President’s Message
By the time you read this, we will have had our 2012 annual meeting at which we celebrated another year of blessings for CALL. We elected two new board members, celebrated the careers of two of our key staff, announced the Distinguished Service Award recipients, recognized a renowned and favorite teacher of the year, and paid tribute to retiring President Gaylen Byker. Watch the July newsletter and Website for pictures and other highlights of the annual meeting. Now is a good time to review actions of the May board meeting and the results of this past season. Your CALL Board . . .

• Experienced growth in membership to 1,313 now compared to 1,165 last year at this time. This number includes 281 new members.
• had 1,302 course registrations this spring compared to 1,065 last spring.
• heard reports that the member events committee has shown a dramatic increase in number of events--participation is up. For example, 89 persons attended a January brunch, 169 heard Tom Rademacher, 92 went to Live at the Met in HD--La Traviata, and 44 went to Amish Acres. Many more events are planned for this Fall. We'd love to have you join us.
• reviewed the preliminary course schedule for fall, 2012. Uko Zylstra will be working with Wally Bratt this summer to prepare another excellent class schedule.
• reviewed progress on our ability to take on-line registrations for summer courses and for renewing our memberships this summer.
• received a thank you from the January series for agreeing to sponsor another speaker in January, 2013.
• participated in a senior expo at the Advocates for Senior Living event at Meijer Gardens.
• approved a position description for a part-time membership secretary. (See ad)
• heard reports that the summer programs were very popular but still we have openings for our June courses and noontime series.
• appointed new committee chairs for 2012-13.

When you get a chance, thank both God and those staff members who have contributed so significantly to our growth and accomplishments. Welcome our new board members and Uko Zylstra, our new curriculum director, and give a thank you to those who have won awards this year.

Ray Vander Weele, President

SPOTLIGHT ON …

President Gaylen Byker

The idea for CALL sprouted during my first full year at Calvin College, 1996. I cannot take credit for the idea, but when it was presented to me, my first reaction was a resounding “YES” to life-long learning. Why was I eager for this endeavor all those years ago? Many of the reasons match the reasons that Susan and I also said YES to the Presidential Search Committee in late 1994.
Susan and I greatly appreciated our Calvin experience as students. We studied with excellent and engaging professors who had great passion for their areas of study while integrating them effectively with the Reformed faith. We learned to think and act and move forward in whatever God had called us to do, while remaining firmly rooted in biblically sound Reformed theology and practice.

We have lived and traveled in many places. Susan taught in Allendale, Ann Arbor, Philadelphia, Beirut, and New York City. I studied at the University of Michigan to obtain a J.D., and a Masters in international relations and eventually earned a Ph.D. in international finance at the University of Pennsylvania. We also had the opportunity to live and teach in Beirut, Lebanon. In all of these endeavors and adventures, we relied on our faith and our commitment to Christian liberal arts education.

Calvin’s mission and vision drew us back to Grand Rapids. As a lawyer and businessman, I was grateful that Calvin, under the leadership of Tony Diekema, had recently completed its first Capital Campaign. When we came to Calvin in 1995, the Chapel had recently been completed, and other aspects of the campaign enhanced and expanded campus buildings and academic programs. The January Series was underway, and the first center, the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, was endowed. Yet, the campus was already 40 years old, and there was much to be accomplished.

Susan and I do not consider our time as Calvin only in terms of bricks and mortar. Some say, “Gaylen Byker knew how to raise money and build buildings.” But we pray that our legacy will not be primarily about building projects. Rather, we would like to be remembered for:

• The enhanced Christian liberal arts mission: “Distinctively Christian—Academically Excellent.”
• Staying the course as a college that holds fast to its Reformed identity and mission, for that is where we find our roots and heritage.
• Gratitude for the friends we have made and relationships we have built in these 17 years, with colleagues and supporters and who have taught us about Godly generosity and prayerful encouragement. They have not just helped us build buildings. They, and many of you, have endowed student scholarships, created new spaces and centers for enhanced learning and research, and so much more. Buildings mean little without the treasures that happen within the classrooms, residence halls, common spaces, laboratories, and auditoriums.
• Our commitment to expand the reach of our campus as faithful stewards of our Reformed heritage to embrace the global Reformed community. Today we have Calvin students from nearly all fifty states and six Canadian provinces. We have 500 international students from 50 countries, and many North American minorities in our student body. We have ten off-campus programs and hosts of interims, which allow students to study around the globe with our tremendous faculty.

Thank you, CALL members, for your engagement with us at Calvin. You also have expanded our reach! From the beginning, I saw CALL as an entrepreneurial venture—one that would bring people to our campus to continue to keep minds active, learn new things together and grow as a community. CALL has done that and more. We are deeply grateful that CALL has used our facilities and our faculty for many classes and events. Those faculty report that they greatly enjoy teaching seniors. We are also grateful for the many new friends CALL has brought to our campus. Building a learning community for seniors is a great model for our students. We value the diversity of people, ideas and relationships that come through CALL.

My parting words for you all are: Stay the course. Always embrace learning. Build community. And, remain faithful to Christ. Blessings!

