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(Due date for nomination is: April 15, 2007)

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Name of your Nominee:

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Nature/type of Nominee’s Service to CALL:

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Example: Teaching classes, Leadership, Organizing and/or support, other

Rationale (Please give a brief statement regarding the quality of service that your nominee has done for CALL over an extended period of time and why he/she should be considered for this award)

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from the CALL Board

The annual CALL meeting and luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 24, from 11:30AM to 1:30PM at the Prince Conference Center. 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.

from Membership Secretary Irene Bolthouse

We have received notification from a CALL member who received a parking ticket for not having the parking permit displayed on the mirror. Please be reminded that you must use your parking tags in order to avoid similar fate.

from Curriculum Committee Wally Bratt, chair

The Spring term is off to a flourishing start. As of March 7, we have 30 courses with a total enrollment of 648. That makes an average of 22 per class. The actual enrollment per class varies from 8 to 64. The membership in CALL continues to grow--from 685 last year to 805 this year--and, thus, the task of finding space for class meetings and coffee breaks also continues to grow. We are thankful for the cooperation and generosity of Calvin College, and we encourage members to express their thanks to the college administrators when the occasion arises.

Just before the start of classes, our instructor for the Fifth Gospel course, Rev. Donald Strobe, was unable to offer the course because of a stroke. We tender our best wishes to him and also thank Richard Whitekettle, professor in Calvin’s religion department, for stepping in with a substitute course on the wisdom literature of the Old Testament.

from Extended Trips Task Force Roger Griffioen, Chair

This task force has been meeting over the past few months, and has talked to possible leaders for both domestic and overseas extended trips. We have received descriptions and approximate itineraries for several of each type of trip and have worked with John Witte, who graciously agreed to provide us with cost estimates for each of the trips. The next step is to mail a survey to all CALL members to find out the extent of the interest in each trip. If there is sufficient interest, the plan is to offer one or two domestic and one or two overseas trips per year, beginning in the fall of 2008. It would be helpful to receive a large number of responses to the survey, and so I urge you to send it back with your response as soon as you receive it.

from Member Events Committee Don Lautenbach, Chair

Apr 17-19 [Tue-Thur] Lincoln Legacy trip, Springfield, Illinois. Reservations are full, waiting list only.
Questions, call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

May 10 [Thur] The Dow Country trip to Midland Michigan has two available reservations. View the fantastic Dow Gardens, learn about the extraordinary accomplishments of the famous Alden B. Dow, tour Bradley House, museum, etc. Dinner will be at the luxurious Ashland Court Hotel. From the hotel we view the tridge, unique to Midland. Cost is $89.00.
Questions, call Jeanne or Clarence Vos at 949-2888

Jun 28-29 [Thur-Fri] There is one reservation (female) 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. Cost is $190.00. A $50.00 deposit holds your reservation until May 1.
Questions, call Jeanne or Clarence Vos at 949-2888

Aug 7, 8 & 9, 2007 [Tue,Wed, Thur] Celebration Belle River Boat Cruise. Reservations are full, waiting list only.
Questions, call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

Sep 12-13 [Wed-Thu] The Stratford Trip. Reservations are full, waiting list only. For those with reservations, wishing to see a third performance, we plan to arrive in time to purchase the tickets of choice. We will lodge at the five-star Arden Hotel. No passport needed if going by bus. Details concerning departure and arrival will be sent later.
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Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, chair

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

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)

Passport To Adventure: A Travel Film Series

- Single tickets are $5.00 each. Calvin Box Office is open 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday – Friday Phone 616-526-6282
- 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 CenterAuditorium 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

Apr 25 [Wed] 7:30 PM  Along the Continental Divide  with Gale Worth

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. There will be a Cookout and Schuil’s Coffee Tasting Seminar on Thursday evening. Watch for more information about cost, times and locations in future CALL News.

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.

Peter DeBoer

College Support Committee
Carol Rienstra, Chair

Thank you for keeping the Hiemenga hallway somewhat clear during CALL coffee break on Tuesdays and Thursdays, making it easier for college students to get to their classes in a timely fashion.

The Elderhostel Institute Network Newsletters are posted on the EIN web site - www.elderhostel.org/ein/intro.asp - for everyone to read.

Registration Form

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Check □#1 □#2 □ Annual CALL meeting and Luncheon
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"Stealing Ham’s Descendants: The Dutch Trade in African Slaves, 1600-1800" is the topic of a free talk by Dr. Willem Klooster (history professor at Clark University in Worcester, MA) on Monday, April 16, 2007, at 7:30 pm in the Calvin College Commons Lecture Hall. (Sponsored by The Calvin College Office for Multicultural Affairs, Calvin College African and African Diaspora Studies Program, and Calvin College Meijer Chair in Dutch Language and Culture.) This event is one of several during that are commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. Go to www.gvsu.edu/abolition for more information about all of the 2007-08 community events.

Carol Rienstra

from Health, Fitness and Recreation Committee
Peter Van Vliet, Chair
Did you make a New Year's resolution to begin or revive a physical fitness program? CALL has an excellent arrangement with MVP Sportsplex to help you accomplish your goals. If you are interested, take your CALL membership badge to MVP Sportsplex, and they will describe the program to you. They will help you define a program that fits your needs, and they are giving CALL members a very attractive rate. Join the growing number of CALL members who are already taking advantage of this opportunity! If you have questions, call Peter Van Vliet, 940-1949
Roger Griffioen, 452-3328
John Leegwater, 949-6669.

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