

RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA) Invites you to its meeting May 3, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.

## Jean Bandler Planning Ahead for the End of Life



Jean Bandler is a social worker and a founding member of the Funeral Consumer Alliance of Connecticut, a volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information on end of life issues (<u>www.ct.funerals.org</u>). FCAofCT is part of the national Funeral Consumer Alliance, which has over 70 affiliates across the country.

She will explain everything you need to know, but didn't want to think about, for the important planning process for end-of-life decisions, including preparation for dignified, reverent, affordable last rites and services.

Dr. Bandler, her husband and others created a Connecticut affiliate of the Funeral Consumer Alliance to provide price and consumer information about funeral homes and cremation services in this state. The affiliate has expanded its focus to offer forms and information on living wills, organ and body donation, and all issues connected with the end-of-life. With a small, but growing membership, the organization conducts a periodic survey of funeral and cremation prices, provides pamphlets and forms to members and the public, and offers a help-line for questions and consultations.

Dr. Bandler is a graduate of Swarthmore College and received her master's and doctoral degrees in Social Work from Columbia University. She has worked in counselling and psychotherapy agencies in New York and New Jersey and at the New York University School of Social Work, directed the Undergraduate Social Work Program and taught social policy on the Undergraduate, master's and doctoral level. She was also a board member and President of Community Service Society in New York City, and a member and chair of the Bridgewater Planning and Zoning Commission.

## Next week: May 10, Pamela Kuhn, Opera Singer - "My Life As A Singer"

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 10:40AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Avenue in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org