President's Message

- Did you know that well over 2/3 of CALL members spend more than four hours a week on the computer? . . . that 82% of us know about Skype? . . . and that 75% of us are very comfortable using computers? These are just a few of the findings from the student research project sponsored by CALL and the Computer Science Department. We'll study these results to determine future courses in using computers and technology.
- Reports were heard from the Marketing/Strategic Planning students who conducted major research related to the composition and future of CALL. Your Board will review the results as it makes plans for the future. Thanks to all of you who completed your questionnaires or have participated in a focus group.
- The Board is encouraged by all the committees, which are already planning for 2011-12.
- Membership now stands at 1,165! We continue to grow at 15%! There are 191 new members just this year! Research confirms that most of these members join because one of you has recommended CALL to someone. Thank you, and keep talking up CALL.
- Total registrations in spring classes are 1,030, with 489 different individuals participating. Member events (e.g., Hamlet, Lincoln Trip and Abigail Adams) are doing extremely well. Public Events (Noontime Series and Travelogues) have also grown in attendance!
- Are you coming to the Wednesday, May 25 Annual Luncheon? Call the office to sign up. Can’t attend? Call the office for a Pictorial History of CALL—only $5. Attendees at the annual meeting get a free copy.
- The Curriculum Committee has proposed a great line-up of courses for this FALL.
- The Board approved and will announce the Distinguished Service Awards at the annual meeting.
- Don’t forget about the wonderful array of summer classes to be held in June. There will be lots of brochures available at the annual meeting so check them out.
- And . . . don’t forget to visit CALL’s website at www.calvin.edu/call for the latest news and course offerings!

Ray Vander Weele, President

Wally Bratt, CALL President

1999-2000

The CALL year 1999-2000 profited greatly from the excellent tradition established particularly by ex-board president Phil Lucasse, who had played an invaluable role in helping CALL find its way. During the year the board also formally acknowledged the pivotal role Bob Webber had played in CALL’s fledgling years. CALL’s continuing sound health in 1999-2000 owed a great deal to the work of both of these leaders.

The year did not see a significant increase in CALL membership, which remained at approximately 470, but there were strong evidences of burgeoning interest in course offerings. Total enrollment for the spring increased from 274 in 1999 to 343 in the same term in 2000. Those numbers pale compared to today’s figures, but they show a trend that has continued to the present day, in which springtime enrollment figures have come to exceed 1,000.

In that same year CALL sponsored a variety of meaningful member events: among them were several service trips to International Aid in Spring Lake, a bus trip to the Shaw Festival in Ontario, a visit at the Scriptorium on the Lakeshore, a day at the Capitol in Lansing, and a trip to the Detroit Art Institute.

Finally, 1999-2000 also saw evidences of CALL’s generous spirit. Not only did the organization fund the installation in the Fine Arts Center of chairs for the handicapped; it also decided to sponsor a scholarship for a non-traditional Calvin student pursuing undergraduate study and voted $20,000 to begin to finance that stipend. This award has increased in value and continues to be given an older(!) student over 25 years of age.

So the year was not startling in the developments it saw, but it did demonstrate a real measure of health and modest growth, as it continued to benefit from the work of its various committees and Calvin College’s encouragement and generous support.

Wally Bratt
June 15 [Wed] Shipshewana Blue Gate Theater: The Confession - a new musical
Trip filled: You may put your name on a waiting list. See the May issue of CALLNews for information about this trip.

July 14 [Thurs] A Day on the Farm
Enjoy the morning at the VanderMolen Blueberry Farm in DeMotte, Indiana. We will ride on people movers to tour the blueberry and sweet corn farms. In the afternoon we will again use the people movers to have a tour of a commercial pig farm. These farms are featured in a farm presentation 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 DeKruyter and Jon Hook, both Calvin graduates, will be our hosts.
Our day includes bus transportation, coffee and rolls, the day on the farm and dinner on the way home. Our departure time from the Prince Center is 7:00 a.m. Anticipated time of return is 8:00 p.m.
Come and enjoy "A Day on the Farm". Cost $70.00
Questions call Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

