President’s Message

by Corrine Kass

For our generation, perhaps the most remarkable development occurring in our lifetime has been the evolution and expansion of technology. It’s changed how we live and interact in ways that are truly breathtaking. And if you think what’s happened in the past decade or two is astonishing, well, just imagine what the next years will bring.

I’m old enough to say that I can remember the days before televisions, computers, printers, CDs and DVDs, microwave ovens, smart phones, the internet, social media, digital photography, iPads and E-books.

In my childhood, telephone service was shared on a “party line” before the broad development of private lines and the installation of ubiquitous pay phones for making calls when you were away from your home or office. Computers were preceded by typewriters, carbon copies, and intensive secretarial labor, typically demanding the retyping of material many times before it passed muster.

When I taught at the University of Arizona in the 1970s, we fed our research data into a huge machine that was kept in a climate-controlled space. Now, I’m writing this column on a small, desktop computer that I can easily move from room to room. In my teaching career, long before the introduction of the modern printer, I used ditto machines and later mimeograph machines.

Today, photos can be taken and viewed instantly on our phones without having to wait for memories to be processed, developed and printed. When I moved out of my condo a couple of years ago, I threw away all of my slides taken during my many trips, and gave away all of my phonograph records.

Social media and smart phones put people into instant and sometimes constant contact with others. This can be good or bad. Some negative consequences of this dependence on our devices include a lack of face-to-face communication and, worse still, texting while driving (leading to the new slogan -- “Just Drive”).

Technology’s advances have impacted the Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning as well. When CALL began almost 20 years ago, everything was done by hand: membership registration and signing up for classes with pens and paper. The CALL website was set up in 2007, and it was just four years ago that CALL first offered online registration for classes and events. Some of our events today can be viewed in “real time” in retirement residences through live streaming on the internet.

For CALL and our members, the benefits of technology are clear:

• Sonja sends out CALL news and updates periodically by e-mail.

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Instructors are able to send communication to their course participants in a single message.

Committee chairs schedule meetings via e-mail.

Members can leave voice messages or text messages on phones without having to “play phone tag.” The downside is that we lose some personal contact, but most CALL members are quite technologically savvy or can choose to make personal contact if that’s their preference.

So what in the prehistoric world did we do with ourselves before all this technology exploded on to the scene? Well, I devoured books — and still do. How about you?

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**Passport to Adventure**

by Henry Baron, Chair

The 50th anniversary for Passport Travel Films at Calvin’s campus continues on February 2 with Grey Warriner presenting *Lewis and Clark: Confluence of Time and Courage*. Journey back 200 years and follow in the footsteps of Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark as they explore the unknown reaches of the wild Missouri River, cross the Rockies, and ride the turbulent waters of the Columbia to the Pacific Ocean. Visit the trading post at La Charrette, the very last building the captains stayed in, which is still standing after 200 years. Marvel at the “European statuary” white cliffs of the upper Wild and Scenic Missouri River near Fort Benton, Montana. Re-enactments bring to life this remarkable journey through 17 states.

On March 15, Dale Johnson returns to Calvin with *America’s Grand Canyon*. From soaring rock formations, to the raging white water rapids of the Colorado River, marvel at the majesty of the grandest canyon on the planet! For an exhilarating experience, try whitewater rafting or take the slow and steady route on a pack-mule trip. Day trips to the Havasupai Indian Reservation, Lake Powell, and Zion National Park are also included. The program also has an exclusive segment on Shaman’s Gallery, where many Anasazi rock paintings have been preserved.

Find more details on our website under “Travel Film Series.”

Individual tickets are available at the box office—526-6282. $6 for tickets to a single show.

Reserve the following film dates:

Tue, Feb 2, 7:00 pm
Tue, Mar 15, 7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 9, 2:00 pm
Powerful, experienced, and passionate are just a few words to describe the speakers in this spring’s lecture series. Hear their inspirational words and feel their passion as they describe their work and experiences in these thought-provoking lectures:

Feb. 4  Bill Vriesema, *Renewed by Creation*
In the beginning, God created the world— but He didn’t stop there. He is still creating today. Nature photographer, Bill Vriesema from Calvin’s information technology department, sees glimpses of the Creator each day. He will take us on a photographic tour and show us the miracle of the ordinary in each leaf, flower, stone, tree, or bird. By learning how “to see” we can be renewed by creation.

Feb. 18- Teresa Weatherall Neal, *The GRPS Transformation Success Story*
Four years ago, Superintendent Teresa Weatherall Neal was appointed interim Superintendent of Grand Rapids Public Schools. Following an extensive listening tour and independent audit, she went to work developing a comprehensive transformation plan that is now gaining state and national attention for its success. Neal will share the GRPS success story and her vision for the future.

