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SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

THE RETIRED MEN'S

CLUB OF GREENDALE



President's Message



Greetings!

Great news. Our weekly attendance continues to increase. We are back to over 100 attendees again. A special thanks to all of you who make it to the YMCA each Wednesday.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the questionnaire that was included in the April newsletter. It is still not too late to do so. Your opinion is very important to us so please send the post cards back.

We are still looking for volunteers to help on Wednesdays. In addition, if you are interested in serving on the Board or sub-committee, just give me a call and I would be happy to talk to you and answer any questions you may have.

On a more important note: Travel is the life blood of the organization. It allows us to raise the funds necessary to support our five major events each year, support our sports leagues and most importantly, donate to the many charitable groups in the greater Worcester area. Over the past few months, many of our planned trips needed to be cancelled due to a lack of travelers. I recognize the concerns you may have with COVID-19 and want to wait until the last possible minute to sign up. By that time, the decision to cancel or re-schedule needed to already be made. So, if a trip you want to take is available, sign up. And if your circumstances change before the deadline, you can always cancel. In closing, we only have a few more meetings remaining in our 70th year. I look forward to seeing many more of you before we break for the summer. Stay safe.

—RALPH V. SHAPIRO, *President*

Check out this great line-up for May & June!

We invite our members, our female friends, spouses, and newsletter subscribers to be our guests at ALL of these great programs held at the Greendale YMCA. Come at 8AM for Coffee & Donuts. Meeting begins at 9AM with our Color Guard followed by the program. — If you are not a member yet, we invite you to come to one of our meetings as our guest to see what it's like.

May 11

Recognizing our 80s & 90s & Paul Daley Music Revue



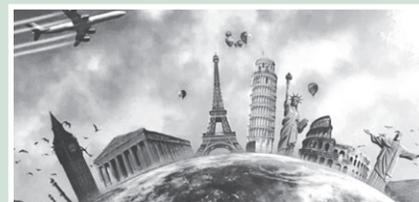
Please join us in a special ceremony recognizing our members who have reached their **80th and 90th birthdays**. Additionally, we will be entertained by our own fellow member **Paul Daley** who will transport us back in time with some of the greatest songs ever!



May 18

Why We Travel

Our Club's Projects Committee Chairman **Dick Pinkes** will be leading a group of the club's trip leaders to review why we travel and the advantages/opportunities to travel with the club. There will be a short power point presentation of past trips followed by a short Q&A.



May 25

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM



Captain Richard E. Pearsall, USN (Retired) was raised in Worcester, graduating from Worcester State College in 1963. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the Navy and served on active duty for 28 years with 20 of those years at sea on destroyers operating in both Atlantic and Pacific Fleets. He is a Vietnam War combat veteran having served as naval advisor to River Assault Group 32 and Coastal Group 14, both Vietnamese Navy units, and on several Navy surface combatants engaged in gunfire support operations.

As is our tradition at the meeting proceeding Memorial Day, we remember our fellow members who have died by reading their names and the ringing the bell.



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More Upcoming Programs (continued)

June 1 Worcester Art Museum ...

James Welu is Director Emeritus of the Worcester Art Museum. Jim joined the staff of the Worcester Art Museum in 1974 as assistant curator and went on to serve 6 years as chief curator and 25 years as director. Please join us as Jim presents "Antioch" The search for the Roman and early Christian World Ancient City that was destroyed by an earthquake in the sixth century.



June 8 Solo Singer: PE James

P.E. James has been entertaining audiences by singing and playing acoustic guitar for over four decades. He is an interpreter of well-known songs, having a large repertoire that stretches from sing-along classics of the 20's, 30s, and 40s, to standards and show tunes, early 50s rock and roll, 60s folk songs, and acoustic rock songs of the 70s. We encourage all members to bring a guest and sing along to PE James' performance.



