Treasurer’s Message

by Ed Westenbroek

CALL is a self-governing and self-supporting organization. It enjoys a close relationship with Calvin. The college provides facilities and accounting support, the same as it does for other departments. In return, last year CALL contributed $12,000 to three Calvin organizations.

CALL’s accounting system is set-up to report income and related expenses for each of its major activities, which includes:

1. The Fall, Spring, and Summer Curriculum
2. Member Events
3. Public Events, which are open to non-members, and include the Passport to Adventure travel films and the Noontime Series.
4. Special Events, which are also open to non-members, but are more ambitious events, and include the Collingsworth Family concert, the Brown Family concert, and the CALL@ArtPrize event.

Fees for each of those activities are set with the intent that they be sufficient to cover expenses.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, CALL essentially broke even after operating expenses and contributions to Calvin. The June 30, 2015, financial report shows two key situations:

1. Curriculum expenses exceeded Curriculum income by $17,000.
2. Paid memberships and some special events helped offset the Curriculum loss.

As CALL experienced this past fall however, profits from Special Events can’t be taken for granted. Those events often have higher upfront costs, including the cost of the event and promotion costs, and therefore are a higher risk. Since Curriculum offerings are expected to be self-supporting, it was recently decided to increase class fees from $20 to $25, effective this spring.

CALL currently has a $65,000 Equity Fund/Cash balance, which is about 25% of its annual income of $250,000. The intent is to maintain an organization that is independent and financially sound.

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary for Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning, we look forward to continued fiscal health and the ability to offer programs of great benefits to our CALL members. Any suggestions are helpful as we continue to grow and pave new roads for learning.
Passport to Adventure

by Henry Baron, Chair

The 50th anniversary for Passport Travel Films at Calvin’s campus continues on March 15 with Dale Johnson’s America’s Grand Canyon.

From soaring rock formations, to the raging white water rapids of the Colorado River, marvel at the majesty of one of the grandest canyons 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.

The final film of the season takes place on April 9 with Natural Wonders of the Northeast Coast. This is a Saturday 2:00 p.m. matinee film.

Embark on an RV excursion with John Holod along 1,500 miles between Virginia Beach and the United States-Canadian border, visiting Virginia Beach, Delaware Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Cape May, Atlantic City, Sandy Hook National Seashore, Cape Cod National Seashore, Bath Maritime museum, Machias Seal Island and more. Along the way we observe an amazing array of birds, mammals, whales, insects, amphibians, flora, and endangered species. We also experience kayaking, sailing, aerial tours, lobstering, crabbing, and over 30 lighthouses.

Individual tickets ($6) are available at the box office - 526-6282.

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

Reserve the following film dates:
Tuesday, March 15 @ 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 9 @ 2:00 pm

Receive the 2016 – 2017 brochure at the next two films.

Next season features five recently released films, all presented in stunning HD.
March 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 for 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?
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.

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?

April 14  Speaker from Festival of Faith & Writing... Mark the date, details to follow
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.
Interest Group Opportunities:
With the exit of winter comes opportunities to once again participate in one of our interest groups. Join a group at any time as your schedule permits! Call or email the leaders with any questions. Our website will share updated information as it is available.

Birding dates for this spring are April 7, 21 and 28 and May 5 and 19 (Thursdays). Meet at 8:15 am each day and carpool to local destinations with Bill Sweetman. Discover prime "hot spots" during the peak of annual bird migration. Bill Sweetman, 247-6741, bsweettours@gmail.com.

Biking resumes with Wilbur Zike later this spring. Each week our website and weekly e-news will provide directions to locations to meet as a group and enjoy trails around the greater Grand Rapids area. Often these rides conclude with tasty treats to make the ride all worthwhile. Options are given for extended biking for those who want a lengthier ride. Generally, rides average 8 miles. Wilber Zike, 884-5587, wilburzike@hotmail.com.

Memoir Writing meets upstairs in Hiemenga Hall, room HH468, on Thursdays from 1-3 pm through May. You don't need to have had a hardscrabble youth in order to write a memoir. You don't need eccentric parents. Believe it or not, you don’t need anything dramatic. Memoir is about handing over a life experience to someone and saying, this is what I went through, this is who I am, and maybe you can learn from it. Jim Boldenow, 808-1148, jim.boldenow@gmail.com.

Knitting is one of our longest-running interest groups and meets Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30 in DeVos 140. Lately, the group has worked on individual projects. Last fall the group was encouraged to bring in items, finished or unfinished, that weren't working anymore. One of Diane Noorman's sweaters was so outdated the group decided it should be donated to the costume shop at Civic Theater. They had great fun debating the merits of each item and helping the owner find a new use for it. Members float in and out as schedules and time permit, but there is a core group of about 10 who come every week with an age range of early 60s to late 80s and a skill level from beginner to advanced. In the last two years they have had at least 10 new members. Men knitters are invited, but they are currently all women. Diane Noorman, 942-0046, dnoorman@sbcglobal.net.

The Brass Ensemble interest group rehearses in the Calvin Seminary chapel on Monday afternoons. They enjoy getting together and playing good brass octet music and performing on occasion at local churches and other events. Find out why these members love being a part of this group. Roger Griffioen, 452-3328, rdgriffioen@att.net.

Member Events (page 6) Registration

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 3 Through these Lenten Days and Nights $19
☐ Apr 15 The Home Game and Shipshewana $89
☐ April 30 The Beams are Creaking (video and lunch only) $16
☐ May 10 Purdue Men’s Glee Club Balance due 3/1 $49
☐ May 10 Purdue Men’s Glee Club, 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.

