From the CALL President

The Third Annual Fall Retreat for CALL committee members and Board members was held on October 7, 2005. There was an excellent turnout and we had some excellent discussions regarding future directions for CALL.

Last year’s retreat focused on three areas and progress has been made in all of them in the last year. The Task Force on Health, Fitness and Recreation arranged for CALL membership in the MVP SportsPlex and more than 20 members have already taken advantage of this generous arrangement. Other fitness activities are in the planning stages. Regarding the second area, the Board recently approved the establishment of a new standing committee to plan and coordinate summer programs. If you would be interested in serving on this committee please let me or Irene Bolthouse know. In the third area, the Service Committee has been renamed the Service and Community Relations Committee, and they have made significant progress in looking for ways in which CALL can collaborate with other community agencies.

At this year’s retreat we looked at the original mandates for all of the standing committees, discussed how the roles of several of them have changed, and generated ideas that the committees and Board should discuss this year in order to make the committees more effective in serving an ever growing membership. Also at this retreat, Bob Meyering made a presentation regarding the CALL web page (www.calvin.edu/academic/call), and there was discussion about using the web site and also email to better serve the membership.

At the October Board meeting it was announced that our membership is about 30 ahead of last year’s, and course enrollments are up by about 60 from last fall. Thanks to the many volunteers who continue to donate a large amount of time and effort to make CALL the highly successful organization it is.

Roger Griffioen

Announcements

CALL Service Committee

We received a letter of thanks from Romania for CALL support: “We wish to express our gratitude for your good initiative of helping the Romanian disadvantaged children. The crib mattress layers (covers) were donated to The Nutritional Recuperation Department of the Infant Hospital ‘Louis Turcana’ in Timisoara. This location was activated by some of the LaGrave group of volunteers. An average number of 60-65 children are hospitalized in this medical unit. These children come from socially disadvantaged families and they have nutritional issues. Thank you for your support. (signed) Site Manager Codruta Stoian and Volunteers Coordinator Nadina Berzovan”

Tom Weeda, chair CALL service committee

CALL Member Events Committee


We'll meet at Calvin for an 8:30 AM departure to the new Grand Rapids Press printing facility in Walker. You won't want to miss this exciting tour of the latest in information technology. Representatives of The Press will be on hand to offer insights into their production. From there we'll move downtown to see the new YMCA facility. A walking tour of this health-fitness center is impressive. Our lunch will be in the first mayor's home near downtown. Can you guess where?

In the afternoon we'll tour St. Mark's Episcopal - the first church established in downtown Grand Rapids. Dr. Howard Slenk, their music director, will entertain us on their newly installed organ. This will be a musical treat for everyone. Cost for the day: $39.

Nov 30 [Wed] "Motor City Day Trip"

We're planning a fun filled Motor City day trip as part of our holiday celebration. We'll leave Calvin at 8:00 AM and plan to be back by 5:00 PM. The tour will include visits to the Henry Ford Museum, the Detroit Zoo, and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Lunch will be provided at the zoo. Cost for the day: $80 per person.
AM and drive to Rochester to tour Meadow Brook Hall originally owned by the Dodge family. This magnificent 88,000 square foot, 110-room mansion beautifully exemplifies the lavish lifestyle of the American industrialist of the early 20th century. It will be decorated for the holidays. Following our tour we’ll enjoy lunch in the dining room of the mansion. In the afternoon we’ll be entertained by the world famous Radio City Music Hall’s Rockettes Christmas program in the downtown Fox Theatre. Cost for the day: $80.

Looking Ahead - more details later

Feb 14 Lunch with Chaplain Cooper “Travel on a John Deere”

Apr 18, 19, 20 Springfield Illinois trip “Lincoln Legacy”

May 5, 6 Midland trip “Dow Country”

May 17 Muskegon trip “Lumber Queen of the World”

Public Events (sponsored by CALL)

Noontime Series (noon to 1PM)

Nov 3 [Thur]—Marsha Falco
GET SET—LEARN TO PLAY
Marsha Falco, creator of several mind-boggling, generation-crossing and community-building games, explains how German Shepherd dogs with epilepsy played a part in the invention of the SET card game. She demonstrates why MENSA, the high IQ society, in a national competition chose SET as one of the top five family games for 1991. NOTE: In the College Chapel Undercroft.

Nov 17 [Thur]—Bert Bleke
EDUCATING CHILDREN IN A COLLEGIATE TOWN
Grand Rapids Public Schools' Superintendent, Mr. Bert Bleke, shares his views on the relationship between private and public school systems, as well as the role of colleges and universities, government agencies, and churches in providing a quality education for all students in our city.

40th Annual Passport to Adventure Travel Series

All programs are presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium of Calvin College at 7:30 PM

Season Tickets (five films) $16.00
Single tickets are $5.00 each.
Student Tickets: $2.50

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Phone (616)-957-6282

Nov 16 [Wed] 7:30PM
Cruising Europe's Great Rivers with Clint Denn

Jan 19 [Thur] 7:30PM
In Search of Shangri-La with Buddy Hatton

Mar 16 [Thur] 7:30PM
The New Zealand Experience with Grant Foster

May 11 [Thur] 7:30PM
Alaska's Inside Passage with John Holod

Calvin College Events

Nov 1-2 [Tue & Wed] 7:30 p.m. Seminary Auditorium
The Stob Lectures by Ellen T Cherrity, Margaret W. Harmon Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary.
Nov. 1: The Lost Christian Art of Happiness
Nov. 2: Reclaiming the Christian Art of Happiness

Nov 3-5, 10-12 Gezon Theatre As You Like It, by William Shakespeare. Tickets are $9 Thursday, $10 Friday and Saturday.
Calvin Box Office at (616) 526-6282.

Nov 12 [Sat] 8 PM FAC Calvin Band Concert (free)

Nov 15 [Sun] 3 PM FAC Alumni Orchestra Concert Tickets at Calvin Box Office at (616) 526-6282.

Nov 18 [Fri] 3:30 PM Science Building Rm. 110
Christian Perspectives in Science Seminar Series. “Evolution Wars: A Failure to Communicate” Uko Zylstra, Academic Dean and Professor of Biology, Calvin College.

Nov 18 [Fri] 8 PM FAC Artist Series
Dallas Brass is considered one of America’s foremost musical ensembles since founding in 1983 by Michael Levine. Tickets at Calvin Box Office at (616) 526-6282

Nov 20 [Sun] 4 PM FAC Calvin Gospel Choir (free)