Vice-President’s Message

by Gord Van Harn

As a young boy my mother would occasionally assign me the task of polishing her few pieces of silver. They were functional without the polishing but this effort brought out their shine and renewed their beauty. I was reminded of this when I heard about President Le Roy’s State of the College address to the faculty and staff at a recent conference to open the new academic year. I understand, although I was not present, his theme was that a goal for the college is to thrive and not simply to survive. This was said in the context of increasing competition for undergraduates as the population of college age students declines.

The theme of “thriving” is also appropriate for Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL). The programs contribute to the thriving of CALL members. The intellectually stimulating courses such as Victorian Literature and the Golden Age of Greece; physical activity classes of yoga and cycling/spinning; adventurous Extended Trips to England, Peru, and South Africa; and interesting Member Events such as Churches of Grand Rapids, the Best of Chicago, and the January Series brunch lecture on national parks each contribute to the personal thriving of CALL members. These activities and many others affirm one purpose of CALL “to enrich the lifelong spiritual, intellectual, cultural, and social lives of its members.”

While the goal of CALL is to enrich its members, it is also necessary for the CALL organization to thrive. For this to occur requires continuing attention to resources: leaders, ideas, and finances. We need creative new ideas for courses, trips and events, and interest groups. CALL has had wonderful energetic leaders of the various programs and we thank them profusely for their efforts. However, CALL is always open to offers of leadership for program committees and leaders in order to keep these programs fresh. We also require financial resources to maintain the program and explore new ideas and opportunities. Currently we accomplish a great deal with a relatively small budget, thanks in part to considerable volunteer work, efficient administration, and to the college for its many in-kind contributions to the survival of CALL. We want this organization to do more than that, we want it to “shine” so that its members can thrive.
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 in high definition, 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.

Passport to Adventure
by Henry Baron, Chair

Here is a summary of the film on October 27:
Scotland has over 790 offshore islands, although you’ll find people on only 92 of them. Still, these isles that surround the mainland are full of history, culture, nature, and unexpected surprises. Here filmmaker, Interpretive Field Naturalist, and adventure-lecturer Tom Sterling brings the fascinating story of these islands to life. Our journey begins at Hadrian’s Wall, in Northern England, because it was to the Scottish Isles the Gauls fled during the ancient Roman invasion.

Then to the Isle of Arran, which offers the Machrie Moor stone circles and Brodick Castle; next, Islay, where we find Finlaggan, the ancient home of the McDonald clan; then Jura, where George Orwell wrote “1984,” and home to thousands of Red Deer; next Torosay Castle, Duart Castle and Tobermory on Mull; then St. Columba’s cathedral on Iona. On Skye we see the Black Mountains, Kilmuir Cemetery, visit the grave of heroine Flora McDonald, Armadale Castle, Cheviot and Jacob’s sheep, and visit Portree. In the Outer Hebrides we meet Harris Tweed Weavers and see Lewis Castle. Then to Orkney to see its archaeological sites, including the Ring of Brodgar, Maes Howe and Gurness Broch.

Find more details on our website under “Travel Film Series.”

Both season tickets ($25) and individual tickets are available at the box office - 526-6282.
Pay only $5 per film with a season pass or $6 for tickets to a single show.

Reserve the following film dates:
Tue, Oct 27, 7:00 pm
Mon, Nov 23, 7:00 pm
Tue, Feb 2, 7:00 pm
Tue, Mar 15, 7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 9, 2:00 pm
**Noontime Series**

**NEW LOCATION FOR FALL NOONTIME SERIES**

Save the following dates for riveting and thought-provoking lectures:

- **September 24**, Herman Keizer, *Moral Injury after War*

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have wounded many, not only physically, but also with the Hidden Wounds of War - Traumatic Brain Injury and Moral Injury. We will look at the history of these wounds, distinguish it from Post-Traumatic Stress, and challenge the church to become a partner in the healing of this Moral Injury.

- **October 6**, Notes at Noon with Pablo Mahave-Veglia, cello

Cellist Pablo Mahave-Veglia resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he is Associate Professor of Cello at Grand Valley State University. Mr. Mahave-Veglia is a cellist and teacher of broad interests whose repertoire ranges from the early baroque, performed on period instruments, to his ongoing interest in researching, performing and recording the work of contemporary Latin-American composers.

**These free lectures are scheduled at noon at a NEW LOCATION in Calvin’s RECITAL HALL in the Covenant Fine Arts Center, the main campus building closest to the East Beltline. Parking is best on the east side of the East Beltline and use the skywalk to cross over to the main campus. An elevator is located at the end of the skywalk.**

Did you miss the last lecture on Michigan’s prison system with Daniel Heyns? Go to the “Noontime Series” tab online and watch the video tape of each lecture.

