CALL + Calvin = Opportunity

by Mike Van Denend, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations at Calvin

As one of two Calvin College liaisons to CALL and a long-time member of the CALL Board, I’ve had a front row seat to witness to the growth of an amazing organization.

Back in January of 1996, when the first group of seniors convened to think about what a vibrant lifelong learning institute might look like, no one could foresee the tremendous success and significant impact of CALL some 20 years later.

What is CALL’s secret ingredient? Many other senior organizations want to know!

I think there are three important components:

First, the talented volunteer leaders of CALL, from the beginning, have infused the organization with a positive and creative spirit. CALL is led and directed by members of the organization. If there’s something to be discussed or done, it is the membership of CALL that gets to it and sees to it. Members care for members.

It is endlessly inspiring for me to watch those a few years older than myself take such charge of developing their minds, hearts and lives. It makes me ever-more excited to fill future days with interesting and challenging courses and activities. CALL is doing a great job advertising itself to the next generation!

From the presidents and board leaders of CALL, to the instructors, committee members and event volunteers, the organization brims with enthusiasm and new ideas.

Second, CALL has been deeply blessed with five dedicated and gifted staff members—Alma Walhout, Irene Bolthouse and Lisa Bauman in past years and Sonja DeJong and Marjo Jordan today. These women have taken the ideas and direction they’ve received from CALL leaders and made this lifelong learning venture shine.

The CALL office staff has always gone far beyond the call—no pun intended—even during times when “extra grace was required.” Please make it a point to compliment and thank the CALL staff whenever and wherever you see them. Their servant-hearts have given CALL its heart.

Third and finally, CALL is the outstanding organization that it is because of a trusting and mutually beneficial relationship with Calvin College.

Both give and both receive.

CALL benefits from the classroom space and scores of Calvin employees who assist in the behind-the-scenes efforts that allow courses, events and office functions to happen. All of this without charge to CALL.  

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Calvin College benefits by making new relationships with area seniors interested in faith-infused learning—and in deepening relationships with long-time college alumni and friends. In addition, current Calvin students see in CALL members role models for lives of learning that never end.

CALL needs the college and the college needs CALL. Both partners know this and are grateful for the beautiful result: vibrant lifelong learning in a community of grateful and eager seniors.

May the collaboration continue!

For most CALL members, membership will expire on August 31, 2015.

Beginning July 1, our new fiscal year, members can renew online for $35 for one year. Enjoy a $15 savings with a 3-year membership and $25 savings for a 5-year membership.

Many of you already enjoy CALL memberships that extend into 2016, even some as far out as 2019. We will be in contact with you this summer. For those of you whose membership expires 8-31-2015 (see expiration date in the lower right-hand corner of your CALL name badge), we will remind you to renew next month. Keep an eye on your email inbox for a link to the online renewal form. For those members who are not comfortable with renewing online, feel free to use the form to the right to submit your renewal. Checks will be processed after July 1.
Passport to Adventure

by Henry Baron, Chair

This year marks the 50th anniversary for Passport Travel Films at Calvin’s campus. Join us, beginning in October, for five films in our 2015-2016 season. Films include the misty isles of Scotland, the forbidden natural beauty of Cuba, the turbulent journey and reenactment of Lewis and Clark’s expedition, the beautiful and mysterious Grand Canyon, and the natural wonders of the Northeast Coast.

Season tickets are available for $25 each, and seats are reserved. Although the box office is not staffed until August, any orders received before that time are dated and processed in the order received. Print your form from our website under the “Travel Films” tab or contact the office for a paper copy and mail to the address on the form.

Noontime Series

by Henry Baron, Chair

Fall Series Preview

The next series of Noontime Lectures are finalized beginning in September. Save the following dates for riveting and thought-provoking lectures:

- Sept. 10 and 24, Oct. 6 and 22, Nov. 5 and 19

These free lectures are scheduled at noon in Calvin’s Chapel off the Burton Street entrance.

Stay tuned for the next newsletter with details and times.

