Experience is a word that functions equally well as a noun or a verb. At CALL, we experience the joy of learning new things (or relearning some things we may have forgotten). All of us benefit from sharing the lessons gleaned from each member’s rich trove of experiences accumulated throughout a lifetime. That’s why I’m thrilled to be an active participant and recipient of all that CALL has to offer. I’ve been able to encourage and inspire others with my experiences as an educator and mentor, and my boundless curiosity and quest for adventure have been satisfied with the experiences I’ve had in traveling with CALL members and attending CALL classes.

Our CALL tagline is “Experience. Enrichment.” Both of those words are vital to fulfilling the promise and the mission of the organization. But our tagline might just as easily read “Experience. Necessary.” We need the experience of all of our members. We’re better together when we share our enriching experiences. It’s our collective treasure.

Everyone loves a good story. At Breton Woods, where I live, we have evenings devoted to someone’s life story. What a kaleidoscope of experiences are told at these events.

On Wednesday, September 3, we had a CALL retreat for all committee members. Five persons representing aspects of CALL activities told stories reflecting their experiences as CALL members.

- John Apol, a tour leader for some of the trips sponsored by CALL and Calvin Alumni Association, told about what can go wrong on a trip (going back after someone’s backpack, a flat tire on a bus, a collision, and squeezing through a crowd of parade goers);
- Carol Rienstra told about her experiences in going to Chicago to find films for the Passport travelogues as part of her participation in Public Events and how sad it is that travelogues are decreasing in popularity;
- Wilbert Becker, a computer programmer, told his life story and how he discovered and attended several CALL Member Events (examples were a pig farm, a dairy farm, Pennsylvania, the Purdue Men’s Choir, Springfield, IL);
- Mert Smits, a former high school teacher who has lived several places, told about moving to Michigan and discovering as a student in CALL courses how much she enjoys being a CALL member;
- Jennifer Holberg illustrated her experience as a frequent and popular CALL instructor. She loves teaching the older and wiser generation and cited some interesting responses from CALL students to the literature she teaches.

We had fun listening to these experiences. In addition to these stories, Sonja DeJong presented a visual and verbal story of the history, the present, and the future of CALL at the retreat. The committee members in attendance wrote down their ideas for the future. Stay tuned—and tell us your stories and ideas!

Corrine Kass, President
Free lectures at noon in the Chapel (from the Burton St. entrance)

September 18
Made in the Mitten: Savoring Michigan's Rich Foodie & Agricultural History
by Dianne Stampfler
Michigan is the second-most agriculturally-diverse state in the country. From cherries and grapes to blueberries and pumpkins, peaches and apples to asparagus and celery (and many more). This program will introduce audiences to Michigan’s rich foodie and agricultural history.

October 2
Biomedical Research and Science Education at Van Andel Institute
by Steve Triezenberg
Van Andel Research Institute conducts biomedical research in cancer, Parkinson’s disease, and other diseases, seeking to bring forth better ways to diagnose and treat those diseases. This session will describe past successes and future visions for both VARI and VAEI.

October 16
China: Media Revolution, Ministry Opportunities
by Kurt Selles
The last several decades China has been going through a time of profound social transition. Media is playing a huge role in the changes taking place. Hear how media is changing China and the Chinese church.

Order online at www.calvin.edu/boxoffice or call 526-6282.
Season tickets: $25   Individual tickets $6
Hospitality Committee

For years, our Hospitality Committee, chaired by Mary Rienstra, has been making the coffee which was served in the hallway of Hiemenga Hall.

Mary Rienstra, Jan Ebels and Lois Knoor received a CALL award for their service at the 2013 May luncheon. Mary and Jan have now resigned, along with all other members of the committee, and Lois has passed away. Thanks to the entire Hospitality Committee for their years of dedication to this task.

A new group of volunteers has stepped forward to forge new roads for the Hospitality Committee. Chaired by John Nielsen and board liaison Sherry Levy, along with Fred Grasman and Diane Kooistra, the committee looks forward to fresh ideas.

Additional volunteers are welcome! Call or e-mail the office if interested at 526-8777 or call@calvin.edu.

Refreshments

The CALL Board has decided to have Calvin’s food service cater the coffee and tea in Hiemenga Hall on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 2:45.

Note: Cookies will no longer be provided.
Norway and Sweden:
(Debra Freeberg, June 16-26, 2015):
Come and experience the art, architecture and daily life of Stockholm, the enchanted capital of Sweden, the fascinating Swedish countryside, Carl Larsson's home, the spectacular Norwegian fjords, Bergen and the music of Edvard Grieg!

Our adventure begins with several days in Stockholm where we'll enjoy visits to the former home of sculptor Carl Milles, the Great Church, the Royal Palace, the Town Hall, Drottningholm palace, theatre and gardens and a dinner cruise on Lake Mälaren.

During your stay in Stockholm, we'll join the people of nearby Tyresö As they celebrate Midsummer's Eve, one of the most important and fun events on the Swedish calendar. Later, we'll travel north to visit Sundborn where artists Carl and Karin Larssen once lived and worked. After an overnight near Lake Siljan, we'll head into Norway.

