The Age of Technology

by Barb Engbers, Vice President and Liaison to the Nominating Committee

Lately I have been watching my grandchildren grow up in a society that is foreign to me. To be sure, I have labored diligently to immigrate into this new universe and have succeeded at least enough to be considered mostly aware and somewhat proficient. But it still is a world that baffles me.

I speak of technology and its integration into every corner of our existence. The phone in my pocket now directs me to any address in the world, tracks my every step, finds a hotel or flight deal, urges me to move more, graphs my cholesterol levels, and reminds me of important life events, all while feeding me a constant stream of the latest “breaking news.” I now can have friends who live in every corner of the globe and, without leaving the comfort of my chair, I can Google Earth any of those places for a visit, or just chitchat on Skype. Finding new friends simply involves a few clicks to websites more than eager to apply their algorithms to identify the perfect person to befriend. Then multiple social media sites help interact with these many acquaintances.

I confess – I actually enjoy this foreign world. I’ve been known to check my phone too often and I find myself somewhat addicted to the ability to access so much information with so little effort. And who among us can deny the convenience of a map that moves with you, not one that taxes your patience when it needs to be refolded.

But all this screen staring seems to be taking its toll. Diners in restaurants often spend the entire meal communicating electronically with persons other than the ones sitting directly across from them. Posted pictures of the trendy food you have ordered take the place of family meals. Teachers note the inability of students to do math in their heads and bemoan the lack of discernment of online information. Even vacationers often see the world in front of them only through the lens of their phone’s camera. Has our infatuation with technology’s tinsel overridden our need for community?

Here is where CALL comes in. CALL offers classes that teach the ins and outs of this brave new technology-filled world in a setting where real people interact face-to-face to share information and grow and learn together. CALL transports its members to actual places on God’s good globe to experience cultures, geographies, and histories with like-minded knowledge seekers. CALL brings members to quiet corners of creation where God’s other creatures, like birds and grizzlies, can be seen without a screen. CALL encourages eye-to-eye contact over coffee or lunch, one of the best ways to find new friends. And CALL’s MVP benefits encourage you to move more without ever beeping at you. Real people talking together, learning together, traveling together, sweating together, and being enthralled by God’s good gifts together describes CALL’s mission.

So here’s a toast to technology’s advances, but kudos to CALL for keeping us connected and in community.

Applications are available through the CALL website or at the CALL office.
With attendance averaging nearly 700 persons per film, the Passport Adventure Travel Film Series continues to draw strong participation. Extensive research by the Public Events committee ensures the upcoming season, beginning in September, offers the newest films, of the highest film quality, and the most engaging content. Whether revisiting memories of a destination formerly traveled, or piquing a curiosity to new locations, the 53rd Passport to Adventure Travel Film Series transports us, for an evening, to captivating lands.

May 17 is the deadline for repeat season ticket holders to reserve the same seats as the 2017-2018 season. If you missed the deadline, call the box office, at 526-6282 at your earliest convenience for new seats. This is also the best time to order season tickets for the first time, with the best possible seating opportunities.

The new season includes the following fascinating locations: Germany and Switzerland, Cuba, Tibet, and the old Sante Fe Trail.

In addition, one of our most popular and engaging cinematographers, Rick Ray, will present a live narration with the stories, photos, and video clips behind his most compelling footage, from sneaking past the Khmer Rouge, outrunning Somali bandits, and talking his way out of Ethiopian jails.

The cost for season tickets remains the same as the last several years: $25 for five films. Seating is reserved. The first mailing of tickets will begin after July 1. See the full brochure on our website.

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Public Events, continued

Bob DeBruin, Chair

Part of the revenue generated from the Passport Film program goes to support the speaker costs of the CALL Noontime Series. Speakers and dates are set for the fall program.

These lectures are no charge and open to CALL members and the public. The location is the Calvin Chapel located just east of the Burton Street entrance to the campus.

Lectures are often chosen based on immediate relevance and importance. For example, Michigan residents will vote on the issue of gerrymandering on the November ballot, Judge Kelly’s lecture will include the criminal effects of the opioid crisis, and Bing Goei speaks into immigration. Full lecture details follow in future newsletters.

The deadline is this Friday, May 18, to register for next Tuesday’s Annual CALL Meeting and Luncheon at the Prince Conference Center. Doors open at 11:15.

Guests will enjoy an expertly-prepared herbed chicken breast wrapped with sliced bacon and served over a creamy parmesan sauce, paired with roasted garlic red skin potatoes, salad, rolls, and strawberry cream or salted caramel trifle for dessert. We are happy to provide either vegetarian or vegan options, please let the CALL office know when you register.

