President’s Message
At our Board meeting on June 6, 2012, we . . .

• welcomed Paul Bremer and Arie Leegwater to the board.
• thanked Clare Walhout and Peter De Boer for their years of faithful service on the board.
• approved the part-time position of membership assistant to begin July 1 to work with Irene as she prepares for retirement after faithful service to CALL after her many years of service.
• received a thank you note from Irene for receiving the Certificate of Appreciation.
• received a thank you from Karin Maag for receiving the first-ever Distinguished Teaching award. (see excerpts)
• received a warm letter from Wally Bratt, our retiring curriculum coordinator for the past 15 years.
• reviewed the first draft of the Fall course curriculum—what a great list of courses planned again!
• reviewed the annual luncheon and dinner meeting to determine what went well and what can be improved upon.
• noted that Mike Van Denend had written a wonderful tribute to Wally Bratt in his editorial in the Calvin Spark, Summer, 2012, p. 2. (see www.calvin.edu/spark)
• heard the summer programs, under Peter De Boer’s leadership, were doing very well.
• noted that extended trips planned with the Alumni Association are quite popular, but that we still have a few places open for the Southwestern US, the Israel and the South African trips.
• noted that we currently have 1,344 members, up 16% from this time last year. This includes 309 new members added this year.
• heard that member events were experiencing good growth.
• wondered why nearly half of our members did not participate in either classes or other CALL events. We’re working on this and we’ll be asking you why this might be so.
• noted that all committee chair positions are filled. Thank you chairs!!!

Have a wonderful summer. We’ll be back again in the Fall.

Ray Vander Weele, President

SPOTLIGHT ON …

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Chuck Jansen

Chuck was president of CALL from 2008 - 2010. CALL membership reached 1,000 during his tenure, and class attendance and member events continued to grow. The Brass Ensemble and several other interest groups were formed, and International travel opportunities were offered. The CALL program strengthened its voluntary nature and the need for continuous support was recognized with the employment of Lisa Bauman as administrative assistant. Chuck has continued to serve as chair of the Nominating Committee and works continuously to recruit excellent candidates for the Board.

Peter and Audrey VanVliet

Peter was president of CALL from 2006 - 2008. Peter arranged for MVP to give CALL members a discount on memberships. He started the fall leadership retreat, and was able to secure a physical location for CALL offices—the Youngsma Center. Peter appointed an Ad Hoc committee to study how CALL is administered, prepared the very helpful Board Policy Handbook, and recommended the recruitment of an administrative assistant.
Audrey was a member of the CALL Board from 2002 to 2008 and was active on the Health and Fitness Committee and in the planning of, and participation in, bike trips. She also interviewed persons for the Service Awards that provided CALL grants for local or international service projects.

**Distinguished Teaching Award Recipient**

**Karin Maag**

Karin Maag is the first recipient of CALL’s Distinguished Teaching Award. Karen has been a frequent, and much appreciated, teacher in the CALL program. She wrote the following note of appreciation to CALL... “Thank you so much for the Distinguished Teaching Award that you gave me... I was very honored and I really appreciate the opportunity... I constantly tell faculty colleagues and others how rewarding it is to teach for CALL. I have deeply enjoyed teaching for the program nearly every semester since 2000, and I look forward to many more years of participation as an instructor in CALL. CALL participants are engaged, informed, and rewarding to teach. Thank you for all you do to make the program such a success.”

**Mark Your Calendars**

- **Fall Leadership Conference**
  - CALL Board and committees
  - Wednesday, September 5, 2012
  - 8:30 - 11:30 AM
  - Prince Conference Center

**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, Calvin alumnus John Apol will be leading another Western U.S. tour, this time through Arizona and New Mexico. A descriptive brochure is available at: www.calvin.edu/academic/call/extended_trips or from John Apol 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 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.

- **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 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. There is now a brochure available and the website has been updated with the brochure information. See www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel/2013/israel to view all of this or call the alumni office at 616-526-6142 to request it in the mail.

**Public Events Committee**

**Henry Baron, Chair**

Join us for the 47th Annual Passport to Adventure Film Series. Tickets can be purchased through the Calvin Box Office at 526-6282 ($5 adult, $2 student). Season tickets are still available for $22. A great savings.

View the Passport brochure at http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/passtick.htm

- **Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 2:00 PM** (a special Matinee show)
  - **Autumn Across American with Don and Fran Van Polen**
  - Enjoy a relaxing tour across the country with the Van Polens, professional landscape photographers. Bask in the gorgeous autumn scenes from Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA; Sedona's Monument Valley and the loneliest road in America in the Southwest; Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia, Harper's Ferry, Maryland; the "Famous Faces" in South Dakota; Aspen and Maroon Bells, Colorado; and Mount Rainier and Mount Shuksan in Washington.

- **Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM**
  - **Korea, Land of the Morning Calm with Buddy Hatton**
  - Following its miraculous development over the last 50 years, Korea is now a modernized vibrant nation at a major crossroads of Northeast Asia. With his love for people and excitement in discovering new places, touching cinematography and creative scripting, Buddy Hatton leads us through South Korea with its endless possibilities, felt most keenly in the rapidly evolving metropolis of Seoul. Further south, the bustling port town of Busan is a little rough around the edges but rewards those willing to pursue a more traditional city.

- **Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM**
  - **Vietnam, Cambodia and a Mekong Cruise with Clint and Susan Denn**

- **Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM**
  - **Israel: Stories From the Holy Land with Sandy Mortimer**

- **Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM**
  - **Around the World-One Man s Journey with Doug Jones**

- **Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM**
  - **Majestic Montana with Steve Gonser**
Noontime Series Fall 2012

We are again planning a wonderful, engaging, and thought provoking line-up of noontime lectures. All lectures are held from 12:00 -1:00 PM in the Chapel and are open to all, free of charge.

