President's Message

Here are some items that your CALL Board approved or discussed at its most recent meeting in March:

- We are going to participate in two Calvin research projects:
  1. **Marketing and Strategic Planning**: Six business seniors will be working on a project to determine .
     - Who are the members of CALL? Why do we join? What are our expectations? What are other institutions doing about adult education? What are some opportunities to tell a better story about CALL and its benefits? How can we better manage the growth of CALL?
     - If a student calls and asks you to participate in a survey or focus groups, please know they have board approval. We hope you cooperate!
  2. **Computer Science**: Several Computer Science seniors and faculty members will test our understanding of communications technology. Our hope is to develop a CALL course covering technology from pre-telegraph days to the ever-expanding current market for devices and social networking.
     - If you receive a survey, please respond and return.
     - This project, like the marketing project, will better prepare us for the very exciting future of CALL.

- The Board received reports from the various committees detailing the huge growth in classes, events, quality and participation.

- Membership now stands at 1,141 compared to last year at this time of 984—a 15% increase! We welcomed 167 new members this year!

- Total registrations in spring classes are 978, with 506 participants!

- We discussed the CALL luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at the Prince Center. See ad for details. Please join us!

- The Curriculum and other committees are working diligently planning next year’s classes and activities.

  *Ray Vander Weele, President*

**SPOTLIGHT ON …**

**Clarence and Jeanne Vos**

*Longtime Leaders of CALL*

For us the interest in CALL began because of our contact with Elderhostel. It may have been because we were vocally enthusiastic about our experience with Elderhostel that we were drafted into the exploratory or study committee, which became the first board of CALL.

It was an interesting time. Most of us were aware that this dream could take any shape. We weighed the possibility of becoming associated with Elderhostel as many colleges and universities had. We discussed whether we should become a professional organization like Hope College’s HASP (Hope Academy of Senior Professionals). After some debate it was decided that since the Christian Reformed Church owned Calvin College and many members had supported the college but had been unable to attend in their younger years, we should make no restrictions now. It was mentioned, however, that in the future the board might consider a two-pronged approach: a liberal arts program and more professional activities as some colleges have done.

We were in touch with HASP, and they were very helpful in sharing with us their experiences in setting up program activities and curriculum. Some things that worked out for them did not work well for us. For example, they were enthusiastic about their social evenings; we, however, soon learned that our members found their social connections at churches and other organizations.

Three branches developed rather quickly. Most prominent was the curriculum offerings. In our judgment CALL has provided incredibly valuable courses. Second
was Public Events. These included the Noontime Series and Passport to Adventure (travelogue). These too are considered a generous service to the community. Third was Member Events. The mandate of this committee was to provide outings near and far for members. The committee arranged trips to plays, operas, historical sites, and community celebrations. The goal of the committee has been to make these trips educational, edifying, entertaining, and as economical as possible.

We had had considerable experience in leading tours so it was natural that we were placed on the Member Events Committee. While it was a bit expensive in that we paid for our own expenses on the trips, we have found it enjoyable because of the appreciative response of participants.

We thank all the members who worked with us, and those who are faithfully continuing to serve on the committee now. Planning and leading tours can be very taxing but a lot of fun.

Jeanne and Clarence Vos

It is with great sadness that the Board and staff of CALL heard the news of the death of our Newsletter Editor, Dr. Laird Hamstra, on March 14. While it was not unexpected, his death reminds us all of our mortality. Laird was our newsletter editor for the past six years, was a faithful member of CALL, and was always encouraging in his relationships with fellow CALL members. He will be greatly missed.

The CALL Board recently awarded Laird the Distinguished Service Award, and presented the award and plaque to him just a week before he died.

Ray Vander Weele, CALL President

Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, Chair

We are in another exciting year of the Passport to Adventure Film Series and the engaging lectures of the Noontime Series. Both of these events are wonderful opportunities to share with friends and family.

2010-2011 Passport to Adventure: A Travel Film Series

The 2010-2011 Passport to Adventure Film Series is presented in the beautifully renovated Covenant Fine Arts Center. Please join us as we travel to many beautiful, interesting, and historic locations! Call the Box Office for tickets: 526-6282

The new 2011-2012 Passport Film Series brochure will be available at the April 27 film.

A Holiday Coach bus will be available to shuttle you from the West Lot (parking lot located off the Burton entrance to Calvin) and from the DeVos parking lot.

April 27 [Wed] Discovering the Dutch with Sandy Mortimer. Sandy takes us on a journey beyond the cliches and gabled houses and into the stories of Dutch history already made and history in the making. On this tour we visit 9 of the 12 Provinces and while seeing many of the popular sites, also discover the little known and fascinating aspects of this culture. From incredible Amsterdam to the North Sea and the borders of Germany and Belgium, the Dutch are weaving a remarkable tapestry of both past achievements and future accomplishments.

Spring 2011 Noontime Series

Free and open to all. Held in the Chapel from 12-1:00 p.m.

March 31 What Dying Taught Me about Living John Otterbacher, former politician and clinical psychologist, will tell the story of how dying taught him about living. After eight heart attacks and a medical death sentence, he set sail with his family on their boat from White Lake in to Lake Michigan, on to the Caribbean and, eventually, to Ireland. His recent book, Sailing Grace, is currently under development as a motion picture.

April 14 Imani: Music for Passion Week The Imani (means Faith in Swahili) Singers of Grand Rapids is a versatile group of singers with sisterly harmony. The Imani Singers have opened twice for the Grammy award winning Blind Boys of Alabama and released their first CD in March 2010. Their performance will integrate music, narration, and audience participation in the gospel music tradition, and speak of our Lord's suffering.