Gaylen Byker

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Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, Chair

FALL 2012 Noontime Series

We are again planning 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.

Thursday, Sept. 6 James K.A. Smith and Loren Haarsma
"Evolution, Human Origins, Scripture, and Reformed Confessions"

Loren Haarsma (Physics) and Jamie Smith (Philosophy) will report on the state of the conversation about Reformed perspectives on human origins, exploring issues at the intersection of evolution and the Reformed confessions.

Thursday, Sept. 20 Teresa Weatherall Neal
"Facing the Challenges of the Grand Rapids Public Schools."

Interim Superintendent Neal will discuss the problems and the possibilities of public education today, particularly as they relate to the city of Grand Rapids.
Thursday, Oct. 4 Stephen Staggs
"Heijdenen" and "Wilden": Imagining Indians in the Dutch Republic and New Netherland

Historian Staggs shows from early sources that the Dutch were just as curious about Indians as their European neighbors. He also explores how the Reformed theologians and pastors in the Dutch Republic viewed the Indians of North America and their mission to these “Gentiles.”

Thursday, Oct. 18 Anneshia Freeman
“Other Sheep...Not of this Fold: The Anneshia Freeman Story”
The creator and director of a treatment program for former prostitutes and drug addicts will share her painfully personal, God-led story of abuse and addiction to prominent leadership in serving the needs of the abused.

Thursday, Nov. 1 Barbara J. Newman
“Make Heaven a Noisier Place: Embracing Persons with Disabilities”
Author and educator Newman will share her passion for welcoming among us those who are “different”: behaviorally, emotionally, cognitively, or sensorially.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 Roy Anker
“Finding God in the Movies”
Professor Roy Anker explores the moral-spiritual dimension in a number of films from the past and present, with the use of video clips.

Summer Programs Concert Series
Don't miss this time of wonderful music! Come and join us for one, two, three or ALL the concerts. Reserve your place ahead of time or pay at the door the day of the concert. Learn more:
http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/summer_program.htm or contact the CALL office at 526-8777.

Monday, June 18: Piano and flute concert in the Chapel at 12:00 PM
Ken Bos, piano and Amy Netz, flute
Ken teaches full-time in the Music Department at Grand Rapids Community College. He is also Director of Music and organist at Calvin Christian Reformed Church. Amy taught band at Grand Rapids Christian High School and is involved with the youth and music programs at Calvin Christian Reformed Church.

Tuesday, June 19: Vocal concert in the Recital Hall at 12:00 PM
Lisa Walhout, soprano, will be giving a concert for the Calvin Academy of Lifelong Learning at 12:00 PM in the Recital Hall of the Covenant Fine Arts Center on Calvin's campus. Lisa will be singing works by Schumann, Hahn, Faure and Quilter. Hyesook Kim of the Calvin College Music faculty will accompany her. Lisa Walhout teaches voice at Calvin College and has performed as a soloist with Opera Grand Rapids, the Washington Bach Consort, and the Calvin Oratorio Society.

Wednesday, June 20: Vocal concert in the Recital Hall at 12:00 PM
Soprano, Charsie Randolph Sawyer will present a mini-recital of African-American Music. She will sing songs by Noel DeCosta, Margaret Bonds, David Baker, John Carter and John Work III. This concert will take place at 12:00 PM in the Recital Hall of the Covenant Fine Arts Center on Calvin's campus. Charsie is a professor of Music at Calvin College. She has toured extensively as an opera singer, concert artist, conductor and clinician, nationally and internationally.

Thursday, June 21: Organ concert in the Chapel at 12:00 PM
Norma de Wal Malefyt will give an organ concert, which will include classic organ literature as well as orchestrated work and hymns transcribed for the organ. It will include works by J.S. Bach, Samuel Barber, William H. Bates and Cesar Frank. Norma serves as a presenter at events sponsored by the Worship Institute, and as an adjunct instructor in both organ and piano for worship for the Music Department of Calvin College.
All concerts $5 each, or all four concerts for $15
Learn more:
http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/summer_program.htm or contact the CALL office at 526-8777.

Summer Programs
Peter DeBoer, Chair

Keep your mind stimulated over the summer by participating in the CALL Summer Program of lessons, classes and concerts. You do NOT need to be a CALL member to take our summer classes so be sure to share this with a friend or neighbor. You can register on-line!!

May 21-24 BIRDING at the Bunker Interpretive Center
May 2-June 1 GOLF at the Christian Reformed Recreation Center – Class is FULL
June 4-7 THE MANNER & MYSTERY OF PRAYER, AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, and LINE DANCING.
June 5-8 IMMIGRATION.
June 11-12 a two-day INTERNATIONAL COOKING class.
June 11-14 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION and COMPUTERS.