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**The Brown Family Christmas Concert:** What is gospel music? Gospel songs usually are hymn-like, and are associated with the southern sounds of music. Gospel hymns are set apart from other hymns because of the message they give. Other hymns may simply be praising God, but gospel hymns praise God while telling about what He's done. Join us this Christmas season on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. as we welcome the Brown Family to our campus. You will be entertained and inspired as the Brown Family shares their testimony and wholesome gospel music.

With 14 years of experience, this family has had the privilege of performing on some of the biggest stages across the country. If you enjoy the Collingswood family, you will equally enjoy the Brown family and their powerful message. Proceeds directly offset costs in the CALL program and your support is appreciated.

Tickets are available by phone or email. All seats are reserved. Order tickets at [www.calvin.edu/boxoffice](http://www.calvin.edu/boxoffice) or phone 526-6282. 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.
Announcements

by Sonja DeJong

Second session classes begin October 19 and many classes have seats available including:

Wagner without Fear
The American Short Story
Protecting the Golden Years
Introduction to Victorian Literature
Living a Legacy
Persons, Bodies, and Life Everlasting
The History of the Huguenots
The Dawn of the Nuclear Age
Festival of Faith and Writing
Sacred Hospitality
Searching Your Genealogy
The Ten Commandments
Encountering Jesus in the Fourth Gospel
Living and Working with Muslims
Water and Civilization

Just as we have National Dumpling Day on September 26 and National Nobel Prize Day on December 10, now we have National Lifelong Learning Day on October 15.

Look for a special email and web links to mark the first ever national day for Lifelong Learning. Through our association with Road Scholar, we’ll be sharing educational resources on our website that include a fun and informative online quiz, information about Lifelong Learning Institutes and research created by experts. Materials include important findings about the link between learning and longevity created by Peter Spiers, Road Scholar’s Senior Vice President of Strategic Development and author of "Master Class, Living Longer, Stronger, and Happier" as well as by Dr. Thomas T. Perls, Director of the New England Centenarian Study and Professor of Medicine at Boston University.

The memoir interest is our newest interest group, formed in 2014. This group continues to meet regularly and has room for anyone to jump in who is ready to write their story. Contact Jim Boldenow to join this free group at 808-1148 or jim.boldenow@gmail.com. Meetings are Thursdays, from 1:00-3:00 in Hiemenga Hall 314 (near the Library).

In addition, two other special interest groups are available for your recreation: Knitting meets on Wednesdays, beginning September 30, 2:30-4:30 through December 9, in De Vos 140. Contact Diane Noorman, at dnoorman@sbcglobal.net or 942-0046.

The Brass Ensemble practices in the Calvin Seminary chapel on Monday afternoons. The contact person is Roger Griffioen, 616-452-3328, or rdgriffioen@att.net.

The book list is now available for course #43, Festival of Faith and Writing. These books are available at the campus bookstore. Receive a 10% discount by showing your CALL badge.

Oct. 21, On Beauty by Zadie Smith
Oct. 28, Feed by MT Anderson
Nov. 4, Pastorix by Nadia Bolz-Weber
Nov. 11, Salvation on Sand Mountain by Dennis Covington
Nov. 18, Selected Poems by Mary Ruefle, (Wave Books)
Member Events
by Shirley Lautenbach

ArtPrize

Wednesday, Sept. 30
Our 5th annual ArtPrize tour this year will be held on two separate days. The October 5th date is sold out. Guests can still sign up for the September 30 outing. 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 per person Questions: call Glenda or Carl Welmers at 243-6431.

ArtPrize will give 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.

The Best of Chicago

Thursday - Friday, Oct 1-2
This trip for our CALL members and their friends will begin with a visit to "Orchids by Hauserman" in Villa Park, Illinois. Recently, many orchid species from around the world have become rare or nearly extinct due to man’s encroachment on their native habitat. To this end, Hausermann's has formed an aggressive seed program to enhance the existence of many of these rare species. After lunch, we will enjoy a guided tour of the renowned Sanfilippo Museum. Before there were jukeboxes and radios, there were nickelodeons and orchestrians—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. Additionally, the museum houses the largest theater pipe organ ever built.

To further showcase aspects of this inventive era, we 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. Our guided tour will give the history of Jane Addams and the great work of the Hull house.

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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 autuminal change of seasons in northern Michigan, at Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies near Kalkaska, Michigan.

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


definition of the word "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.

Couples rooms are sold out but we still have men's and women's dormitories for an additional 16 attendees. Please bring your own pillow and bedding. This event is coordinated by members of the Curriculum Committee and not the Member Events Committee.


