In his career, Jack has been employed in both the newspaper and high-tech industries. His newest venture is developing Smartphone-enabled personal safety devices. He has also served as a selectman for the town of Colchester, Vermont.

In 2021, Antrim House Books, Bloomfield, CT, published Jack's collection of free-verse stories, *Mianus Village*. Its publisher Rennie McQuilkin describes the book: “*Mianus Village* tells vivid stories about the people, places, and events in the years the author was growing up in the rough and tumble atmosphere of ‘hardscrabble’ government housing, established in the late 1940s for World War II veterans their families.”

Today, Jack and his family live in Colchester, VT.



Chris Davala was born in Bronxville, NY in 1947 and moved to Greenwich in 1955. Educated at St. Mary's parochial and high schools, he considers Greenwich his "home town" and has had a lifelong love-affair with the town and its people. Growing up along Lafayette Place, he loved biking all over town and had a route delivering *Greenwich Time* newspapers.

He was mesmerized as a teen, when WGCH Radio signed-on-the-air in 1964. By 1967 he had convinced program director Burt Steere to give him a tryout on Sunday afternoons. That led to hosting the afternoon show and the morning show.

Chris graduated from Fordham University in 1969 with a BA degree in Communication Arts. Following a four-year stint as an officer in the U.S. Army, he returned to WGCH in 1973 and was its morning news anchor until 1976.

Chris had a 25-year career as a broadcast executive, investigative reporter, and on-air program host in Oklahoma City, New Haven, New York, and Atlanta.

In 1986, he became a media consultant, as founder and president of SMARTALK, Inc. It has conducted customized media and speech training workshops and consultations for high-level executives across the country and abroad to improve their public speaking and media communication skills.

Today, Chris and his family live in Atlanta Georgia.

For more information about the book *Mianus Village*, visit its website:

<https://authorjacktscully.com>

Please Note: All attendees must show proof of complete vaccination at the door for admittance.

Next Week: October 13, George Ubogy, Pianist and Raconteur, "Classical music: its structure and thematic variations."

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free Webinar program every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org