CALL is thrilled to bring another gospel Christmas concert to Calvin again this year on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Brown Family Christmas are available now through the box office- ONLINE ONLY. The box office is not available for phone or mailed orders before August 17. If you need assistance, please contact the CALL office by phone or email (listed on the back cover). All seats are reserved. The website to order tickets is www.calvin.edu/boxoffice. Additional marketing to areas outside CALL begins in August. This is your opportunity to secure the best seating! A coach bus will be available to transport to and from the Prince Conference Center parking lot. Concert tickets are $20. Dinner and the concert are $45.
NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Summer Hours
Office hours this summer are Monday thru Thursday 10:00-4:00 and Fridays from 9:00-12:00.

No Newsletter next month
Just a reminder that we do not publish a newsletter next month. The next newsletter will be mailed mid-August.

FAST FACTS

Did you know...

- Otters hold hands when they sleep so they don’t float away from each other.
- There are more museums than McDonald’s.
- The national animal of Scotland is the unicorn.
- When hippos are upset, their sweat turns red.

Announcements
by Sonja DeJong

Grant Opportunities

CALL is a self-funded organization and receives no financial assistance from Calvin College.

In order to maintain our current pricing structure for membership and classes, CALL is seeking opportunities with private local grants.

If you know of any grants that fit the parameters of our program, please email us at call@calvin.edu or phone 526-8777.

Distinguished Service Awards:

As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, Gord Kamps and Ray Vander Weele were presented with Distinguished Service Awards at our Annual Meeting and Luncheon in May for their many years of service and contributions to the CALL organization. As a result of these awards, Gord and Ray will enjoy lifetime memberships to the CALL program. Pictures of their awards are included below, respectively:

Biking Interest Group

…and we’re off! The CALL biking group has a leader and those interested have met to define the content. Anyone, member or non-member, is welcome to join at any time as your schedule permits. Please contact the office to be added to the email list of information.

Fall Curriculum Guide

CALL predicts the fall course opportunities will once again reach 60 courses. With so many choices, you will be challenged to narrow your selection!

Look for the fall curriculum guide by August 12 with the first courses scheduled to begin on September 8.
**Member Events**

by Don & Shirley Lautenbach

**Thursday, July 23 - Detroit Tigers vs. Seattle Mariners - 8:30 a.m. (Waitlist Only)**

Be first on the waitlist to join us for our popular annual trip to Comerica Park and cheer on the Detroit Tigers as they battle the Seattle Mariners. Coffee and rolls are provided on the way and snacks on the way home. The game is at 1:00. You will receive a ticket for a free hot dog and a pop.

**Cost: $85** - Open to CALL members, friends and grandchildren.

**Thursday and Friday, August 13 - 14, Lighthouses of Michigan**

Our two-day trip for CALL members and their friends will highlight visits to several Michigan lighthouses. Our narrator on our trip is Dick Harms, historian and curator at Calvin College and an expert on Michigan history. Because of commerce on the Great Lakes, lighthouses were needed to mark the reefs. The eight states and Canada surrounding the Great Lakes eventually had 185 lighthouses. Michigan is home to 129 of these lighthouses with 31 located from Muskegon to Mackinaw. Our two-day trip will take us to a number of these lighthouses.

On our first day we will enjoy a scenic and enjoyable boat cruise to four offshore lighthouses. We will have narration on the history of the lighthouses and stories of the area. After an overnight stay in Mackinaw City, we visit several additional lighthouses on our way home including Petoskey, Charlevoix, Old Mission, Manistee and Ludington lighthouses. Our narrator will give us information including histories and images of 31 Michigan lighthouses. This will be an educational, informative and fun trip with Dick Harms.

