“What would you like to be when you grow up?” Virtually all of us have either heard those words, most likely years ago, or more recently spoken those words to a young person who captured our heart or interest. Answers often depend on the age of the questioned. Nurse, Doctor, Fireman or a T-Rex might spring from our preschoolers while Marine Biologist, Computer Coder, or Nuclear Physicist seems more likely from an older crowd.

Variants of the question add a philosophical basis. Queries like “What do you think God wants you to be when you grow up,” or even “What gifts do you believe God has given to you and how might He want you to use those gifts in His kingdom” offer a chance for thoughtful reflection. Whether through casual conversation or intentional career counseling, though, this question assumes choosing a career, a life’s work.

But what about those of us for whom choosing a career is past tense? As we move into the latter stages of our lives, careers, job interviews, daily grinds and paychecks become distant memories. We have not only already chosen that career, but have also walked through our calling in the myriad of ways that God chose to unfold his will. Is this question, then, obsolete for CALL members; a question best left to the young, future-oriented kindergarten and college graduates? Have we already been what would like to be when we grew up and now our calling is completed, gift wrapped, tied with a bow and handed over to the next generation at our retirement gatherings?

Maybe it’s a simple matter of altering the question. For the older set of God’s children, asking, “What would you like to be like when you grow up” brings a clearer focus to our post-career mission. What would we like to be like, what does God want us to be like, encourages a sense of character development, of understanding our role to model for the generations to come the gifts God gives for aging. We are being called not so much to build a career but to forge a path into Christian aging. What is God asking us to be like as the more elderly participants in His Kingdom work?

CALL offers those of us whose years have been accumulating so many avenues to both give and receive God’s gifts to use in his kingdom and to model Christian aging. Certainly classes give opportunity to show that God still requires our minds as well as our hearts and strength, but trips into his creation, clubs for sharing experiences, and volunteer opportunities also speak loudly to the idea that as we age our calling isn’t finished, it’s reformed.

Recently a Calvin College student remarked that she loved being in the halls when CALL classes ended because as she walked through that sea of grayer hair, she felt a sense of being surrounded by saints (and grandparents!). And, she pointed out, they all seemed to still love learning. She could hear the excited conversations from the classrooms spill out to the exits. CALL participants were modeling the mission of Christian aging simply by being themselves. Perhaps that’s the best way for us grow up.

Message from the Vice President
by Barb Engbers

PASSPORT FILM - TOUGH RIDES INDIA, NOV.

CALVIN ACADEMY FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING
The 52nd annual Passport to Adventure Travel Film Series, sponsored by the Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL) with support from Witte Travel and Tours, is open for season ticket sales.

Each year over 600 persons purchase season tickets with as many as 200 joining for an individual film showing. The highest film attendance last year was Route 66 with 799 seats filled. And although the Sudan film sold the least amount of individual tickets, guests emailed and commented for weeks following the March 29 event that they had never seen a better film with our first-time cinematographer Karin Muller.

As technology changes and we continue to seek out new ideas and content, CALL is excited to welcome our next season beginning September 28. These five films bring a wealth of diverse and exotic locations including a multitude of animals on an East Africa safari, a grand and romantic week in Paris, and a U.S. national park tour from Minnesota to Hawaii. Each of these three films represent filmmakers who have achieved a high level of respect and admiration from our viewers over the years.

The remaining two films travel new roads with first-time cinematographers to Calvin College. The first, Tough Rides: India, is the culmination of two brothers traveling around the entire country of India in 54 days by motorcycle. Viewers not only see the diversity of India terrain and unique sites but they also experience the depth of varying emotions undertaking such a challenging journey. Although the filmmaker does not have the opportunity to join us in person, this film is enhanced with the appearance of a local India expert speaking both before the film begins and at the intermission.

The second new filmmaker, Brent Winebrenner, joins us for our last film of the Passport Travel Film series on April 16, to present Guatemala: The Land of the Maya. During this showing we learn in-depth the customs, pageantry, and culture of the Mayan people presented within the backdrop of places like Antigua’s Easter Week celebration, and Lake Atitlan, a brilliant blue body of water backed by three imposing volcanoes and encircled by a necklace of tidy villages.

The following important details pertain to ticket orders:

If you renew a season ticket order—
the deadline is June 1.

New season ticket orders should be submitted at your earliest convenience as reserved seats are filled on a first-come basis.