The program will highlight “The Best of CALL” this year. We will share special moments from this past year, including a sample of West African drumming, a children’s book written during a fall course, and interesting data on our relationship with Calvin. Jolene DeHeer closes our luncheon with an artistry of words that inspire us to celebrate another year of blessings.

The short business meeting will include Distinguished Service Awards and confirmation of recommended new board member Grace Roossien.

The CALL program underwrites a portion of the cost for this event so that the meal price is just $12.50 per person. This event will conclude by 1:00 p.m.

Sign-up online under the “Member Events” tab before this Friday’s deadline or call us at 526-8777 to sign up by phone.

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Announcements

by Sonja DeJong, CALL Program Manager

A Co-Lecture Sponsorship between CALL and World Affairs Council

Thursday, May 31, 6:30 pm
Reception at 5:45 pm

Calvin 5K
Congratulations to members of CALL who medaled in their age categories at the Calvin 5K race on April 28:
- Pam Zietse 2nd
- Pat Den Besten 1st
- Sue Griffioen 3rd
- Pat Tigchelaar 2nd
- Ray VanderMolen 5th

Gordon Start 1st in the 80 and over age group with an 11:00 minute split pace. (He finished the Boston Marathon at the age of 72 (26.2 miles.)

The Birding Group 2018
One final date remains to join the birding interest group this spring. Members of CALL are invited to explore nature and enjoy God’s amazing creation! Bill Sweetman leads our birding interest group for their last spring outing on May 29.

For questions, please contact Bill at bsweettours@gmail.com.

Member Events
We are grateful for the participation of CALL members on events this current fiscal year under a new committee of Member Event volunteers. With registration closed for the Tigers ballgame on June 14 and the other events filled for The King and I on June 7 and Experience Detroit on July 14, there are no events to sign up for this month besides the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. To join the waitlist for any of these events, please call us at 526-8777 or email call@calvin.edu.

Plans are in the works for August, September, and November events and we look forward with anticipation to publicizing these opportunities in the next newsletter!

Summer Classes
In just over two weeks, CALL members can return to the classroom and participate in any of the eleven courses offered.

With membership and age restrictions waived, please extend an invitation to friends, family, or neighbors who might enjoy these learning opportunities.

Courses meet two times weekly in the first two weeks of June in the DeVos Communication Building on the east side of the East Beltline. This is a new format compared to previous years when classes would meet four days consecutively.

Full descriptions follow, beginning on page 5.

Summer Classes
1. “Inright, Outright, Upright, Downright Happy All the Time” and other Christian Misses on Grief and Suffering, with David Beach
   Mondays and Wednesdays- June 4, 6, 11, and 13, 9:00-10:15 am, DC170
   What makes understanding the nature of grief and suffering difficult in Christendom? One answer may be that denominations assert different takes on suffering. Meet five common postures of Christian faith toward suffering. Material provided during class time.

2. Covering the Bases: America’s Pastime in Grand Rapids, with Dick Harms
   Mondays and Wednesdays- June 4, 6, 11, and 13, 10:30-11:45 am, DC150,
   Grand Rapids has a rich experience with baseball. Dozens of minor league teams and players have called the city home, including the legendary Rube Waddell and Sam “Wahoo” Crawford. These presentations will review some of the teams, players, and parks in Grand Rapids.

3. Vatican II Changed the Catholic Church---and the World, with Robert Marko
   Mondays and Wednesdays- June 4, 6, 11, and 13, 1:30-2:45 pm, DC150
   When Pope John XXIII announced the creation of the Second Vatican Council (also known as Vatican II) in January 1959, it shocked the world. There hadn't been an ecumenical council — an assembly of Roman Catholic religious leaders meant to settle doctrinal issues — in nearly 100 years. Class participants will engage the Roman Catholic tradition based on selective documents on Vatican II. We will examine the changes made in Vatican II as it relates to revelation and liturgy, the nature of the Church, its relationship to the modern world, ecumenism, religious freedom and the relationship to non-Christian religions.

4. Rhythm and Roll: Tricks of the Trade for Fiction and Nonfiction Writing, with Cynthia Beach
   Mondays and Wednesdays- June 4, 6, 11, and 13, 3:00-4:15 pm, DC170
   How does Anthony Doerr (All the Light We Cannot See) tap the senses? How do thriller writers like John Grisham increase pace? How does Flannery O’Connor depict God or essayist Brian Doyle, epiphany? Examine and practice the rhythm and roll of popular writing styles, a mix of writing tricks from sentence length and type to paragraph construction. These tricks serve memoir to novel writing.

