President’s Message

By Corrine Kass

J.M. Barrie, the Scottish author who introduced us to “Peter Pan,” crafted this riveting quotation: “God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December.”

Some of us who are leaning in toward our December have a brilliant bouquet of roses, while others are left with withered stems. Memory is one of our most cherished faculties. It also is one of our most tenuous.

All of us have those “senior moments” when we struggle to summon a name or a word that once rolled smoothly, instantaneously from our brain to our lips. Those are frustrating moments. Most of us know someone who is struggling with a deeper loss of memory due to dementia or Alzheimer’s. Some of us are on that path.

Do you remember where you were when John F. Kennedy was assassinated, or more recently when the horrors of 9/11 unfolded on live television? These shocking events are seared in our memories. Memories of most ordinary events in our lives, however, are colored by our perception, and one person’s perception may be different from, or more acute than, another person’s.

Mindfulness is a good way to exercise our memories. We do that by consciously thinking while we are listening or experiencing an event through our senses. Being totally in the present is important. A book that opened my mind to this type of learning is The Power of Mindful Learning by Ellen J. Langer.

Taking notes is another way we sharpen our memories. Many lifelong learners in CALL classes do this. And by doing so, they later can refresh their memory of the material.

While remembering is a gift, forgetting is also necessary. We would not be able to function if we could not forget. Information changes, people change, experiences change, and we must be able to mindfully take in the new information.

As lifelong learners, we as CALL members are continually updating our memories through a process of forgetting (unlearning) and learning anew from additional experiences and current contexts.

This year is CALL’s 20th anniversary year. Think of all the memories our members have amassed from the vast array of classes, member events, public events, summer programs, extended trips, special-interest groups, service grants, health-and-fitness opportunities, hospitality efforts, and above all our Calvin College connection.

May God bless each of you with many more good memories! And may God bless CALL as it creates opportunities for meaningful, mindful memory-making for the next 20 years, and more.

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Passport to Adventure
by Henry Baron

Five Films
$25 Season Tickets

Have you never participated in our Passport Travel Films?
Did you know we sell over 600 season tickets each year in addition to individual tickets?

Right now you have the best selection of seats available from anyone who didn’t renew as of May 15.
The Public Events Committee has put together an unparalleled selection of films for the 2016-2017 season that will impress you with their high-definition quality, extensive historical narration and vast scenic exploration.

Journey with us to grand natural wonders, architectural treasures, and cultural and artistic highlights of several cities and countries in Central and South America.

Come along for the over 2,000 mile ride as we explore the drive-ins, gas stations, museums, kitschy roadside attractions and most importantly, the people along Route 66.

Learn how running a refugee camp is no simple matter, and how humanitarian organizations have created a sophisticated system in the Sudan to feed, clothe, employ, and educate half a million human beings - each with their own agenda, hopes, and dreams.

See the modern-day Promised Land of Israel, Jordan, and Turkey and delve into societies steeped in culture and tradition.

Call 526-6282 or visit our website to order tickets online and take advantage of the best possible seats now.

Thursday, Sept 15, 2016
Thursday, Oct 13, 2016
Tuesday, Feb 7, 2017
Wednesday, March 29, 2017
Thursday, May 11, 2017
All at 7:00 p.m.

Discover the springtime beauty and rich history of the waterways linking The Netherlands and Belgium.
Announcements
by Sonja DeJong

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Interest Groups
Pedal into summer with the Biking Interest Group! Experience weekly adventures to varied scenic locations and join in whenever your schedule permits. Contact Wilbur Zike, at wilburzike@hotmail.com or 884-5587 to express interest.

Summer Classes
Our 16 summer classes begin in just over two weeks! A multifarious group of courses provide opportunities for everyone to appreciate a few additional days of learning before we enjoy our summer break. Look for descriptions and sign up online at www.calvin.edu/call or use the mail-in form on page 6.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon:
Next Wednesday, May 25, is our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Signups close on Monday morning, May 23. Doors open at 11:15 am on the 25th at the Prince Conference Center on the east side of the East Beltline. Guests will enjoy manicotti, salad, rolls, and dessert for $10 each. In addition to a short business meeting, guests will hear a talk titled “The Abundant Life” by Jennifer Holberg; the CALL Brass Band; and several vocal selections by Jana Dykhuis, accompanied by Gwen Varineau. Sign up information is online under the “Member Events” tab. Mailed registrations are not permitted this close to the event.

