President's Message

We noted in the February Newsletter that Wally Bratt wanted to retire as the Director of Curriculum.

- I appointed a sub-committee to identify and recommend suitable candidates to replace Wally. The committee solicited names of candidates who are committed to the goals of CALL and Calvin College, are familiar with curricular aims and processes, and have good leadership and organizational skills. In addition, the candidates have to be available and willing to devote time and energy to the CALL curriculum for only a modest honorarium. The subcommittee met with three candidates who possess the required qualifications.

- Great News!!!! After interviews and discussions, the committee recommended Uko Zylstra as the new Director of Curriculum. He has accepted our offer, and the full CALL Board affirmed this recommendation at its February meeting.

- Uko has recently retired from Calvin’s faculty where he served as Chair of the Biology Department and Academic Dean. Having held these positions is evidence of his commitment to Calvin and his knowledge of both its curriculum and faculty.

- The Board is excited to work with Uko, and knows that he has a big job ahead. Wish him well! (See website for a Curriculum Vita.)

At its February meeting, the board also . . .

- Reviewed the excellent participation in scheduled member events.
- Awarded several community service grants.
- Applauded the current list of courses and enrollments.
- Celebrated the fact that membership is at an all-time high of 1,252.
- Encouraged members to volunteer to serve on the Board, committees, or volunteer for many types of opportunities with CALL.

Ray Vander Weele, President

SPOTLIGHT ON …

The CALL Newsletter

CALL sends out a Newsletter ten times each year, omitting the months of January and August. The first section is always the report of the Board President, normally explaining what the monthly meeting of the Board is dealing with. Then, for the past several years, a section called “SPOTLIGHT ON ...” calls attention to one specific phase of the CALL operation. The bulk of the Newsletter contains information from the various committees of CALL.

Here is how it works. The CALL Board meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. All the copy for the next Newsletter is sent in by the Friday following the Board meeting – sent in electronically directly to the editor Gordon Kamps. The Chairpersons of the various committees are responsible for getting copy in to the editor on time, due date the first Friday of the month. Ed Gerritsen supplies photographs. Gord then does all the
computer formatting and editing that is necessary to put the information into Newsletter form, requiring perhaps a week or more. He then, by email, sends the first draft to several people for proofing – Irene Bolthouse and Mike Van Den End have been very capable in this task. Gordon then incorporates these changes and sends a final copy to Printing Services at Calvin College – via email attachment. Ed Walhout then makes out the Work Order detailing how many copies are to be printed, usually more than 800, and other information the printers need.

Printing Services need a few days to print the Newsletters and deliver them to the CALL office in the Alumni Building. They notify the Publications Committee when this is done, and the committee co-chairs, Ed and Alma Walhout, then make arrangements for the committee to have a “mailing party” to get the Newsletter in the mail, usually the second or third week of the month. Lisa Bauman sees to it that the color copy of the Newsletter is posted on CALL’s internet site.

This past month the mailing included the semi-annual Curriculum booklet and several inserts as well as the Newsletter, requiring a 6x9 manila envelope to get it all. The Publications Committee is currently composed of the following people:

- Marilyn and Al Bratt
- Ed Gerritsen (photographer)
- Gordon Kamps (editor)
- Deanne Kroon
- Helen Meulink (Board liaison)
- Esther Nawyn
- Lilian Samuel
- Marion Tiemeyer
- Alma and Ed Walhout (co-chairs)

(Irene and Howard Bolthouse and others help out when necessary.)

Public Events Committee

*Henry Baron, Chair*

We are in another exciting year of the Passport to Adventure Film Series and the engaging lectures of the Noontime Series. Both of these events are wonderful opportunities to share with friends and family.

**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

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**Upcoming films:**

- **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 steeple, 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 (Note Date – Wrong date on ticket)**
  - *Wales: Land of Song* with Monty & Marsha Brown

Please note that the date of the April Passport film is April 16, not April 6 as appears on your season ticket. Tickets showing April 6 are still good and can be used the night of the April 16 film.

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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**Spring 2012 Noontime Series**

Free and open to everyone. Bring along a neighbor or a friend.

