

October 2011

## PROFILE



**John Tewhey**  
*Horace Greeley said  
“Go west”; John  
Tewhey headed east*

While Horace Greeley is credited with saying “Go west, young man, go west” — advice given to Union veterans after the Civil War — Lewiston native John Tewhey headed west a century later for a different reason.

As he explains, “We loved Maine and New England but couldn’t find a job in the East. So I headed west to California where I got a job in energy research — geothermal, coal gasification, and nuclear energy waste disposal — at the University of California’s Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in Livermore, California.”

His degrees suited him well — a BA in chemistry and geology from Colby, an MS in geochemistry from the University of South Carolina, and finally a PhD from Brown after going back to school on the GI Bill. He had spent four years in the Air Force during the Vietnam era.

However, the infamous Love Canal disaster near Niagara Falls in the late 1970s changed all that. “I had a really great job at Livermore, but Gloria and I had been raised in Maine, and we wanted the same for our three daughters.” There were new jobs in the East in the field of assessing and cleaning up the many hundreds of hazardous waste sites that had been previously ignored. Half the homes in Maine get their water supply from wells, and the new awareness that surface pollution contaminates groundwater provided opportunities for geochemists in Maine.

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## CALENDAR

### OLLI Events

#### Walking Club

Wed., Oct. 12 and Tues., Oct. 25. See page 7 for details.

#### OLLI Night Out

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#### OLLI Follies

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#### Book Sale

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### Community Events

#### Arab Spring Talk

Mon., Oct 3. See page 5 for details.

#### Wright Express Event

Wed., Oct 5. See page 5 for details.

#### Greek Documentary

Sun., Oct 30. See page 5 for details.

### SAGE

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.

*Hannaford Hall.*

Oct. 4, “Common Loons: Natural History and Their Role as Indicators”

Oct. 11, “Songs for Peace and War”

Oct. 18, “Sustaining and Leveraging the Gulf of Maine During The Ocean Century”

Oct. 25, “Making Sense of Health Reform: Policy, Politics, and Tough choices”

## NOTES FROM SUSAN

As I write this, the fall term has just begun. We have 48 courses with enrollments ranging from eight to 204! No, that's not a typo.

Draper Hunt's course on Winston Churchill has 204 students. Because of the extreme popularity of this course, we are trying something new. With the advanced technology available in the Wishcamper Center, we have been broadcasting Dr. Hunt "live" into room 133. This allows 145 people to be with Draper in room 102 and another 60-plus people to participate in room 133. Room 133 offers comfortable chairs, tiered seating, and built-in tables. Draper is on screen, and audio is broadcast throughout the room.

Dr. Hunt is no stranger to new technologies. While a professor at USM, Draper was one of the first faculty members to use the compressed video system to teach via closed circuit television.

Isn't it funny that even though we've come a long way since those early days, we still are hesitant when trying something new?

A few OLLI students dropped the Churchill course before it began because of concern about the new format. And we all know that technology can sometimes have glitches. It is with great pleasure that we can offer "The Lion's Roar: The Life and Times of Winston L.S. Churchill" to so many students.

—Susan Morrow, Assistant Director of Program

### OLLI book sale October 29

The OLLI book sale will be held Sat., Oct. 29, at the Wishcamper Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Books donated for the sale will be accepted at the OLLI office until Oct. 21. If you need help getting donated books from your car to the OLLI office, there will be a person in the lobby to assist you on the following dates and times.



Tues., Oct. 11; 11 a.m.–noon  
 Fri., Oct. 14; 11 a.m.–noon and 1–2 p.m.  
 Sat., Oct. 15; 2–3 p.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 18; 11 a.m.–noon  
 Thurs., Oct. 20; 3–4 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for the day of the sale. Contact Henry Warren at 799-4593.

### OLLI raffle

OLLI raffle tickets will go on sale at the OLLI Follies on October 15 and continue until the drawing. Two spring courses and a nine-week SAGE lecture series will be raffled off. Proceeds will benefit OLLI scholarships. The OLLI raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6.

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OLLI members are invited to attend Advisory Board meetings, which usually take place on the second Friday of the month. Check with the OLLI office for time and place. Please contact the chair if you wish to address the Board.

**WEB SITES**

**Maine Senior College Network**  
[www.maineseniorcollege.org](http://www.maineseniorcollege.org)  
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Please send newsletter material to the OLLI Office, via our e-mail. **Deadline for submission is the 15th of the month before the newsletter is published.**

**OLLI Advisory Board**

As the new chair of the OLLI Advisory Board, and on behalf of the Board, I want to thank you — the OLLI membership — for being a part of the OLLI community.

OLLI began almost 15 years ago with 100 members in its first term of classes. It has grown by about 100 new members each year, reaching a current level of 1,400-plus members. This is a testament to the vision of its founders and the appetite of lifelong learners like you.

The Advisory Board is committed to supporting your lifelong learning goals by providing a broad range of stimulating courses, lectures, workshops, and events each year. We would like to hear from you. If there is something missing from our offerings, please contact me or any board member with your thoughts or concerns.