New Members

NAME	CITY	RETIRED FROM
Pierre T. Bellil	Worcester	Harr Toyota
Ken Buckland	Quinebaug, CT	Caborico Yachts
John Connolly	Shrewsbury	Self Employed
Ronald Hokanson	Charlton City	Self Employed
Ed Hulten	Charlton	Vendor
James Hurley	Holden	Law Enforcement
Russ Lacasse	Southbridge	Tool Maker
Edward J. McTighe	Westboro	Attorney
Frederick H. Nathan	Worcester	UMass Med School
C. Stephen Wright	Shrewsbury	Stratus Computer

Deceased Members

PETER M. DERRY, JR.
CLARENCE DOIRON
ERNEST F. JOST, SR.
EDWARD T. SAKSA

Attention Members !

Membership Cards

for 2022-2023 are available now. Non-Life Members can renew early in person at a Wednesday meeting or by mail and avoid the September Rush. (see instructions for renewing on the back page of the newsletter).



Life Membership: For a one time fee of \$100, new or existing members can forget about paying annual dues and be paid-up for LIFE!

Thank you for being a member of our club.

—Ken Buma,
Membership Co-Chair

Trip Descriptions

THE COLORADO ROCKIES

FEATURING NATIONAL PARKS & HISTORIC TRAINS

July 8 to 16, 2022 \$3,657

Highlights: Denver / Rocky Mountain National Park / Colorado National Monument / Grand Junction / Canyonlands National Park / Dead Horse Point State Park / Arches National Park / Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad / Mesa Verde National Park / Royal Gorge Route Railroad / Garden Of The Gods / 15 meals: 7 Breakfasts / 8 Dinners. Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$299 per person.

Parking: Wyman Gordon, North Grafton

Trip Leader: Jim Hester 978-618-5422
bevhester13@gmail.com

SARATOGA SPECTACULAR

August 3 to 4, 2022 (Wed. & Thur.) \$329

Highlights: The legendary sportswriter, Red Smith, once spoke so fondly of Saratoga, that he said, "Take I-87 North to exit 14, take a left, and go back 100 years." How right he was. We are pleased to offer such a trip to the beautiful Adirondack Region. Included will be a day at the races at this historic landmark, including tips from your guide, Paul Daley, a newspaperman and handicapper who covered that scene for nearly 40 years, as well as other events the next day. After the races, we head to the Outback Steakhouse and then to the Townplace Suites by Marriott in Latham, NY, near Albany. Following a delicious buffet breakfast at the hotel, we depart for home. But, don't get too secure, because on our way home, our rest stop will be at the MGM Casino in Springfield, MA. We should be home by 6:30 p.m. with plenty of money in our pockets. By the way, Paul Daley has been a trip leader and club member since 2003.

Parking: Wyman Gordon, North Grafton

Trip Leader: Paul Daley 978-365-6739
pjdaleys@verizon.net

Benefits of Traveling with The Retired Men's Club of Greendale

Over the years, I've often been asked the question, "Why should we travel with your group?" That's a fair question and one that needs to be addressed. Here are several reasons why it is a good idea.

- 1. VARIETY** - We as an organization use a dozen or more agencies for our trips and because we have a large number of travelers, our club earns bonuses based upon yearly revenues. Much of this has been passed on to you and local charities in your names through our organization. So, everyone is a winner, thanks to your enjoyment of our offerings.
- 2. PARKING** - Many travel organizations do not address the issue of how travelers get to where a trip starts (getting to the bus, boat or plane). Those other organizations leave it up to the individual to figure it out. From the time our club starting running trips, several decades ago, we have always provided a safe place for our travelers to park their cars, at no charge, while enjoying one of our trips. Not to have to worry about transportation is such a luxury which many take for granted.
- 3. TRUSTED TRIP LEADER** - Even though many other agencies offer tour guides, which we also use, our club makes sure that your primary contact point is one or more of our trip leaders, who accompany you every step of the way. It's such a comfort knowing there are people who "have your back" at all times. That, in itself, is priceless.
- 4. MAKING FRIENDS** - I have made so many lifelong friends on many Greendale trips. Many are members or relatives of members and travel on multiple trips. They also take care of each other and are additional means of support and comfort. Again, you can't buy that anywhere else.
- 5. TRIP INSURANCE** - We as a club have a policy that travel insurance is required on every overnight excursion. In most cases, not all, it is included in the price of the trip. Travel insurance purchased through the club is considerably less expensive than when purchased through most tour companies. This represents peace of mind for our travelers, knowing that their trip investment is protected should there be a need to cancel or interrupt their trip because of any of the covered unexpected situations.



