I trust you had wonderful Christmas and New Year’s holidays with your family and friends. We now look forward to a new year of CALL activities, and hope that you find our offerings a wonderful way to meet your educational and spiritual needs. What a wonderful time of the year to look ahead to make resolutions to attend more CALL activities! The Board did not meet in January, but at the December meeting the Board...

- celebrated the fact that many new members joined CALL this fall.
- heard reports that fall classes were well attended!
- noted that the Member Events-sponsored “CALL Christmas Brass” concert and lunch held December 12 was filled to capacity.
- reviewed other events, concerts, extended trips, and Noontime Series’ plans for 2013.
- approved the work of the marketing task force which studied various ways to improve the functioning and marketing of CALL. We are looking for a committee chair and additional members for the newly-developed marketing committee. Interested? Know anyone who might be?
- expressed WOW! at the new look of the newsletter, and other future media that will come from the CALL office. Do you like the new look?
- reviewed the courses and instructors planned for spring, 2013. Check the wonderful array of courses and sign up early on-line to avoid disappointments with full classes.
- approved several more community service grants
- reminds all members of their need to participate as volunteers and leaders in CALL activities as a Board member, chair, or as a member of one of our many outstanding committees.

Of interest in our study of CALL’s growth is an article from a recent Wall Street Journal report (WSJ, 12/10/12--p. R8). The article talks about wonderful cities in which to live as retirees, and boasts that Ann Arbor is such a place. In fact, ... “about 700 people age 50-plus take classes each year as seniors, paying a $20 membership fee and $40 for a class.” WSJ should have studied CALL, where we do twice that number of classes each year with double U of M’s enrollment, and at one-half the cost to members!

Blessings to all as we begin a new year!  
Ray Vander Weele, President

**Public Events Committee**

**Henry Baron, Chair**

Come and travel the world with us! Join us for the last three presentations of this year’s Passport to Adventure Film Series. See, experience, wonder, learn and explore a variety of places, landscapes, histories, and peoples from the comfort of your auditorium chair. These films are a great experience for young and old alike. Invite others to take a trip with you! Contact the Calvin Box Office (526-6282) for tickets. A great travel bargain of only $5/adult, $2/student.

**Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM**

**Israel: Stories From the Holy Land**

with Sandy Mortimer

Along with a cultural past that includes Phoenician, Roman, Crusader and Turk influence, Israel offers a 5,000-year-old tradition of rich storytelling—accounts of love, hate, cruelty and compassion. In addition to visiting the sites of many Old Testament stories and following in the steps of Jesus, we experience the customs of unforgettable and obscure cultures and visit a modern-day kibbutz to experience this unique Israeli lifestyle. Sandy Mortimer, whose career has ranged from politics to television production, created and narrates this travel experience.

**Thursday, Mar. 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM**

**Around the World - One Man’s Journey**

with Doug Jones

Through this retrospective of forty years of travel on six continents and in 60 countries, Doug Jones, professional entertainer, radio announcer, European tour guide, art dealer, theatrical producer and airline pilot, shows stark changes in the work and in photography. Highlights of his very personal memoir include the Taj Mahal, the Kamakura Buddha, the Pyramids, the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben, the Berlin Wall, Machu Picchu, Carnival in Rio, the Great Wall of China, Alaskan glaciers, and destinations as diverse as Hollywood to Hong Kong, Moscow to Brunei, and Tokyo to the Amazon.

**Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM**

**Majestic Montana**

with Steve Gonser

**Noontime Series**

Spring 2012

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for the Spring Noontime Series of engaging, timely, and entertaining lectures and a concert. For full descriptions of these lectures check the CALL website and upcoming issues of the CALL News.

**Thursday, January 31: All Eyes Open: Understanding Sexual Exploitation in West Michigan**

presented by Andy Soper
Did you know human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world? The Manasseh Project at Wedgewood Christian Services has developed community awareness, education, prevention and advocacy programming to end sex slavery in West Michigan. We’ll learn the realities of the crime, hear stories of survivors, and learn how to battle modern-day slavery. Learn more at: http://www.manassehproject.org/about-the-manasseh-project/

Thursday, February 14: “I’d Dying to Talk to You, Dave” presented by Dave Kampfschulte

In this thoughtful and provocative session Dave will relate his experiences of interacting with patients and families at the end of life. His stories range from the unusual to the emotional, and will leave us with new insights about a subject that is usually avoided. Learn more at: http://www.amazingcircles.net/

Thursday, February 28: Health Care : A Perspective from the Trenches” presented by David Van Dyke

The United States has a health care “system” in need of change. Change will be a challenge for physicians and health care consumers. There are no pain-free solutions. David Van Dyke will share his presentation from the perspective of a physician who has practiced privately and taught full-time in medical schools.

Wednesday, March 13: Dutch Hunger in WWII: Effects of Prenatal Under-nutrition in Adulthood: Physical, Mental and Cognitive Health Results from the Dutch Famine Birth Cohort Study presented by Julie Yonker

Thursday, March 28: I Don’t Know Who You Are: The Problem of Face Blindness” presented by Heather Sellers

Imagine hugging a stranger because you mistook him for your boyfriend. Or not knowing if you’re looking at Brad Pitt or Winston Churchill in a photo. Or not being able to identify your students outside the classroom. Sellers tells the painful story of her rare condition called prosopagnosia, gives a short reading from her award-winning memoir You Don’t Look Like Anyone I Know, and talks about the new developments in face blindness research.