Mar. 3  Sandra Warren, *South High School and the B-17 Bomber*
Can children influence the direction of a war? They could and did in 1943 when they sold US War Bonds and War Loan Stamps, $375,000 worth, and bought a B-17 bomber. They named it, dedicated it, and watched it fly off, never to be heard from again. Until now, 72 years later, when the rest of the story can be told. Warren, a South High graduate herself, tells this remarkable true story of a time when people stood up for each other and their country.

March 10  Ken Piers, *Justice for the Earth: A Way Forward*
Where do we currently stand in the progression of climate change? What has been the response by various faiths as well as secular communities to the challenges climate change presents? And what does the Citizen Climate Lobby, a non-partisan, grassroots organization propose? Ken Piers, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at Calvin College, will address these questions as well as others on this vitally important topic.
March 17  Ashti Mamash, A Middle Eastern Journey to the Cross
Having been mentored by Muslims for 25 years, by the Danish Philosopher, Soren
Kierkegaard for five years, and later by the community of Dutch American and
African American believers for another five years, Ashti tells of the fear and
trembling, the despair and hope that marked her dangerous journey to faith in
Christ and the peace of God that is beyond understanding. Ashti works for Calvin’s
Nagel Institute for World Christianity.

March 31  Len Vander Zee, From the Big Bang to the New Creation: God’s
Big Six Billion Year Long Story of Creation and Redemption.
We love and live by stories, that is, we make sense of our lives and the life of this
world through the narratives we weave. Scholars call them metanarratives, and
one of them is the story of creation and redemption told in the Bible. How do we
tell that grand metanarrative, first told in the language of the ancient Near East,
today in the light of what we now know about the age and origins of the universe,
and why is that important? Len Vander Zee is a pastor and serves as the interim
editor of The Banner.

Apr. 14  Festival of Faith & Writing speaker

These free lectures are scheduled at noon in Calvin’s RECITAL HALL in the Covenant Fine Arts Center, the main
campus building closest to the East Beltline. Parking is best on the east side of the East Beltline. Use the skywalk to
cross over to the main campus. An elevator is located at the end of the skywalk.

Member Events Registration
(see pages 6-7)
Two ways to register:

1. Online: www.calvin.edu/CALL >
   Member Events
2. Complete this form (make checks payable to CALL) and send to CALL, Youngsma Center, 3201 Burton St. SE,
   Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Event fees are per person. CALL will notify you if an event has filled.

□ Mar 16  Through these Lenten Days and Nights $19
□ Apr 15  The Home Game Shipshewana $89
□ April 30  The Beams are Creaking- video, lunch, and play $29
□ April 30  The Beams are Creaking- no play $16
□ May 10  Purdue Glee Club Deposit $50
   o  Purdue Balance (after deposit payment) due March 1 $49
   o  or Purdue Full Payment $99

Name: ____________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________
Email:  Confirm by email? □ Yes □ No, I don’t use email

Contact Shirley with questions: 299-3584 or lautenshirley@gmail.com
The cancellation policy is posted on the CALL website.
NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Use Caution
The staff would like to remind students to use caution in traveling to campus if conditions are hazardous. Classes will remain as scheduled unless the Calvin College campus is closed. Watch your local news for closings or check the main web page from Calvin College at www.calvin.edu.

Spring Classes
CALL members should have received the spring 2016 curriculum guide with 54 courses. The first session begins February 15. Note that the most popular courses often fill within a few weeks.

The work of the Curriculum Committee has once again provided a diverse array of courses that include topics like:

- Conquest to Collapse: The History of Ancient Israel
- Russia for Two Thousand Years
- Mexico: One Nation, Two Souls
- Is Dante Relevant Today?

Do you know someone who might enjoy one of these courses? Email us their name and address and we would be happy to mail them a catalog.

One catalog correction in the center schedule insert: Course #13 Zentangle 101 meets in DC170 from 3:15-4:30.

Course fees are $25 per course.

½ year membership is available at $25.

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Announcements
by Sonja DeJong

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Symposium on Worship

The Calvin Symposium on Worship on January 28-30 is also offering special pricing of $15 per day to CALL members. (Compared to the regular rate of $90 per day.) Select the group box for the number of days you wish to attend. Speakers include Anne Zaki, Anne Conklin, Dale Cooper, Karin Maag, and Mary Hulst. A full list of the speakers is available online. The website address to sign up and read more is www.worship.calvin.edu.