Given all the above factors, it is easily seen how your needs are met by the Retired Men's Club of Greendale at a more than reasonable price. We look forward to seeing you soon. Thanks for your continued patronage.

— RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY PAUL R. DALEY

More Trip Descriptions

PICKITY PLACE/LABELLE WINERY **NEW**

August 17, 2022 (Wednesday) \$112

Highlights: Join us as we travel North to scenic Mason, NH home of Pickity Place, a hilltop hideaway featuring fine dining, themed gardens and a unique shopping experience. The main building is the same one used in the illustrations for the Golden Books Little Red Riding Hood. We arrive at 10 AM giving us time to explore their gardens, museum, and gift shop. After our 5-course gourmet lunch we'll have additional time to further explore Pickity Place. Then it's off to Amherst and a visit to LaBelle Winery for a wine tasting of their award winning wines. I'm sure some of us will return with a bottle or two from their store. We return home about 5 PM after a great day in the Granite State. Sign up early as this sells out fast.

Parking: Immaculate Conception Church Lot

Trip Leader: Dick Pinkes 508-769-2913
rjpinkes1@verizon.net

GALAPAGOS ADVENTURE

September 16 -23, 2022 \$4,279

Highlights: Before we go on to the major part of our tour, we will spend a day seeing sites in Quito, the capitol of Ecuador, including Middle of the World, the equatorial line. Then, we take this opportunity to visit a place like no other in the world: The Galapagos Islands where Charles Darwin found animals found nowhere else. These islands are famous for their Giant Tortoises, flamingos and other native birds, tropical fish, sea lions, penguins, manta rays, lava lizards, and massive marine iguanas. Just some of the sites we will see are: Los Gemelos volcanic sinkholes, Giant Tortoise Reserve, lava tunnels, the Charles Darwin Station, the Sierra Negra Volcano, the Muro de las Lagrimas natural habitat, the Arnaldo Tupiza breeding center. Some short distance hiking is involved, as well as opportunities to swim, snorkel, and optional kayaking (\$10.00 rental fee). This trip is all inclusive, including air, transfers, water transport, insurance, meals and gratuities (other than restaurant servers and house maids).

Parking: Wyman Gordon, North Grafton

Trip Leader: Dick Shea 508-853-2024
d.shea@verizon.net

RMCG Covid-19 Vaccination Policy

In the interest of protecting the health of all of our travelers, the Board of Directors of the club have voted to **require, until further notice, a COPY of a Completed Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate INCLUDING THE BOOSTER for each passenger in order to travel with the club.** There will be NO exceptions to this rule and it applies to both day and overnight trips. Your certificate COPY (for each traveler) must be submitted to your trip leader PRIOR to departure date. In no case will travelers be permitted to wait until the departure date to provide this information. Please guard your original Covid-19 certificates as you would any important document. We will only require a COPY of your completed certificate, do not mail us any original documents.



