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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, January 28, 2019

Member Mark Dodge Conducts Class on Modern Cosmology and the History of the Universe, Tallwood, January 28

February 8, 2019

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- An Evening with Broadway Legend Baayork Lee, an event in the Professional Touring Artist Series, will be held Saturday evening, February 9, at 8:00, at the Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods (class fee \$15). Click [here to register](#).
- Between-classes brunch at Reston United Christian Parish Church coffee room, Tuesday, February 12, 11:05-11:50.
- Board of Directors Meeting in TA-1 at Tallwood, Friday, February 15, 10:00. All members welcome.
- Ice Cream Social (Event 1103) in TA-1 at Tallwood, Friday, February 15, 1:00.
- Spring-term priority registration: 9:00 February 21 through noon March 1 (spring term begins Monday, March 25).
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published February 15; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00.

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Rosemary McDonald (1928-2019): An Appreciation



Kosmo Tatalias and Marianne Metz, Arts and Music Program Planning Group Co-Chairs

Since 2009, Rosemary's "baby" was "Meet the Artists" (MTA); the decade following that year was Rosemary McDonald's legacy of wonderful OLLI concerts produced in partnership with the Reston Community Center. Rosemary cultivated a talent for finding and recruiting top-notch musicians to perform for OLLI and Reston. For free, mind you! She negotiated, accommodated, and coordinated many complicated—and ever-changing—schedules. She nurtured several young musicians who were starting their careers, coped well with nerve-racking last-minute



cancellations, and soothed a temperamental artist or two. The photo shows Rosemary at the Reston Community Center in Hunters Woods with Beverly Cosham, chair of the center board and a cabaret singer who appeared several times as a performer in the MTA series.



Rosemary left us with yet another stellar array of musicians for Spring 2019, and her final contribution was finding an able successor to keep MTA alive, Marina Chamasyan.

In earlier years, Rosemary served on the OLLI Board of Directors, was the program planner for music, and coordinated courses such as "The Organ: King of Instruments." A dedicated music lover, she attended concerts throughout the metro area, usually with other OLLI music lovers.

Her diverse interests led to coordinating classes ranging from "Indonesia, the Largest Archipelago" to humanitarian crises in immigration and the Middle East, and "Mr. Putin's Russia." Again, her gently persuasive talent was used to convince ambassadors, scholars, and recent immigrants to participate.

Everything she did, she did beautifully.

We were all amazed by Jennifer Disano's announcement at the opening of Rosemary's spring 2018 MTA series that OLLI was celebrating the 90th birthday of this ever-young and indefatigable lady!

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Computer Club



*3rd Saturday, February 16
Basic Computer Security: For the Realistically Insecure
Power Banks*

By [Paul Howard](#), OPCUG Program Chair

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, February 16, at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for socializing in the Annex. Program activities begin at 1:00 in TA-1.

Basic Computer Security: For the Realistically Insecure - Presented by Lorrin Garson

Today virtually all computers are attached to the Internet. Such computers are insecure. These computers cannot be made 100% secure, but they can be made sufficiently safe that "bad guys" direct their malevolent efforts elsewhere. The presentation will address how to attain reasonable security.

Lorrin Garson had a long career in technical publishing of chemical information. His presentations to our computer groups are famous for their thorough research and clarity in explaining topics such as cryptography, encryption of personal data, cloud storage, and the origins of personal computers.

Learn in 30: Power Banks – Presented by John Krout

The phrase Power Bank has come to mean any portable battery that has universal serial bus (USB) sockets for charging your phone or tablet. These are immensely useful while shopping, hiking, bicycling, on an airplane, or in any other situation away from convenient power sockets. John will demonstrate several; you may want a battery that is ruggedized or that has multiple USB sockets so you can charge two or three things simultaneously.

A frequent presenter for OPCUG/PATACS meetings, John Krout recently won [prizes](#) for his photography from APCUG, a national computer group organization.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2019 will be collected at this meeting.

