

# CALL NEWS



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## President's Message

We are approaching the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season again (didn't we just celebrate them--time goes by too quickly as we get older!), so I'm reflecting on how much we have with Calvin CALL for which to be grateful. What a wonderful time of the year to look back and see that your CALL and its Board . . .

- . . . experienced growth in membership to 1,114 now compared to 1,026 last year.
- . . . had 1,407 course registrations this fall compared to 1,353 last year—employing 58 different instructors!
- . . . heard reports that the member events committee is planning another dynamite year for special events and trips.
- . . . reviewed the courses and instructors planned for spring, 2012.
- . . . was excited by the progress the IT sub-committee is making to get registrations and payment options on line-by next summer.
- . . . read letters from two CALL scholarship winners who were recognized at a scholarship dinner on November 8.
- . . . received thank you's from the January series for agreeing to sponsor the January 5, 2012 event with John Varineau as speaker.
- . . . read the Treasurer's Report which showed that we met our budget for 2010 – 2011, with no increases needed next year from dues or class fees.

So, if you get a chance, when you are expressing thanks to God, remember also the staff—Lisa, Irene, and Wally—and the many board and committee members who work hard on your behalf. SOLO DEO GLORIA!

*Ray Vander Weele, President*



## SPOTLIGHT ON ...Chuck Jansen

CALL President 2008-2010



This two-year period was one of transition, which actually began in 2006 when Dr. Peter Van Vliet became president of CALL. He was the first president who had not been a Calvin faculty member. I, also non-Calvin-faculty, followed Peter into the office.

Almost immediately there arose among some long-term members and former officers of CALL a

desire to see CALL more affirmatively move away from any direct administrative oversight by the college, in order to solidify CALL as a truly volunteer organization. An ad hoc committee was formed, which looked into this possibility. After approximately a year of study, the ad hoc committee recommended to the Board that CALL employ and fund its own administrative person. The board adopted this recommendation and subsequently engaged Lisa Bauman for the position of Administrative Assistant.

This action did not divorce CALL from Calvin College; rather, the board recognizes and respects its relationship with the college. CALL remains an entity of the college and exists under its 501©3 designation. Further, the college continues to fully support CALL in various ways, one of which is the obvious provision of classroom space. The transition of administrative duties went smoothly and is functioning very well today. At the end of this process, the board expressed its appreciation for the many years Carol Rienstra had given in support of CALL, and awarded Carol a Lifetime Membership.

The period of 2008-2010 was also one of continued growth in membership and class attendance. The milestone of 1,000 members was reached during this time. New programs were added in the form of international travel and interest groups that evolved out of some of the classes offered. One interest group, the Brass Ensemble, developed a robust practice and performance schedule on its own. As CALL continues to develop, we can expect to continue to see innovative offerings appear on its agenda.

*Chuck Jansen*

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## College Support Committee

Mike Van Denend, liaison

CALL members are welcome to visit the Calvin Campus Store on a special Saturday opening at the annual "Christmas at the Campus Store" event on Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be music, refreshments, and savings on a variety of holiday-themed purchases, free gift-wrapping, giveaways on the hour and book signings. National Book Award nominee Gary Schmidt will sign books from 10 a.m. to noon and Calvin men's basketball coach Kevin Vande Streek will sign his new devotional book for athletes, "Strong and Courageous," from 1-2 p.m. Proceeds go to the Grand Rapids Calvin Alumni Chapter Scholarship Fund for current students.

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## Extended Trips Committee

Frank Roberts, chair

CALL and the Calvin Alumni Association are partners on these two exciting travel opportunities:

**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 (Philippi, Apollonia, Thessaloniki, Berea, Athens, Corinth) as well as other important locations such as Patmos, Delphi and Santorini.

Led by Dr. Jeffrey Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary. Contact Witte Travel at 957-8113 or [groups@wittetravel.com](mailto:groups@wittetravel.com).

**A Journey to South Africa**, November 2-17, 2012.

Visit a land of many races, cultures and languages with incredible diversity in geography. This trip will include learning about the massive political changes that occurred with the end of apartheid in the early '90s. The cities of Cape Town and Johannesburg will be visited as well as townships and remote villages. As we travel from place to place we will view the country's diverse landscape, including the "highveld" and "lowveld," seacoast, mountains and plateaus, and unusual flora such as the "fynbos" of the cape region.

Led by Calvin alumnus John Apol. Contact Witte Travel at 957-8113 or

[groups@wittetravel.com](mailto:groups@wittetravel.com).

More information on these trips is available at [www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel](http://www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel).

If you missed the October 20 Noontime,

**In Adam's Fall We Sinned All** with Scott Hoezee,

you can watch the video of this Noontime on

the CALL website. Go to <http://www.calvin.edu/call>

Click the center arrows to enlarge it to full screen.

## Public Events Committee

Henry Baron, Chair

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### Passport to Adventure Films Series



Please join us as we travel to amazing places with the Passport Film Series. Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased the evening of the show at the Calvin Box Office.

Shows begin at 7:00 PM (\*\*note earlier time). A free shuttle service is available from the west parking lot (just off 3201 Burton St. entrance to campus) beginning at 6:00 PM.

Contact the Calvin Box Office for tickets at 526-6282

### Upcoming films:

➤ **Thursday, January 19, 2012**

**The Heart of San Francisco** with Sandy Morton

Capturing as much of the magic of this "City by the Bay" is the object of Sandy Moritmer's new presentation. Collaborating with 4th generation Californian's Rick and Jan Rosefield, this exploration goes beyond the tourist sites and into many of the neighborhoods this city has. Sandy will explore and reveal many of the claims to fame and the local lore in the "hoods" as well as Fisherman's Wharf, North Beach, Chinatown, Embarcadero, Japantown, Union Square, Mission District, Nob Hill, Alcatraz Prison, Presidio Civic Center, and much more. Learn the history of San Francisco including rare footage of the 1906 earthquake. Join Sandy as she takes us on a wonderfully exuberant experience in "The Heart of San Francisco."