Thursday, September 6  “Evolution, Human Origins, Scripture and Reformed Confessions”
James K.A. Smith & Loren Haarsma
Loren Haarsma of the Calvin Physics department and Jamie Smith, of the Calvin Philosophy department, will report on the state of the conversation about Reformed perspectives on human origins, exploring issues at the intersection of evolution and the Reformed confessions.

Thursday, September 20  “Facing the Challenges of the Grand Rapids Public Schools”
Teresa Weatherall Neal
Interim Superintendent Neal will discuss the problems and the possibilities of public education today, particularly as they relate to the city of Grand Rapids.

Thursday, October 4  “Heijdenen” and “Wilden:” Imagining Indians in the Dutch Republic and New Netherland”
Stephen Staggs
Since conducting research in the New York State Archives in 2009 and 2010, Staggs has continued to pursue dissertation research in various archives and special collection libraries in the Netherlands. He will present his finding that Reformed theologians and pastors in the Dutch Republic characterized the Indians of North America as Gentiles in their “sermon literature.” These sources also reveal that the Dutch were just as curious about Indians as were their European neighbors.

Thursday, October 18 “Other Sheep . . .Not of this Fold: The Anneshia Freeman Story”
Anneshia Freeman
Anneshia Freeman will tell her story of childhood abuse which lead to a life on the streets using drugs for over 15 years. Ms. Freeman will frame her story using the Word of God to demonstrate that God has people He wants to use who are caught in Satan’s web of lies and need deliverance. Anneshia’s story is one of hope, inspiration, and challenge. Her story challenges many to redefine their views about whom God calls and whom He delivers and uses for His Kingdom. Anneshia Freeman is the creator and Director of a copywritten, trademarked, cognitive restructuring and resocialization program entitled The Lies That Bind – The Legacy of the Locks®. The program is based on the work of several experts in the fields of neuroscience and psychology. Anneshia integrates concepts from neuroscience, psychology, and computer programming along with 15 years of participant observation, exploratory, ethnographic research experience into one innovative cause and effect treatment methodology.

Thursday, November 1 “Make Heaven a Noisier Place: Embracing Persons with Disabilities”
Barb Newman
Join the speaker for both information and inspiration as we prepare families and church families to be those kinds of communities where each person is welcome and appreciated. In addition to providing an over-arching picture, you will also leave with very practical ideas you can use tomorrow with persons with autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disabilities, sensory differences, and learning, behavioral, and emotional differences.

Wednesday, November 14 “Finding God in the Movies”
Roy Anker
Anker, Professor of English at Calvin College, will help us explore the moral-spiritual dimension in a number of films from the past and present, with the use of video clips.

*Please note this Noontime will be held on Wednesday.*

Member Events Committee
Don and Shirley Lautenbach

July 12 [Thurs] A Day on the Farm
CALL members and their friends are invited to enjoy A Day at the Farm. Enjoy the morning at the VanderMolen Blueberry farm in DeMotte, IN. We will ride on people movers for guided tours of the blueberry and sweet corn farms. In the afternoon we will have a guided tour of the 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 the Day on the Farm, lunch, dinner and bus transportation. Come and learn and enjoy!

Cost $80.00
Questions call Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244
July 19 [Thurs] Detroit Tigers and Los Angeles Angels
Trip filled – Waiting list only.
Questions call Don Lautenbach 698-9244 or Dwight Penning 452-9405

August 9 and 10 [Thurs –Fri] - Lake Geneva and “The Rock and the Rabbi”
Trip filled - Waiting list only
Questions call Shirley Lautenbach - 698-9244

September 7 [Fri] West Michigan Landmarks
What do an art museum, Lake Michigan lighthouse, lunch at a quaint lakeside inn, farm tour (with ice cream), and ending the day with an outdoor fish boil have in common?
Find out on our tour of these West Michigan landmarks on Friday, September 7. Cost for the day: $80. Sign up today to reserve your spot!
Questions: Carl and Glenda Welmers 243-6431

September 20 and 21 [Thurs and Fri] The Best of Chicago
CALL members and friends are invited to experience a two-day "WOW" visit to Chicago.
We will begin the day by visiting the unbelievable Driehaus Museum. Steps away from Chicago's Magnificent Mile, the Driehaus Museum offers a fascinating view of one of the few remaining examples of the palatial homes erected by the wealthy of America's Gilded Age. The galleries, elegantly furnished with period pieces selected from the Driehaus Collection, are presented in harmony with the interiors and surviving furnishings, showing the original splendor of the late 19th-century home. The lavish interiors are complemented by stunning examples of period furniture, decorative arts, and stained glass, including a magnificent selection of works by Tiffany studios.

On Thursday night we will attend the dinner theater at Drury Lane Theater. After dinner we will see the Broadway Musical Hit Xanadu.
Friday will be spent at the beautiful Cantigny Gardens. We will begin our day with a short film about the Cantigny history. A guided tour of the Robert R. McCormick historical home will acquaint us with the life and work of Chicago Tribune editor and publisher, Robert McCormick. A must see is the First Division Museum which features a World War I front line trench, the opportunity to board a World War II 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 Infantry Division and its units. Outside of the museum is an interesting display of 12 tanks. The day will be enriched with the stunning sights, tranquil sounds and aromatic scents as you tour the Cantigny's masterpiece, the Cantigny Gardens. Dinner on the way home. Your trip includes The Driehaus Museum, accommodations at the Hilton Gardens, dinner and the Broadway Musical Xanadu, the Cantigny Gardens and dinner.
Cost $225.00 per person. (Double occupancy) A $50.00 deposit must accompany your reservation. Balance due August 10th.
Questions - Call Don and Shirley Lautenbach   698-9244