From the President

It was about two years ago during late February when it happened. I remember it well. At about 4:30AM I awoke in a panic. I knew something was very wrong, but groggy from awakening so suddenly I could not think what it might be. My pulse was steady but my breathing was slightly labored. In stealth I rose from bed and patrolled the house. The doors were locked, the checkbook in place, the fire in the fireplace was out. There were no sounds at all. And then it came to me in the completely darkened house that during my evening reading slouched on the davenport, the February issue of the "CALL News" was not evident on our coffee table. I threw on the living room light and my worst fears were confirmed. To my horror, the "News" was indeed missing!

How careless could we be to mislay that issue. Only CALL members will understand this wretched catastrophe because the first "CALL News" of the year sets the tone for our next several months. So the February yellow bulletin always occupies a prominent place on our coffee table.

In this year’s “CALL News” the Public Events Committee, Henry Baron, chair, announced their excellent Noontime Series. So put those dates on your calendar lest you lose your “News” like I did. Wally Bratt and his intellectual collaborators on the Curriculum Committee listed thirty Spring 2007 courses so enticing that we wish we could sign up for all or most of them. Don and Shirley Lautenbach listed seven Member Events which all are exciting, well planned and very popular. Carol Rienstra has listed for us on-campus events and opportunities. Harold Kuizema is soliciting nominees for our Distinguished Service awards. Tom Weeda from our Service and Community Relations Committee announced opportunities with Calvin students during spring break. Marge Bantjes and her Hospitality Committee reminded us that assistance is available for CALL members to get to their classes.

So keep your February “CALL News” in a safe place. Two years ago in desperation I was forced to phone our conscientious membership secretary, Irene Bolthouse, for a replacement copy and she graciously complied. But we cannot do that for all of our 700 plus members. So please hang on to yours!

Peter Van Vliet, President of CALL

Editor’s Note- we now put all CALL News issues on www.calvin.edu/call so you can also get a copy by simply looking in your computer. LEH

Corrections/Room Changes

1) A course was omitted from the February catalog issue. There is still time to enroll in it:

31-S2007 Desktop Publishing
8:15-9:45 AM (Please note time.)
6 Fridays: April 6 – May 11
Room: Library Computer Lab, L-122, 1st floor of Calvin Library

Have you ever wanted to learn an easy way to make flyers, business cards, invitations, greeting cards, calendars, certificates, brochures, newsletters, etc.? The programs we will use are PrintMaster and Microsoft Publisher. However, if you have the software for Print Shop or Hallmark Greeting Cards, or some similar program, you can easily adapt the knowledge you gain in this class to those programs. The programs have done much of the work for you; you simply modify or add graphics or your own pictures to preformed templates to suit your needs.

Many of these projects can be done using Microsoft Word, but it is much easier using Microsoft Publisher, PrintShop, or PrintMaster. It would be helpful to know the keyboard (how to type) as well as to have some basic knowledge of the computer. If you have questions, call Jeni Hoekstra at 977-2624 or e-mail her at hoekstradj@sbcglobal.net.

Style: Hands-on
Jeni Hoekstra, leader

Jeni Hoekstra is a retired educator and is a computer trainer.
2) Although the course descriptions are correct the calendar page in the middle of the catalog has several errors and there are also some room changes

- Course #1 Lincoln meets in HH333
- Course #3 Iran meets in SB110
- Course #7 Solzhenitsyn meets in NH157 (NOT HH157)
- Course #13 Studs Terkel does meet 3/22
- Course #26 Alaska meets at 1:30 (NOT 3:15)
- Course #22 Knitting does meet 4/15

Membership Secretary Irene Bolthouse

The CALL Annual Meeting and luncheon will be held on May 24 in the Prince Conference Center from 11:30AM until 1:30PM. All CALL members are invited to attend this luncheon meeting, but there is limited space. Opportunity to make a required reservation will begin after April 1.

A reminder that the CALL membership year is from September to September. Membership fees will be due in summer, 2007 -- not January

Membership Committee Harold Kuizema, chair

Please be thinking of CALL members to nominate for CALL Distinguished Service Awards. Two or three persons will be honored at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon in late May. In previous years Kees VanNuis, Wally Bratt, and Ed & Alma Wallhout were recognized for their many years of volunteer work with CALL. The nomination form and guidelines will be available online and in future CALLNews issues.