Held in the Chapel at Calvin College from 12-1 pm

Learn more about these lectures at
[http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/noontime.htm](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/noontime.htm)

**Thursday, March 1 Unsolved Mysteries: The Shipwreck Thomas Hume**

On May 21, 1891, the lumber schooner Thomas Hume and its crew of seven sailed out of Chicago, toward Muskegon and into a spring storm, never to be seen again. Its disappearance lingered as one of the great unsolved mysteries of the Great Lakes, even becoming fodder for UFO stories. The discovery of the wreck more than a century later solved the
mystery of its disappearance. However, the collection of shoes, clothing, jewelry, coins and tools found inside generated even more questions. An archeological investigation led by Holland, Michigan-based shipwreck expert Valeri van Heest has attempted to solve the riddles posed by the shipwreck. After survey dives, historical research, and detective-like reasoning, she pieced together not only the Thomas Hume’s career, but also how its crew lived, worked, and died on the lake.

Presented by Valerie van Heest

Thursday, March 15 Growing Sculpture: Growing Sculpture: How The American Horse Helped Change the Face of Meijer Gardens with the help of photos taken over the past 12 years, Larry Ten Harmsel, professor and Meijer Gardens Historian, will describe a few of the many conflicts and controversies surrounding the creation of The American Horse, and will conclude with a discussion of how the Meijer Garden’s sculpture collection has grown and developed.

Join us for a special discussion time with Larry Ten Harmsel after the lecture. 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Choir room of the Chapel Undercroft.

Free and open to all. Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling 526-8777 or call@calvin.edu.

Presented by Larry TenHarmsel

Thursday, March 29 Music for All Seasons with Fitah, Calvin student and opera star.

Thursday, April 12 Festival of Faith and Writing with author Gary Schmidt

from Member Events Committee

Don and Shirley Lautenbach, Co-Chairs

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

April 14 [Sat] Lunch and "La Traviata"

Join CALL members and friends for the experience of seeing the opera "La Traviata" by Verdi. Our day will begin with Howard Slenk, a retired Calvin music professor, who will introduce us to opera, Verdi and "LaTraviata". After lunch we will go to Celebration North to enjoy the opera.

The lecture and lunch will be in the Calvin Commons Lecture Hall on the lower level. The Commons is located across from the Covenant Fine Arts Center.

Cost $35.00. Includes lecture, lunch and admission to the opera.

Questions: Shirley Lautenbach. 698.9244

April 26, [Thu] Amish Acres

Enjoy a one-day trip to Amish Acres - a historic Amish farm. We will experience the lifestyle of the Amish through guided home tours, farm wagon ride tour showing points of interest on the farm, documentary films and quaint shops. Lunch on your own. The special feature will be the musical comedy "Church Basement Ladies."

This comedy is based on the thought that the church kitchen at one time was often the heart and soul of the church. This comedy is funny, heart warming, down to earth and will bring back many memories. After the play we will enjoy a "Thresher's Dinner" - a feast of Amish favorites. The dinner will be served in the century old barn restaurant, originally built in 1876.

Cost $79.00 Questions: Shirley Lautenbach. 698.9244


We are planning an exciting day tour of the Henry Ford complex including the IMAX theatre. We will be able to see the production of the truck assembly from an elevated walkway inside the plant. Coffee and donuts, and dinner included in the day’s event. Cost for the day: $90.

Questions: Carl & Glenda Welmers 243-6431

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 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. After a stop in Chicago and getting settled in our hotel we will enjoy all that the Fireside Theatre offers. 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 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 the 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. $239.00. Questions: Shirley Lautenbach. 698-9244

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

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**CALL Updates**
Keep up with what’s happening!
Send your e-mail address to:
call@calvin.edu
and receive our weekly CALL updates highlighting CALL and other local events.

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**The "Calvin Daylily"**
Shortly after the publication of the 2012 Spring Curriculum catalog, I received this note from Helen Meulink, a member of the CALL Publishing Committee about the lily I had painted and called the "Calvin Daylily": “It (the daylily) was bred by Phyllis De Vries and named after Calvin. Phyllis has acres of day lilies, which she breeds and registers.

Whenever friends have a special occasion, such as an anniversary or birth of a child, she will give them a new day lily named after them.” Phyllis called the lily the “Calvin Colors” Serendipity! GK

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**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. A brochure for this trip is being prepared and will be available in early January; the CALL website will also have it available. Questions? John Apol at john@lenscape-photography.com or at 616-243-8600.