➤ **Wednesday, March 28, 2010**

**Mongolia, Land of Genghis Khan** with Buddy Hatton

Mongolia lies at the heart of Asia, on the balance between the 'East' of China, and the vast wilderness of Siberia in Russia. A place of natural and cultural diversity, this huge, sparsely populated land encompasses a fabulous array of pristine landscapes and nomadic people whose lives are in many ways unchanged from the days of Genghis Khan and the mighty Mongol Empire. As the 19th largest country in the world, Mongolia's considerable size means an enormous variety of landscapes, from awesome expanses of rolling steepe, high glacial mountains, impenetrable forests and deep, crystal lakes. Travel with Buddy Hatton to visit the Reindeer People, thrill at the world famous Nadaam Festival, stay with a Nomad family in the Gobi Desert, learn the real story of Genghis Khan and so much more.

➤ **Monday, April 16, 2012**

## **Wales: Land of Song** with Monty & Marsha Brown

Think "Wales" and behold images of Celts, choirs, castles, Cardiff, coalmines, coastline and pastoral mountain valleys dotted with sheep. Wales is a small country, smaller than the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with its own language and a large influence. Join Monty and Marsha Brown as they explore U.S.-Welsh connections, particularly in upstate New York, as well as the historical homeland on the eastern shore of the Irish Sea. Visit towns and villages, mostly unknown to the average American, and experience the unique Welsh culture through the people and their music.

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## **Member Events Committee**

*Don and Shirley Lautenbach*

**November 29 [Tues] *LES MISERABLES* - Dinner and Theater (Trip filled – waiting list only)**

**January 20 [Fri] JANUARY SERIES BRUNCH**

Join your fellow CALL members at the Prince Center for brunch and our special speaker, Ralph Edmond. Entrepreneur, businessman, mentor and native of Haiti, Mr. Edmond is the co-founder of Laboratories Farmatrix, a pharmaceutical company in Port-au-Prince that employs over 65 people. Through the tool of mentoring, Ralph believes that business people and entrepreneurs can break the barriers of social and economic class.

Your morning will include brunch, our special speaker, Mr. Ralph Edmond, transportation to the Covenant Fine Arts Center, reserved seating for the January Series lecture and transportation back to your car. Cost \$15.00.

**March 21 [Wed] Lunch with Tom Rademacher**

ALL members and their friends are invited to a winter luncheon on Wed. March 21 at Calvin College. Lunch will be in the Calvin Commons Lecture Hall in the lower level. The Commons is located across from the Covenant Fine Arts Center. This is Calvin's spring break so there will be adequate parking. Our speaker will be Tom Rademacher, the well-known press columnist. Mr. Rademacher is a life-long resident of West Michigan and joined the Grand Rapids Press in 1978. He covered various beats for ten years before being named the metro columnist, a job he held full-time until the summer of 2009. He continues in a part-time capacity, specializing in stories about everyday people both struggling and soaring. Twice in the last three years, the National Society of Newspaper Columnists has named him the top columnist for general columns nationwide. He is the father of three sons and he and his wife Holly live in Rockford. Cost \$15.00

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## **Administrative Assistant**

*Lisa Bauman*

We have a great way to keep you informed about happenings at CALL, Calvin and around town. CALL sends out a weekly e-mail highlighting CALL sponsored events and lectures, as well as Calvin lectures, sports activities, and music events (many of which are FREE!) If this sounds like something you would like to receive please send your e-mail address to Lisa at CALL and you will be added to the list to receive these updates.

Please e-mail [lcb2@calvin.edu](mailto:lcb2@calvin.edu) or [call@calvin.edu](mailto:call@calvin.edu)

## **Health, Fitness and Recreations Committee,**

*Glen Van Andel, chair*

The Committee is happy to report that permission has been given for CALL members to use Calvin's indoor track on weekday mornings. Beginning in January, the track is open to CALL members from 6:15 - 9:00 a.m. M-F. You must show your CALL ID badge and enter through the main doors of the Spoelhof Fieldhouse Complex (other doors will be locked). This may help you keep fit during those cold winter months.



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## **Service and Community Relations Committee**

*Roberta Rice*

**Where do you volunteer?** Our members are active in helping others in countless ways.

Do you know that CALL gives grants up to \$200 to help you in your volunteer efforts?

Recent grants have:

- helped purchase materials for quilts for children with cancer
- helped pay for transportation and meals for nursing home patients
- provided books as incentive for elementary students

To obtain a grant request form please call the CALL office at 526-8777 or visit the website and download a copy of the form at [www.calvin.edu/call](http://www.calvin.edu/call). Upon completing the form, please send it to the CALL office.

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## **Hospitality Committee**

*Sherry Levy, Board Liaison*

The Hospitality Committee serves the CALL community faithfully by serving coffee, tea and cookies between classes in Hiemenga Hall whenever CALL classes are in session.

The Hospitality committee is looking for a few individuals who would be willing to help in this service. If you are interested in serving please contact Sherry Levy at [levy.sherry@gmail.com](mailto:levy.sherry@gmail.com) or 245-4831 or Mary Rienstra at 975-9053

## 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:

January 20 [Fri] January Series Brunch \$15     March 21 [Wed] Lunch with Tom Rademacher \$15

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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       Gardening       Brass Ensemble



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