For complete descriptions and times please go to www.calvin.edu/call and click on Summer Programs or contact the CALL office at 526-8777.
June 21 [Thu] Brown Bag and Flowered Quilt Gardens
Enjoy a day with the Amish and your CALL friends. We will visit four Amish places of business. Places such as the cheese factory, the bakery etc. You will receive a gift from each business to put in your brown bag. Our day will also include visits to several elaborate quilt patterned gardens that display over 100,000 flowers. Lunch will be at an Amish home and dinner at the DasEssenhaus.
Cost $80.00
Questions: Shirley Lautenbach - 698-9244

July 12 [Thu] A Day at the Farm
We will enjoy breakfast together on the way to DeMotte, Indiana. Enjoy the morning at the VanderMolen Blueberry farm in DeMotte. We will ride on people movers to tour the blueberry and sweet corn farms. In the afternoon we will have a guided tour of their large commercial pig farm. These farms are featured in a farm display at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.
A pig roast will be our lunch experience. Fresh roasted pork with side dishes including sweet corn and blueberry desserts. Malcolm DeKryger and Jon Hoek, both Calvin graduates, will be our hosts.
Our day includes breakfast, the day on the farm, and dinner on the way home and bus transportation. Come and enjoy "A Day at the Farm." Cost $80.00.
Questions call Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

July 19 [Thu] Detroit Tigers and the Los Angeles Angels
Watch these two teams battle each other. They both have added an outstanding player - Albert Pujols (LA) and Fielder (Tigers). This event is open to CALL members, grandchildren and CALL member's friends. Coffee and rolls on the way to the stadium, pop and dog at the park, admission to the game and dinner on the way home are all included in the price. Cost - $70.00
Questions - Call. Don Lautenbach 698-9244 or Dwight Penning. 452-9405

August 9 & 10 [Thu & Fri] Lake Geneva and "The Rock and the Rabbi."
Enjoy beautiful Lake Geneva with CALL members and their friends. Historic Greendale, Wisconsin will be our first stop. We will enjoy lunch at the "Harmony House."
After lunch we will board the bus and have a step on guide who will tour us through Greendale and tell us the history of this unique town. After our historic tour we will experience the "Test Kitchen" tour at Taste of Homes.
We will begin with the fabulous Signature Buffet. The musical "The Rock and the Rabbi" will be entertaining and inspirational. This story of a fisherman and a teacher is outstanding. "The Rock and the Rabbi" sets the stage, as there will be ample opportunity to shop and take advantage of the “good” buys at the Taste of Home center. In the evening we will enjoy all that the Fireside Theater offers.
Simon, a simple fisherman, draws the audience into his story. See how he becomes Peter the “Rock” and
begins his journey with Jesus, the "Rabbi" from the Sea of Galilee, to the agony of the cross and the Messiah of all ages.

On Friday we will enjoy the very informative narrated trip on the "mail delivery" cruise on beautiful Lake Geneva. After lunch on your own and shopping in the quaint stores, we will depart for home. Dinner together on the way home.

Cost $239 per person (double occupancy)
Questions call: Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

September 7 [Fri] West Michigan Landmarks
What do an art museum, Lake Michigan lighthouse, lunch at a quaint lakeside inn, farm tour (with ice cream), and ending the day with an outdoor fish boil have in common?

Find out on our tour of these West Michigan landmarks on Friday, September 7. Cost for the day: $80. Sign up today to reserve your spot!
Questions: Carl and Glenda Welmers 243-6431

September 25-28 [Tue –Fri] Civil War Battlefields
Visit the historic Civil War battlefields - Gettysburg and Antietam with expert guides. We will also visit Harper's Ferry, Flight 93 and the fabulous Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pa.

CALL members and their friends will enjoy four days of great history.
Cost. $499. A $50 deposit will confirm your reservation.
Questions - Call Don Lautenbach. 698-9244

Membership Secretary Needed for CALL
CALL is looking to hire a detail-oriented person to serve as our membership secretary beginning this summer. Applicant needs to have great computer skills, be familiar with Word, Excel, Power Point, and Access (or similar database management program). Hours are flexible, but task is challenging but fun for the right person. Contact Lisa Bauman at 526-8777 or at call@calvin.edu for more information or to receive a position description.

Coming this summer . . .
on-line CALL membership!
You will soon be able to pay for your membership on-line whether it is new registration or renewal.
Information and "how to" steps will be sent to you.
Please make sure we have your current e-mail.
If you do not receive our weekly CALL e-news it means we do not have your current address. Please send it to call@calvin.edu
Extended Trips Committee
John Apol, chair

American Southwest, September 6-17, 2012

Due to the success of the National Parks travel experience of last year; alumnus John Apol will be leading another Western U.S. tour, this time through Arizona and New Mexico.

Led by Calvin alumnus John Apol. Contact Witte Travel at 957-8113 or groups@wittetravel.com.

A descriptive brochure is available at: www.calvin.edu/academic/call/extended_trips or from John Apol via email at john@lenscape-photography.com or at 616-243-8600. There are only four spots left for this exciting adventure! Join us now!

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.

A Pilgrimage to Israel: In the Light of Jesus, March 11-22, 2013

This one-of-a-kind journey to the Holy Land will be led by Bill Vanden Bosch and wife, Lyn; the Vanden Bosches have organized this special trip a number of years now and add a deep spiritual dimension to the experience. A brochure and website will soon be available with more information. Call the alumni office at 616-526-6142 for materials and/or an RSVP for the information session.