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## The Story of an American Repatriate

Author Tom Mooradian

**Wednesday, September 14 7:00 p.m.**  
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In the early months of 1947, eighteen-year-old Tom Mooradian had everything -- Hollywood good looks, high academic ranking in his senior class at Southwestern High School, recognition by the Detroit daily newspapers as being one of the finest basketball talents in the Public School League and in the state. Before the end of that year, however, he would find himself fighting the daily fight for survival in the Soviet Union. It was not a dream, but a nightmare that he and 150 other American Armenians willingly, but unknowingly, walked into when they signed up for the Armenian Repatriation.

Mooradian's basketball prowess captured the hearts of the Soviet people and probably saved his life. Filled with political drama, romance, and intrigue, Tom's autobiography, *The Repatriate* reads like a novel, and will have you guessing how Tom managed to return to America alive.

Copies of Tom's book will be available for purchase and signing.

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