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COMPARATIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS 2020
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Percentage of U.S. Adults Without Health Insurance, 2009-2019

Life expectancy at birth in the U.S. in other developed countries, despite costs

Health Expenditures, 2017

Country	Per Capita	Per Family
USA	11,200	33,000
Netherlands	5,500	6,000
France	4,500	4,000
Germany	4,500	5,500
Canada	3,500	4,000
Japan	3,000	2,500
UK	2,500	2,500
Australia	2,500	2,500
Spain	2,500	2,500

Life expectancy at birth in the U.S. in other developed countries, despite costs

Life expectancy (years) vs. Healthcare spending per capita. Countries shown: Italy, Japan, France, Canada, U.K., Germany.

OLLI Member Jim Cantwell, Retired from the Senate Joint Economic Committee Presents an Eight-Session Class on Comparative Health Care Systems, Fall 2020

October 9, 2020

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- Although all current OLLI members are emailed a "Daily Schedule" with a list of the classes offered that day, you can also find them by signing in at the [member portal](#) LINKS.
- Remember that your best viewing of *E-News* is obtained by viewing the email in your screen). Also, you can magnify the image by zooming in; on a PC, use Ctrl-mouse scroll use Command-plus (+) to enlarge.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, October 16; regular deadline October 13, at 6:00.

Computer Club

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

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its parent and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, October 17 via Zoom. Program activities include:

Chromebooks: What, Why, and How, presented by Tom Gutnick. Chromebooks are increasingly simpler, safer computers. But simplicity doesn't mean sacrificing productivity. They handle surfing, word processing, spreadsheets, and so much more—with ease. This session will help you get one, and if so, you'll be able to make more-informed purchasing decisions.

Tom Gutnick—technologist, educator, musician—has worked in the computer industry for over 30 years. At Sunny Banana IT Consulting, he helps small businesses and home offices use technology effectively.

personal technology at Arlington Adult Education and information technology at Northern Virginia Community College. She earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Virginia.

Irfanview: Alternative to PowerPoint? In this Learn in 30 presentation, Bill Walsh notes that Microsoft PowerPoint can be a bit tedious. While it would probably be of some benefit to read the manual, it was nevertheless daunting to find that some features of PowerPoint were not visible in the versatile image viewer, and it also turns out to be a very handy, easy to use presentation software that supports different formats, and also shows many video formats. What became a game changer for him was to use MP4 files.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club dues are \$5 for 2020—see <http://olligmu.org/opcuq/comm.html> for details on making payments.

Attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 1:00. Please click [this link](#) to join the meeting, or enter this meeting ID 948 9206 8399 from 'Join' in the Zoom app and use password 794746.

Sign Up Now for Mason's School of Theater 'Taste of the Season' Course



By Norma Jean Reck, Coordinator, Theater Lovers' Group

Not only are the shows still going on at Mason's School of Theater (SOT), but their 'Taste of the Season' course is still running from 9:40 to 11:05 each Thursday from October 22 to November 12. When the Fall 2020 season began, Mason's SOT professors were grappling with an unknown future and scrambling to reinvent themselves amidst the coronavirus pandemic, the collapsing economy, and civil unrest. Still, they continue to offer just for OLLI members this fall. Listed below are the four fabulous classes they have created for October/November:

October 22—Joe Walsh and Erin Gardner of the Mason Musical Theatre program will offer a class on creating an online musical revue as Mason prepares to showcase [Gaining Ground: A Celestial Theater](#) through Mason Arts at Home on October 23.

October 29—Ed Gero, Performance Area Head for the SOT, will discuss his experiences in the theater, including his role as Justice Scalia at Arena Stage and in the national tour of John Strand's *Justice* about Ruth Bader Ginsberg's support of performing arts in D.C.

November 5—Mimi Janis, head of the Education program, will discuss her directorial concept and production of *Men on Boats* by Jaclyn Backhaus.

November 12—Sherrice Mojgani, head of Design and Technical Theater area, will discuss her experience mentoring student designers in Mason Players productions.

To register for F416 Taste of the Season, go online to olligmu.edu, then click on Register/Registration on the home page. You can also email ollireg@qmu.edu for help.

