President’s Message

We trust you had an inspiring passion season, with great music, messages and fellowship. Our thoughts now turn to the end of the CALL year, the annual meeting, and the 2012-2013 CALL season.

At the April Board meeting, we discussed or approved the following items.

- We will again sponsor a January Series lecture in 2013. Since Calvin provides CALL with free meeting spaces and many other supportive services, this sponsorship is one way CALL can "give back" to the college.
- We accepted the nominations of Paul Bremer and Arie Leegwater to serve on the CALL Board beginning July 2012. The full membership needs to approve them at our May 23, 2012 annual meeting.
- Membership of CALL now stands at 1,296—an increase of 146 or 13%! Thanks to all of you for recommending CALL to your family and friends.
- Enrollment in spring classes, member events and other CALL activities continues to grow.
- We approved the 2012-13 budget with no increases in membership dues and no increases in class fees! As long as membership and participation continue to grow, the finance committee believes we can hold the line on price increases.
- We learned that there are 514 persons enrolled in spring classes, with 1300 places filled, compared with 1020 places filled in spring 2011 classes. You probably noticed that the coffee table seems a bit more crowded this year! Thanks again to the curriculum committee for its great array of classes!
- Be sure to attend the annual meeting on Wednesday, May 23.
  - Hear a special tribute to Gaylen Byker, retiring president of Calvin College;
  - Celebrate with us as we present Distinguished Service Awards to one or more worthy recipients;
  - Thank a special CALL instructor who has provided many interesting classes for us; and thank Wally Bratt for his faithful service to CALL as our curriculum coordinator for these many years!
  - Only $5 gets you a great lunch and program. Be sure to register in advance.

- Check out the member events listings, and join your fellow members for some of these. There is still room for some of the summer trips.
- We ask again . . . we need volunteers to serve on our various committees and to suggest ideas which will continue to keep CALL as the #1 adult continuing education program of its kind. Please volunteer and get involved!

Ray Vander Weele, President

SPOTLIGHT ON …

BOB MEYERING

I enjoyed my years serving as one of the earlier college representative to the CALL board. I had been working with older adults who were returning as Calvin College students to complete their degrees. It made sense that I would also be involved with the excitement and growth of a major effort for the continuing education of “older adults,” whether they
have previously been Calvin students or not.
The Passport to Adventure travelogues became a major involvement for me. The board was always looking for ways to advertise and promote the growing list of CALL classes and activities. I suggested that perhaps information could be provided to the audience as they gathered in what was then the Fine Arts Center. The suggestion met with approval, and I volunteered to put together a presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint. The presentation was then projected on the screen as people came into the auditorium and waited for the travelogue itself to begin.

I enjoyed putting together those presentations very much. I emphasized three major themes in each presentation. First, I listed the schedule of the upcoming travelogues for the season. Secondly, I included the information supplied by Witte Travel as one of the Passport to Adventure sponsors. Witte was very helpful in supplying graphics and photographs to illustrate the particular tours they were offering in a season. And thirdly, I was happy to include information about Calvin College, whether featuring upcoming events offered by the college or events being offered by CALL, such as the Noontime Series.

In addition to the visual presentation, I usually brought along a CD for music to be played as background while the audience gathered. I enjoyed the work, although there were times when I was working at the last minute on a PowerPoint presentation that needed to be available that evening. I’d find myself running to the Fine Arts Center at the end of the afternoon, turning in the visual and audio CDs to the fellows in the control booth before they left for supper and then returned for the travelogue presentation. While I enjoyed the work for several years, it was also a relief to turn it over to others as my time on the board came to an end.

I have not yet retired from the enjoyable job I have in Calvin’s registrar’s office. Consequently, I’ve not had the time to take advantage of CALL class offerings. I’ll wait patiently for that future treat.

Bob Meyering

Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, Chair

Spring 2012 Noontime Series
Join us for a special Noontime this spring in conjunction with the Festival of Faith and Writing, Thursday, April 19 from 12:00 – 1:00PM in the Van Noord Arena on Calvin’s Campus. Calvin professor and author, Gary Schmidt, will talk about “Where the Servants Dwell.” This lecture is free and open to all.

Summer Programs
Peter DeBoer, Chair
We have a great month of classes and concerts planned. You can find all the information on-line at www.calvin.edu/call. You can also register and pay for our CALL summer classes right on-line at our website! Tell your friends! Remember, you don’t have to be a CALL member to participate in the summer programs so it is a great way to invite others to experience the fun and learning that happens at CALL.

Extended Trips Committee
John Apol, chair
American Southwest, September 6-17, 2012
Due to the success of the National Parks travel experience of last year; alumnus John Apol will be leading another Western U.S. tour, this time through Arizona and New Mexico. A brochure is available from the John Apol or on the web at www.calvin.edu/academic/call/extended_trips.

