President’s Message

Highlights of the Annual Meeting held May 25, 2011

• 317 attended! Record number! Great lunch and speech!
• Board members re-elected: Sue Griffioen, Bruce Klanderman, Donna Muyskens and Ray Vander Weele
• Distinguished Service Awards: Laird Hamstra, Anna Sietsema, and Don and Shirley Lautenbach
• Brass Ensemble played.

Board Meeting Highlights from June 1, 2011…the Board . .

• . . evaluated the annual meeting—what went well, what didn’t, etc.
• . . approved a motion from the Public Events Committee to videotape the Noontime Series and to link each on the CALL website.
• . . will conduct a planning conference for CALL chairs and committee persons on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 from 8:30 – 11:30 AM at the Prince Center.
• . . reviewed research projects by Calvin students and are planning a separate meeting to discuss results and implications.
• . . elected the following officers for 2011-12: Ray Vander Weele, President; Jeanette Sprik, Vice President; Helen Meulink, Secretary; Bruce Klanderman, Treasurer; and Donna Muyskens, Vicar.
• . . received the membership secretary’s report which shows continual growth in membership and participation.
• . . evaluated itself, how it functions, how it can improve the organization, and how we conduct CALL and board business.
• . . heard reports from committees detailing a great 2011-12 season of new courses and member and public events.
• . . approved a motion to continue our affiliation with Advocates for Senior Issues, a community service organization of West Michigan.
• . . agreed to continue studying how CALL can best serve its members.

Ray Vander Weele, President

SPOTLIGHT ON …

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

To receive this award, members must have been a member of CALL for over five years, should have served CALL over an extended period of time, and must have performed outstanding service.

Laird Hamstra

The Board presented Laird’s award to him at his house shortly before he died. Laird was the CALL newsletter editor for the past six years, the CALL webmaster, and he was an encouraging and faithful member of CALL.

Anna Sietsema

Anna served for 37 years as “chief programmer” of the Passport Series, from which she is retiring this year. She has made an enormous contribution to this very successful CALL program. She’s been a very involved member of TRACS (Travel Adventure Cinema Society) for many years. In 2007 she hosted this organization at Calvin, and the event generated many positive responses from the conferees.

Don and Shirley Lautenbach

Don and Shirley have worked together as a team to plan, host, and sponsor well over 50 events during the years they have chaired the Member Events Committee. Their patient attention to detail, their ability to listen to many recommendations for events, their ability to work with committee members to manage each event so that each always gets positive reviews—all contribute to a team which deserves this award.
Member Events Committee

Don and Shirley Lautenbach

July 14 [Thurs] A Day on the Farm
Enjoy the morning at the VanderMolen Blueberry Farm in DeMotte, Indiana. We will ride on people movers to tour the blueberry and sweet corn farms. In the afternoon we will again use the people movers to have a tour of a commercial pig farm. These farms are featured in a farm presentation 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 DeKruyter and Jon Hook, both Calvin graduates, will be our hosts.

Our day includes bus transportation, coffee and rolls, the day on the farm and dinner on the way home. Our departure time from the Prince Center is 7:00 a.m. Anticipated time of return is 8:00 p.m. *(Filled – Waiting list only)*

Come and enjoy “A Day on the Farm”. Cost $70.00
Questions call Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

August 4 [Thurs] 8:00 a.m. A Day at Comerica Park.
Watch the Tigers battle the Texas Rangers in a 1:15 p.m. game. This trip is for CALL members and their grandchildren. Invite your grandchild(ren) to enjoy the day with you. The trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation, tickets to the game, coffee and rolls, hot dog and pop at the park and a buffet dinner on our way home. Cost $65 per person
A $25.00 deposit must accompany your reservation. Balance of $40.00 is due July 1. Questions call Don Lautenbach 698-9244 or Dwight Penning 452-9405

July 28 and 29 [Thurs – Fri] - Lake Geneva and David
We will begin our day with a stop at the Billy Graham museum to visit "A Brush with the Eternal", the inspirational art of Ron DiCianni. This exhibit, featuring twenty-six original paintings, depicts biblical events, characters and spiritual insights.

Our visit to the Fireside Dinner Theater ( Ft. Atkinson, WI) will feature David the young man who grew from shepherd to singer to warrior to King of Israel. This new musical traces his life from his epic battle with Goliath all the way to his coronation as king. David is a fast-paced, funny, and exciting musical for all to see. We will enjoy the Fireside's signature buffet - one of the best.

