#### Yankee Golden Retriever Club

### Free program — Visitors Welcome!



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# **Yankee Program Meeting** Tuesday, September 15, 2015

7:00PM at the Holiday Inn, Boxborough MA



### Speaker: Gerry DeRoche

**Chief Executive Officer NEADS / Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans** 

## History and **Current Happenings** at NEADS

Including how service dogs are chosen and trained & how service dogs are matched with their people.

Since 2010 Gerry DeRoche has been Chief Executive Officer of NEADS, a not-for-profit based in Princeton, MA that places service dogs with individuals who are deaf or disabled. Earlier in his career as a banker, he held a variety of senior executive positions in Audit, Operations, Strategic Planning, Commercial and Retail Banking.

After a very rewarding career in banking he decided to redirect his career toward advocacy and hands on work with a social purpose. In 2007 he founded KAGE Associates which assisted not for profits in transition. Mr. DeRoche is past Chairman and Trustee of Nativity Preparatory School and the Vision 5K as well as a former trustee of the National Braille Press and Emerson Umbrella. In addition, he has served as a Captain for the Jimmy Fund Marathon Walk and is a member of the Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue. He currently serves as a trustee of Lasell College, where he is a member of the Investment Committee and Chairs the Innovation Committee.

Gerry, his wife, two sons, and their two Golden Retrievers reside in Concord, Massachusetts.