Experience ArtPrize
Last month we mailed a brochure to all CALL members about our unique three-day ArtPrize trip. Similar to a Road Scholar event, guests will delight in guided daily tours, transportation, exceptional dinners, and expert lectures over three days. We invite anyone 50 years of age or better both here in Grand Rapids and around the country to join us on this in-depth adventure throughout the world of ArtPrize. Nick Wolterstorff wrote the following description: “One of the many remarkable things about ArtPrize is the joy. Art museums are solemn reverential places; people speak only in whispers, the lighting is controlled. At ArtPrize, the atmosphere is joyous. There’s a buzz in the air. I know of nothing remotely like it anywhere”. See more details on our main web page.

Just a reminder that CALL follows the academic year and a majority of memberships will expire on August 31. We encourage members to renew, but not before, July 1. A renewal letter will be mailed to all CALL members this year in late June.

Summer Hours
Beginning June 1, our office hours are as follows:

Monday-Thursday-10:00-4:00
Friday- 9:00-12:00

Membership Renewal

DID YOU KNOW?
CALL has once again surpassed its highest enrollment number with 2,069. Of these members a large number receive a cost savings at MVP Sportsplex locations. A breakdown of these 2,069 persons shows that 784 women and 287 men are each singularly represented in the CALL program.
Member Events
by Shirley Lautenbach

A Day at the Ball Park, Thursday, August 4, 8:30 am

Summer is coming. Time to see the "new look" Tigers. Join us for a Detroit Tiger/Chicago White Sox game at 1:00 pm on Thursday August 4. These two teams are rivals in the Central Division.

We will leave at 8:30 am and will stop for coffee and rolls en route. The price includes a hot dog and drink at the ball park. Snacks after the game with arrival back at the Prince Center early evening. The trip is for CALL members, friends and grandchildren. Cost $85.00

Water, Knees and Plants, Tuesday, August 9
Warsaw, Indiana

CALL members and friends are invited to welcome a relaxing and educational day in Warsaw. We will begin the day with a cruise on the Dixie Sternwheeler. There is no better way to begin our tour than with a cruise on Indiana’s oldest Sternwheel Paddleboat. The boat was built in 1929.

We will delight in lunch at the beautiful Boat House restaurant on the shores of Winona Lake. After lunch we will tour the DePuy Synthes Company. As the population grows older the knees and hips aren’t what they used to be. Warsaw, Indiana, is known as the orthopedic capital of the world. We will hear firsthand the unique history of the orthopedic industry, will see how a hip gets replaced and will learn about the products that bring a new spring into our step. This is a very informative and worthwhile tour.

At the Warsaw Biblical Gardens we will walk through Biblical times amongst the plants, trees and herbs. This garden of biblical plants was started in 1986 and has since grown to be the third largest of its kind in the United States, offering more species of plants than any other with the exception of the Holy Land. The gardens are comprised of six microclimates which represent the main environments of which the Bible speaks. On the way home we will have dinner at the well-known and highly-recognized Das Dutchman Essenhaus.

Cost $115.00. Includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls, lunch, dinner and all entrance fees.

Off to Chicago, Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23

Our first visit in Chicago will be the Holocaust Museum in Skokie, Illinois. This museum tells the story of the Holocaust through interactive exhibits that move and inspire. The museum is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Holocaust by honoring the memories of those who died and by teaching universal lessons that combat hatred, prejudice and indifference. Our guided tour will show the story of the Holocaust from the past to the present. You will ask yourself "How could this happen?" It is a thoughtful, informative and reflective journey.

We will enjoy dinner and a show at the Drury Lane Theatre where we will tap our toes to the broadway music of "Smoky Joe's Cafe." Friday will be spent at the beautiful Cantigny Gardens.
Our guided tour of the Robert McCormick historical home will acquaint us with the life and work of Chicago Tribune editor and publisher, Robert McCormick. This museum is a historic house museum that depicts the home of a family that made the Chicago Tribune the "World's Greatest Newspaper." We will tour the First Division Museum. This museum is an interactive and immersive museum honoring our military. It depicts American history through the eyes of the First Infantry Division. The museum features a WWI front line trench, the opportunity to board a WWII landing craft bound for Omaha Beach, and a walk through a Vietnam jungle. Explore history through the eyes of those who served with the 1st Division and its units. Outside the museum is an interesting display of tanks. The day will be enriched by the stunning sights and aromatic scents of the beautiful Cantigny gardens. Lunch on your own.

Cost $269.00

ArtPrize, Monday, October 3 and Thursday, October 6.

Choose one of two dates for our annual ArtPrize day tours in downtown Grand Rapids. This year we again will spend the day touring the top entries in this world class exhibit. We will leave Calvin at 9:00 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m.

Cost: $65. Includes coffee break, lunch and transportation. Questions? Call Glenda or Carl Welmers at 243-6431. Note that these two single-day events are not part of the three-day Experience ArtPrize trip.

Lansing with Dick Harms, Wednesday, October 12.

