



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

Sunil Saksena

“Fraud of the Century? The Presidential Election of 1876”



Today's talk is about the now forgotten election of 1876. That election was marred by claims of fraud, voter intimidation, arbitrarily changed vote counts and multiplied sets of “certified” electoral college votes. The November election was followed by four months of chaotic negotiations and backroom compromises involving Congressional committees, Supreme Court justices and campaign representatives. Finally, just two days before Inauguration Day, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner by one electoral vote over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, who had won the popular vote by a huge margin.

Our speaker today is Sunil Saksena, who is a member of the Darien Men's Association and its past President. Sunil was born in India in 1944 and received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee.

He worked at Union Carbide India before proceeding to the University of California, Berkeley in 1966 for graduate work. He received a masters degree in engineering as well as an MBA from Berkeley. He worked as a mechanical engineer with American Can Company in San Francisco where his claim to fame is that he designed the machine that puts the can cover on the beer can making it safe for beer drinkers to imbibe. For the majority of his career, he was in finance, first as an international banker with Bankers Trust Company serving in Singapore, Mumbai and New York and later with Fidelity Investments from which he retired in 2004. He and his wife have lived in Darien for the past 38 years. They have two sons, one a doctor and the other a lawyer.

Our next speaker, on November 15, will be author and critic Will Friedwald on “Sinatra! The Song Is You: A Singer's Art”

*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.*