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President's Message

The Board, committee chairs and members, met for a brainstorming and planning meeting on September 7. There were so many great ideas presented, and committees have agreed to discuss what CALL can do better, and how can we continue to build a strong organization.

Watch future Newsletters for results of our actions!

Let's have a wonderful year together!

Ray Vander Weele, President



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Roger Griffioen Transition Years



The years 2002-2006, during which I served as president of the CALL Board, were years of growth and significant change for CALL. I was the first president who had not been a member of the original CALL Board. Also during these years, Irene Bolthouse was appointed Membership Secretary, to replace Alma Walhout, who had served in that capacity since the beginning of CALL, and long-term CALLNews

editor Phyllis Van Andel was replaced by Laird Hamstra. Robert Bolt was appointed CALL Historian, and commissioned to write a history of CALL.

During these years, the CALL membership increased from 450 to 680. With the growth in members CALL considered expanding the programs which were offered. I appointed task forces to look at the possibility of Summer Programs, as well as Health, Fitness and Recreation activities. As a result of these studies, two new committees were formed to plan and oversee these new initiatives. CALL paid for the construction of a bicycle (or canoe or kayak) trailer, which was donated to Calvin. Other programs which were introduced were the Service Grant Program and the Distinguished Service Award Program, and the Annual Fall Committee/Board retreat was begun. In connection with the Distinguished Service Awards,

a new CALL logo was designed by Chris Overvoorde and adopted by the Board. With the expansion of memberships, the number of CALL courses and the number of Member Events excursions were increased. Wally Bratt was appointed Curriculum Administrator, and the duties involved in this position were adopted by the Board. Also, a few committees that had been rather dormant were rejuvenated.

Several CALL procedures were modified, resulting in the revision of the corresponding sections of the By-Laws. These included the procedure for electing Board members, as well as that for nominating Board officers, and the practice of appointing one Board member to each committee, to serve as a liaison between the Board and the committee was begun. The limit of two courses that members were allowed to take was removed, and each year since then there have been persons taking up to a dozen courses in a given semester. Membership renewal began to take place in the summer, before the memberships actually expired, and 3- and 5-year memberships were introduced. The honorarium policy, which had developed separately by different committees, was standardized. The practice of receiving annual reports from each CALL committee, so that new committee members and chairs would have some history of activities, was begun.

A CALL office was established on campus, helping to give CALL a more visible presence. CALL also contributed back to the college in thanks for its support, by paying \$11,000 for the installation of the hearing loop in the college chapel, as well as \$10,000 to fully fund the CALL Scholarship Endowment Fund. The relationship with the broader Grand Rapids community was also strengthened, and our membership started to diversify. The Membership Committee sent letters of invitation to retiring Grand Rapids educators. I participated in two radio programs, Grand Rapids in Depth, and Guest Conductor, promoting CALL to a broader Grand Rapids audience.

CALL has been a dynamic organization from the start, and as you can see, this dynamism continued during these four years, and still continues today.

Roger Griffioen

Extended Trips Committee

Frank Roberts, chair

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CALL and the Calvin Alumni Association present this wonderful travel opportunity for lifelong learners:

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece, March 30-April 11, 2012

Walk in the footsteps of Paul during the day and learn more about the apostle at night! Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys (such as Philippi, Apollonia, Thessaloniki, Berea, Athens and Corinth) as well as other major sites of biblical, archeological and cultural interest (such as Patmos, Delphi and Santorini). Each evening features a study session on "Paul: His Life & Letters." Join host Dr. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary, for this truly inspirational tour.

Contact Witte Travel at 957-8113 or groups@wittetravel.com; you can also view the entire itinerary at www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel/2011-2012/greece.

Other extended trips in the planning stages: Israel, South Africa and Guatemala.

Public Events Committee

Henry Baron, Chair

Noontime Series Fall 2011

Held in the Calvin Chapel from 12-1 pm

September 22 The Prayers of the Founding Fathers Paul Nelson, Aquinas College President Emeritus, will use prayers of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and George Washington as an apt tribute in celebration of Constitution Day.

October 6 Jesus as Healer Edgar Boeve, Calvin College emeritus art professor, will explain his latest creations of fabric art based on seven examples of healing by Jesus.

October 20 In Adam's Fall We Sinned All Scott Hoezee, director of the Calvin Theological Seminary Center for Excellence in Preaching, will summarize recent discussions about the history of life on earth and questions related to understanding the origins of our sinfulness.



November 3 Adapting to the Changing Media Landscape: Dealing with Disruption in the Marketplace

Dan Gaydou, publisher of the Grand Rapids Press, will tell us how the local newspaper intends to thrive in the future when digital publication of information is the norm.

November 17 International Adoption Agents: How Songs Find New Homes

Emily Brink, program director of conferences and global resources for the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, will look at psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that get "adopted" from one country or culture to another.



Passport to Adventure Films Series

If you haven't ordered your tickets for the 2011-2012 season, consider doing so today. More than 500 seats are already reserved for the season, which includes:

- **Thursday, October 13, 2011** *The Silk Road: A Journey through Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Turkey* Few adventures in the world arouse as much curiosity and wonder as the one called "The Silk Road." Along that timeless road are such magical places as Istanbul, Samarkand, Kashgar, Bukhara, and Khiva. These and other sites are the stuff of legends. Traders and warriors traveled by camel and on foot along the Silk Road, transporting not only precious cargo and treasures but also fascinating customs and cultures. Join Marlin Darrah on his exciting journey to a part of the world that is rarely seen.
 - **Thursday, November 10, 2011** *Texas*
 - **Thursday, January 19, 2012** *The Heart of San Francisco*
 - **Wednesday, March 28, 2012** *Mongolia, Land of Genghis Khan*
 - **Monday, April 16, 2012** *Wales: Land of Song*
- Call the Calvin box office - 616-526-6282 - for more information.