**Cost: $249.00** – double occupancy-includes bus, lodging, meals and admission fees

**Questions - call Shirley 299-3584.**

**Wednesday, September 16, Churches of Grand Rapids**

CALL members and friends are invited to join us on Wednesday, September 16, for a tour of some significant churches in Grand Rapids history. We will be led by Jim Bratt, long-time member of Calvin’s History Department and expert on American religious history. Jim is the author of *Gathered at the River: Grand Rapids, Michigan and Its People of Faith.*

We will begin at Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church (CRC), founded in 1879 and still at its original location. (The old Wealthy St. Baptist church and three pioneer African-American churches are right up the block.) The interior shows the classic semi-circular shape of an old-line CRC but also recent adaptations to changing worship styles with space dedicated to meeting the church’s ministries in the neighborhood.

We'll then move downtown to visit First (Park) Congregational Church, one of the oldest congregations in the city and once upon a time “our lady of public office” (no less than three U.S. senators were members here, including Arthur VanDenBerg). Park Church's interior shows how the "plain style" of the Puritan tradition gave way to a higher-liturgy. Between its lovely Tiffany windows and facilities aimed at serving needs in the neighborhood, we'll get a good idea of the complexities of a classic "downtown church."
After lunch, we'll cross the river to the west side and visit perhaps the single most-viewed church in Grand Rapids, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. St. Mary's has a lovely interior reflecting its German Catholic heritage which has been adapted to the increasing Hispanic presence in its worshipping community. We will have a chance to discuss Catholic revivalism, the role of relics in worship, the Great Flood of 1904, and the ongoing importance of religion amid the changing tides of immigration and ethnicity.

Finally, we'll stop at a premier site of the mega church era in American religious history, Calvary Church. Calvary descends from a split in the Reformed Church in America during the Fundamentalist crusade of the 1920s and drew people from across the city with its blend of popular worship styles and old-time preaching. Its current edifice was a pioneer in pivoting to the mobile, suburban population of the post-1960 era. This will give us an opportunity to reflect, as our tour ends, on "what's next" on the American religious scene.

Price - $65.00, Questions - call Shirley 299-3584.

Thursday and Friday, October 1 - 2, The Best of Chicago
This trip for our CALL members and their friends will begin with a visit to "Orchids by Hauserman" in Villa Park, Illinois. If your taste runs toward warm, balmy, moist air with cascades of beautiful orchids as far as you can see, you will enjoy our stop at Hauserman's.

After lunch, we will enjoy a guided tour of the renowned Sanfilippo Museum. Before there were jukeboxes and radios, there were nickelodeons and orchestrions—ingenious mechanical music machines that played the music of the day to entertain the public. The Sanfilippo Collection has on display the largest variety of these restored instruments in the world. Housing the collection, the Sanfilippo "Place de La Musique" recreated the Victorian era of the first movie palaces, with architectural details and coordinating antique amenities, as well as hearing some of the larger machines, such as a fairground organ or a theater pipe organ. The museum houses the largest theater pipe organ ever built.

To further showcase aspects of this inventive era, you will see an 1881 Grant Steam Locomotive with restored caboose and Pullman passenger car.

The jewel of the Sanfilippo Collection is the Eden Palais built in 1890. It is the most complete example of a European Salon Carousel in existence. It is a majestic carousel with 36 horses, gondolas, and chariots.

After dinner at Wheaton College, we will visit the Billy Graham Museum. Friday morning after a great breakfast at The Hilton Gardens Hotel, we will travel to the Jane Addams Hull House, Chicago's first social settlement. The Museum is comprised of two of the settlement complex's original thirteen buildings. Our guided tour will give us the history of Jane Addams and the great work of the Hull house.

After lunch on your own, we go to the Dreishaus Museum for a guided tour. The Driehaus Museum is one of the grandest residential buildings of the 19th-century Chicago. This exquisite home features surviving furnishings paired with elegant, historically-appropriate pieces from the Driehaus Collection of Fine and Decorative Arts, including beautiful pieces from the Tiffany works. This is a wonderful visit.