Day & Overnight Trips For The Years 2022-2024

DAY TRIPS

DESTINATION	DATES	F/SALE	BUSSES	PRICE	LEADER(S)	TELEPHONE
Ladies' Day Luncheon – Pleasant Valley Country Club	5/19/22	NOW	1	\$22	Ralph Shapiro	413-537-2435
WooSox - Fireworks Night	6/3/22	NOW	1	\$28	Jim Hester	978-618-5422
Lobster Luncheon - George's of Galilee and Mohegan Sun	6/7/22	NOW	1	\$102	Wilson McLaren	508-869-2451
Celebrate ITALIA - Aqua Turf in Connecticut	7/12/22	NOW	1	\$102	George Barry	508-799-0739
Bravehearts - All-you-can-eat Ball Park Menu	7/29/22	NOW	1	\$25/\$15vet	Bill Bonin	508-341-0206
* Pickity Place/LaBelle Winery	8/17/22	NOW	1	\$112	Dick Pinkes	508-769-2913
N.H. Turkey Train	9/29/22	Wait List	1	\$102	Dick Pinkes	508-769-2913
The British Invasion Years - at The Danversport Yacht Club	10/25/22	NOW	1	\$102	Richard T. Shea	508-853-2024
* "Bob Hope" USO Show - Aqua Turf in Connecticut	11/15/22	NOW	1	\$102	George Barry	508-799-0739

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Great Rivers of Europe	5/25-6/9/22	NOW	1	\$5,495/6,895	Dick Pinkes	508-769-2913
San Francisco, Reno & Lake Tahoe	6/1-7/22	NOW	1	\$2,549	Richard T. Shea	508-853-2024
Chicago – The Tour with Red Sox vs. Cubs	6/30-7/3/22	NOW	1	\$1,839	Paul Daley	978-365-6739
Colorado Rockies –featuring National Parks & Historic Trains	7/15-23/22	NOW	1	\$3,657	Jim Hester	978-618-5422
Alaska Denali Discovery – aboard the Norwegian Jewel	7/28-8/9/22	NOW	1	\$5,605/6,620	Ralph Shapiro	413-537-2435
Saratoga Spectacular	8/3-4/22	NOW	1	\$329	Paul Daley	978-365-6739
Paris to Normandy	8/24-9/5/22	NOW	1	starting @ \$4,195	George Barry	508-799-0739
Galapagos Adventure	9/16-23/22	NOW	1	\$4,279	Richard T. Shea	508-853-2024
Lewis & Clark Northwest River Experience	10/23-31/22	NOW	1	\$4,799/6,499	John R. Kelly	508-853-3546
New England Cruise – from Quebec City to Boston	10/5-14/22	NOW	1	\$2,289/3,119	Dick Pinkes	508-769-2913
Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta	10/5-10/22	NOW	1	\$3,103	George Barry	508-799-0739
Hawaii	10/13-22/22	NOW	1	\$5,029/5,559	Ralph Shapiro	413-537-2435
New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville – America's Music Cities	11/27-12/6/22	NOW	1	\$4,623	Jim Hester	978-618-5422
New Zealand and Australia – Norwegian Spirit Cruise	2/17-3/6/23	NOW	1	\$4,599/5,559	Jim Hester	978-618-5422
The Wonders of the Azores	3/31-4/7/23	NOW	1	\$3,729	George Barry	508-799-0739
Mackinac Island – with Niagara Falls and R&R Hall of Fame	9/16-24/23	NOW	1	\$2,495	Dick Shea	508-853-2024
Mediterranean & Greek Island Cruise	10/10-23/23	NOW	1	\$4,489/5,569	George Barry	508-799-0739
Red Rocks of Sedona	9/15-20/24	NOW	1	\$2,529	Dick Shea	508-853-2024

Visit our website <http://grmc.info> for detailed flyers on most of our trips.

All prices quoted are per person (Double Occupancy) - Refunds will be made per printed club policy. The first sale date was originated to make it possible for all members to have an equal chance to get in on any and all trips. Detailed trip flyers are available at Wednesday meetings (or by telephone) from the designated trip leaders.

* Symbols, represent NEW TRIPS this month.

