The Treasurer’s Message
by Ed Westenbroek

CALL has been one of the underwriters of the January Series. Each year CALL budgets $2,000 for Service Grants which help support causes that involve the volunteer efforts of CALL volunteers. Over the years CALL has also paid for upgrades to various facilities used by CALL.

In the fall of 1996 CALL offered nine classes. At that time CALL also assumed the responsibility for the Noon-time Series and the Passport to Adventure Series, which were previously led by the Alumni Office.

Each year since then, CALL has grown in terms of its membership and its activities. To accommodate this growth, in 2008 CALL was assigned office space in the Youngsma Center. In 2009 hired its first paid office administrative assistant, and in 2012 introduced an on-line registration system. Today CALL’s two administrative assistants, Sonja and Marjo, support CALL’s committees and its membership.

By 2014 CALL’s membership grew to 2,007 members. Last year CALL offered 135 spring, summer, and fall classes. There were 3,700 class registrants. In addition, Member Events offers a variety of social activities and overnight excursions. In recent years, in partnership with a travel agency, those events have expanded to include overseas opportunities. CALL’s annual budget exceeds $225,000.

Since its beginning, CALL has relied heavily on its member volunteers, and that continues today. There are fourteen active committees, which involve over 65 members. That effort, and the many gifted instructors, makes for a very successful product.
Passport to Adventure
by Henry Baron, Chair

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm
The Lure and Lore of Deserts
Sandy Mortimer

Discover what lures humans to deserts from Egypt to Jordan in the Middle East as well as in North America. Visit the mountain of Masada, the Kerak and other ancient castles, the valley of Wadi Rum, the magnificent Nabatean city of Petra, and Jerash, one of the best preserved Roman cities. The Sonoran, Mohave and Chihuahuan deserts in Arizona and Utah also speak of those lured to them throughout the centuries. Explore over 21,000 glyphs chipped in rock, white gypsum crystal dunes, and legendary ghost towns and masonry ruins that were home to prehistoric Salado people.

The final film is Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 pm-Barbados: Island in the Sun with Steve Gonser.

Noontime Series
by Henry Baron, Chair

Free lectures at noon in the Chapel (near the Burton Street entrance)

Thursday, Feb 26
Oppression in the Promised Land
David Crump (Calvin Religion Dept.)
The Palestinian people of the West Bank have lived under an oppressive, often times brutal, Israeli military occupation since 1967. Learn about the day-to-day hardships experienced by the average Palestinian man, woman and child simply trying to make their way in a life with very little to hope for. Prof. Crump, of the Calvin Religion Department, will share some of his photographs and experiences of living in one of the Palestinian refugee camps near Bethlehem.

Thursday, March 12
Abraham Kuyper: Passion and Politics
James Bratt (Calvin History Dept.)
Abraham Kuyper is well known in Reformed Dutch communities for his ideas, activism, and political success. Less is known about the challenging context that Kuyper lived in and his strong, turbulent personality. This lecture will explore these facets of a man who was a creative genius, and whose example gives inspiring, and cautionary, lessons for us.

Additional lecture dates:
March 26  Our Community, Our Commitment- Advancing the Vision, Police Chief Dave Rahinsky
April 9- The Garden as Artist Studio, Hank Ottens

Order online at www.calvin.edu/box office or call 526-6282. Ticket price is $6 each.
New CALL Office
The CALL administrative office has moved slightly from their previous location. We are still on the second floor of the Youngsma building. Turn left at the top of the stairs rather than right. We are the first office on the left, #265.

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.

Announcements
by Sonja DeJong

Calvin 5K Spring Classic
CALL is offering a discounted price to all active CALL members to participate in walking, jogging, or running the annual 5k at Calvin College at 9:00 am on April 25.

The discounted price is $20 after you enter the promotional code “CALL2015” on page 3 of the registration form under the display of pricing information.

Proceeds fund the local scholarship program for Calvin undergraduates. Additional information and registration is available at http://www.calvin.edu/classic/.

Parking
Do you wonder where to park on campus? We have a map link on the main page of the CALL website at www.calvin.edu. As students of CALL, you are a student just like the undergraduates on campus and should only park in student parking. Visitor parking does not apply to CALL members. CALL recognizes the challenges of parking on campus and is working towards future improvements.

Bach Cantatas

Bach Cantatas
Monday, March 16, 8:00 pm
Calvin Chapel

Conductor: John Varineau
Organ Soloists:
- Rhonda Edgington
- Karl Schrock
- Norma de Waal Malefyt
- Stephanie Pestana

This concert provides a unique opportunity to discover the church cantatas that Bach wrote for solo organ and orchestra. These introductory sinfonias are some of Bach’s most glorious music. Four highly-skilled West Michigan organists will perform four “concertos” made up of ten sinfonias. The orchestra is drawn from the Grand Rapids symphony.

Plan to celebrate the week of Bach’s birthday by attending this one hour event, open to the public, and free of charge.

