Your board did not meet in July, but came back in August with a very full agenda. The board wishes all its members did have, and are having, a wonderful summer. The CALL board...

- officially welcomed Dan Bos and Agnes Kroese as new board members. Agnes will serve on the Service and Community Relations Committee with Roberta Rice, and Dan with Henry Baron on Public Events.

- received news that Lisa Bauman is resigning from her position to commit more time caring for children involved in Bethany’s refuge foster care program. We reviewed Marjo’s and Lisa’s job descriptions and are looking for a replacement for the position of CALL Administrative Coordinator. Check Calvin’s posting of this position and recommend someone to apply--initially, this will be a 25-hour a week job. It’s going to be tough to replace Lisa, but we are happy for Lisa nonetheless.

- announced that Ryan DenHartigh, senior from Jenison majoring in Biology, and Velva Younker from Holland, majoring in Secondary Education, were the recipients of the CALL Scholarship of $1,500 each for 2013-14.

- reminded CALL committee chairs and members, and the board, of the Wednesday, September 4 Leadership Conference--8:30 - 11 AM in the Chapel Undercroft. See special announcement and RSVP. We have an exciting meeting planned.

- approved a request from Public Events to co-sponsor an organ concert by Everhard Zwart of the Netherlands, in Calvin’s Chapel on October 3. (See notice on page 5.) The committee has prepared a great noontime series, beginning with Thursday, September 5’s speaker, Nicholas Wolterstorff on “Learning from the Oppressed”. Check out the “Passport Series” as well.

- is sponsoring a January Series on Monday, January 27, 2014. The speaker is Anne Zaki, “Is the Arab Spring the Arab Christian’s Fall?” Anne is an ordained minister, alumnae of Calvin, and is pastoring in Egypt. Member Events is sponsoring a brunch before the CALL event, so watch for details.

- looked at the FALL catalog of some 55 courses--what a great list! By now you should have received it. Don’t forget to register on-line early, but the paper way will work as well.

- reviewed membership growth, and reminded MVP members of the new policy of showing your CALL name badge to receive the special CALL rate.

- saw the new CALL black portfolio bags which will be given free of charge to new members. Help us with two actions--if you want one of these bags, buy one between classes this fall for $5; and if you do see someone with a new bag--it’s likely that it is a new member. Welcome him/her to CALL.

- approved a new “refund” policy for member events.

- received thank you notes from service award recipients.

- appointed a sub-committee to work with Calvin’s physical plant personnel in assessing future CALL classroom needs.

- congratulated Paul Bremer for leading us this summer with great classes and concerts.

- heard from the Extended Trips Committee that it is offering in 2013-14 two Israel trips, a trip to New England with Gary Schmidt, a trip with Corwin Smidt to Hungary, a trip to Europe with Henry Luttikhuisen, and a new trip approved to go to Cuba in March, 2014 with Vice-President for Advancement, Ken Erffmeyer.

- heard that many member events are being well-attended and most fill up. Check the listings for new events to be held this Fall.

The CALL Board sincerely appreciates the kind words received from its members, and promises to make the 2013-14 CALL year another wonderful year of classes, events, and special offerings. We take our mission seriously, and work continually to “Experience | Enrichment”

Ray Vander Weele
President

You should have received the 2013 Fall Curriculum Guide with the listing and description of the 55 class offerings. You may register for courses online or by mail. The guide is posted online at: http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/
Cuba Today: People and Society, March 4 - 12, 2014
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Delve into the rich history and heritage of Cuba by meeting with local leaders, residents, artists and intellectuals to discuss the Cuba of today and explore local attractions.
• Leaders: Kenneth Erffmeyer ‘86, Vice President for Advancement, Calvin College, assisted by expert national and local Cuban guides.
• For more information about this unique travel experience, phone 616-526-6097 or e-mail cwolfifs@calvin.edu.

A Pilgrimage to Israel – In the Light of Jesus, is scheduled for March 17-29. This tour sold out in a mere 10 days! We are working on plans for another pilgrimage; stay tuned.

A trip to Europe, Northern European Art Tour, led by Calvin Professor Henry Luttikhuizen, is scheduled for June 16-27, 2014. This tour will explore the great cities of London, Paris, Bruges and Amsterdam. In addition to visiting the British Museum in London, the Musee de Louvre in Paris and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, there will be opportunities to visit Gothic cathedrals and other architectural gems.