Heather is a professor of English at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where she teaches poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction. She was awarded an NEA Fellowship for fiction.

Thursday, April 11: Calvin College Women’s Chorale

Circle this date on your calendar

March 20

Wednesday, March 20, 2013.
CALL Easter Luncheon.

Watch your email for program information

Thursday, April 25, 2013
Nappanee and Amish Acres

Laugh your way through “Church Basement Ladies” sequel at the Amish Acres Round Barn Theater. We will also visit the Nappanee Center and view the special exhibit about the railroads and their importance to the community. We will visit the Coppes Commons - delightful little stores.

We will complete our day with dinner at the Mullets - the home of an Amish family. Cost $89.

Questions call Shirley. 698-9244

For 2013, there are three CALL-sponsored travel opportunities available, in partnership with the Calvin Alumni Association. The Israel pilgrimage for March 2013 is sold out, but we will offer it again in March 2014. The itinerary for 2013 will give you a good idea of this experience, viewable at: www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel/2013/israel

If you have an interest for 2014, leave your name and contact information with the office at 526-6142 or alumni@calvin.edu.

North European Art Tour (May 21-30, 2013):

Join Calvin art professor Henry Luttikhuiizen for a twelve-day journey to explore the great art museums of London, Paris, Bruges and Amsterdam. In addition to visiting the British Museum in London, the Musée du Louvre in Paris and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, there will be opportunities to visit Gothic cathedrals and other architectural gems. Most days will include free time for independent activities. See: www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel/2013/europe for details; get the brochure mailed to you by calling or contacting the alumni office (see above).

The Canadian Rockies (Sept. 21-30, 2013):

Join CALL travel expert John Apol for a look at the grandeur of the Canadian Rockies. See Calgary, Banff, Takakkaw Falls, the Columbia Ice Fields, Jasper and Edmonton. Many breathtaking sights to behold! See: www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel/2013/canadian for details; get the brochure mailed to you by calling or contacting the alumni office (see above).

The Calvin College Alumni Choir
Evening Worship Services

Michael Van Dendend

The Calvin College Alumni Choir, directed by Calvin music professor Pearl Shangkuan, will be leading three evening worship services in West Michigan in the coming weeks. All are invited. The theme for these services is “All is Well” and the message will be brought by former Calvin Theological Seminary president Rev. Neal Plantinga.

Sunday, January 13, 2013 - 6 p.m.
Beckwith Hills Christian Reformed Church
2100 Chelsea Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI

Sunday, January 27, 2013 - 5 p.m.
Calvin Christian Reformed Church
700 Ethel Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI

Sunday, February 17, 2013 - 6 p.m.
First Christian Reformed Church
516 South Ferry Street, Grand Haven, MI
The Fall 2012 Southwest U.S. National Parks Tour

The latest Calvin Alumni Travel adventure, produced in partnership with the Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL), brought travelers to the majestic national parks of the southwestern United States.

The tour group, led by Calvin alumnus John Apol, began in New Mexico with stops at Acoma Pueblo and in the Zuni and Rehoboth Native American communities.

In Rehoboth, the group met about 50 Calvin alumni, family and friends for a time of fellowship and a meal, which preceded a tour of the campus, including the Navajo Code Talker Museum.

Traveling west, travelers took in the Hubbell Trading Post and the Canyon de Chelly National Monument where they took a Navajo chauffeured and guided, bumpy ride through the canyon in an open-air truck. The Anasazi ruins were intriguing.

Next was Monument Valley Tribal Park, with its tall buttes and mesas—which looked familiar because of their appearance in many old John Wayne westerns.

“A high point of this tour occurred in a huge sandstone alcove where our guides played their own composed melodies on traditional Navajo flutes and pipes,” said Apol.

The Arizona canyons were next: Glen Canyon, Antelope Canyon and, of course, the magnificent North Rim of the Grand Canyon. In Utah, Bryce Canyon and Zion Canyon were destinations. Four intrepid hikers made an expedition up Angel’s Landing Trail, climbing almost 1,500 vertical feet in 2.5 miles. The views up and down the canyon from the top after negotiating a narrow “fin” of rock, with chains to hold on to for safety, were well worth the effort of the climb, they reported. A final stop in Salt Lake City and the Mormon historical sites ended the trip.

“We have many things to thank our God for,” said Apol, “safe travel, health, new experiences, wonderful sights, great local Navajo guides, new friends, good fellowship and all of that good food!”

Service and Community Relations Committee

Roberta Rice

The CALL Service and Community Relations Committee has recommended and the CALL Board has granted the following requests:

- to Joy Witte for flash drives for student use at Anchor Point Christian School.
- to Henrietta Hamersma for supplies to make quilts for children with cancer.
- to Carol and Richard Rienstra for their participation in the Sea to Sea bicycle fundraiser to help raise awareness and funds to alleviate poverty around the world.

Member Events / Interest Groups Registration

Send completed form to: CALL Youngsma Center 3201 Burton St. SE Grand Rapids MI 49546

Event fees are per person

☐ April 25 [Thurs] Nappanee and Amish Acres $89

Name(s) ________________________________________________________________

Phone ________________________________ e-mail ____________________________

Your check must accompany your reservation. Make check payable to CALL

Confirmation will be sent. If event is already filled, you will be notified.

I would like to join an Interest Group (no charge)

☐ Knitting ☐ Brass Ensemble
CALL Scholarship - A “Thank You”

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Blessings,
Sangwoo Kim

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