Fast Facts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>53%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>45%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- 53% CALL members not Calvin Alumni in 2015
- 26% CALL instructors who are Calvin Faculty
- 45% Increase in CALL members over last 5 years
Member Events
by Don & Shirley Lautenbach

Thursday, April 2 - Majestic Music of Easter - Shipshewana - 8:00 am
Join CALL members and friends and travel to Shipshewana to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ through the Majestic Music of Easter featuring one of America's family vocal groups. The wonder and beauty of the Easter season will be celebrated with a musical program adapted especially for The Blue Gate Theater in Shipshewana. The Rick Webb Family and Arts Evangelica will fill the stage of the Shipshewana Theater with beautiful music, interpretive dance, drama and dramatic monologue.

We will enjoy stops at The Cheese Factory, E&S Sales for bulk food purchases and shopping at the quaint shops. Lunch is on your own. After lunch we will enjoy the Easter presentation, followed by a full course Amish dinner (including delicious pie).

Cost - $69

Thursday, May 7 - CELL BLOCK 7 and the ELLA SHARP MUSEUM - 8:00 am
A repeat trip, the Cell Block 7 museum is a new and unique site located within an active working prison system. Cell Block 7, in the Jackson, Michigan penitentiary, is a representation of life as an incarcerated inmate at what was once the largest prison in the world. We will receive an overview of operations and exhibits followed by a self-guided tour exploring all areas of the cell block. After lunch we will visit the Ella Sharp Museum. At the Ella Sharp Museum we will enjoy the guided tour of the elegantly furnished 19th century farmhouse and experience the Dibble one-room farmhouse, Eli Stilson's log house and the Merriman- Sharp Tower Barn. There are six galleries of art and other interesting collections.

Cost: $65 (includes transportation, all admission costs and lunch)

Tuesday, May 12 - Purdue Varsity Men’s Glee Club
The Glee Club is a widely acclaimed musical group that has inspired audiences on nine European tours and has performed at five presidential inaugurations. This dynamic musical troupe employs a versatile repertoire including gospel, classical choir selections, familiar opera choruses and much more. We will have lunch at the center, where a glee club member will be at each table to talk about the history and rules of the Glee club.

Cost: $95 (includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls, lunch and the concert)

Thursday, June 4 - The Best of Sandi Patty - Shipshewana - 9:30 am
Invite your friends and spend the day seeing the beautiful St. James chapel and listening to the inspiring music of Sandi Patti. Our day begins with a picnic lunch. a visit to the Howe Military School and a tour of the beautiful St. James Chapel. The chapel, built in 1902, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. Upon entering the narthex, you pass under the bell tower, clock and chimes. Entering the Nave you observe a copy of the ceiling of the Chapel of All Souls and the Nave of Magdalene Chapel, both in Oxford, England. The woodwork was carved by carvers from Oberammergau, Germany.

Sandi Patti is the most awarded female vocalist in contemporary Christian music. She has won 39 Dove awards, five Grammy awards and is a Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee. Sandi Patti will thrill us with her beautiful renditions and her inspirational testimony. She will perform in the small intimate theater at Blue Gate. Our day includes a picnic lunch, visiting the shops of Shipshewana, and a full course Amish dinner.

Cost: $89

Thursday, July 23 - Detroit Tigers vs. Seattle Mariners - 8:30 am
Join us for our popular annual trip to Comerica Park to cheer on the Detroit Tigers as they battle the Seattle Mariners. Coffee and rolls are provided on the way and snacks on the way home. The game is at 1:00 and you will receive a ticket for a free hot dog and a pop.

Cost: $85 (this trip is for CALL members, friends and grandchildren)
Member Events Registration

Two ways to register:

1. Online: [www.calvin.edu/CALL](http://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.

- **April 2** Easter $69
- **May 7** Cell Block 7 $65
- **May 12** Purdue $95
- **June 4** Sandi Patty $89
- **July 23** Detroit Tigers $85

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

Extended Trips

by John Apol

We have two trips for 2015 still accepting reservations: Africa and Peru, both in September. Adding to previously published information, here is a synopsis of some of scheduled activities.

**Africa- September 18-October 2:**

- Tours of many important sites and towns of the Freedom Movement and Nelson Mandela
- Nelson Mandela Bay
- A drive along the Sunshine Coast
- Several safaris in Addo Elephant National Park
- Scenic Garden Route to breathtaking Storms River Gorge
- Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Castle of Good Hope
- Cable car to the top of Table Mountain
- Seal Island boat trip
- Wine country tour in Franschhoek

**Peru- September 15 - 29:**

- Aerial tour of etchings in the desert floor, some 975 feet long
- Enjoy dune buggy rides to the Huacachina Oasis
- Explore Arequipa, a city among three volcanoes
- Boat across Paracas Bay to an island of penguins, birds, & sea lions
- Journey to Colca Canyon, one of the world’s deepest canyons
- Visit the Floating Islands made entirely of floating reeds
- Ascend by bus to the top of Machu Picchu for breathtaking views
- A six day Amazon Jungle extension is optional with this trip
**First Session Classes**

The following first session classes are just beginning and still have openings:

#5 Child Welfare
#9- Baseball as a Liberal Art
#14 The Holocaust and Music
#23- Living with Muslims

**Second Session Classes**

The second session of 34 classes begins as early as March 24 and as late as April 9.

Staggered start times allow many classes to fit around your winter travels. The online registration form is current and shows all open classes. Classes include:

- Epidemics
- Islam
- Climate Change Debate
- Song of Solomon
- RCA and CRC
- Latino Life in West Michigan
- American Painting and Literature
- America’s best known ethnic literature.