**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@witetravel.com.

A descriptive brochure, “A Journey to South Africa,” is available on the CALL website or from John Apol via email at john@lenscape-photography.com or at 616 243 8600. The deadline for the discounted trip price is February 15, 2012.

**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 Rev. 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. Until then, call the Calvin Alumni Office to get materials sent to you, 616-526-6142.

**Interest groups**
CALL Knitting Interest group invites you to join them on Wednesdays from 2 - 4 PM in room 150 of the DeVos Communications building (located next to the Prince Conference Center). The group is for all levels and will be meeting on Wednesdays beginning February 1 through May 9. Please contact Diane Vander Pol if you have questions about the group (dvpo@calvin.edu or 940-2955).

The CALL Yoga interest group meets on Mondays, beginning February 6 at 1:30 PM.
The group will meet Mondays from 1:30 -2:30 PM in the Hoogeboom Center, dance room 300 (this is part of the Spoelhof Fieldhouse Complex). Andre Daley will be the instructor of this beginning yoga group. The group will meet February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12. Sue Sweetman is the coordinator of this group. Please contact her with any yoga specific questions (sweet@calvin.edu or 247-6741).

Sally Vander Ploeg
CALL members can register for the Festival of Faith and Writing at a special rate of $150. Please follow the instructions below or contact Kristin Otte Groom at 526-8529.
1. Go to the Festival's online registration form (https://ffwreg.calvin.edu/).
2. Under "Registration Fees" select "Scholarship/Other."
3. A box will appear asking for a code.
4. Enter this code: FFWCALL12
5. This will reduce the total to $150.

If you haven't purchased your season pass to the Artist Series (Garth Fagan Dance - Feb. 19, Chanticleer - Mar. 3, Bach Collegium Japan - Mar. 17, and Season Finale with John Nelson - May 7) it's not too late. Remember, CALL members get a 10% discount. Individual tickets for CALL members are $135 for the 4 concerts. There are educational events connected with this series. CALL members interested in orchestral or choral technique are invited to observe the March 16, 2011, 2-5 p.m. rehearsal of Bach Collegium Japan in the Covenant Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Free, but reservations required. Please contact Heather Rodgers at 526-6411 or hhr2@calvin.edu.

Interested in serving as a docent at the Calvin College Center Art Gallery? Contact Carol Rienstra at crienstr@calvin.edu for more information.

Irene Bolthouse
These Spring 2012 classes are filled, with waiting list only:
#1 Henry VIII
#18 Faith & Science
#19 Revelation
#20 Creating Memoir
#23 World War II
#25 Computers
#31 Underground Railroad
#32 Love Wins
You may phone or e-mail a request for classes. Irene will hold a place for you and confirm it when your check is received.

From
Membership Secretary
Irene Bolthouse

From
Administrative Assistant
Lisa Bauman
We have a wonderful opportunity for you to serve CALL and its members. Our Membership Committee is looking for a few new volunteers. This committee helps to spread the word about CALL and its offerings, gathers information about our membership through surveys so that we can continue to offer relevant classes and activities, and prepares the CALL Distinguished Service Award. This is a great way to become involved, meet some new friends, and help CALL to continue its dedication to our membership and our community.
If you'd like to learn more please contact Lisa in the CALL office at 526-8777 or lcb2@calvin.edu

CALL Annual Meeting and Luncheon Reservation Form
Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.
Prince Conference Center
We will watch a special CALL Board Q&A time with retiring Calvin president Gaylen Byker via video.

Please join us by sending in your completed reservation.

Name(s): __________________________
Phone and/or e-mail __________________________
Cost of luncheon $5/person: Amount enclosed: __________________________

Send to: CALL Office, 3201 Burton St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Your check must accompany your reservation. Make check payable to CALL.
An e-mail or postcard confirmation will be sent to you.
### Member Events / Interest Group Registration

Send completed form to: CALL Youngsma Center 3201 Burton St. SE Grand Rapids MI 49546

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Your check must accompany your reservation. Make check payable to CALL. Your cancelled check is your receipt. 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

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