Spring Classes

Our second session of courses begins the week after Easter in late March. We still have a seat for you!

Here are just a few of the courses coming up:

- Nineteenth-Century Oratorios
- Detroit of the 1920's and the Ossian Sweet Trial
- A New Gospel for Women
- C.S. Lewis: Space Trilogy
- Christianity in Twentieth-Century Britain
- Film of The Brothers Karamazov

Summer

Do you remember summer camps from your youth? Much about this year's summer courses offer a nostalgic journey to remind us of days gone by. Without the requirement of CALL membership, this is a perfect opportunity to bring a friend. Save June 6-16 for this unique course offering. Stay tuned for further details.

Members of CALL have an opportunity to embrace fitness this spring on April 23! Your participation supports scholarships which directly benefit local students plus you receive a discount through the CALL program. Whether you walk, jog, hand cycle, or run, sign up at www.calvin.edu/events/spring-classic/ and enter CALL2016 in the coupon code for the lower price of $20 which includes a dri-fit shirt.

The CALL weekly e-news will identify several voluntary practice dates on campus for our members in preparation of the race. Whether you are used to participating in 5k’s or like the option of participating with a group, help us reach our goal of 100 participants.

CALL Logo

The CALL Board recently approved the adoption of the new Calvin logo in its materials to underscore its partnership with the college. Calvin went through a year-long extensive process to redefine brand standards and are asking all college affiliates to cooperate with the new branding effort. Part of that means eliminating the scores of independent logos that many centers, institutes and organizations had been displaying and using a common visual element.

For your information, here’s a description from the college’s communications department: “The symbol to the right of the nameplate is called the wayfinder. It is a symbol of exploration and destination. Its chevron shape is derived from the square in the college’s official seal (the heart-in-hand), which will still be used for formal publications. The four outermost corners form a square, paying homage to the institution’s foundational theology that every square inch belongs to God. Within the wayfinder is the reflective ‘c’ symbol, standing for ‘Calvin College’ and forming the semblance of a heart, also tying into the heart-in-hand element in the institution’s seal.”

The CALL Board wishes to thank Chris Stoffel Overvoorde, Calvin art professor emeritus, for the fine logo he designed for CALL many years ago and the one we have used up to this time. The board believes the request of the college to use its branding symbol is reasonable and helpful to both Calvin and to CALL in the future.

CALL Committees

Our program is run predominantly by volunteers. We have 12 committees that would greatly appreciate new members. The committees meet a few times per year and require no experience, only interest in making us stronger and better. Committees include Member Events, Marketing, Service Grants, Hospitality, Finance, Extended Trips, and others. The staff is available to provide more details and find the best fit. Please take a moment to consider our request. We need and value your input.
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

John and Gwen have inspired us at several Christmas and Easter luncheons. Associate Conductor of the Grand Rapids Symphony and many other groups, John provides moving music and narration that reflect on the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We invite you to join us as we prepare our hearts for Easter in the Chapel and Chapel Undercroft.
Cost $19.00

Friday, April 15, Shipshewana Menno-Hof Museum and The Home Game

Invite your friends and enjoy a day in Shipshewana. Experience the history and journey of the Amish, Mennonite and Hutterites. Travel through five centuries of fascinating history, from their origins in Switzerland to their arrival in America. History will unfold as you explore a 17th century sailing ship and replicas of a 19th century print shop and meeting house.

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 Menno-Hof Museum, a visit to either the E&S bulk food store or the village stores, the musical and a full course Amish dinner. The deadline for reservations is extended to March 15. Cost $89.00

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. Cost includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls, lunch and concert. This is a CALL favorite!

See pg 4 for registration information. For any Member Event questions please call Shirley at 299-3584 or lautenshirley@gmail.com.
Extended Trips

by John Apol

“To travel is to take a journey into yourself.”
Danny Kaye

With Randall Engle

Several openings remain for this trip of music and history. 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. Cathedral music is truly one of England’s national treasures. The Southern Cathedral Festival Tour offers sacred choral and organ music performed to the very highest standard by the three cathedrals’ renowned choirs. They will be performing separately and together and complemented by visiting performers. The music is presented in concerts and within worship. The Southern Cathedrals Festival offers a unique opportunity to enjoy music and to take part in worship within the setting of three magnificent cathedrals.

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. Eastern Europe is still not westernized and grandmothers still sweep their doorsteps with handmade brooms, mushrooms are still picked in the forest, folk costumes are still worn in some regions, and traditions that go back centuries are still performed with pride. Packed with unique destinations, this itinerary includes castles, cathedrals, museums, art and architecture, wine tasting and hot springs.

Hear what Hailey DeJong, a 2015 Calvin graduate writes to describe these cities where she spent a semester: Often overlooked, Budapest and Prague are Central Europe’s must-see hidden gems. Considered the “Paris of the East,“ Budapest is famous for its Roman, Hapsburg, and Turkish influences (read thermal baths!) and you will find themselves mesmerized by the many Jewish markets, hidden courtyards, Communist-styled neighborhoods, or hundreds of cozy cafes nestled between Budapest’s busy streets.
Whether in medieval Buda or dynamic Pest, home to Europe’s largest parliament, you’ll be sure to witness remnants of the city’s tumultuous past both in museums and on the street. An ode to thousands of years of artistic and architectural expression, historic Prague is a testament to Czechoslovak cultural endurance.

One of Eastern Europe’s few cultural metropolises untouched by war, you’ll be sure to discover the cultural footprints of Charles IV, Mozart, and Jan Hus. Upon arrival, mighty Prague Castle and Prague’s ancient baroque churches are sure to welcome you to your new favorite city.