The Generations of CALL

By Sonja DeJong and Marjo Jordan
CALL Office Staff Members

Multiple generations are represented in the CALL program, including the GI Generation (‘01-‘26) Traditionalists (‘27-‘46), Baby Boomers (‘46-‘64) and GenX’ers (‘65-‘66). One of the most active generations within our program is the Traditionalists.

What characteristics describe the Traditionalists? Sometimes referred to as the Silent/Mature generation, this group was raised by parents of the Great Depression. They were influenced by WWII, the Korean War, and the space age. Core values include discipline, family focus, giving back, hard work, patriotism and loyalty.

The staff of the CALL program has the benefit of interacting daily with all these generations. From our perspective, we see the above characteristics in all the members we serve. What so often strikes us is how appreciative and polite our members are in all our dealings.

Often we note how a particular encouragement, word of praise or act of kindness has warmed our hearts.

What makes these age groups so strong in good manners? Maybe it was the Coronet Instructional films from the 1940s and 50s that taught them good manners like “parking” damages a lady’s reputation, stand up for introductions or ladies first on a bus. Or maybe the parents of these generations felt a stronger desire to instill these values into their children. Whatever the reason, those good manners have led to good character.

Many believe this is an end to an era, that manners are disintegrating in our youth, and social etiquette will be hard to discern. But have there ever been any “good old days” when it comes to young people? Or are these complaints something which every generation laments when considering the young?

Every month, Calvin College President Le Roy publishes a newsletter titled This Square Inch. This publication captures stories and events among all facets of the college campus. In his May edition, President Le Roy shared a letter from CALL member Wanda Hendrickson. She wrote to commend three different students who each went out of their way to help her navigate across campus on a stormy, spring day. Wanda described being lost, windswept and wet, but was eager to share her “greatest admiration and praise for these fine Christian young people who went out of their way to be helpful and courteous”.

Le Roy concludes “Life in a college community has its high points and low points, but this is also where the law of love is tested. We try to remember Paul’s admonition to ‘owe no one anything, except to love another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law’. Wanda’s day on campus suggests that at least on that day the law was fulfilled. May this example inspire us all to do likewise.”

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As an office staff, we were touched by Wanda’s note to the President and felt a strong sense of pride in the Calvin student body over how they treat the CALL members they encounter on their campus. Such kind actions occur on a weekly basis.

Maybe it’s not so much about generations, current trends or teaching manners, but more about God’s impact in our lives that influences our behavior. For all of you, we are grateful for the opportunity to support you and we are blessed to lend assistance in the CALL program that we all deeply love.

Passport to Adventure
by Henry Baron

Five Films
$25 Season Tickets

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.

The history of Passport Films in Grand Rapids is long and rich in its history. Shown first in 1966 at the Welsh Auditorium, the proceeds of these films were first used to fight communist propaganda in South America. After the Minute Men for Missions passed ownership of the travel series to Grand Rapids Christian Schools, the film proceeds supported six area Christian schools for many years. Eventually the venue would change to Calvin College and in 1996, the CALL program accepted the request to facilitate future programming.

Now in its 51st season, our upcoming film series promises high definition quality in each of the five films, a first for this program. We have the opportunity to enjoy breathtaking new scenery with some of our favorite cinematographers as well as one new. Each will weave fascinating stories from these far-away lands that will educate and entice our viewers.

Our first film takes us on a journey September 15 to grand natural wonders, architectural treasures and cultural and artistic highlights of several cities and countries in Central and South America.

We discover the springtime beauty and rich history of the waterways linking The Netherlands and Belgium in our second film October 13. Additionally, viewers have a rare opportunity to see the glimmering lights and festive streets of Christmas markets in several European countries.

Route 66, a Sudanese refugee camp and the Promised Land are our destinations in 2017. Read more about each of these films under the travel films tab of our website.

Tickets are only available online during the summer months at www.calvin.edu/boxoffice. You may order either season or individual tickets and all seats are reserved. Please call our office if you have any questions.
Announcements
by Sonja DeJong

Interest Groups
The biking group continues to meet weekly for pedaling adventures with their first outing including 19 enthusiastic bikers. Watch the e-news each week or our website under “Interest Groups” for current information. Often the participants are split into two groups based on the rider’s speed and most weeks also include a stop for a guilt-free sweet treat. Contact Wilbur Zike, at wilburzike@hotmail.com or 884-5587 for any week you might have interest.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Congratulations to Jennifer Holberg who received a Distinguished Teaching Award at the Annual CALL Meeting and Luncheon on May 25.

Members approved the candidates, Wes Kort and Wendy McLenithan, to replace retiring board members CALL President Corrine Kass and Vice-President Gord Van Harn.

Congratulations also to Ken Bratt and Barb Engbers who were approved at the June 1 CALL board meeting to succeed as the new president and vice-president respectively.

Membership Renewal
For most CALL members, membership will expire on August 31, 2016. Expect to receive a mailed renewal reminder in two weeks.

Renewal can begin any time after July 1, either online or by mail. Those who enjoy a multi-year membership will automatically receive a new badge at the same time as renewing members the end of July. Please check your badge expiration date in the lower right corner to see if your membership is expiring this August.

A three-year membership is available at the reduced cost of $90.

Summer Hours
The CALL office hours for the summer are as follows:

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

Experience ArtPrize
We have received several registrations for the three-day ArtPrize trip in October. Similar to a Road Scholar event, guests will enjoy guided daily tours, transportation, exceptional dinners and expert lectures over three days. We invite anyone over the age the 50 both here in Grand Rapids and around the country to join this in-depth adventure throughout the world of ArtPrize. See more details on our main web page.

