From the President

A Happy New Year to each and every one of you! Once again I wish for each of you a year filled with meaningful learning experiences as well as outstanding opportunities for service. CALL is committed to providing you with both of these.

Right now I hope you are enjoying The January Series of Calvin College. In February CALL’s own Noontime Series begins with a varied and interesting lineup for the Spring Semester.

Last year at this time I mentioned the survey you would be receiving regarding which new CALL activities you would like to see initiated. We appreciated the good response and are now busy getting several new programs started in response to your input.

Now it is time to update our interest profile. Enclosed with this CALL News is an interest profile for CALL members. Please fill out and return this form to the CALL office at your convenience (preferably by March 1, 2006). You may use the enclosed envelope, with or without other materials such as your course reservations and check.

And, of course, the most exciting thing is the schedule for CALL Courses for Spring 2006. Enrollments last fall were the highest ever, so I encourage you to sign up early for your favorite choices.
Member Events

Feb 14 [Wed] Enjoy a noon lunch at the Prince Center and a winter afternoon armchair trip with Chaplain Dale Cooper presenting “Travel on a John Deere”. There is easy parking at the Prince Center. The delicious lunch, great fellowship and travel with Chaplain Cooper are all for a price of $15.00. Make your reservation by sending in the enclosed reservation form.

Questions? Call Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

Springfield Illinois Tour

Apr 18,19,20 [Tue-Thu] This is a “must-see” 3-day tour for CALL members. The Tour includes:

Abraham Lincoln Museum This state-of-the art museum was opened in April of 2005. The museum was carefully designed with exciting historical detail to encourage an “experience” for all visitors. The amazingly well preserved artifacts tell the entire life story of our 16th president.

Lincoln House Enjoy a video presentation and a guided tour of Lincoln’s home as it appeared in 1860. He lived in this home from 1844-1861. We will walk the restored street and also visit the Arnold and Dean homes.

Lincoln’s Tomb Lincoln’s tomb is in the Oak Ridge cemetery, the second largest cemetery in the State of Illinois and the second most-visited cemetery in the United States.

New Salem History comes alive with the restoration of 25 buildings. Costumed interpreters take on the role of people who lived and worked here during Lincoln’s six-year stay, from 1831-1837.

Lincoln-Herndon Law Office Lincoln practiced law here from 1843-1852.
Passport To Adventure Travel Series

Single tickets are $5.00 each.
Calvin Box Office is open 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday - Friday
Phone 957-6282

- Ticket sales are through the Calvin Box Office only. (No Service fee if you visit the box office; $2.00 for mail or phone orders)
- Do NOT send money for Passport tickets to CALL
- All programs are presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium of Calvin College at 7:30 PM
- A shuttle bus runs between the FAC and the west parking lot off Burton Street for 30 minutes before and after each program

Mar 16 [Thur] 7:30PM The New Zealand Experience with Grant Foster
May 11 [Thur] 7:30 PM Alaska's Inside Passage with John Holod

Plus Other historical sites in Springfield.
Lodging at the Comfort Suites – bring your swimsuit!
Cost: $249.00 per person (Deposit of $50 with reservation and balance by March 1)

Questions? Call Don Lautenbach 698-9244

Looking Ahead:

May 5, 6 [Fri-Sat] Midland trip “Dow Country” View the beautiful Dow Gardens, recapture the legacy and history of Dow Chemical, enjoy Bradley House, the Herbert H. Dow Historical Museum, the Hall of Ideas, and more. $185.00

May 17 [Wed] Muskegon trip “Lumber Queen of the World” Dr. Richard Harms wrote his doctoral dissertation on Charles Hackley later published as a book. He will lead the tour of Muskegon, Michigan, the largest lumber producing city during the nineteenth century. We will visit sites important in the lumbering history of Muskegon, reflect on the impact of lumbering, and stop for a visit of the Hackley and Hume houses and their shared carriage house – all finely preserved and restored examples of late Victorian architecture.

