



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **January 24, 2018** at
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Les de Villiers

Gorillas in Our Midst

Tracking Gorillas in the Virunga Mountains of Rwanda



Seeking to find the gorilla inhabitants of the mountain jungles of East Africa can be, to say the least, an awe inspiring experience. One might come upon the majestic creatures in the early morning much as did famed naturalist Dian Fossey as depicted in the classic 1988 film "Gorillas in the Mist." Veteran Africa traveler and former South African resident, Les de Villiers, discovered the magic of

mountain gorillas when he undertook to track them in the Virunga Mountains of Rwanda several years ago- in his words: a life-changing experience. He will share his enthusiasm and insights and will show a selection of pictures as well as a short video of his encounters.

Mr. de Villiers grew up in the Great Karoo region of South Africa where he learned to appreciate nature. Horse riding, hunting and playing rugby were rites of passage. But in the seventies he traded in his rifle for a camera and began his life-long pursuit of wild life photography.

He is a graduate of Stellenbosch University in the Western Cape province of South Africa and he holds a doctorate in economic history obtained through studies at both Stellenbosch and New York Universities. He had a 17 year career as a diplomat and later served as vice-chairman of a consulting firm in New York. He currently runs a publishing firm specializing in Africa books and a boutique safari operation. He has written more than a dozen books on economics, politics, conservation and travel.

Next week, Bettina Wohlforth, Audiologist, "Hearing and Audio Technology"

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 in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org