Exploring Hungary and its Reformed Heritage, led by Calvin political science professor emeritus Corwin Smidt, is scheduled for Sept. 24-Oct. 7, 2014. This tour seeks to combine visits to popular sites with a deepening understanding of the breadth of the reformed heritage in Europe. Budapest, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, and other Hungarian cities will be visited.

More information regarding these trips can be found on the CALL website, the Calvin alumni website, or by calling either of these offices.

Advance notice: A literature-based tour of Maine and Massachusetts, led by professor Gary Schmidt, will happen in June, 2014. To get information on this trip, e-mail or call the alumni office at alumni@calvin.edu or 616-526-6142. More on the trips mentioned above can be found on the CALL and Calvin Alumni websites.

Plan to Attend--RSVP
Fall 2013 CALL Leadership Conference
(For the Board and committee members and chairs)
Wednesday, September 4 Calvin College Chapel Undercroft
8:30 - 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 11:00 AM Planning with Dr. Neil Carlson, Director of the Center for Social Research at Calvin

Learning by listening: creating a positive feedback culture
CALL is thought to be a strong organization--but we need to listen better to our members and act on good ideas--at the same time providing reasons to reject others. When CALL was smaller, we did this casually; but because we are larger and growing, we can benefit from more intentional procedures to ensure that people with great ideas don’t go unheard or unappreciated. Neil has done planning work with many organizations, and we’ll learn a lot! RSVP to call@calvin or 526-8777
11:00 AM +++ Committees meetings--optional

Extended Trips Committee

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Interests Groups

The Knitting Group:
This group meets Wednesdays, 1:30 - 4:00 PM in De Vos Communications Building 140 (building next to the Prince Conference Center).
This fall they will be meeting September 25 - December 4. All levels of knitters are welcome to join. To learn more please contact the knitting leader, Diane Noorman, at dnoorman@sbcglobal.net or 942-0046.
Need some reasons to consider joining? Read what some of the members have to say:
“How I have enjoyed CALL’s knitting group! What a great group of gals! We share our knitting projects with one another and encourage one another in our knitting. It’s a casual get together and we have lot of fun.”
“The Knit group has given me a group of new friends. I have learned many new patterns. We inspire each other to advance our skills.”
“Our leaders are super! They are patient, knowledgeable and fun!”
“I come to knitting for the company, for instruction, and just to set aside some planned knitting time.”
“I like the fellowship of “like-minded” people and I meet new people. If I need help it is available. I also get new ideas for projects and yarn.”
“I am fairly new to the knitting group, but am already forging new relationships with Godly women. I am going through a difficult time in my life and when I was invited to join the group it meant so much to me. Not only do I learn more about knitting, but at the same time build a community.”
Fall 2013

Noontime Series
We are again planning an engaging and thought provoking lineup of Noontime lectures.

Mark your calendars now and share these dates and topics with others.
The Noontime Series are held from 12-1 PM in the Chapel on Calvin’s campus and are free and open to all.

Thursday, September 5: Learning from the Oppressed presented by Nicholas Wolterstorff
Most of us are not aware of coming across seriously oppressed people in our daily lives. When we do come across them, and don’t just ignore them, we ask what we can do for them. Professor Wolterstorff will consider, instead, what we who are Christians can learn from the oppressed, and how what we learn should shape our lives.

Thursday, September 19: Cracks in the Wall presented by Marlin & Sally Vis
“We keep knocking our heads against this wall of hatred until we put little cracks in it.” This from Rami Elhanan, a Jewish Israeli who lost his 14-year-old daughter to two suicide bombers on the eve of Yom Kippur. Rev. Vis, former RCA representative in Jerusalem and current tour leader to the Holy Land, will give us flesh and blood reasons to hope for a day when Israelis and Palestinians live in peace.

Thursday, October 3: A Ram in the Thicket - presented by Catherine Frerichs
Catherine grew up as a missionary kid and went to boarding schools in Papua, New Guinea and Australia. Her parents believed they were honoring God with their service while still meeting their children’s needs. For many years Catherine saw only how she and her siblings were sacrificed. But teaching at a university there during 2011-12 enabled her to experience the country and its people on her own terms, bringing the grace of a “ram in the thicket.”

Rabbi and Dr. Shirley K. Lewis lived with and studied under Father Henri Nouwen during their sabbatical semesters. Nouwen was the most influential and significant adult male in Rabbi Lewis’s middle age. Nouwen’s sense of “brokenness” and God’s unconditional acceptance spoke directly to the souls and hearts of Albert and Shirley Lewis.

