



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
Invites you to its program **July 13, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church, 37 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**  
The talk will also be shown on Webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

## **Joseph Polisi**

### **“A Beacon to the World: A History of Lincoln Center”**



The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts is now part of the New York City landscape, but was originally controversial as an urban renewal project in the late 1950s. Its initial footprint encompassed the intersection of Manhattan's Upper West Side and Hell's Kitchen and included the San Juan Hill neighborhood, largely populated by African-Americans, some of them descendants of African-American army veterans who had fought in the Spanish-American War. Major Lincoln Center players in its founding included Robert Moses, John D. Rockefeller III (Lincoln Center's principal philanthropist), and the leadership of the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera and NYC Ballet.

The Juilliard School subsequently migrated down from Morningside Heights, and it is difficult to think of culture in NYC at this time without thinking of Lincoln Center.

Dr. Joseph W. Polisi, long term president of Juilliard, will discuss the origins and history of this cultural institution as detailed in his just published book, ***A Beacon to the World: A History of Lincoln Center***. He will speak on the founding, artistic choices, politics, and finances of the center, which now encompasses over 30 indoor and outdoor facilities on a 16 acre campus.

Dr. Polisi was president of Juilliard for 34 years, from 1984 to 2018, far longer than any other leader. Upon stepping down, he was appointed Chief China Officer and supervised the development of The Tianjin Juilliard School. Prior to Juilliard, he was Dean of the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, Dean of faculty at the Manhattan School of Music, and Executive Officer of the Yale University School of Music. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Yale and a degree in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.

**Please Note: Attendees must show proof of vaccination and booster at the door for admittance. Masks are optional.**

Next week, **July 20**, Dave Michonski, nationally recognized authority on real estate and CEO and Founder of Quigler, Inc., "The Outlook for Greenwich Residential Real Estate: Boom or Bust?"

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. For additional information see [www.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact us by email at [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org).