The campus box office is no longer open with the college students gone for the summer. Please mail all ticket orders to the address on the brochure. For more details, go to our main web page and click on the “Travel Film Series” tab in the left column at www.calvin.edu/call.
CALL Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Thursday, May 25, is the annual CALL meeting and luncheon at the Prince Conference Center. Doors open at 11:15.

The menu includes a delectable lunch of ricotta and mozzarella cheese, rolled in lasagna pasta and topped with a creamy parmesan sauce, garnished with roasted peppers and served with broccoli spears, salad, rolls, and dessert.

Our special entertainment will be an enjoyable music collaboration by Half-n-Half acapella quartet. CALL’s Brass Band Ensemble provides selections primarily before the luncheon begins.

The short business meeting includes Distinguished Service Award presentations, confirmation of recommended new board member Pat Knoester, and recognition of our retiring committee chairpersons for Member Events, Don and Shirley Lautenbach, and Public Events, Henry and Ruth Baron (see pg. 8).

The CALL program underwrites a portion of the cost for this event so that the meal price is just $10 per person. This event will conclude by 1:00 p.m. and offers CALL members an enjoyable occasion for fellowship in this growing lifelong learning program. Our typical attendance for this event averages 200 persons.

Sign-up online under the “Member Events” tab or mail the form with payment on page 6. Registration deadline is noon, May 23.

Summer Courses
17 summer courses begin in just over two weeks time!

A multifarious group of classes provide opportunities for everyone to appreciate a few additional days of learning before we enjoy our summer break. Use this session to introduce a friend, neighbor, or relative to our program!

No membership fee
No age restrictions

Look for descriptions and signup online at www.calvin.edu/call or use the mail-in form on page 4.
Registration Information- $25 per course, except #10, which is $15

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 with check payment to the address on pg. 8.

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### Course Registration Form

**Summer 2017 Courses- $25 per course, except for course #10, which is $15.**

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Announcements
by Sonja DeJong

Correction to last month’s newsletter:
Last month’s photo titled “Spanning Generations” incorrectly identified one of the persons in the caption as Mary De Jonge rather than Mary Vanden Berge and is corrected below:

Calvin 5K:

Congratulations to all CALL members who participated in the annual 5K run on April 29. In particular, we would like to acknowledge Pat Den Besten and Claire Elgersma who finished 1st and 3rd respectively in the same age bracket. Honorable mention goes to Don Trap and Charles Hampton for their strong 4th and 5th place finishes in their same age bracket.

Pedal intro Summer:
Experience weekly adventures to numerous scenic trails, often with stops for tasty treats this summer! Participants can join on the weeks that fit their schedule. Email the coordinator Wilbur Zike to join the interest list and stay informed at wilburzike@hotmail.com or phone 884-5587.

Serve as a tutor for a Calvin student next fall?
The Calvin Alumni Association (CAA) and the Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL) have been asked by the college’s retention team to recruit volunteers to assist current Calvin students who may need a little assistance in writing or reading.

Here’s a short description of the role:

Writing or Reading Tutor:
Have some experience with coaching writing and/or reading in additional contexts.

Be available once a week for a whole semester with no more than two weeks skipped.

Coach a student at Calvin for one hour weekly in college level reading or writing.

Writing coach tasks could include planning the writing process, proof reading papers, helping with flow and clarity or other tasks as needed.

Reading coach tasks include talking through what a student knows before a reading, previewing what the reading might be about, checking comprehension as the student reads, discussing common reading strategies and creating plans for the student to finish weekly reading.

If you’d be interested in this experience beginning in September, email your name, contact information and a brief statement of tutoring experience to call@calvin.edu or alumni@calvin.edu.

Summer Hours
Beginning June 1, our office hours are: Monday-Thursday-10:00-4:00 and Friday- 9:00-12:00.

CALL Committees
This year has presented many exciting opportunities for new committee members in the CALL program. We have added new members to our Public Events committee that schedule the Noontime Lectures and Passport Travel Films, the Service Grants Committee, Extended Trips, Curriculum, and Member Events. We extend a warm thanks to each of the following for lending their time and energy to our program: Russ Slater, Mary De Young, Jan Truer, Esther Bos, Marjorie Goosen, Linda Creaser, Sheryl Poel, and Darlene Meyering.

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Pictured (l. to r.): Henry De Witt, Dorothy Lyenga, Mary Vanden Berge (Mark’s mother) and Mark Vanden Berge (the teacher of this CALL course).