—Dick Sturgeon, Advisory Board Chairman  
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**OLLI publications news**

The OLLI Communications Committee is in the process of organizing itself for the coming year. We have ahead of us a possible redesign of the *OLLI Newsletter* to make it more on-line friendly but still printable for those who want to read it on paper. The OLLI website finally has substantial and up-to-date content thanks to Rob Hyssong, Program Coordinator. In the coming months the Communications Committee will work with Rob to review the content and suggest additions. The Newsletter subcommittee is working smoothly with our editor, Don King; ace proofreaders Laurie Jensen, Joan Kushner, Ann Landsberg, and John Sutherland; and our layout wizard, Jo Morris. Pat Muzzy and her committee have edited and published a spectacular *Reflections* for 2011, and it should be available as you read this.

***OLLI Newsletter* goes electronic!**

For several months, the *OLLI Newsletter* has been on-line in addition to being mailed out. Starting with the November issue, the *Newsletter* will be on-line in color; it will be mailed to you *only* if you requested it on your Fall term OLLI registration form. You can read the current and previous Newsletters by visiting [www.usm.maine.edu/olli/olli-news](http://www.usm.maine.edu/olli/olli-news) and clicking on the issue you want to read.

**Art on display in lobby**

Check out the new display of great artwork in our Wishcamper lobby — thanks to our own OLLI members.

**Tewhey** (*cont'd from page 1*)

So John and his family returned to Maine. He went to work as a consulting scientist at the E.C. Jordan Co. in Portland in 1981. After six years in that job, John struck out on his own and started Tewhey Associates, a much smaller version of the 300-person Jordan Co. Twenty-five years later, he is still busy at Tewhey Associates in Gorham.

A recognition of Tewhey's work in this field came in 1995 when Gov. Angus King chose him to be a member, and then chair, of the state Board of Environmental Protection. He says, "Maine is one of very few states that have a 10-person citizen board rather than an administrative agency to do rulemaking and the permitting of large environmental projects. The BEP allows citizens to interact with other citizens on environmental decision-making. It's another Maine way of doing things."

John acknowledges that he is not a teacher by profession, but he has always taken on a teaching role wherever he has been. That started when he was at Livermore, where he taught introductory geology and geology of the Bay Area at the local community college.

Back in Maine, he developed a short course on hydrogeochemistry, which he has presented several times. He is pleased to have had the opportunity to offer his course, "The Geologic History of Maine," for four successive years at OLLI. He became familiar with OLLI when an Advisory Board member, Mary Collins, asked him if he was interested in teaching a geology course. He accepted the offer and says that he's learned a lot about the geology of Maine by teaching the course.

John's course has been built on feedback from his OLLI students. "Geology is not necessarily intuitive, so I depend on pictures, diagrams, maps, and especially field trips, in order to provide and promote opportunities to understand the scope of geology in time and mass. In the end, it's my goal that students will be able to drive along the highways of Maine or go to the seashore and understand something of Maine's geological past by looking at the rocks."

He now limits his classes to 25 or 30 students in order to get to know them during the term. Why does he think the course is attractive to OLLI students? "I think we have become more aware of our environment over the past several decades. There is much more awareness of the fragility of the earth and its resources."

His students will undoubtedly come away from his courses more aware of the earth environment that surrounds them.

—Don King

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## Those returnables keep adding up for OLLI



Thank you to everyone who has dropped off a bag of returnable deposit bottles and cans at Hannaford using one of the OLLI Clynk bags.

If you haven't picked up a bag yet, they are available on a table in the Wishcamper lobby or in the OLLI office.

## Elder abuse is topic for Muskie lectures

The Muskie School of Public Service invites OLLI members to a special brown-bag lecture on Elder Abuse Awareness on Friday, Oct. 28, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in room 133 at the Wishcamper Center.

Wear purple to show your support to eliminate domestic violence, especially towards elders.

## Talk on Arab Spring planned for October 3

The World Affairs Council of Maine and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at USM are pleased to welcome Dr. Mary-Jane Deeb, Chief of the African and Middle Eastern Division at the Library of Congress and a frequent media commentator. She will speak on the Arab Spring on Monday, Oct. 3. The event will take place in room 133 of Wishcamper Center from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. A reception will precede the lecture at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Deeb will discuss the origins of the Arab revolutions and what the future might look like in the countries affected. She will address the reasons for the current revolutions. She will present some of the underlying causes and earlier (failed) attempts at changing the sociopolitical conditions in the region that have set the stage for what we are witnessing today.

The admission for World Affairs Council members and OLLI members is \$10; for non-members it is \$15. Please register at [www.tinyurl.com/WACMaine](http://www.tinyurl.com/WACMaine) or by calling the World Affairs Council Office at 207-221-4384. There is no charge for undergraduate and graduate students with ID.

## Mitchell to give Wright Express Event Series talk

Sen. George Mitchell will be the featured speaker at the Wright Express Leadership and Creativity Event Series “Understanding the Middle East and the Significance on the World Stage.” The event takes place Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Hannaford Hall in the Abromson Center. USM President Selma Botman will provide commentary.