5. Israel@70 in a Volatile Middle East, with Philip Bom
   Mondays and Wednesdays- June 4, 6, 11, and 13, 3:00-4:15 pm, DC150
   In May, Israel commemorates the 70th anniversary of its founding as a nation-state.
   Class I: Origins: 19th Century Zionism, Balfour Statement and Declaration of Independence (1948)
   Class II: Perpetual Wars: Wars for Independence (1948), Six Day War (1967) and Yom Kippur War (1973)
   Class IV Survival and Revival: Israel; democratic polity, tech – nation and secular society

   Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 5, 7, 12, and 14, 9:00-10:15 am, DC150
   Join the editor of electricmitten.com on a journey through the history of the electric car from its origin to the present. We are at an exciting time in the history of electric vehicles, having just reached the tenth anniversary of the rebirth of the electric car, and at the doorstep of the next generation of electric transport. Every major manufacturer either has an electric vehicle in production, or plans to release one or more in the next five years. In addition, we will briefly delve into electric motor sports, motorcycles, and scooters as well. Get charged up about gas free transportation!
7. TED Talks: Challenge Your Perceptions, with Henry Baron
Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 5, 7, 12, and 14, 10:30-11:45 am, DC170
TED started in 1984 as a conference where technology, entertainment and design converged, TED today shares ideas from a broad spectrum—from science to business to global issues. This course, offered for the third summer, will view one or two videos each day, followed by discussion questions prepared in advance by the course leader. Offered by many lifelong learning institutions around the country, TED talks are highly popular courses where students love to share their reactions and explore new ideas with one another on some of the most fascinating and profound subjects.

8. The Great American Novel: John Steinbeck’s The Grapes of Wrath, with Nancy Knol
Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 5, 7, 12, and 14, 1:30-2:45 pm, DC150
In the fall of 1936, the San Francisco News ran a series of articles entitled “The Harvest Gypsies” by John Steinbeck whose published titles at that time included Tortilla Flat and The Red Pony. Three years later his novel The Grapes of Wrath was published, a classic piece of American literature which would win the Pulitzer Prize in 1940 and go on to sell more than 14 million copies.

In this class, we will read and discuss the novel, considering its context and its reception, in addition to meeting the Joad family who are being shaped by the hardships endured by the migrant workers from the “dust-bowls,” as they look for new hope in the “Promised Land” of California’s Central Valley.

If possible, please read the novel’s first six chapters before the first-class session. ISBN 9780140186406. Copies are available in the campus store for $15 or check internet online options.

9. Being Mortal, with Dave Kampfschulte
Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 5, 7, 12, and 14, 1:30-2:45 pm, DC170
Join end of life educator, veteran hospice volunteer and author Dave Kampfschulte for a stimulating, thought-provoking, small-group discussion class on the bestselling book, Being Mortal by Dr. Atul Gawande and its topics of the inevitable conditions of aging and death. How can medicine improve not only life, but also the process of dying? As Dr Gawande says, “Hope is not a plan!”

Being Mortal, ISBN# 9781250076229. Copies are available in the campus store for $16 or check internet online options.

10. Forks Over Knives: What is a Whole-Food, Plant-Based Diet? with David Koetje
Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 5, 7, 12, and 14, 3:00-4:15 pm, DC150
Have you ever thought, “I need to eat healthier,” or “I need to take care of the planet?” Well, here’s your chance. Learn the health and environmental benefits of eating a plant-based diet. Students will learn how our diets affect our bodies, how to make and use an herb garden, how our diets affect our environment and how to cook plant-based meals.

a. Eating Our Way into a Global Mess
b. Whole Food, Plant-Based Diets- Human Health
c. Whole-Food, Plant-Based Diets- Environmental Health
d. Hands-on: Seasonal Cooking (a vegan main dish) and more recipes

11. America’s Arsenal of Democracy: Michigan during WWII, with Fred Johnson
Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 5, 7, 12, and 14, 3:00-4:15 pm, DC170
During the Second World War, the state of Michigan, already long known as the car capital of the world, redirected its industrial might toward producing the weapons that achieved our victory. This course explores the amazing story behind the talent, determination, and manufacturing brilliance that helped Michigan become America’s Arsenal of Democracy.
Registration Information- $25 per course

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

We hope you use this opportunity to bring friends, neighbors, or family to sample the courses we offer in the CALL program for payment of the course fee only.

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Extended Trips

by John Apol

One final trip is available for registration for 2018 - South Africa, led by John Apol.

**South Africa - Oct 5-19, 5 spots remaining**

Our itinerary includes the two largest cities, Johannesburg and Pretoria, as well as Cape Town, visits to townships and remote villages, and two days in the village of Kgautswane. We will spend three days in Kruger National Park viewing African animals in the wild from guided, open-air vehicles as well as from our motor coach. While in the Cape Town area, we will take a cable car to the top of Table Mountain with its magnificent views. We will also take a boat trip to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for many years. Along the way, we will visit a penguin colony and take a boat trip to a small island, home to hundreds of seals.