President's Message

Here is an update on board and CALL activities since the April Newsletter

1. The Board reviewed the progress of the Marketing/Strategic Planning and the Computer Science CALL research projects. Thanks to all of you who completed your questionnaires or have participated in a focus group. The research projects will help us plan the future of CALL.

2. The Board received reports from committees outlining plans for 2011-12.

3. Membership now stands at 1,150 compared to last year at this time of 1,004—a 15% increase! We welcomed 176 new members this year! Talk to your friends—we still have room for growth.

4. Total registrations in spring classes are 1,020, with 482 different individuals attending classes—a 42% participation rate.

5. Be sure to sign up for the Wednesday, May 25 Annual Luncheon. See ad for details. Please join us! Attendees get a free copy of the 15-year pictorial, colorful history of CALL—prepared admirably by Ed Walhout.

6. The Curriculum Committee is putting finishing touches to the great fall, 2011 line-up of classes.

7. The Board approved the 2011-12 budget proposed by the Finance Committee.

8. Membership dues will stay at $35 for a 1-year; $90 for a 3-year and $150 for a 5-year membership. Course fees also stay the same, at a bargain rate of $15 per course.

9. We welcome Gordon Kamps as the new Editor of the CALL Newsletter!!

Ray Vander Weele, President
CALL, during my term as president, sought to reach out to local private and public schools by inviting classes to appropriate Noontime Series programs. Schools that responded by arranging visits included the Plymouth Christian High School, the Forest Hills Northern High School, and the Wayland Middle School.

CALL’s Board of Directors was anxious to demonstrate that CALL is not an exclusive organization by inviting church groups from various denominations to events arranged by the Public Events Committee. Ethnic groups such as the Swedish-American Heritage Society were extended invitations when the program seems appropriate for a particular ethnic group. The fact that today CALL has a membership of approximately one thousand members made up of persons from diverse backgrounds is one indication that CALL’s attempts to be inclusive, not exclusive or elite, have been quite successful.

Robert Bolt

Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, Chair

By April’s end we look back at the season that was. It’s a good feeling when we can do so with some pleasure.

The Passport to Adventure program continues to thrive. We had excellent presenters and attendance. In fact, we had a full house for the first program, “Sea to Sea in a Model T!” At our last program, “Discovering the Dutch,” Anna Sietsema will be honored for her 37 years as “chief programmer” of the Passport Series, from which she is now retiring. She has made an enormous contribution to this very successful CALL program. She’s been a very involved member of TRACS (Travel Adventure Cinema Society) for many years; in 2007 she hosted the international conference of TRAC at Calvin College, which generated many positive responses from the conference. Though it’s a formidable thing to try to fill Anna’s shoes, we are happy that Carol Rienstra is brave enough to give it a try. She has been close to the program for a long time and has often partnered with Anna on details. And Anna has agreed to be at her side through the transition period. Besides Anna as chief engineer of the Passport Series, Carolyn Bolt has been her partner and travel companion for the last decade and more. Together they have traveled all over the country to the annual Travel Adventure Cinema Society meetings where film presenters screen their latest videos and where Anna and Carolyn made their choices for future programs. On April 27 we will also gratefully acknowledge Carolyn for her role in the Passport presentations. April also marked the last of the bi-weekly Noontime Series programs. The IMANI Singers of Grand Rapids provided a fitting conclusion on April 14 as they presented their inspiring music for Passion Week.

We are grateful for a series that has enjoyed good attendance. It’s especially gratifying when presenters tell us how much they enjoyed and appreciated the audience’s warm response and engaging questions in the Q & A part of the program. The challenge of shaping another series of programs for 2011-2012 lies ahead.

Be sure to join us for the final film of the 2010-2011 Passport to Adventure season, “Discovering the Dutch”, presented by Sandy Mortimer.

Our final film is Wednesday, April 27. Brochures for the 2011-2012 season will be available so you can find out what great places we will visit next year.

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.

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 Pacemaker; The Dutch at New Amsterdam; French Fries; Island Hopping (Wadlopen) in the Netherlands.

The list of summer classes and lectures is being sent to you. Remember you do NOT need to be a CALL member to take part in our summer program of classes, activities, and lectures. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors. If you need more information or fliers about the CALL Summer Program please contact the CALL office at 526-8777 or call@calvin.edu. Each class is $15.

Administrative Assistant
Lisa Bauman

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 19 and 26, May 10-11 (for a possible overnight to a migration hot spot), and May 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 bsweettours@gmail.com or 247-6741.
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.

**Important Information About Unwanted Meds**
West Michigan Take Back Meds program is a pilot program designed to safely dispose of unwanted medicines. Many pharmacies and police/sheriff departments will take back your (and your pet’s) unwanted medicines: prescriptions, cold and flu meds, vitamins and herbal supplements, pet meds, medicated ointments and samples. Do not flush them down the toilet; do not pour them down the drain; do not put them in the trash. They are getting into our water supply.
Call your pharmacy or police department to see if they participate or go to: www.wmtakebackmeds.org for a complete listing and more information.

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**Join us for the 15th Annual CALL Spring Meeting and Luncheon**
Held on Wednesday, May 25 at 12:00 p.m. at the Prince Conference Center
Guest speaker: Jim Vanden Bosch, professor of English at Calvin College
Wonderful music by the CALL Brass Ensemble

$5 per person will be collected at the door
Those attending will receive a Pictorial History of CALL

Reservations are required (call 526-8777 or e-mail call@calvin.edu)

This is a popular event and we have limited space so we must request that you RSVP. If you have signed up and find that you are unable to attend please call to cancel your reservation.
Each year one or two Distinguished Service Awards are presented at the annual CALL membership meeting to recognize individuals who have given extra-ordinary service to our Academy. While CALL was so pleased to give one of the 2011 awards to Dr. Laird Hamstra in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to CALL, we would still like to receive nominations for a second award to be given at our May membership meeting. Any CALL member is welcome to submit the name of someone who has been a member of CALL for more than 5 years and who has given noteworthy service for at least 3 years. Please use the space below or email your nomination to call@calvin.edu

Distinguished Service Award Nomination

Send form to: CALL Youngsma Center 3201 Burton St SE Grand Rapids MI 49546
Name of nominee___________________________________. Please use space below to give a brief statement regarding the quality of service that your nominee has done for CALL and why he/she should be considered for this award.

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