Curriculum Committee Wally Bratt, chair

The curriculum committee continues to plan for interesting courses, but your suggestions are needed. What topics would you like to be considered? What specific courses would you like to see? What potential instructors can you suggest? Are there subject areas that we have neglected or slighted? Give us your opinions. Speak to or e-mail any of the committee members listed below.

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We will begin planning for the fall term soon. Please help us with our common goal to create attractive and profitable courses.

Publicity Committee Gloria Yff, Chair

The CALL Web site (www.calvin.edu/call) is a good source of information about all aspects of CALL as well as a place to see pictures of some CALL events. Please let us know if you find it helpful, and what we can do to make it even more attractive and useful.

Member Events Committee

Mar 21 [Wed] Dutch Colony Tour. There is still room on this bus tour to several West Michigan colonies with host Rev. Bill Buurmsa. We will have lunch at Noel restaurant in Jamestown. Cost $35

Questions, call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

Apr 17-19[Tue-Thur] Lincoln Legacy trip, Springfield, Illinois. There are two slots still open. A reminder for those with reservations that balance is due March 1.

Questions, call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

May 10 [Thur] A few seats are available for the Dow Country trip to Midland Michigan. View the fantastic Dow Gardens, learn about the extraordinary accomplishments of the famous Alden B. Dow, tour his home, museum, etc. Dinner will be at the luxurious Ashland Court Hotel. From the hotel we view the tridge, unique to Midland. Cost $89.00. A $50.00 deposit holds your reservation until March 15.

Questions, call Jeanne or Clarence Vos at 949-2888

Jun 28-29 [Thur-Fri] There are eight seats left for the exciting lighthouse tour. We will arrive in Mackinaw City for the 2PM Western Cruise of the lighthouses in the Straits Area. Dick Harms will be, as always, our “unlimited source” narrator. Our boat will bear west under the mighty Mackinac Bridge for a 3-hour round trip tour. To the south along the 20 mile run to White Shoal Light is Wilderness State Park. Gray’s Reef Light, originally built in 1891, is due south. We then double back to the Waugoshance Light that reminds one of a mediaeval castle, then on to St Helena Island Lighthouse. There is much lighthouse lore to enjoy. We will overnight in Mackinaw City and return to Grand Rapids the following day viewing and visiting lighthouses on the Western Michigan coast. Learning about the role of these structures in the development of Michigan’s economic development promises to be a real treat. Estimated cost $190.00. A $50.00 deposit holds your reservation until May 1.

Questions, call Jeanne or Clarence Vos at 949-2888


Questions, call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244
There are one or two seats left for the Stratford experience. The Merchant of Venice is the play, and Oklahoma is the musical. We will lodge at the five-star Arden Hotel. No passport needed if going by bus. Estimated cost $265.00. A $50.00 deposit holds your reservation until July 12.

Questions, call Jeanne or Clarence Vos at 949-2888

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From Public Events Committee Henry Baron, chair

Noontime Series Fall 2006
Free one-hour programs held every other Thursday at noon on the Calvin campus

Feb. 22 "Public Education in General and Grand Rapids Public Schools in Particular" Dr. Bernard J. Taylor, superintendent of the Grand Rapids Public Schools, the 3rd largest district in Michigan, affirms a commitment to maintain open lines of communication and a high visibility in the community. (In the Chapel)

Mar 8 "Africa's Wealth: Some Lessons on Tradition, Family and Politics" Calvin philosophy professor David Hoekema will speak about how Africa's cultural and political life today can teach us about overcoming a tragic past and working toward a better future. (In the Chapel Undercroft)

Mar 22 "The Lost Boys and Others from Sudan Find Themselves in Grand Rapids" with Pastor Bob Mueller of Christ Lutheran Church, and Pastor Matthew Riak of the Sudanese Celebration Church. (In the Chapel)

Apr 5 "A View from My Window in Washington, DC" Representative Vern Ehlers comes to talk about what's going on in our nation's capital and answer questions. (In the Chapel)

Apr 19 "The King of Instruments Sings!" Students of Norma de Waal Malefyt and Larry Visser present a program of classical and sacred organ music from Baroque to 21st century. (In the Chapel)

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From Service and Community Relations Committee Tom Weeda, chair

Helping Hands Braille Ministries (just off Breton near 28th) is seeking a volunteer to prepare 9x12 envelopes for a mailing of “Our Daily Bread” Braille editions to approximately 100 subscribers. This monthly opportunity would take only a couple hours. If interested, contact Irene Bolthouse at hibolt@juno.com or phone 957-1552.