August 4 [Thurs] 8:00 a.m. A Day at Comerica Park.
Watch the Tigers battle the Texas Rangers in a 1:15 p.m. game. This trip is for CALL members and their grandchildren. Invite your grandchild(ren) to enjoy the day with you. The trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation, tickets to the game, coffee and rolls, hot dog and pop at the park and a buffet dinner on our way home.
Cost $65 per person
A $25.00 deposit must accompany your reservation. Balance of $40.00 is due July 1. Questions call Don Lautenbach 698-9244 or Dwight Penning 452-9405

July 28 and 29 [Thurs – Fri] Lake Geneva and David
We will begin our day with a stop at the Billy Graham museum to visit "A Brush with the Eternal", the inspirational art of Ron DiCianni. This exhibit, featuring twenty-six original paintings, depicts biblical events, characters and spiritual insights.
Our visit to the Fireside Dinner Theater (Ft. Atkinson, WI) will feature David the young man who grew from shepherd to singer to warrior to King of Israel. This new musical traces his life from his epic battle with Goliath all the way to his coronation as king. David is a fast-paced, funny, and exciting musical for all to see. We will enjoy the Fireside's signature buffet - one of the best.
After a narrated cruise on Lake Geneva we will have time for lunch and shopping in the quaint village of Lake Geneva. Dinner on the way home.
Cost of the trip $229 (Double occupancy)
Questions call Don and Shirley Lautenbach - 698-9244

September 27-30 [Tues – Fri] Joseph and I Love a Piano
Lancaster, Pa.
Join us for four days of drama, music, great food and wonderful fellowship. Joseph is an energy packed production that will leave you feeling uplifted with the life-changing message of forgiveness. Joseph is a masterpiece with superb acting, outstanding music and an inspirational message.
After a morning touring the Amish countryside with a local guide we will experience a simpler way of life with the Amish Experience Theater and Amish Homestead tour. We will see the film, Jacob's Choice, a story of an old order Amish family and their lives and struggles. Then we will take the Homestead tour, which takes us into the home of the family we met during Jacob's Choice. Enjoy a buggy ride, which will take us unto an Amish Farm. For dinner we will enjoy a family style Amish dinner at Plain and Fancy. We will also visit the Flight 93 memorial in Pa.
Cost of the trip - $499.00 (Double occupancy) A $50.00 deposit must accompany your reservation. Balance due by Sept. 1st.
Questions - Call Don and Shirley Lautenbach  698-9244

October 27 and 28 [Thurs – Fri] "Cars, Music, and a Museum" - Drury Lane Dinner Theater - Chicago, Ill.
We will begin our trip with a visit to a private antique car collection. The Drury Lane Dinner Theater will feature, in addition to an excellent meal, the legendary classic that has captured the heart of generations! THE SOUND OF MUSIC is the enchanting story of Maria, a spirited young nun who leaves the convent to become a governess for the seven children of the widowed Captain vonTrapp. This is the best of Rodgers and Hammerstein.
On Friday we will visit the James Adams Hull House, which serves as a dynamic memorial to social reformer Jane Adams, the first woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. The work of Jane Adams and her colleagues changed the lives of the immigrants, as well as national and international public policy.
Cost of the trip $199 (Double occupancy). A $50.00 deposit must accompany your reservation. Balance of $149.00 due September 30th.
Questions - Call Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

Hospitality Committee
Sherry Levy
One of the things many CALL members love about CALL is the opportunity to socialize with old friends and new acquaintances. Time for this is made possible by the Hospitality Committee. Each week they set up coffee and cookies for the many CALL participants. If you are considering how to be involved with CALL in a volunteering way, becoming a member of this Committee may be just for you! The Hospitality Committee is in need of a few more volunteers. If you are interested in helping to set up, clean up and be a part of the Tuesday/Thursday coffee time please contact Sherry Levy (245-4831 or 9244).
Another way you can offer hospitality to others is by serving as a greeter at the Noontime Series and/or Passport to Adventure Film Series. If you would like to learn more about how you can volunteer in this way please contact Lisa Bauman (526-8777 or lcb2@calvin.edu).

**Public Events Committee**

**Henry Baron, Chair**

**Passport to Adventure Films Series**

2011-2012 season brochures are available.