Cost - $249 per person (double occupancy). --Questions - call Shirley 299-3584
Friday and Saturday, October 2-3- Autumn at Au Sable Institute

A two-day experience for CALL members and guests to learn about God's provision for plants and animals during the autumnal change of seasons in northern Michigan at Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies near Kalkaska, Michigan. Every summer, many Calvin students and professors, along with others from a group of over 50 participating colleges and universities, participate here in college classes.

Dave Warners, Calvin’s Biology Dept., will explore annual adaptations to the change of seasons for plants, from the changing leaf colors to fruits, nuts and seeds providing future plants and food for migratory and non-migratory animals. Dave Mahan, Associate Director of Au Sable Institute, will lead us on two outdoor sessions on bird and animal life in the area. Be sure to bring all-weather footwear and outerwear. Binoculars will be helpful. Guests drive separately and should plan to arrive at noon on Friday. Meals are included from lunch on Friday through lunch on Saturday.

Accommodations include six rooms for couples, plus men’s and women’s dormitories for an additional 19 attendees. Please bring your own pillow and bedding. There are beachfront canoes and kayaks, firewood for a campfire, and many trails for pleasant walks in the woods. This event is coordinated by members of the Curriculum Committee and not the Member Events Committee.

Cost--$79 per person.—Questions—call Geof Gaiser at 856-8120 or email Uko Zylstra at zylu@calvin.edu.

Wednesday, September 30 and Monday, October 5- ArtPrize- 9:00 am

Our 5th annual ArtPrize tour this year will be held on two separate days. You can pick the day that best fits your schedule - either Wednesday, September 30 or Monday, October 5. There is much excitement already for new entries in the world class event. Our day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude around 4:00 pm.

Cost: $65- includes coffee break, lunch and transportation. Open only to CALL members. Questions: Call Glenda or Carl Welmers-243-6431.
Extended Trips

by John Apol

Israel-In the Light of Jesus-March 7-19, 2016

“In the Light of Jesus” is planned as a “disciple’s pilgrimage.” Visit sites from Jesus’ life and ministry in Galilee, in the Jordan Valley and in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, and along the way grow in faith and in following Him. Since a number of sites in Israel are only fully accessible on foot, participants must be prepared to walk an average of five miles per day. We will visit the following places/see the following sites: Caesarea, Nazareth, Philippi, Dan, Mount of Beatitudes, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Judean Desert and Qumran.

This trip sold out for three consecutive years so don’t’ delay!

Led by Pastor Bill and Lyn Vanden Bosch


Trip highlights include exploring Windsor Castle, attending a performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, traveling through the lovely Cotswold Hills, experiencing the great cathedrals of Coventry, Chichester, Salisbury, and Winchester, and attending the Southern Cathedrals Festival.

Led by Calvin alumnus, the Reverend Randy Engle ’87. More details about this trip will arrive in September, 2015. Contact alumni@calvin.edu if you would like to receive information when it's available.
How many of your friends and family outside of Michigan have enjoyed a visit to ArtPrize?
Do you have acquaintances who have spent 4 days at ArtPrize without the hassle of parking?
Who do you know who has received an artist’s synopsis of the art to be seen each day at ArtPrize?
CALL is excited about the opportunity to embark on a new adventure that reaches beyond West Michigan. We are sponsoring a 4-days ArtPrize trip on October 3-8. Lodging is provided at the Prince Conference Center.
Few people have the opportunity to see a world-renowned art exhibition seven years in a row. Like many things in life, we share our best kept secrets with those closest to us. Why not share information about CALL@ArtPrize. They are sure to thank you!
If you know of family or friends over the age of 50 outside of West Michigan who might be interested in participating, please direct them to the front page of our website at www.calvin.edu/call for brochure and registration information. CALL membership is not required.
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Calvin College Bookstore

75% off remaining trade books at the Campus Store!

Calvin’s bookstore will be privatized this fall and has many great books that they are selling at 75% off the retail price! This sale includes children's books, Bibles, Festival of Faith and Writing books, devotionals, January Series, and many more! (It does not include Calvin Professor, Calvin Alumni or CALL titles.) Sale goes through June 24.