



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **July 24, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.**
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Veronica Bilenkin

“Researching Personal Health Issues”



If one develops a serious health problem, how does one go about researching the implications? How reliable or risky are the diagnostic tests? What are the genetic implications? Treatment options are supplied in over-abundance by Google, and these options are frequently described by self-serving providers and without proper context or evaluations. Which websites are impartial and informative? How does one best evaluate a given surgeon or hospital?

Until recently, this type of investigation would need to be done by an individual in a general library. This is no longer the case. Veronica Bilenkin, the Consumer Health Librarian of Greenwich Hospital, will discuss how to navigate this complex and emotional field and how members of the public can access this service or become more sophisticated in choosing to do it themselves. A list of websites respected by the medical profession will be provided. She also will explain a library service where she will print out pertinent medical information for the client.

Ms. Bilenkin recently took the position as Consumer Health Librarian at the Dr. Steven Mickley Community Health Resource Section of the Greenwich Hospital Medical Library. She has a Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from CUNY Queens College and is a certified New York State School Library Media Specialist and NYS Public School Teacher. She has a background in Social Studies and is passionate about reading and information literacy. She has an advanced knowledge of Microsoft programs and is an expert in online research.

Next Week: July 31, George Ubogy, Pianist and Raconteur, “The Creative Genius of Oscar Hammerstein.” *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 or contact info@greenwichrma.org*