



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
Invites you to its meeting **August 8, 2018** at 11:00 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

## **Robert Whitby**

### **“Climbing Six and a half of the Seven Summits”**



Climbing the highest peak on each of the seven continents is known in the mountaineering world as the “Seven Summits”. Only 350 mountaineers have climbed all seven.

Inspired as a Yale Freshman by Hemingway’s “Snows of Kilimanjaro,” Whitby began a multi-year journey of mountaineering. Summiting Kenya’s Kilimanjaro, Alaska’s Denali, Mount Elbrus in the Caucasus (Europe’s highest mountain), Argentina’s Aconcagua (the highest mountain outside Asia), and Mount Vinson in Antarctica, Whitby was ready for the prize.

The prize, of course, is Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world, 29,035 feet, almost as high as the altitude cruised by intercontinental jets. Oxygen-thin, windy, and frigid, more than 300 people have died trying to climb it. At least one person has died in the attempt every year since 1977. You will learn why Whitby almost, but did not, achieve the summit of Mount Everest.

Whitby will tell you something about each of his Seven Summits climbing adventures, accompanied on some by his wife and daughters. He will include his easiest and final Seven Summits attempt, Mount Kosciuszko, in Australia.

Whitby will discuss why he climbs, the financial costs, how fit one needs to be, and the time commitment to achieve climbing the Seven Summits.

#### **Next Weeks: August 15, George Ubogy. “A Passion for Music, Part III”**

*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.greenwichtma.org](http://www.greenwichtma.org) or contact [info@greenwichtma.org](mailto:info@greenwichtma.org)*