President’s Message

by Corrine Kass, CALL Board President

I’ve never been much of a homebody. As long as I can recall, the adventure of the road always called out to me, beckoning me with the promise of new experiences and wider vistas.

Even today, despite limitations of vision, the travel bug still itches in my soul – and I’m eager to visit new places and take in all that I’m able to see and feel.

No less an authority than St. Augustine declared that “the world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

Many of us in CALL can vouch for the fact that travel adds a great deal to our lifelong learning. It’s something we can do at any age until health and stamina no longer permit us to enjoy the benefits of travel. As I look back on my many years of traveling to places far and wide, I remember so many of the experiences with a sense of wonder and gratitude. My first trip to Europe was in the summer of 1962, which was led by Edgar and Ervina Boevé. We learned a great deal about art and history and culture while exploring the museums and cathedrals in the many cities that we visited. We traveled by ship for seven days each way across the Atlantic Ocean. Since then, I have traveled by plane to many countries of the world – at least 30.

CALL’s Extended Trips Committee, in collaboration with the Calvin Alumni Association, provides opportunities for travel to CALL members. No doubt, many of you have taken advantage of these trips. In September of 2001, I went on a trip to the Northwest led by John Apol. We thoroughly enjoyed the majesty of God’s handiwork in Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, and the Grand Tetons. Eager travelers can enjoy this trip again in September of 2016. Many other CALL excursions have taken adventures to Israel, China, Peru, England, Norway and Sweden, South Africa, and many parts of the United States.

CALL, through the Public Events Committee, also provides armchair traveling opportunities through the Passport Adventure Series. This allows our members to enjoy travelogues that take us to places in various parts of the world and teach us about different cultures. CALL has a full roster of travelogues beginning this October.

If you are physically able and intellectually curious, I recommend the CALL travel opportunities and Passport Adventure Series to each of you.

As the novelist and poet Wendell Berry once wrote: “Nobody can discover the world for somebody else. Only when we discover it for ourselves does it become common ground and a common bond and we cease to be alone”.

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Passport to Adventure
by Henry Baron, Chair of Public Events

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. The box office is now staffed after the summer break to take orders by phone or you can print your form from our website under the “Travel Films” and mail to the address listed.

Noontime Series
by Henry Baron, Chair of Public Events

NEW LOCATION FOR FALL NOONTIME SERIES

The next series of Noontime Lectures begin next month. Save the following dates for riveting and thought-provoking lectures:

Sept. 10, Daniel Heyns, Michigan’s Correctional System
The past Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections will review our current population profile, statistical trends, and the design of our correctional model.

Sept. 24, Herman Keizer, Moral Injury after War

These free lectures are scheduled at noon in Calvin’s RECITAL HALL in the Covenant Fine Arts Center.

CALL is thrilled to bring another gospel Christmas concert to Calvin again this year on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. You will be entertained and inspired as the Brown Family shares their testimony and wholesome gospel music.

The Browns have now been traveling in Southern Gospel music for 14 years and the kids are some of the finest young people in gospel music today. This family has had the privilege of performing on some of the biggest stages across the country. Southern Gospel fans have followed them from the Gaither events such as Family Fest and Gaitherfest, to the main stage at National Quartet Convention, all the way to Branson, MO, where they performed over 30 Christmas shows in the Americana Theater.

Tickets for the Brown Family Christmas are available by phone or email. All seats are reserved. Order tickets at www.calvin.edu/boxoffice or phone 526-6282. Buy a group of tickets for family, friends, or church groups and enjoy a Christ-centered concert as we prepare to celebrate the holidays. A coach bus will be available to transport to and from the Prince Conference Center parking lot to avoid congestion at the Covenant Fine Arts Center. Concert tickets are $20. Dinner and the concert are $45 which begins at 6:00 in the Prince Conference Center.
NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

CALL welcomes all our renewed members as well as new members joining since July 1! Alvin Toffler writes “the illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.”

For those who still have not renewed, you have just over a week before your membership expires. Membership is required for classes, discounted pricing at MVP, and many member events. Use the form in the curriculum guide you received or go to our website to sign up online.

Changes in the Campus Store
This summer the Calvin Campus store was privatized to a new owner—Follett. Follett Corporation is an Illinois-based company that provides a variety of educational products to schools, colleges, and public libraries through its subsidiaries.

