Message from the President
by Ken Bratt

What comes to mind when you hear the phrase “Age of Discovery”? Maybe you think of Columbus, Amerigo Vespucci, and other explorers who redrew the maps of our world. Or perhaps you think of the 1960s and the explorations of space that led to the landing on the moon. Every age brings its own discoveries, and they seem to be accelerating at a rate that can make us anxious, longing for the slower pace of those imaginary “good old days.”

When we think of our lives, every phase of our development brings its own discoveries – from the infant’s amazement at her fingers to a child’s encounters with gravity, to the teenager’s first driving lesson, and a student’s discovery of his special gifts. I’ve been thinking about how retirement offers a very special age of discovery, partly in exploring what to do with ourselves when our workdays change. Someone once said to me, “retirement is like being in your 20s, with time and cash!”

One thing I appreciate about CALL is how it challenges us to keep learning in the company of our peers – not just in areas of our professional expertise, which we can certainly keep on sharing with others, but also in brand new areas we had no time to explore before. For example, thanks to CALL classes with Betty Frieswyk and Bill Sweetman, I’m paying a lot more attention to birds lately! And thanks to trips led by John Apol and Karin Maag, my wife and I are discovering national parks we’ve never visited and the cities of the Reformation. CALL also gives us chances to probe new aspects of our life of faith together and discover new avenues of service.

At our spring luncheon on May 25 we honored five people for distinguished service at Calvin College and in CALL. Corrine Kass, Professor of Education emerita, was a pioneer in the study of learning disabilities and led generations of students in discovering effective responses to those issues. Mike Van Denend was one of the founders of CALL 21 years ago and the director of Calvin’s Alumni Association for most of his 35 years at the college. He has been a visionary in shaping our mission and, more recently, in developing the extended Calvin Alumni / CALL trips that have become so popular.

Henry Baron, Professor of English emeritus, not only taught or coordinated 36 CALL classes, but also led the Public Events team in selecting 65 Passport Travel films and 133 Noontime lectures over the past 12 years! These films and lectures took us all over the world, introduced us to some wonderful speakers, and stimulated our thinking. Similarly, Don and Shirley Lautenbach, were honored for their leadership of the Member Events team since 2003. Over those years they planned and hosted a stunning 171 events, including luncheons on campus, outings to Tiger ball games, excursions to local attractions and historic sites, and overnight trips as far away as the Mississippi River and Gettysburg.

These are just a few of the wonderful volunteers who make the CALL program a stimulus to discovery. We owe them and our staff a huge debt of thanks. Last spring almost 700 of you took advantage of 51 CALL classes, posting a record 1,585 registrations! The next fall course schedule brings more than 60 classes to choose from, not to mention another Passport film series, Noontime lectures, and new member events and trips. I urge you to participate in some of these opportunities: make your retirement an age of even more discoveries!
Passport to Adventure

by Robert DeBruin

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, continues to accept season ticket orders.

June 1 was the deadline to guarantee the same seats from last year. However, this is still an opportune time to order season tickets with excellent reserved seat options.

The schedule of film dates is noted on the left and you will notice that only one film occurs during the winter months. Our goal is to avoid inclement weather as well as allow the highest participation from those who spend winter months in southern locations.

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. If for any reason you have questions about submitting an order, please feel free to contact the CALL office and our staff are happy to provide any assistance needed.

Rick Ray, who completed our last season of films, is our first presenter in September with the film East African Safari. This adventure will include an elite luxury flying safari to Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Masai Mara, and Nakuru National Parks as well as gorilla trekking in the jungles of Rwanda.

Not only a destination of an “eat or be eaten world,” September’s film also explores the many unique cultures that call the region home. As you watch, it becomes evident that the people have a spirit that is as robust as the wildlife that surrounds them.
Announcements
by Sonja DeJong

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Interest Groups
The biking group continues to meet for pedaling adventures this summer. Watch the e-news every other week or on our website under “Interest Groups” for up-to-date information. Often the participants are split into two groups based on the rider’s speed, and most weeks 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. Just a reminder that an interest group allows you to participate when you are available, even if it is only one time.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon:
Congratulations to Corrine Kass and Michael Van Denend who received Distinguished Service Awards at the Annual CALL Meeting and Luncheon on May 25. All who receive these awards are also given a lifetime membership to the CALL program. Members approved the candidate, Pat Knoester, to replace retiring board member Janet Borgdorff.

Thanks to Ken Bratt and Barb Engbers who agreed to continue as CALL president and vice-president respectively.

Fall Curriculum Guide
CALL courses will number approximately 60 for the fall term. With so many choices, decisions may be difficult! Look for the fall guide in your mailbox and online by August 7 with our first courses beginning Tuesday, September 5. The most popular courses will fill within two weeks.

Membership Renewal
For most CALL members, membership will expire on August 31, 2017. All CALL members will 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 membership card at the same time as renewing annual members beginning the last week of July. Please check your card expiration date in the lower right corner to see if your membership is expiring this August.

To save a little money, a three-year membership is available at the reduced cost of $90 for three years.

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 schedules the Noontime Lectures and Passport Travel Films. Service Grants, Extended Trips, Curriculum, and Member Events committees have also added volunteers.