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

Fall Curriculum Guide
CALL courses will total approximately 55 for the fall term. With so many choices, decisions may be difficult! Look for the fall guide in your mailbox and online by August 17 with our first courses beginning Tuesday, September 6.

Used Laptops Needed
Long-time CALL member and instructor Jeni Hoekstra teaches computer skills to kids in Kenya. She takes used laptops to Kenya and uses them to teach young people to type and use Word and Excel. If her students can type at least 20 wpm, she gives them the laptop at the end of the course. Jeni is grateful to any who have an older laptop they are willing to donate. If you have one that is still usable, even if it’s slow, please give her a call at 616-977-2624 or email her at djhoekstra2214@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?
The curriculum director is joined by 16 CALL volunteers on the curriculum committee. Each individual is tasked with following a number of course ideas and potential instructors. This committee is the largest of our 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.

This trip filled. Call to be added to the waitlist.
Cost $85

Water, Knees and Plants, Tuesday, August 9

Warsaw, Indiana

CALL members and friends are invited to enjoy 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 enjoy 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 among 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. 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 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 of 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 is on your own. Cost $269.

We will enjoy dinner and theater at the Drury Lane Theatre. We will tap our toes to the music of “Smoky Joe's Cafe.” Friday will be spent at the beautiful Cantigny Gardens.
ArtPrize, Monday, October 3 or Thursday, October 6.

These are the 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.


Lansing- Land and Water, Wednesday, October 12.

CALL members and guests will enjoy 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.

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.

Cost $89.

Christmas in October, Thursday, October 27.

Invite your friends and share an evening listening to the delightful music of The Voices of Freedom, West Michigan's eight-part acapella voice ensemble. They are returning to us by the request of many people who heard them last year at our November event. You will be tapping your toes as you hear the liltling sounds of Carol of the Bells, Deck the Halls, White Christmas and other Christmas classics. You will be inspired by the beautiful sounds of Joy to the World, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, O Come All Ye Faithful and many more of our Christmas favorites.

Dinner is at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft of the Chapel. The concert will be at 7:00 pm in the college chapel. Invite your friends and enjoy this special evening with delicious food, warm fellowship and music that will entertain and bless.

Cost $30, dinner and concert.
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.

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Experience ArtPrize

October 4, 2016–October 6, 2016

Join trip participants from across the U.S. for this unique three-day event featuring lectures, guided tours, transportation and fine dining.

Be our captivated guest in the world of ArtPrize. Unlike any event the world has ever seen, ArtPrize is a creative platform by artists around the globe that brings the city alive. Join the Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning on this three-day Road Scholar-like event that includes:

- three square miles of art in downtown Grand Rapids, a strolling art gallery during ArtPrize
- seeing the top 25 exhibits as selected by the public votes
- morning presentations by Calvin art experts on ArtPrize entries and exhibitions
- daily guided tours with deluxe motorcoach transportation
- dinner at the most popular restaurants downtown
- optional lodging at Prince Conference Center for out-of-town guests

Cost—$480 per person.
More information available on our website.
Please share this information with friends outside the Grand Rapids area.
Extended Trips
by John Apol

Looking ahead to 2017, there are five tours available as of this writing – Israel (registration is open), Iceland, Cuba, the American Southwest, and a tour to Europe to visit sites important to the Protestant Reformation.

Iceland, May 19–31, 2017:

Trip highlights include touring and shopping in Reykjavik, exploring the beautiful Snæfellsness Peninsula, hiking the rims of volcanos, visiting a shark fishing farm, seeing a lagoon where a glacier "calves" icebergs and attending an Icelandic horse demonstration.

Trip participants will view gorgeous waterfalls, mountains, black sand beaches and the dramatic landscape of the East Fjords and Southern Coast.

The trip leader is Dr Joel Adams, Calvin professor and Department Chair of Computer Science, who has lived and worked in Iceland. The projected tour cost is $4,999 per person from Chicago, based on double occupancy.

In the Light of Jesus: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from March 20-April 1 of 2017. Early bird registration discount ends July 15.

As in the past, we will focus on the ministry of Jesus, following his life in Galilee, along the Jordan River, and in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. We will be traveling as a spiritual discipline, seeking to build a community of faith in which we encourage each other to grow in loving discipleship of Christ. Here is an example of what you will do in just one of your many days in Israel: Today we will begin our exploration of the sites of Jesus’ ministry in Galilee. Our first stop will be the nearby town of Sepphoris, where Jesus may have worked as a carpenter. We will then visit Mount Arbel, where we will have a spectacular view of the area where Jesus did over 60% of his ministry.

Following this, we will stop at the first-century synagogue at Magdala, the traditional hometown of Mary Magdalene. We will then have a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and view the “Ancient Boat” at Nof Ginosar before settling in for a three-night stay.

Leading these pilgrimages is a team effort in which both Bill and Lyn Vanden Bosch work together to create a caring Christian community within each of their pilgrim groups.
Although registration is not available yet for the last four trips mentioned, potential travelers may place their names on an “interest list” with the CALL office or the Calvin Alumni office. Placing your name on these lists is not a commitment to register, but it will make certain that you receive the “official” brochure when it becomes available.

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 The Reformation with Karin Maag. Stay tuned for more information.