Summer Programs - Peter De Boer

Are you ready for summer? The Summer programs committee is ready, and ready for you!
Here is our line up of classes:
May 23-26 Birding with Bette Frieswyk (8-10 am)
May 31, June 1-3 Golf with Jim Timmer Sr. and Jim Timmer Jr. (10:00-12:00 pm)
The week of June 6 - 9 Line Dancing with Sue De Boode (9:00-10:15 am)
Computers with Nancy Zylstra (10:30-11:45 am)
Wood Carving with Clare Walhout (1:00 - 3:00 pm)
The week of June 13 - 16
American Presidents with Bob Schoone-Jongen (9:00-10:15 am)
Sonnets with Steve Vander Weele (10:30-11:45 am)
American Revolution with William Huizing (1:30-2:45 pm)
American Foreign Policy Challenges with Bob De Vries (3:00-4:15 pm)
A special two-day lecture series has also been planned for June 21 and 22. Everett Nienhouse will be giving five lectures: The Shroud of Turin; Miraculous Face Maker; The Dutch at New Amsterdam; French Fries; Island Hopping (Wadlopen) in the Netherlands.

More information and registration forms will be coming out later this spring. Please remember that you do NOT have to be a CALL member to take these summer classes. Share the learning, fun, and opportunity with friends, neighbors, and family. Each class is $15.

Administrative Assistant
Lisa Bauman
We have one copy of the Sea to Sea in a Model T DVD from the first Passport film that was presented by Don and Fran Van Polen on October 28. The cost of the DVD is $17.00. Please contact Lisa at the office if you would like to purchase the copy (526-8777 or lcb2@calvin.edu).

The CALL office has two copies of Theary Seng’s book “Daughter of the Killing Fields,” for loan to CALL members. Theary Seng was the speaker at the January 7 CALL January Series event. The book is a compilation of her experiences during the Khmer Rouge years in Cambodia, with her personal reflections and remembrances. If you would like to be on the list to borrow this book, phone Lisa 526-8777 or Irene 977-1792.

Birding Interest Group: To all interested birders, come join us to witness the wonder of spring migration. All are welcome. Here are some dates to put on your calendar: April 12, 19, and 26, May 10, 17. These dates are tentative and may change once the group reforms in April. Our typical outings are 2-4 hours in the mornings of the days that we meet. The 4-hour sessions occur on days when we travel to a birding site outside of Grand Rapids. If you have questions please contact the group leader, Bill Sweetman at bweettours@gmail.com or 247-6741.

CALL Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.
Held at the Prince Conference Center
Reservations are required.
Please e-mail to call@calvin.edu or phone 526-8777. $5.00 per person will be collected at the door on the day of the luncheon.

Extended Trips Committee
Frank Roberts, Chair

CALL and the Calvin Alumni Association have teamed up to make these wonderful travel opportunities available:

America’s National Parks, September 8-18, 2011
Experience the scenic splendors of America’s most treasured national parks by boat, bus, and foot on this incredible 11-day adventure!
Trip highlights include: Jackson; Grand Teton National Park; scenic float trip of the Snake River; Yellowstone National Park; Smokejumpers Base in Missoula; St. Ignatius Mission; Glacier National Park; boat cruise on Swift Current Lake; the “Going to the Sun Highway” in historic Red Jammers; and the Conrad Mansion.
Contact: John Apol at 243-8600.

China: Past and Present, October 24--November 7, 2011
Explore renowned historic sites and immerse yourself in the cultures of Beijing, Xi’an and Guilin. You will also visit Hong Kong where old and new blend together. Co-leaders Don De Graaf, Calvin’s off-campus programs director, and alumnus John Witte promise an amazing journey that will give you a truly unique perspective of these four cities. This tour also includes devotions led by Professor De Graaf every morning as well as talks given by him throughout the trip, and the opportunity to interact with Calvin students and alumni residing in China.
Contact: Don De Graaf at 526-6225.

Membership Secretary
Irene Bolthouse

Wheelchair Available: CALL has a wheelchair available for temporary use of CALL members, whether for home use or just for transport from car to class. Let us know: Lisa at 526-8777, or Irene at 977-1792.

The second session of this spring term of classes is about to begin. Two courses are already filled, #22 Great Decisions and #33 Cold War Spies. #20 Vietnam War is very close to being filled, and there is room for just one more in #34 Antiques. There is plenty of room in the rest, so send in your registration soon.

Hospitality Committee
Sherry Levy, Board Liaison

The Hospitality Committee serves the CALL community faithfully by serving coffee, tea and cookies between classes in Hiemenga Hall whenever CALL classes are in session. The chair of the committee, Mary Rienstra, has been serving off and on for many years and considers it a very worthwhile activity.

One of her regular helpers, Jan Ebels, has also served for many years. Jan says she has taken a CALL class in
almost every session since 1996; she appreciates CALL and likes to give back in this way.

Lois Knoor is also an active member of the committee; she has served for eight years. Lois says being on the Hospitality Committee is a great way to get acquainted with other people. Alma Walhout and Helen De Maagd also serve when called upon. A sub-committee of greeters for the Passport to Adventure series is made up of Natalie and David Bosscher and Carol Rienstra.

The Hospitality committee is looking for a few new members. If you are interested in serving please contact Sherry Levy at levy.sherry@gmail.com or 245-4831 or Mary Rienstra at 975-9053.