A Journey to South Africa, November 2-17, 2012
Visit a land of many races, cultures and languages with incredible diversity in geography. This trip will include learning about the massive political changes that occurred with the end of apartheid in the early 90s. The cities of Cape Town and Johannesburg will be visited as well as townships and remote villages. As we travel from place to place we will view the country’s diverse landscape, including the “highveld” and “lowveld,” seacoast, mountains and plateaus, and unusual flora such as the “fynbos” of the cape region.

Led by Calvin alumnus John Apol. Contact Witte Travel at 957-8113 or groups@wittetravel.com. A descriptive brochure is available at www.calvin.edu/academic/call/extended_trips or from John Apol via email at john@lenscape-photography.com. You can also register and pay for Extended Trips via email at john@lenscape-photography.com or at 616-243-8600. There are only four spots left for this exciting adventure! Join us now!

A Pilgrimage to Israel: In the Light of Jesus, March 11-22, 2013
This one-of-a-kind journey to the Holy Land will be led by Rev. Bill Vanden Bosch and wife, Lyn; the Vanden Bosches have organized this special trip a number of years now and add a deep spiritual dimension to the experience. A brochure and website will soon be available with more information. An information session will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Youngsma Center (same building as the CALL Office). Call the alumni office at 616-526-6142 for materials and/or an RSVP for the information session.
Meet the candidates for the CALL Board!!

The following men were nominated by the Nominating Committee, and the full membership is asked to approve them at the annual meeting on May 23.

PAUL BREMER  Paul went to Calvin College and Calvin Seminary, and received his PhD in New Testament Studies from Princeton. He taught at Princeton, Grove City College in Pennsylvania, and then retired from RBC (now Kuyper College) in 2006 where he taught and served as academic dean.

Paul is an ordained pastor in the Christian Reformed Church and is a well-known preacher in the community. Paul’s interests are Abraham Lincoln and mission work with the Navajos and Zunis. Paul has taught both of these subjects in our CALL program.

ARIE LEEGWATER  Arie is a retired professor of Chemistry at Calvin College. He went to Calvin, Ohio State University where he received his PhD, and studied the history of science and philosophy at the Free University of Amsterdam.

Arie is a well-known scholar and writer in areas such as faith and science, and has given numerous lectures around the world, particularly in Korea. Some of his publications include: Responsible Technology; A Christian Perspective; Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith; and “Telling the Story of Science and Religion: A Nuanced Account” published in the British Journal for History of Science, and many others.

Your CALL Board is very pleased to have these two gentlemen join us on the Board!

CALL Updates
Keep up with what’s happening!
Send your e-mail address to:
call@calvin.edu
and receive our weekly CALL updates highlighting CALL and other local events.

CALL Annual Meeting and Luncheon Reservation Form
Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.
Prince Conference Center
We will watch a special CALL Board Q&A time with retiring Calvin president Gaylen Byker via video.
Please join us by sending in your completed reservation.

Name(s): ____________________________________________________________
Phone and/or e-mail __________________________________________________
Cost of luncheon $5/person: Amount enclosed: ___________________________

Send to: CALL Office, 3201 Burton St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Your check must accompany your reservation. Make check payable to CALL
An e-mail or postcard confirmation will be sent to you.

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NOONTIME SERIES –(Postscript)

✓ If you attended the Noontime Series this spring, you visited the Lake Michigan shoreline and through the lens of Todd and Brad Reed’s camera you came up close to the power and beauty of God’s creation that surrounds us every day.

✓ If you attended, you learned much about the experience and struggle of the hundreds of single Dutch women who settled in our area in the late 1800s; you may have been among the fifty or so who attended the extended session with Janet Sheeres to share more stories about the early Dutch in Grand Rapids.

✓ If you attended, you joined Valerie van Heest on her quest to solve one of the great shipwreck mysteries of the Great Lakes, the disappearance of the Thomas Hume in 1891.

✓ If you attended, you learned much from Larry Ten Harmsel about the Fred Meijer family and Fred’s growing love for the exhibition of sculpture in the Gardens.

✓ If you attended, you will not soon forget the soaring opera voice of Fitah Rasenhadrasina, as he and other students presented a recital of sacred and classic music to the glory of God.

✓ If you attended, you may even have enjoyed the post-program snack and fellowship period.

✓ And if you did not attend?

Well, now you know what you missed.
But then – there’s another series next fall. Watch for the announcement in the near future.
April 26 [Thu] Amish Acres

Enjoy a one-day trip to Amish Acres - a historic Amish farm. We will experience the lifestyle of the Amish through guided home tours, farm wagon ride tours showing points of interest on the farm, documentary films and quaint shops. Lunch on your own. The special feature will be the musical comedy "Church Basement Ladies."

This comedy is based on the thought that the church kitchen at one time was often the heart and soul of the church. This comedy is funny, heart warming, down to earth and will bring back many memories. After the play we will enjoy a "Thresher's Dinner" - a feast of Amish favorites. The dinner will be served in the century old barn restaurant, originally built in 1876.