More Trip Descriptions

EXPLORE HAWAII

October 13-22, 2022 \$5,029/\$5,559

Highlights: Travel with us on a 2 night land and 7 night cruise to magical Hawaii. We leave from Boston Logan and land in Oahu where we will spend our first 2 nights at the Embassy Suites Waikiki Beach Resort. The following day we will take a tour of Pearl Harbor. On Saturday we board the Pride of America where we will enjoy 2 days in Maui, a day in Hilo and a day in Kona. We then sail to Kaua'i and spend 2 days exploring the "Garden Island". We end our trip back in Honolulu for our return to Boston. Price include all meals and entertainment on board ship. Dining and beverage package, all gratuities, port charges, Gov't Fees, taxes, 250 minutes of Wi-Fi, travel insurance and a \$100 on board credit.

Parking: Wyman Gordon, North Grafton

Trip Leader: Ralph V. Shapiro 413-537-2435
ralphvshapiro@msn.com

LEWIS & CLARK NORTHWEST RIVER EXPERIENCE

Oct. 23 to Oct. 31, 2022 \$4,799 to \$6,499

Highlights: We travel the path of explorers Lewis & Clark as we cruise the mighty Columbia River from historic Astoria at the mouth of the Pacific. We will start with an overnight in Portland, Oregon, the "city of roses", explore military forts and shipwrecks, a maritime museum and incredible waterfalls. The vistas are magnificent as we cruise past a spectacular river gorge, discover the Oregon Trail, visit wineries and much more. This trip is on the brand-new American Empress luxury boat with open bars in lounges throughout the vessel as well as in room internet and 24-hour room service. Hop on and off shore excursions are also included. This is American cruising at its best. RMCG travelers recommend this trip even more highly than our recently completed Mississippi River Cruise which was wonderful.

Parking: Wyman Gordon, North Grafton

Trip Leader: John R. Kelly 978-798-6272
kelly.john.r@gmail.com

"BOB HOPE" USO SHOW - AQUA TURF

NEW

Nov 15, 2022 (Tuesday) \$ 102

Highlights: We will celebrate our military on this festive occasion. For many of us, remembering our family members who served in various conflicts around the World. Bill Johnson's performance brings Bob Hope's humor and entertainment alive! He may have a few surprise guests as well! Our Luxury Coach equipped with CD/DVD and Wi-Fi will help make our trip very comfortable. The Aqua Turf has prepared a full course luncheon of Roast Beef / Pan Seared Salmon with vegetable, soft drinks and desert. A full cash bar is available. Don't miss this great day of enjoyable entertainment at the Aqua Turf Showtime Complex. Your price includes all gratuities. Sign up early, you will be happy you did.

Parking: Immaculate Conception Church Lot

Trip Leader: George Barry 508-799-0739
george.barry77@yahoo.com

NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE

November 27 to December 6, 2022 \$4,623

Highlights: French Qtr. / Swamp Tour / Mardi Gras World / Jazz Revue / Graceland / Ryman Auditorium / Hands-on Chocolate-making Lesson / Grand Ole Opry Show / Historic RCA Studio B / Country Music Hall of Fame / Gaylord Opry-land Resort Dinner & Holiday Show / 14 Meals / Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$299 per person.

Parking: Wyman Gordon, North Grafton

Trip Leader: Jim Hester 978-618-5422
bevhester13@gmail.com

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Feb. 17 to March 6, 2023 \$4,599 / 5,599

Inclusions: Transfers to and from Airports / 1-night pre-hotel stay in Auckland, New Zealand / 12-night accommodations aboard Norwegian Spirit in cabin category of choice / Beverage package including gratuities** / Dining package including gratuities** / Meals and entertainment onboard / Government taxes and fees, and port expenses / Shore excursion credit (per cabin) / 2-night post-hotel stay in Sydney, Australia / Transfer from Logan Airport to Worcester / Travel insurance.

Parking: Wyman Gordon, North Grafton

Trip Leader: Jim Hester 978-618-5422
bevhester13@gmail.com

We Invite You to Attend the Following Informative Trip Presentation

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 - 1:00 PM
at **Immaculate Conception Church**
353 Grove Street, Worcester (Parking in back)

Mediterranean & Greek Island Cruise

October 10-23, 2023 - \$4,499 per person

At this presentation you will discover why early bookings are strongly encouraged. Not only to obtain the best cabin assignment but to obtain all discounts available. A deposit of \$500. per person at sign-up and the balance due by June 2023.