The Elderhostel Institute Network (EIN) is a voluntary association of Lifelong Learning Institutes (LLIs), funded by Elderhostel Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities for older adults.

Elderhostel offers a number of programs in our region including these examples:

- Lincoln Legacy Trip, Springfield, Illinois 4/17-19 $249.00 per person
- Dow Country Trip 5/10 $89.00 per person
- Lighthouse Tour 6/28-29 $190.00 per person
- Celebration Belle River Boat Cruise 7/9 $349.00 per person (full - waiting list only)
- Stratford Sept 12-13 est $265.00 per person $50 deposit

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Registration Form

1. "Course #31 Desktop Publishing" $15.00 per person
2. Dutch Colony Tour Mar 21 $35.00
3. "Lincoln Legacy Trip, Springfield, Illinois" Apr 17-19 $249.00 per person
4. "Dow Country Trip" May 10 $89.00 per person
5. "Lighthouse Tour" June 28-29 $190.00 per person
6. "Celebration Belle River Boat Cruise" Aug 7-9 $349.00 per person (full - waiting list only)
7. "Stratford" Sept 12-13 est $265.00 per person $50 deposit

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The EIN monthly newsletter is also on the web site

from Hospitality Committee Marge Bantjes, chair
As we begin another session of classes, please take advantage of the free hot beverages and cookies between classes in Hieminga Hall, but move (promptly and sincerely) away from the table and into the available nearby classrooms in order to reduce congestion and noise in the hallway. Also remember that Johnny’s Snack Shop near the Campus Store and the Spoelhof Cafe near the CALL office always welcome your patronage should you wish to linger longer.

Any CALL member who needs a wheelchair or other assistance getting to and from classes or other on-campus CALL events should contact Marge Bantjes at (616) 878-1426 or e-mail joop@i2k.com.

from Summer Programs Committee Peter DeBoer, chair
During the week of June 11-14, CALL is sponsoring some wonderful learning opportunities for CALL members and friends, as well as CRC Synod spouses and other campus guests. Every morning from 8:30 - 9:45 in the Gezon Auditorium, Dr. Richard H. “Dick” Harms, curator of the archives of the Christian Reformed Church, Calvin Theological Seminary and Calvin College, will present "Along the Way to Becoming the Christian Reformed Church." There will be no charge to attend that series of 4 talks.

At various times and locations throughout the week, other sessions will be offered: Birding with Bill Sweetman, Jewelry Making and Repair with Rosemary Stevenson, Music with Dale Grotenhuis, Line Dancing with Bob Settergren, Computers with Jim Talen, and Wood Carving with Clare Walhout. Watch for more information about cost, times and locations in future CALLNews.

On Monday mornings in June, Ralph Honderd will help folks learn to golf at the Christian Reformed Recreation Center. There will be a $15 charge for the 4 weeks of lessons and participants will be responsible for green and cart fees.

from College Relations and Support Carol Rienstra, Director
On Wednesday, February 28 at 12:30PM the Calvin College Bands will present a free 45-minute concert "Music that Tells a Story" in the Calvin College Fine Arts Center Auditorium. CALL members and friends are welcome to attend this free concert.

The Calvin College Artist Series presents a free Wind Clinic with the Borealis Wind Quintet on Friday, March 2, from 2:30-3:30PM in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Interested groups are welcome. Please pre-register by calling 526-6411. The Quintet will present a concert as part of the Artist Series on Friday, March 2 at 8:00PM in the Calvin College Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Tickets are available by calling the Calvin Box office at 616-526-6282.

For information about other music events at Calvin, visit: www.calvin.edu/academic/music/calendar/#mar