Please contact the CALL office, 526-8777. Season tickets may be ordered using the form available in the brochure. Join us for a wonderful line-up of films.

- **Thursday, October 13, 2011**  The Silk Road: A Journey through Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Turkey
- **Thursday, November 10, 2011**  Texas
- **Thursday, January 19, 2012**  The Heart of San Francisco
- **Wednesday, March 28, 2012**  Mongolia, Land of Genghis Khan
- **Monday, April 16, 2012**  Wales: Land of Song

The public events committee, along with the film presenter and representatives from Windoes Travelogues, Inc. honored Anna Sietsema as she retired from the travel films coordinator position and welcomed Carol Rienstra as the new coordinator at a reception following the last film of the 2010-2011 season, *Discovering the Dutch*, on April 27.

Anna's grandchildren Ben and Emma, dressed for the occasion, welcomed attendees to the film and handed each a copy of next year's program.

**Extended Trips Committee**

**Frank Roberts, Chair**

CALL and the Calvin Alumni Association have teamed up to make these wonderful travel opportunities available. See the May issue of the CALL News for more information or visit this website: www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel

- America’s National Parks, Sept 8-18, 2011

**Summer Programs**

**Peter DeBoer**

**Summer Lectures**

- Each lecture is $5 per person or a special savings of all 4 lectures for $15 per person. All lectures (except for 6:00 evening lecture) will be held in the Recital Hall of the Covenant Fine Arts Center on Calvin’s campus.
- **Tuesday, June 21 @ 11:00 a.m.**  *The Story of America’s Love Affair with French Fries*
- **Tuesday, June 21 @ 1:15 p.m.**  *Reflections of a Nuclear Powered Heart Pacer Recipient*
- **Tuesday, June 21 @ 6:30 p.m.**  *Island Hopping (Wadlopen) in the Netherlands* (held in Chapel Undercroft)

This lecture is FREE! A picnic dinner will be served at 6 pm on the patio of the Calvin Chapel. Cost is $8.50/person and requires reservations.

- **Wednesday, June 22 @ 11:00 a.m.**  *Island at the Center of the World: Dutch Manhattan*
- **Wednesday, June 22 @ 1:15 p.m.**  *The Shroud of Turin*

**Guest Lecturer:** Ev Nienhouse has spent his professional career teaching and researching in chemical, biological, nutritional, and forensic-related fields and he enjoys sharing these topics with the general public to increase the appreciation of the applications of science while, at the same time, conveying facts and ideas in fun, interesting, and informative ways.

**Summer Classes**

The following lessons and classes require pre-registration with payment of $15 per person/per set. You do NOT need to be a CALL member to participate in the summer programs. (See CALL mailing for more info, or call CALL office)

1. **Line Dancing:** June 6 - 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  
   **Where:** Hoogeboom Center room 252  
   **Instructor:** Sue DeBoode has been dancing for years and loves sharing her knowledge.

2. **Computers:** June 6 - 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.  
   **Where:** Hekman Library 236  
   **Instructor:** Nancy Zylstra, recently retired from 16 years of teaching computers to faculty and staff at Calvin.

3. **Wood Carving:** June 6 - 9 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
   **Where:** Spoelhof Center Sculpture room 106  
   **Instructor:** Clare Walhout, master woodcarver.

4. **Biblical Kings & American Presidents: What makes someone a “good” leader?** June 13-16 from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.  
   **Where:** Hiemenga Hall 316  
   **Instructor:** Bob Schoone Jongen, professor of History at Calvin College.

5. **Sonnets** June 13 -16 from 10:30 -11:45 a.m.  
   **Where:** Hiemenga Hall 316  
   **Instructor:** Steve Vander Weele, retired Calvin English language and literature professor.

6. **The American Revolution:**  
   June 13 – 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.  
   **Where:** Hiemenga Hall 316  
   **Instructor:** William Huizing Jr., retired middle-school teacher and Revolutionary War buff who has a personal library of 150 books on the era.

7. **American Foreign Policy Challenges in the 21st Century:** June 13 – 16 from 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.  
   **Where:** Hiemenga Hall 316  
   **Instructor:** Bob DeVries, retired professor of Political Science at Calvin College
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