Thursday, October 31: Michigan’s Shameful Treatment of Prisoners presented by Doug Tjapkes
The president of HFIP (Humanity for Prisoners) has stories to tell of his long fight for appropriate medical care, proper treatment of the mentally ill, compassionate care for dying inmates, and authoritative advice for those claiming wrongful conviction.

Thursday, November 14: Hymns that Time Forgot presented by Greg Scheer
We are often led to believe that new congregational songs are all chaff and old hymns were all wheat. This hymn singing will cure our selective memory! Dipping into hymnals of days gone by, we find anthems of temperance, tunes to learn to tell time, ballads of death, songs of new technology (the phone), and hymns that are lost in translation. Greg Scheer will lead us through hymns that time forgot.

Passport to Adventure
Join us for the 48th Annual Passport to Adventure Film Series. Tickets can be purchased through the Calvin College Box Office at 526-6282 ($6 adult, $3 student). Season tickets are still available for $25. A great savings. View the brochure at:
http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/passtick.htm

Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 7:00 PM
In the Steps of Marco Polo with Denis Belliveau and Francis O’Donnell
Many people have big dreams, but only a few bold adventurers live them. Denis Belliveau and Francis O’Donnell took a wild idea—retrace Marco Polo’s entire 25,000-mile, land and sea route from Venice to China and back—and spent two incredible years of their lives making their dream a reality. This film chronicles the journey of two ordinary men—one a wedding photographer, and the other an artist and former Marine—as they set out to follow Polo’s historic route. Equal parts travelogue, adventure story, history trek and buddy movie, the 90-minute film weaves footage from the duo’s often perilous voyage with Marco Polo’s descriptions and experiences.

Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Yellowstone’s Trails and Tales with Sandy Mortimer

Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Sahel: A West African Journey with Sid and Mary Lee Nolan

Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 2:00 PM
Lure of Alaska with Dale Johnson

Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Rediscovering Ancient America with Gray Warriner

Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM
The Soul of India with Rick Ray
Wednesday, September 25, The Dutch in West Michigan

On this very informative trip led by Dick Harms, our narrator for the day, we will travel around our area looking at the Dutch influence in our community. A few of the places Dick will highlight are: Pillar Church in Holland, VanRaalte cemetery, highlight tours of Holland, early villages, the Settler’s monument (Zeeland) Graafschap CR church and museum and the Grand Rapids Dutch neighborhoods. This trip will complement the class Dick Harms will be teaching this fall on “The Dutch in West Michigan.” It will cover points of interest he will discuss in his class.

Cost - $69 Includes motor coach, lunch and all admission costs.

Monday, September 30, Art Prize Tour

We are planning our 3rd annual Art Prize tour of several venues in the Grand Rapids area. Our day will be from approximately 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. with Holiday coach transportation to each venue. A limited amount of walking. We will enjoy coffee and donuts in the morning and a good luncheon included in the $65 reservation. Questions: Carl and Glenda Welmers 243-6431.

Wednesday and Thursday, October 16 and 17, Retreat at “The Shack”

“The Shack,” a country bed and breakfast nestled in 100 acres of woods on the banks of the lovely Robinson Lake will be the location of our CALL mini-retreat. Our special speaker will be Rev. Ren Broekhuizen, a noted seminar speaker. Opportunity will be given for great fellowship, good food, games, hiking, sitting on a covered porch or relaxing by the lake. At night we will enjoy the famous “Banana Splits” served at “The Shack.”

Cost - $85 (double occupancy) Includes speaker, lodging, dinner, breakfast, lunch and all activities.

Wednesday, October 30, Detroit Day Trip

Join CALL members for a day trip to the Detroit area. After enjoying a coffee and donut stop enroute we will travel to Grosse Pointes Shores for a tour of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford home including the Gate Lodge Garage displaying several antique cars.

Following our tour we will enjoy a nice dinner. In the afternoon we will visit the Holocaust Museum Memorial Center in Farmington Hills. Some survivors of the Holocaust will speak to us following our tour. Cost for the day: $92. Questions: Carl and Glenda Welmers 243-6431.

Friday, December 6, A Night of Music

Join us for a trip to Shipshewana for an unforgettable Christmas Concert with the Collingsworths family - Phil, Kim and the family - Brooklyn, Courtney, Philip and Olivia. The Collingsworths always give an honest, inspirational and “real” look into their faith as they share both their talents and testimony. The entire family sings together in an ensemble, while Brooklyn and Courtney are amazing on their violins. Kim has a phenomenal mastery of the piano. Add a trumpet solo from Phil and you will understand why the Collingsworth Family has won numerous awards from their fans in gospel music.