Member Events Committee Don and Shirley Lautenbach

September 27-30 [Tues – Fri] Joseph and I Love a Piano Lancaster, Pa.

CALL members and their friends are invited to join us for four days of drama, music, great food and wonderful fellowship. *Joseph* is an energy packed production that will leave you feeling uplifted with

the life-changing message of forgiveness. *Joseph* is a masterpiece with superb acting, outstanding music and an inspirational message.

After a morning touring the Amish countryside with a local guide we will experience a simpler way of life with the Amish Experience Theater and Amish Homestead tour.

We will see the film, *Jacob's Choice*, a story of an old order Amish family and their lives and struggles. Then we will take the Homestead tour, which takes us into the home of the family we met during *Jacob's Choice*. Enjoy a buggy ride, which will take us to an Amish Farm. For dinner we will enjoy a family style Amish dinner at Plain and Fancy.

I Love a Piano - this musical at the Dutch Apple Theatre is a salute to America's greatest tunesmith, Irving Berlin. The show is a musical journey spanning several decades of American history with more than 60 songs. Songs include "Easter Parade," "Blue Skies," "Anything you can do," "God Bless America" and more.

We will also visit the Flight 93 memorial in Pa.

Cost of the trip - \$499.00

Questions - Call Don and Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

October 5 [Wed] Art Prize Bus Tour. Join CALL members for an Art Prize tour of several venues in the Grand Rapids area. Lunch will be served at an historic location. Our day will be from 9 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. with limited walking. Cost for the day, \$40. Hosts: Carl and Glenda Welmers, 243-6431.

October 14 [Fri] Color Tour. We have planned a color tour with a destination of Grand Traverse and Leelanau County. We will explore the picturesque M-22 route with stops at art galleries in Omena, Glen Arbor, and Empire. A coffee shop, lunch, and dinner will fill our day. Cost for the day \$75. Hosts: Carl and Glenda Welmers, 243-6431.

October 27 and 28 [Thurs – Fri]"Cars, Music, and a Museum" - Drury Lane Dinner Theater - Chicago, Il.

We will begin our trip with a visit to a private antique car collection. The Drury Lane Dinner Theater will feature, in addition to an excellent meal, the legendary classic that has captured the heart of generations! *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*

On Friday we will visit the James Adams Hull House, which serves as a dynamic memorial to social reformer Jane Adams, the first woman to

receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Cost of the trip \$199 (Double occupancy). A \$50.00 deposit must accompany your reservation. Balance of \$149.00 due September 30th

Questions - Call Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

November 29 [Tues] LES MISERABLES - Dinner and Theater (Full)

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**College Support Committee
Michael Van Denend**

The Calvin Alumni Association invites CALL members to a Business and Economics luncheon and panel titled "**Retooling the Rustbelt**" featuring Kirstin Wells '86, currently an economist in the Financial Markets Group at the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago; Ken Van Der Wende '77, managing director, Bissell International; and Jeremy Louters '03, business accountant at Plante & Moran.

The panel will be moderated by Niala Boodhoo '96, business reporter for Chicago Public Radio. Break-out interest panels will follow the lunch and panel discussion.

For information and reservations (\$15 per person), contact the alumni office at alumni@calvin.edu or 526-6142.

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**Administrative Assistant
Lisa Bauman**

In an effort to serve you better and keep you up to date and informed we have been revamping our CALL website. Check it out at:

www.calvin.edu/call

This is your best resource for the most updated CALL information about events and classes. Find out which classes are full, room changes, Noontime speakers and interest groups. It is also a great tool to use when telling others about CALL. Give them the address and let them take a look and learn more!

CALLNews is published monthly except for August and January. It is sent to CALL members and posted on the CALL Web site www.calvin.edu/call. Announcements should be submitted by the first Friday of the month for the following month's CALLNews to call@calvin.edu or to gkamps1@mac.com

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**Membership Secretary
Irene Bolthouse**

If you are enrolled in any of these classes, please make note of classroom changes:

- #11 Baseball - to H-335
- #15 Egypt - to H-333
- #20 Mind - to SB-110
- #33 Americans - to H-333
- #35 Grand Rapids History - to H-316
- #40 Books & Authors - to H-333

Classes which are filled, no further registrations:

- #2 United States
- #3 Revelation
- #6 Too Far
- #13 Roman Britain
- #15 Egypt
- #16 Drawing Landscape
- #19 Ancient Michigan

- #20 Mind
- #24 Medical Issues
- #25 Villette
- #27 Computers
- #36 World War II
- #37 Cooking
- #40 Books & Authors

Member Events / Interest Group Registration

Send completed form to: CALL Youngsma Center 3201 Burton St. SE Grand Rapids MI 49546

Event fees are per person:

- Sept. 27-30 [Tues-Fri] Joseph/I Love \$499
- Oct. 14 {Fri.} Color Tour \$75
- Oct. 5 [Wed] Art Prize Bus Tour \$40
- Oct. 27 & 28 (Thurs-Fri) Cars, Music, and Museum \$199
((\$50 Deposit, balance due by September 30))

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Your check must accompany your reservation. Make check payable to CALL. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Confirmation will be sent. If an event is already filled you will be notified.

I would like to join an interest group (no charge):

- Knitting
- Birding
- Gardening
- Brass Ensemble



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