Photography Club Supports Mason's School of Theater



By George Bradshaw, Photo Club Member and Website Manager



The OLLI Photo Club (OPC) has been blessed with the opportunity to photograph students and staff during the dress rehearsals of their wonderful plays (we can't wait to restart after COVID). In addition to the students and staff, gaining experience with theatrical photographic techniques, and enjoying the process of being a photographer, OPC members get a real kick from seeing their images on the School of Theater's lobby monitors at Mason's theaters.

One of the OPC's most enjoyable photo shoots was of *Rags*, produced last autumn by the Mason Players. *Rags* follows the immigration to New York of those living through the times of the Great Depression.

[interview with Rick Davis](#), Mason's Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Also October 19, is a [program about Rags](#) (timestamp 11:08), its origins, its Mason production (*Photos above by George Bradshaw*)

And enjoy this season's [School of Theater performances](#) and the [OPC's gallery of Rags phc](#)

Poet's Corner

Bureau

This strange oaken bureau,
 Once my old Da's,
 Passed on to me you know,
 Has, without apparent cause
 Begun to spew and stream
 Acorn sprouts from every seam.

Now, some will find
 This slightly strange, at best,
 But who could know the mind,
 Much less the soul or rest
 Of the magic and `a,
 Of my dear old, odd Da?

Mike Mc Namara

Arts & Music at George Mason

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By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Virtual Performances

Although Mason's campus is shut down, online entertainment continues for us to access a produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of interesting online perfor of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just send an email to B at bschoen@gmu.edu. Also, the Center for the Arts has a website, [Mason Arts at Home](#), w The events are online, and you can find them at <http://music.calendar.gmu.edu>. Informat [purchase page](#) or the [Hylton ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues (via Zoom)

Mason School of Theater: *Hookman*

Fri, Oct 9, 8:00

Registration required

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hookman-registration-122096701521?aff=ebdssbeac>

Admission: Free.

Kevin Day, Brass and Composition

Sun, Oct 12, 11:30

Meeting ID: 845 0700 3786

Passcode: Euphonium

Admission: Free.

Alfred Watkins, Conducting

Mon, Oct 13, 4:30

Meeting ID: 949 6868 9029

Passcode: 91008

Admission: Free.

Isaachah Savage, Dramatic Tenor

Thu, Oct 16, 12:30

Meeting ID: 810 9069 2868

Passcode: CFj7VR

Admission: Free.

Third Coast Percussion Virtual Residency with Mason's Percussion Ensemble

Mon, Oct 19, and Wed, Oct 21, 12:30

Online (<https://thirdcoastpercussion.com/event/george-mason-university-online/>)

Admission: Free.

At the Hylton Performing Arts Center (Manassas)

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Sun, Oct 11, 4:00

Hylton Performing Arts Center, Science and Technology Campus, West Side Campus Fi
Admission: \$35.

The Queen’s Cartoonists

Sun, Oct 18, 6:00

Hylton Performing Arts Center, Science and Technology Campus, West Side Campus Fi
Admission: \$35.

Meetings & Clubs

Please note: Physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled until further notice if OLLI is conducting its classes and activities online. Refer to the university’s [coronavirus w](#) and check the [OLLI Calendar](#) for revised information.

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the by the office. The list is accurate as of mid-week but for the most up-to-date information, coming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcom (online), meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off col office has sent (or will send) emails with meeting passwords to club members; you may a click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.*

Sat Oct 10	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue Oct 13	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Oct 14	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group
	4:00 pm	Spanish Club
Thu Oct 15	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Oct 16	9:30 am	Craft & Conversation
	10:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting
	11:00 am	Classic Literature Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club
	2:30 pm	Tallwood Book Club

Sat Oct 17	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
	1:00 pm	Personal Computer User Group
Mon Oct 19	4:00 pm	New Members Advisory Committee
Tue Oct 20	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Oct 21	4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club
	6:00 pm	Ethnic Eats Lunch Club
Thu Oct 22	4:00 pm	Reston Book Club
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Oct 23	9:30 am	Craft & Conversation
	11:00 am	Classic Literature Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	12:00 noon	Photography Club
Sat Oct 24	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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