With his engaging style, Dr. Harms will describe the lumber industry, bring alive the people whose fortunes were made during the White Pine era, as well as review some of the steps taken to bring industry to the city once the trees of the Muskegon River basin had all been harvested. You will also learn of the large-scale shipping via sailing vessels on the Great Lakes, the log drives and the aftermath of the industry on this region. $45.00
Public Events (sponsored by CALL)

NoonTime Series Spring 2006

Six free one-hour programs held on alternating Thursdays from noon–1:00 PM

NOTE- VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Feb 9 [Thu] in Calvin College Chapel "Responding to Disasters" by Andy Ryskamp, Director of the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

Feb 23 [Thu] in the Commons Lecture Hall "Messages on the Big Screen" by John Loeks, owner of Celebration Cinema theatres

Mar 9 [Thu] in the Calvin College Chapel "Joining Creation's Song" by Joy Bonnema, biology professor at Calvin

Mar 23 [Thu] in the Commons Lecture Hall “A Time for Burning”, an award-winning documentary film that examines tensions between race and faith

Apr 6 [Thu] in the Spoelhof Center Lab Theatre “Arcadia” by Calvin theatre students who will present segments of “Arcadia”, the college's spring theatre production

Apr 20 [Thu] in the Fieldhouse - a speaker from the Festival of Faith and Writing.
Member Events Registration Form

Send to: CALL c/o Irene Bolthouse
3201 Burton St SE
Grand Rapids MI 49546

“Lunch with Chaplain Cooper”
Feb 14 [Tue] $15.00 per person
Name(s)______________________
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Address _____________________
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Telephone  ___________________
Enclosed $________

“Abraham Lincoln’s Legacy”
Apr 18-20 [Tue-Thu] $249.00 per person
$50 per person with reservation
balance March 1
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Address _____________________
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Enclosed $________

From The Service and Community Relations Committee

CALLNews will include, when there is space, announcements of learning programs that may be of benefit to CALL members and are open to all seniors.

Call Ralph Dik, 452-9508 or e-mail at Rdik@comcast.net

CALL members Ula Calsbeek, Marian Tiemeyer and Jo VanderWeide, who volunteer at the East Paris Christian Reformed Church’s English as a Second Language program, are pictured with Lynn Boersma, volunteer coordinator, and four students. In the picture 5th from the left is CALL member Esther Nawyn. CALL members Phyl Boonstra and Glady DeVries are the two ladies on the right. Volunteer Coordinator Lynn Boersma is standing in the far back of the picture.

A CALL service grant of $200 helped purchase extra materials which were needed because of higher than expected enrollment. Six CALL members and six Calvin students are among the volunteers, including fifteen trained teachers, who meet with groups twice a week. First classes were offered in October to 38 registrants who represent a variety of foreign countries. Child care is provided for nearly 20 children each session.

For more information about how to get involved, contact Ula Calsbeek at 942-5573

Stretch and Flex for Seniors at Boston Square CRC 1803 Kalamazoo Ave. (just north of Burton St.) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Questions call: Joyce Ott 452-8487 or Lois Knoor 241-3519.

Springtime Elderhostel Programs in Michigan

- Kalamazoo: Explore Concert Connections; sponsored by the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival - April 22 - 27, or April 29 - May 4
- Hillsdale: Music, Music, Music; sponsored by the Michindoh Conference Center - May 14 - 19
- Sturgis: A Study in Shared Heritage - The Amish and Mennonites; sponsored by the Amigo Centre, a quaint Mennonite retreat center nestled in a growing Amish Community - May 14 - 19. If interested
RULES & REMINDERS

1) Only CALL members may take CALL courses.

2) As you select your courses, fill out both the number of the course and the title word which appears in **BOLD** print. Although you may select as many courses as you desire, these choices will be given to you on a space-available basis. Your registration will be confirmed.

3) The cost is $15 per course per person.

4) Please do not attend a class unless you are registered for it. Often there is a waiting list for closed course and it is unfair to those who registered earlier if you assume there is room available.

5) Wear your nametag to class as well as to other CALL events.

6) If your nametag or plastic holder has strayed or been damaged, you may request a new one.

7) CALL classes are open only to CALL members. We are always happy to welcome new members. If you have friends who would like to take courses with you, but have never joined, urge them to join CALL.

CALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

___New member  ___Renewal  ___Former Member

Name__________________________________________

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Address_________________________________________

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Phone Number (   ) ______________

E-mail address ________________________

Please check length of membership desired:
___ One-year membership ($30 each)
___ Three-year membership ($90 each)
      One free CALL course each
___ Five-Year membership ($150 each)
      Two free CALL courses each

Send this form and appropriate check in enclosed envelope.

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