"The song is ended, but the Melody Men linger on. You and the song are gone, but the Melody Men linger on." Those paraphrased lyrics from the Irving Berlin song, generally explain the purpose of the twenty-one members of the Melody Men, which is to bring joy and laughter to the audience during each hourly performance. Selective connoisseurs of Great American Songs, evergreen in their voices, and spring in their selective dance steps, the Melody Men are looking forward to this year's RMA Performance.

The Melody Men first performed at the 1975 Annual RMA Dinner, and have been the Choral Community Outreach Group of the RMA ever since. Perhaps, the longest and most famous leader was Bob Button, who was succeeded by Erf Porter, and subsequently Win Adkins, and Tom Healy, who is the current Music Director. Jerry Schwendeman is the Business Manager, and the Melody Men's fabulous accompanist is Bob Morgan.

The Group performs about 30 times during the Spring and Fall to appreciative senior audiences throughout Westchester and Fairfield Counties. Some of the venues are Greenwich Woods/Greens, GADC, MEWS, Greenwich Senior Center, Edgehill, and Waveny. Last year the Melody Men logged in over 1250 volunteer hours.

While the Melody Men have also proudly performed the National Anthem at Citi Field before 2 Mets Games, and annually at the Greenwich Old Timers' Dinner, they are always searching for new venues that are looking for some cheer.
Next week: May 29, Pulitzer Prize winning historian and Yale University professor David Blight on his biography, “Frederick Douglass, Prophet of Freedom.” 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 AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org