After a narrated cruise on Lake Geneva we will have time for lunch and shopping in the quaint village of Lake Geneva. Dinner on the way home.
Cost of the trip $229 (Double occupancy)
Questions call Don and Shirley Lautenbach - 698-9244

September 27-30 [Tues – Fri] Joseph and I Love a Piano
Lancaster, Pa.
Join us for four days of drama, music, great food and wonderful fellowship. Joseph is an energy packed production that will leave you feeling uplifted with the life-changing message of forgiveness. Joseph is a masterpiece with superb acting, outstanding music and an inspirational message.

After a morning touring the Amish countryside with a local guide we will experience a simpler way of life with the Amish Experience Theater and Amish Homestead tour.

We will see the film, Jacob's Choice, a story of an old order Amish family and their lives and struggles. Then we will take the Homestead tour, which takes us into the home of the family we met during Jacob's Choice. Enjoy a buggy ride, which will take us unto an Amish Farm. For dinner we will enjoy a family style Amish dinner at Plain and Fancy.

I Love a Piano - this musical at the Dutch Apple Theatre is a salute to America's greatest tunesmith, Irving Berlin. The show is a musical journey spanning several decades of American history with more than 60 songs. Songs include "Easter Parade," "Blue Skies," "Anything you can do," "God Bless America" and more.

We will also visit the Flight 93 memorial in Pa.
Cost of the trip - $499.00 (Double occupancy)  A $50.00 deposit must accompany your reservation.
Balance due by Sept. 1st.
Questions - Call Don and Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

October 27 and 28 [Thurs – Fri]"Cars, Music, and a Museum" - Drury Lane Dinner Theater - Chicago, Ill.

We will begin our trip with a visit to a private antique car collection. The Drury Lane Dinner Theater will feature, in addition to an excellent meal, the legendary classic that has captured the heart of generations! THE SOUND OF MUSIC is the enchanting story of Maria, a spirited young nun who leaves the convent to become a governess for the seven children of the widowed Captain vonTrapp. This is the best of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

On Friday we will visit the James Adams Hull House, which serves as a dynamic memorial to social reformer Jane Adams, the first woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. The work of Jane Adams and her colleagues changed the lives of the immigrants, as well as national and international public policy.

Cost of the trip $199 (Double occupancy). A $50.00 deposit must accompany your reservation. Balance of $149.00 due September 30th
Questions - Call Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

November 29 [Tues] LES MISERABLES - Dinner and Theater
Enjoy dinner at Calvin College. After dinner board a Holiday bus to take us to the DeVos Performance Hall to see Les Miserables. After the show the bus will take us back to Calvin College and our cars.

This show is a brand new 25th anniversary production of this legendary musical, Les Miserables, with glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimagined scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo. This new production has been acclaimed by critics, fans, and new audiences, and is breaking box office records wherever it goes. The New York Times hails this show “an unquestionably spectacular production from start to finish.”

Cost for the evening - dinner, bus transportation and the show is $70.00. (Mezzanine seating)  If you would like Orchestra seats the cost will be $80.00. (Early registration suggested for the change in seats.)Questions - call Shirley Lautenbach - 698-9244

Public Events Committee

Henry Baron, Chair

Passport to Adventure Films Series

If you haven't ordered your tickets for the 2011-2012 season, consider doing so today. More than 500 seats are already reserved for the season which includes:

- **Thursday, October 13, 2011** The Silk Road: A Journey through Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Turkey
• Thursday, November 10, 2011 Texas
• Thursday, January 19, 2012 The Heart of San Francisco
• Wednesday, March 28, 2012 Mongolia, Land of Genghis Khan
• Monday, April 16, 2012 Wales: Land of Song

CALL and the Calvin Alumni Association have teamed up to make these wonderful travel opportunities available. See the May issue of the CALL News for more information or visit www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel.

Extended Trips Committee
Frank Roberts, Chair

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• America's National Parks, Sept 8-18, 2011
• China: Past and Present, Oct 24–Nov 7, 2011

Noontime Series Fall 2011

September 8 Restoring Lives, Renewing Spirits
Cliff Washington, Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services coordination manager for Kent and Allegan Counties Michigan Prison Re-entry Initiative (MPRI), will focus on the church’s role for those coming out of prison.