Numerous changes have been made to the campus store. For CALL members, you are eligible to receive a 10% discount on books for CALL classes by showing your CALL badge. The bookstore is located across the parking lot from the Covenant Fine Arts Center (CFAC).

FALL Bible Study
Parallel with a campus effort, CALL would like to hold a Bible study on ten passages from the book of Isaiah, beginning in September. Please email us if you are interested at call@calvin.edu.

Announcements
by Sonja DeJong

Fall Classes
Registration is open for all fall classes, both first and second session. Some classes have limited seats available while others are taught by some of our favorite instructors. Don’t put off registering and missing that class or classes that already spark your interest.

Use the form in the guide or go to the online red register box in the center of our home page online.

An Invitation: to all new members this year and last year
Do you want to know just a little more about CALL, find out who we are, what we do, and share a conversation about the programs we offer?

An information table will be staffed by our hospitality committee the first week of classes for both the first and second session in Hiemenga Hall during class time on Tuesdays and DeVos Communication Building during Wednesday class times.

Be sure to use this informal setting to find out the answers to your questions and pick up a special gift. Look for the welcome banner.

The CALL 2015-2016 Board
Below are the members of this year’s CALL Board. We look forward with anticipation to their plans to grow and enhance this lifelong learning program. From left to right, back row first: Ed Westenbroek, Mike Van Denend, Ken Bratt, Jeff Haaverdink, Agnes Kroese, Gordon Van Harn, Barbara Engbers, Frank Spies, Arie Leegwater, Diane Noorman, Sheri Ippel, Corrine Kass, and Janet Borgdorff. Absent: Dan Bos
**Member Events**

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

**Cost:** $65.00. **Questions:** call Shirley 299-3584

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**The Best of Chicago, Thursday - Friday, October 1-2**

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 at The Navy Pier, we will take a cruise on the historic Chicago River. Enjoy the skyline views as you see more than 40 buildings including the Hancock Center and the Wrigley building. This narrated cruise is informative and relaxing.

Cost: $249 per person (double occupancy). Questions: call Shirley 299-3584

Autumn at Au Sable Institute, Friday - Saturday, October 2-3

Enjoy 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

ArtPrize, Wednesday, September 30 & Monday, October 5

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. Open only to CALL members.

Includes coffee break, lunch and transportation

Cost: $65. Questions: call Glenda or Carl Welmers-243-6431
A Day Enjoying God's Creation and Miracles, Thursday, October 15

Invite a friend and join us for a relaxing, inspirational and educational day. Enjoy the beauty and the peacefulness of the Calvin Waltman Lake Retreat Center. (Just 36 minutes from the Calvin campus.) Coffee and rolls will be served 9:00 - 10:00 am. Enjoy a cup of coffee, meet friends and sit on the porch and enjoy the beautiful colors of fall.

At 10:00 am we will be amazed and inspired as Andy DeVries will share his story of the "MIRACLE" in his life. Andy was a athletic, robust Calvin College professor whose life was changed in a flash as he was involved in a serious motorcycle accident. His survival was unsure, and his leg was severely damaged. Andy will tell of the marvelous work of God and the "miracles" he experienced in his life. He has written a book entitled "Common Threads." His story will bring you to tears and an awareness of the amazing power of prayer.

After lunch Jim Muller, a retired science teacher, will talk about "The Whys and Hows of the Amazing Change of Colors." After an informative and inspirational talk, Jim will lead a walk around the center pointing out things he mentioned in his talk. For those not wishing to take the walk, you will have an opportunity for good fellowship, view the movie "Do You Believe" or sit on the porch and enjoy the beauty of fall or play some stimulating games. Dinner will be at 5:00 pm so you can travel home in the light.


4th of July in November, Thursday, November 12

Bring your friends and enjoy a delightful evening listening to The Voices of Freedom. The Voices of Freedom is West Michigan's eight part acapella vocal ensemble. You will be thrilled as you listen to their beautiful harmony as they sing songs about America. Your feet will tap as they sing God Bless the USA, This Land is Your Land, Skip to my Lou, The Red, White and Blue and other beautiful songs. You will be blessed with their rendition of Give Me Your Tired and you will be in awe as you listen to their beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace.

Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Undercroft of the Calvin College chapel. The concert will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Calvin Chapel. Invite your friends and enjoy this evening of delicious food, great fellowship and music that will entertain and bless.

