



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting March 23, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT
The program will also be shown on Webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

Robert Henrey

“China 1981”



It took Mao Zedong’s death in 1976 to bring the Cultural Revolution to an end and allow China, under Deng Xiaoping’s emerging leadership, to embark on a modernization campaign that would have profound and unforeseen long-term consequences for the global economy. Without access to foreign technology, knowhow, and risk capital the giant that was China could never have emerged from decades of its self-imposed nightmare.

In the Fall of 1980, Robert Henrey, a partner in the accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand, participated in a training course designed for Chinese Ministry of Finance officials who would be negotiating joint ventures. He was therefore among the first foreigners to be invited into China as part of its embrace of modernity and his firm the first authorized to open a representative office. His rediscovery of a handwritten record of his firsthand impressions of that unusual experience has become the basis of a just completed memoir, *A Month in Shanghai*. Mr. Henrey will discuss his reflections on China and just how much in 1980 the world was about to change. Complimentary copies of his book will be available.

Professionally, Mr. Henrey enjoyed a long career in finance. At the New York City office of Coopers and Lybrand, he headed the firm’s International Tax Consulting Practice and wrote numerous articles on foreign exchange.

Since his retirement he has pursued a lifelong scholarly interest in history and linguistics – through writing and lecturing and most recently with a particular focus on Western encounters with Asian cultures.

Robert and his wife Lisette are both graduates of Oxford University, have resided in France, England and in the 1970s in Singapore, and traveled extensively. They have one child, two grandchildren, and live in Greenwich.

Please Note: Attendees must show proof of vaccination and booster at the door for admittance. Masks must be worn at all times in the church.

Next week, March 30: Andrew Winston, globally recognized advisor, writer, and speaker on sustainable business, **“Net Positive: Building businesses that profit in volatile times by solving the world’s problems.”**

The Greenwich Retired Men’s Association offers a free program every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact us by email at info@greenwichrma.org