September 22 The Prayers of the Founding Fathers
Paul Nelson, Aquinas College President Emeritus, will use prayers of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and George Washington as an apt tribute in celebration of Constitution Day.

October 6 Jesus as Healer
Edgar Boeve, Calvin College emeritus art professor, will explain his latest creations of fabric art based on seven examples of healing by Jesus.

October 20 In Adam's Fall We Sinned All
Scott Hoezee, director of the Calvin Theological Seminary Center for Excellence in Preaching, will summarize recent discussions about the history of life on earth and questions related to understanding the origins of our sinfulness.

November 3 Adapting to the Changing Media Landscape: Dealing with Disruption in the Marketplace
Dan Gaydou, publisher of the Grand Rapids Press, will tell us how the local newspaper intends to thrive in the future when digital publication of information is the norm.

November 17 International Adoption Agents: How Songs Find New Homes
Emily Brink, program director of conferences and global resources for the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, will look at psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that get “adopted” from one country or culture to another.

Check with the CALL office if you would like reserved seating for a large group at a specific program and/or to arrange for a low-cost lunch before or after the 12-1 p.m. presentation.

The Seminars @ Calvin program
is proud to announce the 2011 Summer Lecture Series. All Wednesday evening lectures will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Calvin College Gezon Auditorium.

• July 6, Gerardo Marti - "Have You Seen Our Gospel Choir?"
• July 13, Alvin Plantinga - "Religion and Science: Where the Conflict Really Lies"
• July 20, Frederick Dale Bruner - "The Adventure of Biblical Interpretation"
• July 27 Eleonore Stump - "The Problem of Suffering"

Special Noon Lecture:
• Tuesday, July 26, at 12:00 p.m. in the Alumni Board Room. The Alumni Board Room is located on the second floor of the Commons Annex.

Justin Barrett - "Why Religion is Natural and Theology is Not"

For more information, please visit: www.calvin.edu/scs

Two Free Evening Lectures:
• Monday, July 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Prince Conference Center, Calvin College:
  “Embodying a Reformed Liturgic: In Today’s Ecumenical Convergence”, Dr. Bryan D. Spinks, Yale Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School
• Wednesday, July 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Prince Conference Center, Calvin College:
  “Embodying a Reformed Liturgic: The Presider”, Rev. Dr. Kim Long, Columbia Theological Seminary

A time for questions and refreshments follow each lecture. Sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship (worship@calvin.edu, 616-526-6088) in conjunction with the Association for Reformed and Liturgical Worship annual convocation. AR&LW is a voluntary association of congregations and individuals who covenant with God’s help to cultivate, practice, and promote worship that offers a foretaste of the fullness of God’s reign.

Calvin Seminary Inaugural Luncheon Invitation
• Larry Bos, Sr. and Tom Duthler are pleased to invite you to their annual Calvin Theological Seminary luncheon to hear President elect Jul Medenblik share his inaugural theme CALLED TO SERVE.
• Thursday, July 28th, at Stonewater Country Club, 7111 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Caledonia, Michigan 49316
• Punch bowl at 12:00 noon; Complimentary Lunch at 12:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Jean Garehan at (616) 957-8602 or garej@calvinseminary.edu by July 15.

Pictures Wanted
If you have pictures of CALL activities, events, classes, etc. that you are willing to share, please send them to Lisa Bauman at the CALL office (lcb2@calvin.edu). Ed Gerritsen, our CALL photographer, is putting together an archive of CALL photos. Non-digital photos will be returned.

CALLNews is published monthly except for August and January. It is sent to CALL members and posted on the CALL Web site www.calvin.edu/call. Announcements should be submitted by the first Friday of the month for the following month’s CALLNews to call@calvin.edu or to gkamps1@mac.com
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:

☐ July 28–29 [Thurs-Fri] Lake Geneva/David $229  ($50 deposit)
☐ Aug 4 [Thurs] Comerica Park $65 ($25 deposit)
☐ Sept 27-30 [Tues-Fri] Joseph/Love $499 ($50 deposit)
☐ Nov. 29 (Tues) Dinner and Theater $70 – Mez.
       (Orch. $80)

Name(s) ____________________________________________
Phone __________________________ e-mail ________________________

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  ☐ Gardening  ☐ Brass Ensemble