



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**

**Invites you to its meeting **August 7, 2019** at 11: a.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**

**Patricia Chadwick**

**“From Life in a Cult to Life on Wall Street”**



Founded in 1940, Saint Benedict Center began as a Catholic meeting place, a stone’s throw from Harvard Square, where students from Harvard and Radcliffe and other local colleges could gather for lectures and lively discussions on matters of philosophy, ethics, and theology. Over the next two decades, the Center evolved from a community of devout Catholics, committed to fellowship and faith, into a rigid, sequestered religious sect, headed by Leonard Feeney, an excommunicated priest, and his cohort, Catherine Clarke, a staunchly Catholic married woman with a puritanical streak.

Patricia Chadwick, one of thirty-nine children raised in this cult, has written of her experience in *Little Sister: A Memoir*, a story of indoctrination, fear, suffering, resilience, love, and grace. At the RMA she will discuss how she rose above the shame and demons of her past, built a prosperous career in finance and investments, married, and raised two wonderful, now adult children.

Her story opens a fascinating window into the inner-workings and power of cults and is a testament to the unbreakable bonds of family and the power of forgiveness. “If I let myself dwell on the emotional pain I experienced, I would unfairly ignore all the good that God’s grace has showered on me,” the author, a self-described optimist and a Catholic reflects.

Patricia Chadwick was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1948. She received her BA in Economics from Boston University and had a thirty-year career in the investment business, culminating as a Global Partner at Invesco. Today she sits on a number of corporate boards and blogs on social, economic, and political issues. She also mentors middle school girls at Our Lady Queen of Angels School in Harlem. In 2016, she founded (and is CEO of) Anchor Health Initiative, a health care company that serves the needs of the LGBTQ community in Connecticut.

**Next week, August 14: Aleksandr Y. Troyb, Esq**, Stamford attorney, **“Myths about Immigration Rules.”** *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 a.m. followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 a.m. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see [www.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org)*