Pat Den Besten, center, and Claire Elgersma, right
Member Events

by Shirley Lautenbach

Cheer for the Tigers
Thursday, June 29
41 seats reserved to date

The sport that evokes more nostalgia among Americans than any other is baseball. Nothing beats sitting in your favorite ballpark, watching your favorite team on a hot, sunny day, with a hot dog smothered with all the goodies. This scene is symbolic to American culture.

The Detroit Tigers will play the Kansas City Royals at Comerica Park on Thursday, June 29 at 1:00 pm.

CALL members may invite their friends and grandchildren.

The bus leaves the Prince Conference Center parking lot at 8:30 am. Coffee and rolls en route. At the game you will have a voucher for a hot dog and a soft drink.

We will return to Calvin by 7:30 pm.

Cost - $89.00 per person.

Event hosts – Don (901-2170) and Shirley Lautenbach (299-3584).

Member Events Registration

Two ways to register:

1. Online: 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.

Contact Shirley with questions: 299-3584 or lautenshirley@gmail.com

The cancellation policy is posted on the CALL website

May 25 Annual Meeting and Luncheon, deadline to register 5/23 $10
June 29 A Day at the Ball Park $89

Name: ____________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________
Email: Confirm by email? ☐ Yes ☐ No, I don’t use email
Extended Trips

by John Apol

Looking ahead to 2018

After a popular sequence of trips for 2017, registrations are complete for the year and we look ahead to 2018 with the following anticipated extended trips (each trip referenced is a strong possibility but not guaranteed):

The logistics and coordination of details are masterfully handled by Witte Travel for the joint participants of CALL Members and Calvin Alumni.

After years of partnership with Witte Travel, these trips are organized with great attention to detail to provide travelers with an unforgettable and memorable adventure.

Each trip includes a learned leader who enhances the trip experience with their knowledgeable expertise.

An itinerary of details is published for each trip when available that outlines the activities for each day, periods of free time, costs, meal allowances, and other pertinent information.

Peru is likely our first trip in 2018 with Neal Bierling from March 26 to April 10, 2018. Many CALL students have heard Neal teach in one of his five completed CALL courses. A trip he has completed before, the itinerary for Peru includes the infamous Machu Picchu at an elevation of 7,972. Not only is Peru’s culture and history diverse, its geography is as well. This tour will visit many cities, all at different elevations, the highest being Chucuito at 12,700 feet above sea level.

One of the first 2018 trips opening for registration is the Experience Acadia bicycling and hiking trip on August 2-8, 2018. Trip participants bicycle Cadillac and Acadia mountains and Jordan pond. A leisure bike ride is included around Eagle Lake as well as a trolley tour of Bar Harbor and a lobster boat tour. Look for information and details to come soon.

Peru- March 26-April 10, 2018- Neal Bierling
Netherlands- April, 2018- Henk Aay
Alaska Cruise- May 13-23, 2018 - Ellen and George Monsma
Acadia National Park Bicycling- August 2-8, 2018- Roy Zuidema
Canadian Rockies- September, 2018- John Apol
South Africa- October, 2018- John Apol
American Civil War Sites- TBD- Dan Miller
With Sincere Thanks and Warmest Gratitude

As CALL approaches the end of their fiscal year on June 30, we have four long-time committee chairs retiring, and we wish to let them know how very grateful we are for their time, effort, and dedication to the CALL Program over the years:

Henry and Ruth Baron chaired the Public Events Committee for 12 years. Under their watch, 133 Noontime Lectures and 65 Passport Travel Films were offered since 2005.

Don and Shirley Lautenbach chaired the Member Events Committee since 2003 and organized with great attention to detail an impressive 171 events over the last 14 years.

Another Retirement: Mike Van Denend, college appointed Calvin representative to the CALL board and manager of the CALL Staff, retires from the college after 35 years of service. Mike, along with then-colleague Darlene Meyering, convened the first meeting in January 1996 of nine other professionals to discuss the formation of a senior organization. Throughout the last 26 years, he has passionately supported the CALL program with the college and represented our interests. Not only a member of the CALL Board, Mike has served faithfully on several additional committees including the Executive Committee, Marketing, and Extended Trips Committee.

On behalf of everyone in the CALL program, we thank them for all their contributions to the success of this program. Join us at the annual luncheon on as we honor their years of service.