Cost. - $30.00 (dinner and concert). Questions - call Shirley - 299-3584.
**Our Christmas Dinner, Wednesday, November 18**

Call a friend and travel to Shipshewana with us and enjoy the Christmas musical *Our Christmas Dinner*.

This is a hilarious look at family traditions, holiday expectations, unexpected guests and the REAL meaning of Christmas. A heaping scoop of humor, a slice of family memories and some unexpected surprises all serve up an entertaining and inspirational afternoon. The play starts at 1:00 p.m. followed by a family style Amish dinner. We will have some free time for shopping at the Bulk Food store, the Cheese Factory and the downtown shops of Shipshewana. Dress warm as we will have coffee and rolls en route. Our tour includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls, the musical and an Amish family style dinner. Depart at 8:00 a.m. and arrive home at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** $89.00. **Questions** - call Shirley 299-3584

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**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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**Service Grants**

CALL continues to support members of our organization on service projects all over the world. The following story describes a recent grant we awarded to one of our members. Any member can apply for a grant using our form online.

Psalm 37:6. *He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the Noonday Sun.*

It all began when a group of women started meeting and searching for a way to help Karin refugee families from Burma, four of whom had joined Shawnee Park CRC. They were offered jobs in places we would not want to work. We wanted them to know about another way to make a living: where there is community and caring. *(cont. pg 10)*
Changes have been made to the 4-day ArtPrize trip offered by CALL. As you may recall, we are reaching out to those over age 50 outside West Michigan to experience the fascinating world of ArtPrize. Held from October 3–October 8, the trip has been modified to offer travelers the choice to stay at the Prince Conference Center for 4 nights or make their own lodging preferences at a reduced price. The price including lodging is $849 and without lodging is $579.

CALL is lining up key art experts from Calvin's art community to lecture each morning and wonderful venues have been reserved in the city for the best dining experiences including Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids Brewing Company, San Chez, and Bistro Bella Vita.

With the glorious colors of autumn, moderate temperatures of fall and this amazing display of 1500 exhibit over three square miles, this trip promises to enthrall all who participate.

CALL appreciates your help in getting the word out. More details have been updated on the travel brochure and are available on our website. Any proceeds from this trip will be used to offset general expenses in the CALL program for the various programs we offer.

Share all the revised details for this amazing opportunity at www.calvin.edu/call. Thank you for your help.
Extended Trips

by John Apol

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. Some general information is available and further details will be provided in September. See the CALL website under the tab Extended Trips for cost, trip overview and background on the trip leader.

Majestic Northern National Parks-September 8-18, 2016
This exciting adventure to some of America’s northern national parks offers the perfect combination of serene, educational, breathtaking and thrilling experiences. Led by John Apol, highlights include Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Deer Lodge National Forest, Glacier National Park, and Big Sky Country.

Enjoy a non-paddling floating trip down 13 miles of the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park, the Upper and Lower Falls of the Grand Canyon at Yellowstone, driving in a pair of 1930’s open-top busses from Glacier National Park through Logan Pass that crests the Continental Divide, enjoying the Big Sky Country of Idaho…which doesn’t even touch the surface of the all the activities.

This trip is open for registration and trip details are available in further detail on our website. Additionally, feel free to contact John Apol at 243-8600 or johnapol7@gmail.com.

Additional details coming soon...


Italian Heritage Tour, led by Ken Bratt, from June 10 - 24, 2016

Contact alumni@calvin.edu if you would like to receive information when it's available.
We considered opening yet another thrift shop; instead we opted to sew and sell the products through trunk shows held in various homes.

In August of 2013, we signed the Articles of Incorporation for Noonday Sun Productions. At our trunk shows, we can share the journey that these women are on and begin to understand a little of what it means to be a refugee. We show off their talents in the making of beautiful products: tote bags, aprons, little girl dresses, pillows and many more items. We average about $1,000.00 at the trunk shows. The money is used to pay our seamstresses and buy some supplies that we need to make our products.

The $200.00 grant given to us by CALL was used to design a new tag for our products and to pay for fees associated with creating our website. Soon we hope to be able to sell our products on the internet. Currently you may like us on Facebook.

We have all felt blessed at so many different levels to be participating in this venture and thank you CALL for your contribution to our cause. If any CALL members want more information, the next Noonday Sun Productions trunk show is October 8 at the home of Marybeth Haverkamp, 2132 Edington Dr. SE, 49508. There will be a short presentation at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to view and purchase the products made by our seamstresses.