This adventure will begin in Rome, Italy where we will spend 3 days and 2 nights in the center of the city. Our escorted tour will take us to the Colosseum, the Vatican and so much more. Next, we will board the Norwegian Breakaway for a 10 day tour of the Mediterranean to visit many fantastic stops. (Athens, Greece, The Islands or Santorini and Mykonos, Dubronik, Croatia and many more.)

In order to prepare for this event please call George Barry at (508) 799-0739 to let him know how many people are attending

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Ball Park Menu**

Grilled Angus Burgers, Jumbo Hot Dogs,
Chicken Sandwiches, Veggie Burgers,
Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Chips,
and Ice Cream Sundaes.

All-you-can Drink Soda and Bottled Water.
Food begins 60 minutes before first pitch and
ends after the second inning is completed.

Includes Bravehearts Hat
FREE On-Site Parking at Fitton Field
National Anthem by our Glee Club
and the first pitch by a Veteran
Fireworks after the game

TICKET PRICES

\$15 Veterans / \$25 all other Members

Friday, JULY 29, 2022

Game starts at 6:30 PM

Contact

Bill Bonin 508-341-0206 OR bbcola52@gmail.com

Jim Hester 978-618-5422 OR bevhester13@gmail.com

SUMMER Bowling League - As of April 26, 2022

BAYBERRY LANES 326 Main Street, Spencer
Jim Connolly, Co-Coordinator woostatown28@charter.net
Bob Converse, Co-Coordinator rconverse8925@charter.net
Dave Meyer, Co-Coordinator davidameyers59@gmail.com

Place	Team	Points	Captain & Team Member
1	#6		Jim Connolly , Shawn Dyer, Bob Converse, Don Casey
2	#1		Bill Plante , Dennis Laporte, Bill Prince, Mike Mudd
3	#4		Fred Opakta , Jerry Stanley, Dave Martin, John Jankowski
4	#5		Don Fair , Frank Visci, Henry Rossik, Bob Goulet
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HA Bill Plante 96.33, Don Fair 93.87, Jim Connolly 91.93, Bob Converse 91.73			

Golf League Coordinators

Green Hill Golf League – Coordinators

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Mike Lanava 508-852-4625

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Quail Hollow Golf League – Coordinators

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Remittance Form for New Members, Life Members, Renewals Or Newsletter Subscribers

FOR NEW MEMBERS (MEN 55 & OVER)

- Dues = \$10/yr. OR \$100/life-membership
 - Please pay Secretary at Reg. Meeting
 - If not possible, mail form & check to:
RMCG
YMCA - 75 Shore Drive
Worcester MA 01605

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS (MEN ONLY)

- Dues Renewal = \$10/yr. OR \$100/life
 - Pay Treasurer at Regular Meeting
 - If not possible - mail form, check **AND pre-addressed postage-paid envelope AND prior Year's Membership Card** to the above 75 Shore Drive address.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS (WOMEN 55 & OVER)

- Newsletter Subscription Fee (annual) ... \$10.00
 - Make check payable to RMCG and mail with this Remittance Form to:
RMCG Newsletter Subscriptions
YMCA - 75 Shore Drive
Worcester, MA 01605
 - **DO NOT** enclose a pre-addressed postage paid envelope with your payment.
 - Cancelled check will be your receipt.
 - Identification cards are not issued to **WOMAN** Newsletter Subscribers.

PLEASE SUBMIT FOLLOWING INFORMATION

NAME _____
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 TELEPHONE _____
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 RETIRED FROM _____
 OCCUPATION _____ VETERAN
 REFERRED BY _____

*The monthly Newsletter is included in Men's dues.

New members joining after May 1st will be considered paid-up for the next fiscal year which starts on Sept. 1st.