Can't make the meeting in person? Dues-paid club members may attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45. Send a message to webinarhosts@patacs.org if you plan to attend in this way. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/519103813> (Meeting ID: 519 103 813).

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Tallwood Book Club



By *Ceda McGrew, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator*

The Tallwood Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 13, at 1:30 at Tallwood. The book for discussion is *Educated*, Tara Westover's memoir about growing up in a survivalist Mormon family in the mountains of Idaho. Though not permitted to attend public school, she taught herself enough mathematics, grammar, and science to be admitted to Brigham Young University, graduated, and went on to Cambridge where she was awarded a PhD in history in 2014.

All OLLI members are welcome.

The book selection for March 13 is *We Fed an Island* by award winning chef José Andrés.

Thank you.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Embarrassed to Death

I went to someone's wake last week. It used to be quite rare.
These days it crowds my calendar like weddings used to do.
You'd think with my accumulated years I'd be at ease,
Experienced how to behave, smooth as an oiled screw

Slides in a polished socket. Not so.
Oh, I can dress the part—dark suit, appropriate for both
A wedding or a funeral. A smile for one, a twinkly eye;
A funeral's eye may glisten—a telltale tear that I am loathe

To share: appropriate demeanor.
It's the reception line I dread:
"Congratulations!" No, that's for a bride. "I'm happy to be here!"
No, again. For funerals, "I'm sorry for your loss," I said.

Could I have said a lamer line? I should have sent some flowers
In lieu of going to the service at the wake.
I could later blame my absence with some plausible excuse—
Run over by a bus, or horrid illness I could fake!

I think I'll permanently take to bed
And never leave until I'm dead.

Manuel Pablo

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Obituaries

Rosemary McDonald: Rosemary McDonald of Reston, Virginia, died on February 1, 2019. Having joined OLLI in the fall of 2001, she was an active member and volunteer for many years, including service on the Board of Directors.

A graduate of the University of Iowa, Rosemary received a master's degree in education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1997. She had a career as an educator and administrator with Fairfax County Public Schools.

There was a funeral mass at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on February 6. More information is available at [this link](#).

Margaret "Ellen" Parke: Ellen Parke, a new member in summer 2018, died unexpectedly on January 22, 2019, in Miami, FL, at the end of a Caribbean cruise. She was a 1971 graduate of Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia, with a bachelor's degree in French.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, in Washington, on Tuesday, April 2, at 1:30. In lieu of flowers, gifts in Ellen's memory may be made to Hollins University or to St. John's Church. More information is available at [this link](#).

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, February 8 through February 18



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either Center for the Arts Concert Hall (CFA) or Hylton Center, call 1-888-945-2468, buy tickets online through the event calendar (see links below), or visit the venue's box office. For more information, see the CFA [ticket page](#) or the Hylton Center [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Navy Band Chamber Ensemble Concert

Fri, Feb 8, 7:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: Free.

Trey McLaughlin & The Sounds of Zamar

Fri, Feb 8, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

Havana Cuba All-Stars: *Aseré! A Fiesta Cubana*

Sat, Feb 9, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

Washington Concert Society: *New Years Concert 2019 Rescheduled - Songs of Hope*

Sun, Feb 10, 6:30

Harris Theatre

Admission: \$20.

Virginia Opera: *The Elixir of Love*

Sat, Feb 16, 8:00 and Sun, Feb 17, 2:00

A pre-performance discussion featuring "Dr. Opera," Glenn Winters, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$110, \$90, \$54.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

Navy Band Double Bass Masterclass

Fri, Feb 8, 4:00

Music Theater Building, room 2018

Admission: Free.

Faculty Artist Series: Dave Porter, tuba

Sat, Feb 9, 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Faculty Artist Series: Kathy Mulcahy, clarinet & June Huang, violin

Sat, Feb 16, 7:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Faculty Artist Series: Christopher Jewell, bassoon

Sun, Feb 17, 7:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: 8th Annual Prince William County Public Schools Student Exhibition

Through March 9

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00.

Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra

Fri, Feb 8, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$60, \$51, \$36.

The Mason Cabaret: *The Golden Age of Broadway*

Fri, Feb 8 and Sat, Feb 9, 8:00

Gregory Family Theatre

Admission: Adults, \$30; seniors, \$15.

L.A. Theatre Works: *Steel Magnolias*

Sat, Feb 9, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

Matinee Idylls: Piotr Pakhomkin

Tue, Feb 12, 12:30 lunch, 1:30 concert

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: Lunch/Concert/Dessert Reception Package: \$47.

Concert/Dessert Reception Package: \$27.

Virginia National Ballet: *Aladdin*

Sat, Feb 16, 2:00 and 6:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$40.

American Roots Series: *Maybe April*

Sat, Feb 16, 8:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$25 advance; \$30 day of performance.

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For further details on any of the above events, see the [CFA event calendar](#), and the [Hyton Center event calendar](#).

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Athletic Highlights at George Mason



By Jim Dunphy, Social Committee Chair



This column highlights upcoming Mason athletic events that may be of interest to OLLI members. Of course, usually at least once a week in season, the men's and women's basketball teams play at EagleBank Arena, off Braddock Road near Tallwood. (The Roanoke River Road entrance, across from University Mall, is convenient.)

Please make sure you have your Mason affiliate ID to get discounts on athletic events or other Mason activities. Check with the OLLI office for more information about obtaining such an ID card.

Faculty/Staff 50% Off Basketball Ticket Days

All George Mason Faculty/Staff (includes affiliates) are eligible for 50 percent off the single game ticket price for reserved and upper reserved seats for all weeknight home men's basketball games. Tickets can be purchased at the EagleBank Arena box

office with a valid Mason ID. The promotion is good for up to six tickets per ID; tickets as low as \$12.50.

Upcoming Games Available:

- UMass Minutemen, Wednesday, February 13, at 7:00
- VCU Rams, Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 (may have already been sold out)

Mason Homecoming

Join Mason alumni and community at Mason Homecoming, a weeklong celebration, February 18-24. Mason Athletics has several events happening during the weekend:

- Men's volleyball match against Penn State on Friday, February 22, at the Mason Recreation and Athletic Complex (RAC) at 7:00
- Men's basketball hosts Duquesne on Saturday, February 23, EagleBank Arena at 4:00
- Women's basketball against the Dayton Flyers on Sunday, February 24, EagleBank Arena at 2:00
- Mason Athletics hosts the Atlantic 10 indoor track and field championships at the Mason Field House, Saturday and Sunday, February 23-24.

Mason Men's Baseball Opener

Mason men's baseball has their season opener vs. Princeton on Friday, March 1, at 2:30. The stadium is located on the west side of Route 123 near the fieldhouse. Games on Monday-Thursday are free. The prices for weekend games have not been set, but traditionally are \$5 or less.

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For further details on any of the above events, visit <https://homecoming.gmu.edu> and [GoMason.com](#).

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Meetings & Clubs

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office, with direct web links added when available. The list is accurate as of mid-week but for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)).

Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. (**bolded below**).

Sat Feb 9	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Wed Feb 13	1:30pm	Tallwood Book Club–TA-1
	1:45pm	Bridge Club–TA-3
	2:15pm	Spanish Club–TA-2
Fri Feb 15	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Crafts and Conversation–Annex
	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting–TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club–TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	12:30pm	Dr. Who Club–TA-3
Sat Feb 16	1:00pm	1103 Ice Cream Social–TA-1
	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Wed Feb 20	1:00pm	Personal Computer User Group–TA-1
	11:50am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club–TA-2
Fri Feb 22	1:45pm	Bridge Club–TA-3
	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Crafts and Conversation–Annex
	10:00am	Theater Lovers' Group–TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
Sat Feb 23	12:00noon	Photography Club–TA-3
Sat Feb 23	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3

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