Of course, we'll see the Olympic sites in Lillehammer. Then it's on to the breathtaking fjords. Our time in this region is highlighted by a ride on the famed Flåm railway. Our last stop will be Bergen, a beautiful coastal city steeped in history. Sightseeing here includes the colorful harbor district and Edvard Grieg's Country estate.

Leadership for the tour will be provided by Dr. Debra L. Freeberg, a professor of Communication Arts and Sciences at Calvin. Of Swedish descent, Debra is passionate about the literature, theatre and folk ways of her ancestral country. We'll also benefit from all the “insider information” she picked up on extended visits to Stockholm and other parts of Sweden. Debra's cousin Lena Cederlôf and her husband Arne will arrange an authentic Midsummer’s Eve picnic for us in their hometown of Tyresö. They'll also be with us on our dinner cruise and they'll be happy to talk with us about all things Swedish.

The full trip brochure is available at the CALL and Calvin Alumni offices. To ask more questions or learn more, call Whitney Korstange 616-954-9676 or (toll free) 855-954-9676 or email her at whitneyk@wittetravel.com.
**Member Events**

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**Member Events / Interest Group Registration**

Two ways to register:
1. Online: [www.calvin.edu/CALL](http://www.calvin.edu/CALL) > Member Services
2. Complete this form, make checks available to CALL and send to:
   
   CALL Youngsma Center, 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Event fees are per person

- Oct 15 & 16 CALL Fall Retreat “The Shack” $89
- Oct 24 Cell Block 7 / Ella Sharp $65
- Nov 13 Dutch America Tour $65
- Jan 26 January Series Brunch $18

Name(s): 

Phone: 

email:

May we confirm this registration by email?  

Choose: [ ] Yes  [ ] No, I don’t use email

If an event has filled, we will notify you.

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**Member Events**

**Don & Shirley Lautenbach, Co-Chairs**

**Wed/ Thu, Oct 15 & 16**

**CALL Fall retreat: “The Shack”**

“The Shack” a country bed and breakfast nestled on 100 acres of woods on the lovely Robinson Lake will be the location of our fall retreat. Rev. John DeVries will be our speaker. He will have three sessions based on Phil. 4:5 - “Developing a JESUS attitude.” Opportunity will be given for excellent presentations, challenging learning, 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 - $89.00** Includes speaker, lodging, dinner, breakfast, lunch and all activities.

**Friday, October 24**

**Cell Block 7 & Ella Sharp Museum**

The Cell Block 7 museum is a new and unique site located within an active working prison system. Cell Block 7, in the Jackson, Michigan penitentiary, is a representation of life as an incarcerated inmate at what was once the largest prison in the world. We will receive an overview of operations and exhibits followed by a self guided tour exploring all areas of the cell block.

After lunch at the Knight’s Steak House and Grill, we will visit the Ella Sharp Museum, where we will enjoy a tour of the elegantly furnished 19th century farmhouse and experience the Dibble one-room farmhouse, Eli Stilson’s log house and the Merriman-Sharp Tower Barn. There are six art galleries and other interesting collections.

**Cost - $65.00** Includes deluxe bus, all admission costs and lunch.

**Wednesday, November 13**

**Dutch America Heritage Tour**

Based on his three new books, Dr. Bob Swierenga, will narrate our trip into history and will take us to informative and historical spots in the Holland area. Some of the places we will visit are Pillar church, Keppel Village, VanRaalte family graves, Old Wing Indian Mission, Dekker Huis Museum, New Groningen school, historic 1851 Steketee House and other historical spots.

We will enjoy lunch at The Chapel at Noel.

**Cost - $65.00** Includes coffee and rolls, lunch, bus and all admission fees.

**Upcoming Events**

**December 17**

**Christmas Luncheon**

**May 12, 2015**

**Purdue Varsity Men’s Glee Club**

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**Monday, January 26**

**January Series Brunch**

**With Dr. Paul Marshall**

“**The Global Assault on Christians**”

According to the Pew Research Center, Newsweek, and the Economist among others, Christians are the world’s most widely persecuted religious group and yet many Westerners are unaware that so many followers of Christ live under governments and among people who are often openly hostile to their faith. They think martyrdom became a rarity a long time ago.

Dr. Marshall will offer a glimpse at the modern-day life of Christians worldwide and provide insight on the global pattern of increasing violence.

Dr. Marshall is highly qualified on this subject. He is a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute’s Center for Religious Freedom in Wash DC; a distinguished senior fellow at the Institute for the study of Religion at Baylor University; a senior fellow at the Leimens Institute; and visiting fellow at the graduate school of the State Islamic University. He is the author of twenty books on religion, politics, and religious freedom.

**Cost - $18.00** Includes brunch, busing to CFAC and reserved seating.

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Contact Shirley with questions: 299-3584 or ministrysl@yahoo.com
30% of the available tickets remain for the **Collingsworth Christmas Concert** on December 11, at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 through the box office at 526-6282 or online at calvin.edu/boxoffice.

Kim Collingsworth has been voted best Southern Gospel pianist more than once. It is worth coming to the concert just to see and hear her play the piano. The Collingsworths do more than provide a "show" and good entertainment; they lead you in worship of God!