Seating is unreserved; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for OLLI members are \$15 and must be purchased on-line at the following Web address: [www.usm.maine.edu/giving/wexseries](http://www.usm.maine.edu/giving/wexseries). Confirmation will be sent by e-mail.

All proceeds will go to general scholarships at USM.

## Heroic rescue depicted in Greek documentary

OLLI has joined with the Hellenic Society of Maine and USM’s School of Education and Human Development, Diversity Committee, to present a moving documentary film, *Song of Life*, a 2002 Greek film by Tony Lycouressis. The film will be presented Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. in Room 133 at the Wishcamper Center. The program is free and open to the public. Running time of the film is 65 minutes.

*Song of Life* tells about the Jewish community on the small Ionian Sea island of Zakynthos, from the mid-15th century to the present day, including the uplifting story of the survival of the Jews during the Nazi occupation there, when the mayor and bishop resisted Nazi demands for a list of Jews on the island.

Mimica Tsezana-Hyman, a member of the American Friends of the Jewish Museum of Greece, who helped produce the film, will introduce it and relate family stories. Her daughter, Sabrina, will offer a song inspired by the event depicted in the film.



## The Follies are almost here!! Ya'll come!

OLLI Follies  
Saturday, October 15, 2011  
3:00 p.m.  
Hannaford Hall

We have singing (solos and groups), instrumental presentations, writers and actors reciting some of their original material as well as more well-known material.

The Follies promises to be a lighthearted, upbeat show. Our performers are working hard to provide a great afternoon!

Come and share a wonderful time with us. Please feel free to bring family and friends. There will be a suggested \$7.00 donation per person at the door (\$5 in advance in the OLLI Office).

Parking will be available in the USM garage.

**The OLLI Follies needs you!**

The OLLI Singers women's septet: Jean Childs, Carol McCracken, Calista Harder, Ruth Cohen, Bev Collins, Patti Girr, and Nancy Kinoshita singing *Mr. Sandman*, accompanied by Terry Foster on piano.



## Osher Map Library exhibit welcomes OLLI members

“The Grand Tour and the Development of Tourism: 1600 to 1900” is the fall exhibit at the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education.

We invite you to tour this new exhibit with OLLI members Jerry and Monique Collins serving as docents. The exhibit traces the “grand tour” as a rite of passage for the British gentry from its beginnings to the early modern era, when railroad and steamships introduced mass tourism as we experience it today.

The exhibit includes materials on loan from the Collins's personal collection, and they will present a brief introduction on European and American prints in the Cohen Educational Center before the gallery tour.

Two sessions are scheduled: Friday, Oct. 7, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 28, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.

The gallery capacity is limited to 25. To RSVP please call 780-4850 or e-mail us at [oml@usm.maine.edu](mailto:oml@usm.maine.edu) indicating your first and second choice for the date.

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## Announcements / Calendar / Special Events

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### Photography Special Interest Group to meet October 20

The OLLI Photography group will meet on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 3 p.m. in room 103 of the Wishcamper Center. Members meet to learn from each other and share their love of photography. The group had its organizational meeting in August and met in September to share some of its members' work.



Contact Sharon Hickey by phone (846-7974) or e-mail ([sharonlh@zwi.net](mailto:sharonlh@zwi.net)) for more information.

### OLLI Excursions Committee seeking members

Have you taken any of our OLLI Excursions? A couple of spaces on the committee have opened and we would love to have you join us and help plan the OLLI day trips for 2011–2012!

We have fun exploring various destinations, choosing several and carrying out the plans. Contact Gael McKibben at 774-7177.

### Book club coordinator named

Elsa van Bergen is the new OLLI Book Group coordinator. She can be contacted at [evanbergen@maine.rr.com](mailto:evanbergen@maine.rr.com) or 885-9363.



### Walking Club changes plans for October

Because of early foliage predictions, the Walking Club is changing the order of the two October walks.

**Wednesday, Oct. 12:** We will take our foliage walk at Bradbury Mountain in Pownal.

**Tuesday, Oct. 25:** We will walk at Kelsey Brook in Freeport.

As usual, we meet for carpooling at 10 a.m. at the Back Cove parking lot across from Hannaford. Bring water and lunch. For more information, call Rae Garcelon at 846-3304.



### IHOP is the place to go for October Night Out

The OLLI Night Out for October will be Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 5 p.m. at The International House of Pancakes (IHOP) at 195 Maine Mall Road in South Portland. Everyone is welcome to have dinner out with OLLI friends.

To make a reservation, please e-mail Terry Foster at [tfoster@maine.edu](mailto:tfoster@maine.edu) or leave him a phone message at 780-4895.

## Name tags are for wearing

Several people have commented that name tags have been less in evidence in class lately. This imposes a particular burden upon your instructor. You have only the instructor's name to remember. The instructor, on the other hand, gazes out at anywhere from a dozen to over one hundred faces and would like to attach names to them.

So how about it, gang? If you don't have a name badge, ask the OLLI office to get one for you and then, puleeze, for the sake of those hard-working instructors, wear it where everyone can see it! The gratitude you receive will warm the inner cockles of your heart!

Yours in eternal collegiality,

John Sutherland, Instructor

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