An additional member is needed for the following: Public Events, Marketing, and Member Events. The office staff is happy to explain more about any committee and answer any questions at 526-8777. Note that most committees only meet 3-4 times annually.

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

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

No Newsletter Next Month
Just a reminder that we do not publish a newsletter next month. The September newsletter will be mailed mid-August.
Member Events
by Marjorie Goosen and Amy Shellenbarger

The member events committee has changed over to all new committee members, except for the board liaison Wes Kort.

Thus far, the new committee members are co-chairs Marjorie Goosen and Amy Shellenbarger, Cherie Grunske and Darlene Meyer. Marjo Jordan, from the office staff, joins this committee ex-officio.

We want to thank these individuals for their enthusiasm in each leading a couple trips this academic year as they begin to learn the ropes of hosting events for our program.

The tentative schedule is as follows:
August- Chop-n-Hop
September- Meyer May House
October- Marshall, Michigan bus trip
January- January Series brunch
March- Interfaith Church Tour by bus
June- Grand Rapids Broadway The King and I
Late June- Detroit Tigers

CHOP-n-HOP
Tuesday, August 15
10:15 am-2:30 pm
$35, limited to 30 participants
Mary and Morrie Dieleman, former CALL members, have joined with family members to grow hops for the micro-brew industry.

At 11:00 am we’ll tour their farm and see the process of harvesting hops, followed by lunch in the barn made with local farm to table foods.

After lunch, Jim Talen, a home brewer, will explain the brewing process. Pure Mitten Hops will be served in a Pure Mitten Hops pint glass, your take-away gift from the Dielemans.

The Hops farm is about a 35-minute drive from Grand Rapids. We’ll meet at 10:15 am in the Prince Conference Center parking lot so we can carpool together. Maps will be provided should you want to meet at the farm.

For any questions on either of these two trips listed, please email Cherie Grunske at cherillusions@gmail.com or call the CALL office, 526-8777.

Limited availability is dictated by the venue and not representative of all member event activities.

Meyer May House and Heritage Hill Walking Tour
Monday, September 18
9:30 am-2:00 pm
Cost $10, limited to 30 participants

We’ll meet at the Meyer May House, 450 Madison Avenue, at 9:30 am for a video detailing the restoration of the home followed by a tour of the house. The Meyer May House and its furnishings were designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

After the tour, Tom Logan, former owner of the Amberg House and author of “Almost Lost” and “Walking Tour of Heritage Hill”, will give us a walking tour of the neighborhood.

We will then gather at 1:00 pm for lunch at Desdemona’s in the Women’s City Club, 254 Fulton St. Lunch will be chosen off the menu without limitation and paid for on your own.

On street parking for the Meyer May House is available on Madison and Logan streets.

Parking for the Women’s City Club is available on Lafayette and in their parking lot off Fulton.

This year there are no ArtPrize trips scheduled, but they may be back next year.
**Member Events Registration**

Two ways to register:

1. Online: [www.calvin.edu/CALL](http://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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**Extended Trips**

_by John Apol_

**Looking ahead to 2018**

Many in our program look forward to travel opportunities upon retirement or as empty nesters. Choosing a guided tour is an easy and cost effective way to travel around any country. In most cases tour operators like Witte Travel will negotiate much better rates and have insider knowledge of the best places to visit. All of this coupled with an endless list of expertise means you will get the best out of the time you spend on your next holiday.

On your visit to any given city, there are going to be the top sites that make the place famous, and most of us want to see them. Whether it’s Berlin, Bangkok, or Buenos Aires, there are places to go and things to see that we’ll regret if we miss them, and a professional trip through Witte with the CALL and Calvin Alumni Association will make sure that won’t happen. In most cases, you’ll have direct transportation from one to the next, which saves a great time of time compared to public transportation and studying maps all day.

**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

For many of the trip leaders noted, each of these persons is an expert in their own right having traveled to these locations multiple times before. Such expertise provides travelers with a more stress-free adventure. Even in an English-speaking country, it can be confusing on your first visit, and things like finding hotels and museums are often arduous. Not only can trips like these get you to sites more quickly, they also know when travelers prefer to relax and slow down.

As you look ahead to what destinations loom on your horizon, note in the list above the options for travel opportunities coming your way for signups over the next six months. Email us if you want to be on an interest list for any upcoming travels.
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Experience Acadia

The first trip of 2018 to publish information is the August 2-8, 2018, Acadia bicycling and hiking trip. Guests will depart from Grand Rapids airport to Portland Maine, followed by coach transportation to Bar Harbor. Scenic hikes include Cadillac and Acadia Mountain as well as Jordan Pond. A leisurely bike ride around Eagle Lake concludes the list of exercise excursions on this itinerary.

The estimated cost is $2,800-$3,000, based on double occupancy, which includes bike rentals, deluxe hotel accommodations at Bar Harbor Inn, breakfast daily, one lunch, and two dinners, admission fees, and taxes and tipping. A detailed brochure and registration form will be available in October. Should you be interested in receiving a copy of the full brochure, please email us at call@calvin.edu.