President’s Message

The Board is involved in planning and implementing many ideas that came from brainstorming sessions, from our annual planning meeting, and from our previous Board meetings. Specifically, the Board appointed an ad hoc committee to study marketing and communications' strategies for the future of CALL. The ultimate goal, of course, is to better serve our members and the broader West Michigan community.

Questions such as these need to be answered: How do we manage growth in membership and yet maintain the quality of our offerings? What are the best times and venues in which to offer our classes? How do we know we are the best adult education program in America? By what measures? How can we take our best classes to others in West Michigan or through online webinars? How can we encourage more participants to take our classes? How can we save money on marketing and printing? Can we improve on the CALL brand and image?

Beginning its 18th year of service, the CALL Board is again reminded to thank the many volunteers who serve on committees or as chairs.

While we hope to expand our volunteer commitments, we will continue to need staff to manage the continued growth. When CALL was smaller in the early stages of development, volunteers did most of the administration. Now more paid staff are needed to manage a complex organization.

For this and general cost increase reasons, the Board needs to charge $20 per course starting next semester, compared to $15 per course charged since 1995. Membership dues will remain the same. We hope you accept this change and continue to enroll in many courses when they become available early in 2013. CALL classes will still be an incredible bargain!

In other actions taken, your Board . . .

• noted that enrollment in classes this year is up from 1,362 in 2011 to 1,604 this Fall.
• reviewed the course list and noted that many classes were so popular that they filled early.
• observed a preliminary list of summer, 2013 course offerings--great ideas presented!
• heard reports from all the other committees of activity and results so far this year.
• encouraged CALL members to review our service and community awards opportunities.
• heard reports that on-line registrations for membership renewals and class enrollments went on without glitches.

May God grant you continued blessings as you contemplate another Thanksgiving Season!

Ray Vander Weele, President

For all these exciting events, programs and classes, we invite you to join the board of directors or a committee. Will you consider working with a dynamic group of leaders for whom CALL is a very important service? Contact Lisa Bauman or Ray Vander Weele to discuss opportunities.

DO YOU VOLUNTEER? CALL has grants up to $200 for members who volunteer. Past grants have made it possible to purchase water purifiers, sewing machines, books and art supplies. For more information go online to www.calvin.edu/call for an application or call 616-526-8777.
The trip, the “South Africa Journey” (Nov. 2-17) is filled.

Also, the “Pilgrimage to Israel” (March 11-22, 2013) sold out in record time!

The committee is working on a new slate of opportunities, so look to this column for more information soon. One thing we can tell you: Because of the response to the “Pilgrimage to Israel,” we are offering that trip again in March of 2014. If you would like to get on a list of persons to be contacted about that trip, call the Calvin alumni office at 616-526-6142 and leave your name(s), address, phone and e-mail address. You can review the current year itinerary to get an idea of what the trip will be like at: www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel/2013/israel

The CALL sponsored tour of the American Southwest was recently completed. Nineteen travelers learned about Native American culture through visits to Acoma Pueblo, the Christian schools of Zuni and Rehoboth, as well as by touring canyons in the Navajo Nation in open-air trucks driven by Navajo guides. Visits to three national parks, Grand Canyon, Bryce, and Zion rounded out the tour before flying home from Salt Lake City, where a quick tour of Mormon Temple Square was enjoyed. The Canadian Rockies tour is close to being ready for publication. It is a ten day trip, led by John Apol, planned for the middle of September, 2013, that will begin in Calgary, Alberta, move through Banff, Yoho, and Jasper National Parks before ending in Edmonton. Watch for the official brochure on the CALL website.

Will you help us spread the word? We have a wonderful line-up planned for the Fall Noontime Series. Fliers highlighting individual lectures have been created to help publicize these free and engaging presentations. Would you be able to put one on an announcement bulletin board at your church, retirement home or condo association, or local club or organization you belong to? If so, please contact Lisa at the CALL office (526-8777) or lcb2@calvin.edu. Thank you!

A weekly e-mail of CALL, Calvin and other local events and updates is sent out to our membership. If you are not receiving this e-mail and would like to be included on the list, please send your e-mail to Lisa at lcb2@calvin.edu.

Come and travel the world with us! Join us for the 47th annual Passport to Adventure Film Series. See, experience, wonder, learn and explore a variety of places, landscapes, histories, and peoples from the comfort of your auditorium chair. These films are a great experience for young and old alike. Invite others to take a trip with you! Contact the Calvin Box Office (526-6282) for tickets. A great travel bargain of only $5/adult, $2/student.

Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM
Vietnam, Cambodia and a Mekong Cruise with Clint and Susan Denn
From Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, renowned for its graceful colonial architecture and frenetic streets, to Phnom Penh, the largest city in Cambodia, the adventure also highlights the Khmer people, Angkor Archeological Park, and numerous ancient temples and monasteries. Take an exciting cruise on the Mekong River with movie actor, author, photographer, under-water explorer and award-winning filmmaker, Clint Denn, as your guide.

Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Israel: Stories From the Holy Land with Sandy Mortimer
Along with a cultural past that includes Phoenician, Roman, Crusader and Turk influence, Israel offers a 5,000-year-old tradition of rich storytelling-accounts of love, hate, cruelty and compassion. In addition to visiting the sites of many Old Testament stories and following in the steps of Jesus, we experience the customs of unforgettable and obscure cultures and visit a modern-day kibbutz to experience this unique Israeli lifestyle. Sandy Mortimer, whose career has ranged from politics to
television production, created and narrates this travel experience.

- Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM
  Around the World - One Man's Journey with Doug Jones
- Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM
  Majestic Montana with Steve Gonser

Noontime Series Fall 2012

Please join us for a wonderful, engaging, and thought-provoking line-up of noontime lectures.

All lectures are held from 12:00 -1:00 PM in the Chapel and are open to all, free of charge. Please see the full-page flier for this fall's complete line-up. Be sure to invite your friends to join you.

- Thursday, November 1 “Make Heaven a Noisier Place: Embracing Persons with Disabilities”
  Presented by Barb Newman
  Join the speaker for both information and inspiration as we prepare families and church families to be those kinds of communities where each person is welcome and appreciated. In addition to providing an over-arching picture, you will also leave with very practical ideas you can use tomorrow with persons with autism, spectrum disorders, intellectual disabilities, sensory differences, and learning, behavioral, and emotional differences.

- Wednesday*, November 14 “Finding God in the Movies”
  Roy Anker, Professor of English at Calvin College, will help us explore the moral-spiritual dimension in films from the past and present, with the use of video clips.

*Please note this Noontime will be held on Wednesday.

**Member Events Committee**

Don and Shirley Lautenbach

- January 8, 2013, 9:30 a.m. January Series Brunch.

"Welcoming The Stranger: Justice, Compassion and Truth in the Immigration Debate."

Speaker, Jenny Yang.

Jenny is the Director of Advocacy and Policy for the Refugee and Immigration at World Relief. In this position, she works with members of Congress, their staffers and the administration to improve refugee and immigration policy. She is an articulate speaker. Join us to learn more about this timely subject.

Your morning includes the brunch buffet and speaker, bus service to and from the Covenant Fine Arts Center and reserved seating. Cost - $16.00 per person.

Questions - Call. Shirley Lautenbach-698-9244

- May 7, 2013. Purdue Varsity Men's Glee Club
  Theater at the Center. - Munster, Indiana

We have added the Purdue Varsity Men's Glee Club to our schedule by request of several of our CALL members. 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 choral 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 will be at each table to talk about the history and rules of the glee club.

Join us for this outstanding musical performance. We have 50 places for this sold out concert. The cost is $95.00 and includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls enroute, boneless chicken breast lunch and the concert. A $30.00 deposit will confirm your reservation.

This is a musical must! Make your reservation today! Questions - call Shirley Lautenbach, 698-9244 or cell phone 299-3584.

**Service Committee**

Robertia Rice

ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

At the Sept. 21 meeting of Advocates for Senior Issues, a panel presented very good information about people who work with seniors who are caregivers. “The Caregiver Resource Network (CRN) is a collaboration of over 90 West Michigan organizations dedicated to helping family and professional caregivers. The CRN is facilitated by the Grand Rapids Community College Older Learner Center and Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan with funding from the Older Americans Act.”

You can access information about local help at www.caregiverresource.net. Examples (but not all) include: adult day care; respite care; bathing services; care management; congregate meals; denture services; flu-pneumonia shots; food pantry; friendly visitor; home delivered meals; home repair; outreach and assistance, and many others.

Another website which is valuable to seniors or those helping seniors is the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan which is www.aaawm.org. The phone number is 616-456-5664 or 888-456-5664.

Please pass this information on to your church or other community resource.
Member Events / Interest Group Registration
Send completed form to: CALL Younsgma Center 3201 Burton St. SE Grand Rapids MI 49546
Event fees are per person:

   $95  ($30 Deposit

Name(s) ___________________________________________ e-mail ____________________________

Phone ___________________________________________

Your check must accompany your reservation. Make check payable to CALL.
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  ☐ Yoga  ☐ Brass Ensemble

Visit the CALL website, and when you do, note that among many other items of interest
there are opportunities to view excellent, past Noontime Series presentations which your
schedule may not allow you to attend.
http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/