CALL members and guests will appreciate the beauty of the fall colors and the colorful narration of Dick Harms on our trip to Lansing. Our first stop will be at Grand Ledge for coffee and rolls. At this stop Dick will highlight the Stevens Island resort. Dick will take us to additional landmarks including the Frank D. Fitzgerald home, the Seventh Day Adventist campground, Ransom E. Olds, Oldsmobile and Reo, the Turner Dodge Mansion, Old Towne, the Lansing Lugnuts and the State Capitol. The tour will conclude with a tour of the MSU campus, its facilities, architecture and interesting stories.

Cost $89.00

If you enjoy the tranquility of a scenic boat ride, the exhilaration of live music and delight in eating good food, you will enjoy our lunch cruise. We will marvel in the beautiful fall colors as we have lunch and cruise on the Grand River aboard the Lansing Princess riverboat.

Interested in a Springfield Illinois/Lincoln trip in 2017?

The Member Events committee is gathering names of people who might be interested in a Lincoln Legacy trip in the spring of 2017. This would be a three-day trip for approximately $350. Please email call@calvin.edu if you are interested.
Member Events Registration

Two ways to register:

1. Online: [www.calvin.edu/CALL](http://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.

- May 25, Annual Meeting and Luncheon: $10
- Aug 4, A Day at the Ball Park: $85
- Aug 9, Water, Knees, and Plants: $115
- Sept 22-23, Off to Chicago: $269
- Oct 3, Monday ArtPrize: $65
- Oct 6, Thursday ArtPrize: $65
- Oct 12, Lansing with Dick Harms: $89

Name: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Email: Confirm by email? □ Yes □ No, I don’t use email

Registration Information

Summer courses are the one opportunity to have non-CALL members experience CALL. The only requirement to participate is that enrollees are 50 years or better. Invite any friends, relatives, or neighbors to try out our program. Most classes will be held in the DeVos Communications building next to the Prince Conference Center unless otherwise noted.

Sign up is available online on our website using the red register button in the center of the webpage. Favor your mouse to enter the required data. For paper registration, mail the form below and check payment to the address on the back page.

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| 5. Emma at 200! A Jane Austen Masterpiece | 13. The Dead Sea Scrolls |
| 6. American Christians and the Islamic State | 14. Eyewitness to WWII |
| 7. iPad: The Photographer’s Friend     | 15. TED Talks to Make You Love Science |
Extended Trips
by John Apol

with Randall Engle

Five 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. Read what is planned for just one of your mornings: “Today we have a very special morning. We will tour Lambeth Palace, London home of The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Archbishop of Canterbury. We will enjoy a private tour by the Lord Archivist, and be shown rare manuscripts that document the history of the English Bible: the Lambeth Bible, a Gutenberg Bible, and working manuscripts of the King James Bible translators.”

Prague, Vienna & Budapest
September 21-October 4, 2016
with Corwin Smidt

The capital cities of central Europe have a tremendous history. They are some of the most beautiful cities on the continent and each has its own flavor. From Prague’s beautifully preserved medieval city, to Vienna’s Baroque grandeur, to Budapest’s captivating confidence throughout its complex history, this part of Europe is a must-see!

- See the Astronomical Clock in Prague
- Visit Stephen’s Cathedral and Mozart’s house in Vienna
- Tour Budapest and the Chain Bridge, Buda Castle, Fisherman’s Bastion, St. Matina Church, parliament and St. Stephen’s Basilica

Dr. Corwin Smidt is a Calvin political science professor who has lived and studied in Hungary.

Upcoming

Preliminary information is available for two of our 2017 trips- Israel and Iceland. Request the information or view it on our website under the “Extended Travel” tab. Additional 2017 trips include Cuba with Dan Miller, America’s Southwest with John Apol, and A Reformation Tour through Europe with Karin Maag. Stay tuned for more information. 2018 possibilities include The Netherlands, Vietnam/Cambodia and South Africa.
Facebook
CALL is now part of the Facebook community. Search “Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning” and like our page to see updates every week!

Partnerships
Just a reminder that CALL has special discounts with Grand Rapids Opera and Grand Rapids Broadway. A 30% discount for Opera’s The Student Prince June 9-12 is available by calling 451-2741 and mentioning you are a CALL member. This opera is performed in the more intimate setting of St. Cecilia Music Center. Premium seats only are available for Broadway’s The Book of Mormon at a 10% discount by calling 235-6285. (Do note there is explicit language in this Broadway production.)

CALL 5k Results
CALL represented well at Calvin’s recent 5k race on May 23. In the three age categories of 65 and older, CALL participants took 12 top finishing times out of 26 possible slots. Thanks to all those who volunteered from CALL and those who ran the race. The race generated over $20,000 in scholarship money to incoming undergraduate Calvin students.

Don Trap, Gary Nederveld, and Ken Piers