Cost $79.00  Questions: Shirley Lautenbach - 698.9244


We are planning an exciting tour of the Ford Rouge factory assembly where the Ford F-150 truck production is assembled. Our tour is self-guided and includes a five-part series of events including the history of the Rouge video, gallery display, observation deck, and assembly walking tour. There are plenty of places to sit while on the tour. We will enjoy a nice dinner/lunch at a local restaurant and then view the current film at the Dearborn IMAX theatre. Coffee and donuts enroute and dinner included in the day's event. Cost for the day: $90.

Questions: Carl and Glenda Welmers 243-6431

May 14 and 15 [Mon & Tues] REMBRANDT in AMERICA – Cleveland, Ohio

REMBRANDT in AMERICA is a highly acclaimed exhibit of 50 paintings with 27 autographed by Rembrandt. Other Dutch masters are Jans Lieuens and Covert Flink.

Our trip begins with a lecture on the Rembrandt exhibit by Calvin College Art professor Henry Luttikhuizen. The lecture will be at Calvin College. After coffee and rolls we will board the bus for Cleveland. Boxed lunches on the way.

Monday evening we will enjoy dinner and a cruise on the "Nautical Queen." Thursday we will visit the Rembrandt exhibit. On the way home we will stop at the Libby Glass Outlet store in Toledo, Ohio. Dinner enroute home.

Cost $189 pp (double occupancy) includes bus, lecture, coffee and rolls, boxed lunches, lodging, dinner cruise, Rembrandt exhibit and dinner on the way home.

Questions: Shirley Lautenbach - 698-9244

June 21 [Thu] Brown Bag and Flowered Quilt Gardens

Enjoy a day with the Amish and your CALL friends. We will visit four Amish places of business. Places such as the cheese factory, the bakery etc. You will receive a gift from each business to put in your brown bag. Our day will also include visits to several elaborate quilt patterned gardens that display over 100,000 flowers. Lunch will be at an Amish home and dinner at the DasEssenhaus.

Cost $80.00  Questions: Shirley Lautenbach - 698-9244
July 12 [Thu] A Day at the Farm

We will enjoy breakfast together on the way to DeMotte, Indiana. Enjoy the morning at the VanderMolen Blueberry farm in DeMotte. We will ride on people movers to tour the blueberry and sweet corn farms. In the afternoon we will have a guided tour of their large commercial pig farm. These farms are featured in a farm display at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

A pig roast will be our lunch experience. Fresh roasted pork with side dishes including sweet corn and blueberry desserts. Malcolm DeKryger and Jon Hoek, both Calvin graduates, will be our hosts.

Our day includes breakfast, the day on the farm, and dinner on the way home and bus transportation. Come and enjoy "A Day at the Farm." Cost $80.00.

Questions call Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

July 19 [Thu] Detroit Tigers and the Los Angeles Angels

Watch these two teams battle each other. They both have added an outstanding player - Albert Pujols (LA) and Fielder (Tigers). This event is open to CALL members, grandchildren and CALL member’s friends. Coffee and rolls on the way to the stadium, pop and dog at the park, admission to the game and dinner on the way home are all included in the price. Cost - $70.00

Questions - Call. Don Lautenbach 698-9244 or Dwight Penning. 452-9405

August 9 & 10 [Thu & Fri] Lake Geneva and "The Rock and the Rabbi"

Enjoy beautiful Lake Geneva with CALL members and their friends. Historic Greendale, Wisconsin will be our first stop. We will enjoy lunch at the "Harmony House."

After lunch we will board the bus and have a step on guide who will tour us through Greendale and tell us the history of this unique town. After our historic tour we will experience the "Test Kitchen" tour at Taste of Homes.

We will begin with the fabulous Signature Buffet. The musical "The Rock and the Rabbi" will be entertaining and inspirational. This story of a fisherman and a teacher is outstanding. "The Rock and the Rabbi" sets the stage, as there will be ample opportunity to shop and take advantage of the "good" buys at the Taste of Home center. In the evening we will enjoy all that the Fireside Theater offers.

Simon, a simple fisherman, draws the audience into his story. See how he becomes Peter the "Rock" and begins his journey with Jesus, the "Rabbi" from the Sea of Galilee, to the agony of the cross and the Messiah of all ages.

On Friday we will enjoy the very informative narrated trip on the "mail delivery" cruise on beautiful Lake Geneva. After lunch on your own and shopping in the quaint stores, we will depart for home. Dinner together on the way home.

Cost $239 per person (double occupancy)

Questions call Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

September 25-28 [Tue – Fri] Civil War Battlefields

Visit the historic Civil War battlefields - Gettysburg and Antietam with expert guides. We will also visit Harper's Ferry, Flight 93 and the fabulous Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pa.

CALL members and their friends will enjoy four days of great history.

Cost. $499. A $50 deposit will confirm your reservation.

Questions - Call Don Lautenbach. 698-9244