

Short Bio for John Blankley

My wife, Vera, and I came to Greenwich from the UK in 1983 and have lived in Sabine Farm (off Round Hill Road) since that time. Our three children, now grown, attended local public and private schools and all of us became US citizens in the late 1990's. We love America and we especially love our home town where I have served our community on the RTM for the past three years. I am a member of the finance committee and the claims committee.

I attended grammar school in the North of England, was a protégé of the Grand Duke of Luxembourg before going up to St. Catherine's College Oxford where I read History. After qualifying as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse I pursued a career in oil and gas with BP, serving latterly as Chief Financial Officer of BP North America. Thereafter I joined the shipping industry, serving as Executive vice-president and CFO of Stolt-Nielsen, the chemical tanker company formerly based in Greenwich.

In recent years I have served on public company boards and am currently a part owner of a computer consulting company, Flagship Networks Inc. I am a member of the Oxonian Society, the Burns Society of the State of New York and am a member of the board of the St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York, one of the oldest charities in the US. Raising money for charity has been a keen pursuit in recent years, most notably in 2004 by running a marathon for the first (and probably last) time.