We will be blessed as we begin the Christmas season with the inspirational Christmas music from this very talented family. We will begin with a complete Amish dinner at 4:30 pm and the concert at 7:00 pm.

Cost $95.00. Includes deluxe motor coach, Amish dinner and the Collingsworth Family Christmas Concert (with front section seating.)

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 Purdue Varsity Men's Glee Club

This event was so well received this year and many people have asked us to include the Purdue Varsity men’s Glee Club in our events for 2014. The Glee Club is a widely acclaimed musical group that has inspired audiences on nine European tours and has performed at five presidential inaugurations. This dynamic musical troupe employs a versatile repertoire including gospel, classical choir selections, familiar opera choruses and much more. They utilize small groups and outstanding soloists to further enhance their performance. We will have lunch at the center, where a glee club member(s) will be at each table to talk about the history and rules of the glee club.

Plan now to attend this outstanding musical performance. The cost is $95.00 and includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls, lunch and the concert. A $30.00 deposit will confirm your reservation. Balance of $65.00 is due April 1, 2014.

This is a musical favorite. Make your reservation today!
CALL Experience Enrichment

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Organ Concert

The Dutch organist Everhard Zwart will give a free concert on October 3 in the Calvin Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Everhard is a grandson of the renowned composer and organist Jan Zwart, and studied under Feike Asma, who was a student of Jan Zwart.

Besides being the organist of the English Church in the Amsterdam Begijnhof, Zwart also conducts a number of choirs. Everhard Zwart will play works by Bach, Sweelinck, Van Noordt, Guilmant, Mendelsohn, and Jan Zwart, with an emphasis on tracing the contemporary school of Dutch organ music to its original sources.

He has toured widely and received many prestigious awards.

All are invited. This is a free concert.

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

Many CALL members choose to register online at the CALL web site, www.calvin.edu/CALL. We’re glad this feature works well for some of you.

Tip: Favor the mouse or the tab key when filling out the form, as the enter key sometimes submits a form prematurely. Anticipate receiving an immediate confirmation for your credit card transaction.

Receiving registrations and your check through the mail also works well. When possible, we confirm receipt of your check by email. For those who do not use email, we confirm receipt of your check with a postcard.

Keep communicating with us! Please keep us updated with any address changes.

Member Events / Interest Group Registration

Two ways to register:
1. Online - www.calvin.edu/CALL > Member Events
2. Complete this form, make check payable to CALL and send to:
   CALL Youngsma Center, 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Event fees are per person

☐ September 25 [Wed] The Dutch in West Mich. $69
☐ September 30 [Mon] Art Prize Tour $65
☐ Oct 30 [Wed] Detroit Day Trip $92
☐ December 6 [Fri] A Night of Music $95
☐ May 13, 2014 [Tues] Purdue Varsity Glee Club $95 [$30 deposit]

Name(s) ___________________________________________ ____________________________

Phone ____________________________ email __________________________________________

May we confirm this registration by email? _____ Yes _____ No, I don’t use email.
If an event has filled, we will notify you.
I would like to join an interest group (no charge):
☐ Senior Odyssey ☐ Knitting ☐ Birding ☐ Brass Ensemble
Do we want a clean manger?

“Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty; but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest” (Proverbs 14:4)

Each year your CALL board holds a leadership conference in September to plan for the future. Why do the bylaws of CALL require that we do this? Simply . . . to plan!

Most of us can’t relate to the vision of a clean manger, but picture a feeding trough that is really clean or empty all the time. It’s probably because it’s in a museum, and not being used for its intended purpose. If there are no oxen eating from the trough, then there are no oxen to do the heavy lifting.

That’s what the verse in Proverbs is talking about. We have to have some latitude for chaos and failure, and that’s one reason for planning--to give each of the committees a vision for possibilities and the courage to fail once in a while.

Peter Drucker, a well-known management consultant, is known for his wisdom when it comes to business. He suggests, (to paraphrase), “the better leadership is, the more mistakes it makes, because the more new things it will try. No one gets promoted who is not making mistakes.”

Our planning meeting is designed to create a vision and a set of goals, and to think of ways we can serve you better. A leadership conference will not do this by itself, but it does help give us courage to try new things. Let’s have another great year--even if some plans don’t work out.