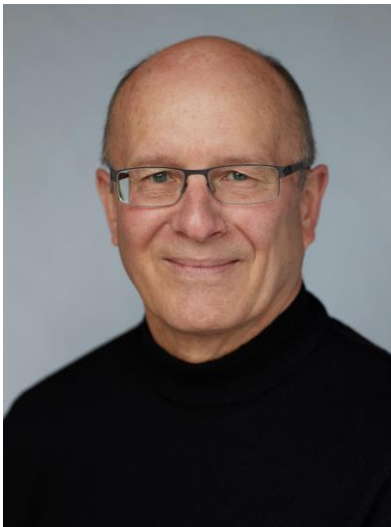




RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **September 20, 2023** at 11:00 am.
First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT
The program will also be shown on Webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

Steve Kemper

“Our Man in Tokyo: An American Ambassador and the Countdown to Pearl Harbor”



On September 20, Steve Kemper will give a talk to the Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich, based on his recent book, *Our Man in Tokyo: an American Ambassador and the Countdown to Pearl Harbor*. The book chronicles the experiences of Ambassador Joseph C. Grew in Japan during the turbulent decade that culminated with the surprise attack on the U. S. fleet. Grew spent that decade attempting to warn American leaders about the risks of Japan’s raging nationalism and ambitious militarism, while also trying to stabilize Tokyo’s increasingly erratic and belligerent foreign policy. His dispatches and counsel from the darkening heart of the Japanese empire were prescient, but often disregarded in Washington. The story is less well-known than the rise of Nazism and fascism in Europe, but no less compelling.

Kemper reconstructs a dramatic backstage view of these explosive years by drawing on Grew’s 6,000-page Tokyo diary, thousands of diplomatic dispatches between the embassy and the State Department, and firsthand Japanese accounts to take readers into the Tokyo embassy, the Japanese cabinet, and the imperial palace. His talk will likewise bring this era to life, with help from historical images.

Kemper is also the author of *A Splendid Savage: the Restless Life of Frederick Russell Burnham*; *A Labyrinth of Kingdoms: 10,000 Miles Through Islamic Africa*; and *Code Name Ginger: the Story Behind Segway and Dean Kamen’s Quest to Invent a New World*. His work has appeared in many national magazines and newspapers. He lives in West Hartford. More information at www.stevekemper.net.

Our speaker on September 27 is Bob Morgan on “My Career as a Major Label Recording Executive in the 1960s with Artists Ranging from Bobby Vinton to the Dave Clark Five”

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 presentation at **11:00 AM**. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave. in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org.*