This conference is described as “rich, in-depth, practical, substantive learning/teaching with some of the world’s premier scholars, pastors, and church musicians.”

The next CALL annual meeting and luncheon is on Wednesday, May 25, at 11:30 am at the Prince Conference Center. Look for more information next month.

Service Grants

Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning is committed to supporting individuals involved in service projects. Each year the program provides funds up to $200 to any CALL member who volunteers to aid those less fortunate and requests funding. Few restrictions exist on the types of projects which can be funded. Go to the CALL website under the “Service Grants” tab to learn more. Let us help you and your cause.
Member Events
by Shirley Lautenbach

Wednesday, March 16, Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

Easter Luncheon with John and Gwen Varineau
Wednesday, March 16 - 12 noon

Invite your friends to this inspirational luncheon and take time to reflect on the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. John and Glen Varineau will inspire us with their words and music and will prepare our hearts for Easter.

Cost $19.00

Enjoy the new musical The Home Game. Levi must choose between his father's expectations of an Amish life and his own deep desire. Filled with laughter and drama, Blue Gates's newest musical will portray a son's journey and a father's hope.

Our trip will include coffee and rolls, the MennoHof Museum, a visit to either the E&S bulk food store or the village stores, the musical and a full course Amish dinner. Due to Blue Gate's new group policy we must have our reservation for group seating in by February 14th.

Cost - $89.00

The Beams are Creaking
Saturday, April 30. 10:30 am

The Beams are Creaking is a Master Arts production showcasing the inspiring, true story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who defied the Nazis. We begin by watching the video, Bonhoeffer, Agent of Grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German clergyman of great distinction who actively opposed Hitler and the Nazis. His convictions cost him his life. The Nazis hanged him on April 9, 1945, less than a month before the end of the war. Bonhoeffer's last years, his participation in the German resistance, and his moral struggle are dramatized in this film. Bonhoeffer - Agent of Grace sheds light on the little known efforts of the German resistance.

After lunch we will go to the Master Arts Theater to watch the compelling production The Creaking of the Beams. Invite your friends and enjoy these historical presentations of the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Travel to Master Arts on your own.

Cost $29.00 - video, lunch and play.
$16.00 without the play

Purdue Varsity Men's Glee Club
Tuesday, May 10

This dynamic musical troupe employs a versatile repertoire including gospel, classical choir selections, familiar opera choruses and much more. They utilize small groups and outstanding soloists to further enhance their programs.

We will enjoy lunch at the center, where a glee club member (s) will be at each table to talk about the history and rules of the Glee Club. We are offering this trip again this year due to popular demand.

Invite your friends and enjoy this popular musical experience.

Cost $99.00. ($50.00 deposit and balance of $49.00 due March 1, 2016-see pg 4). Cost includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls, lunch and concert. This is a CALL favorite.

For any Member Event questions please call Shirley at 299-3584 or lautenshirley@gmail.com.
Extended Trips
by John Apol

Are you looking for an adventure? Led by experts, these trips promise to be unforgettable.

World War II History Tour
April 2-14, 2016
with Ryan Noppen

Visit famous sites such as Churchill’s War Rooms in London, Utah and Omaha Beaches in Normandy, and the Airborne Museum near Amsterdam. On this trip we wander slightly off the beaten path (or in some cases on the beaten path) and focus on World War II sites, museums, and poignant memorials.

This tour will bring us face to face with reminders from several of the campaigns from the Western European Theater of the War: The Invasion of the Netherlands, The Battle of Britain, Operation Overlord (D-Day), the Atlantic Wall, and Operation Market Garden. There will be time for shopping, dining and sightseeing in each location. Please note: registration is due at the end of January.

With Randall Engle

Highlights include a private tour of Lambeth Palace and Archives; worship at St. Paul’s Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Chichester Cathedral; a private organ tour at Westminster Abbey and attendance at the Southern Cathedral Festival. Along the way, travel through the Cotswolds, eat fabulous food, and stay in luxurious accommodations.

Prague, Vienna & Budapest
September 21-October 4, 2016
with Corwin Smidt

The capital cities of central Europe are some of the most beautiful cities on the continent. Packed with unique destinations, this itinerary includes castles, cathedrals, museums, art and architecture, wine tasting and hot springs.

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(cont.,)Highlights include the Astronomical Clock in Prague, visiting Stephen's Cathedral and Mozart's house in Vienna, touring Budapest, Buda Castle, Fisherman's Bastion and St. Matina Church. From Prague's beautifully preserved medieval city, to Vienna's Baroque grandeur, to Budapest's captivating confidence throughout its complex history, this part of Europe is a must see!