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 an athletic, robust Calvin College professor whose life was changed in a flash as he was involved in a serious motorcycle accident. Andy will tell of the marvelous work of God and the "miracles" he experienced in his life. 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 Why's and How's 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 end 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 in awe as you listen to their 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. We will have some free time for shopping at the Bulk Food store, the Cheese Factory and the downtown shops of Shipshewana. 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.
January Series Brunch: National Parks: America’s Greatest Treasure
Wednesday, January 20. Prince Conference Center

CALL members and friends are invited to the January Series Brunch featuring Jere Kraków. Jere Kraków recently completed a public service career with the National Park Service and previously was a college professor in history. He served as superintendent of nine National Historic Trails, including the Oregon, Sante Fe, Pony Express and Trail of Tears National Historic Trails. He has a long-standing goal of connecting the historic sites of the nation with students and citizens alike. He is a fellowship recipient from the National Endowment for the Humanities and holder of awards from several historic trail friend groups. He is a member of the Western History Association and a consultant on the administration of historic trails, commemorative events, and the activities associated with them. Currently serving as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, Mr. Kraków’s presentation will help us celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

Brunch will begin at 9:30 am in the Willow Room at the Prince Center. Bus service is available to the Covenant Fine Arts Center where we will enjoy reserved seating for his lecture to the Calvin community.

Cost - $19.00 - includes brunch, speaker, busing to the Covenant Fine Arts Center and reserved seating.

Questions - call Shirley 299-3584.

The Beams are Creaking
Saturday, April 30. 10:30 am

The Beams are Creaking is a Master Arts production showcasing the inspiring, true story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who defied the Nazis. Our morning will begin by watching the video, Bonhoeffer, Agent of Grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German clergyman of great distinction who actively opposed Hitler and the Nazis. His convictions cost him his life. The Nazi hanged him on April 9, 1945, less than a month before the end of the war. Bonhoeffer’s last years, his participation in the German resistance, and his moral struggle are dramatized in this film. More than just a biographical portrait, Bonhoeffer - Agent of Grace sheds light on the little known efforts of the German resistance.

After lunch we will go to the Master Arts Theater to watch the compelling and inspiring production The Creaking of the Beams. Invite your friends and enjoy these historical presentations of the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Travel to Master Arts on your own.

Cost - $29.00 - video, lunch and play or pay $16.00 to watch the video and lunch (no play).

Questions - Shirley 299-3584.

Purdue Varsity Men’s Glee Club
Tuesday, May 10

The Purdue Varsity Men’s 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 programs.

We will enjoy 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. We are offering this trip again this year due to popular demand.

Invite your friends and enjoy this popular musical experience.

Cost $99.00. $50.00 deposit and balance of $49.00 due March 1, 2016.

Cost includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls, lunch and concert. This is a CALL favorite. Make your reservation today!

Questions - Shirley - 299-3584

Member Events Registration

Two ways to register:

1. Online: 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.

☐ Sept 30  ArtPrize  $65  Name: _______________________________
☐ Oct 1,2  Chicago  $249  Phone: _______________________________
☐ Oct 2,3  Au Sable Inst.  $79  Email: _______________________________
☐ Oct 15  God's Creation  $65  Confirm by email?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No, I don’t use email
☐ Nov 12  Voices of Freedom  $30
☐ Nov 18  Our Christmas Dinner  $89
☐ Jan 20  January Series  $19
☐ April 30  The Beams are Creaking- video, lunch, and play  $29
☐ April 30  The Beams are Creaking- no play  $16
☐ May 10  Purdue Glee Club Deposit  $50

JOIN A COMMITTEE

Most committees in the CALL program meet less than six times per year. Do you have ideas on courses we pursue, are you a planner who likes to put together trips, are numbers your passion, or do you enjoy marketing-related tasks and ideas? Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning is a rewarding program that meets multiple needs and desires for those over the age of 50.

Our committees cover subjects like international trips, local trips, films, lectures, marketing, finances, and volunteer grants.

We welcome your ideas and invite you to call the office at 526-8777 or call@calvin.edu to express your interests.
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 at the end of this month. See the CALL website under the tab Extended Trips for cost, trip overview and background on the trip leader. Contact alumni@calvin.edu if you would like to receive information when it’s available.

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, Glacier National Park, Grant Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site and the Smokejumpers Base Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula.

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 called Red Jammers from Glacier National Park through Logan Pass that crests the Continental Divide, a ride often titled “Going to the Sun Road”, and a stop at St. Ignatius Mission, a beautiful church, established in 1854 as a mission to the Flathead Native Americans who live in the area. …which doesn’t even touch the surface of 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 johnapol07@gmail.com.
The Italian Heritage Tour, led by Ken Bratt, from June 10 - 24, 2016, is now open for registration.

Italy is nothing less than spectacular!

From its ancient cities, rolling hills, rugged coastlines to its magnificent islands, the geography of Italy is as varied as its history. Come along to see priceless works of art and architecture, ruins and monuments from bygone eras, and the sun-kissed landscapes that you'll want to write home about.

Along the way sit back, relax and enjoy the tastes and smells of authentic Italian dining and a culture steeped in history that goes with it. Don't hesitate to join Ken Bratt on an exploration through one of Europe's most beloved countries. See our website for more information or email Ken at kdbratt@gmail.com.