From the President

At our April 4, 2007 CALL monthly board meeting, we noted that a number of new milestones were passed. For example, our membership now exceeds eight hundred. Our budget for the coming year for the first time exceeds one hundred thousand dollars. These figures are remarkable for a volunteer organization that is now just ten years old and began with less than three hundred members. Three hundred eighty-four participants enrolled for Spring '07 classes led by thirty-six excellent course presenters. The participant numbers for Member Events are up, as are attendees at the Public Events. To members of the board the increased numbers are gratifying. We believe the success of CALL is the result of the tireless effort of a great many volunteers as described so well by our board Vice President, Mr. Charles Jansen, in the March CALL News.

The Board approved the CALL finance committee's recommendation to support an upcoming exhibition in the Center Art Gallery at Calvin College. "Between Nature and Nationality: The Hague School in the Nineteenth Century" includes several paintings from the collection of CALL lifetime member Kees Van Nuis. CALL is pleased to contribute to the production of a catalogue that will accompany the exhibit. Our organization reaps many benefits from our affiliation with the college and looks for ways to say "thank you" to the college whenever possible.

Other items discussed at the board meeting include a proposed program that we call “Interest Groups.” This would include continuing programs over months or years in Art, Music, Education, Sports and others. Would a program like that be of interest to you?

Please be reminded of our May 24 annual luncheon meeting at which time we can discuss matters related to the future of CALL. Thank you for your involvement.

Peter VanVliet, President of CALL

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. You can make your reservations by phone call, e-mail, or sign up at the refreshment table while attending classes.

At the meeting we will be voting to fill four CALL Board positions. Three of the nominees are currently on the board and are willing to serve another term. Marge Bantjes has a masters degree from Calvin and taught for 26 years in the GR Christian School system. She currently chairs the hospitality committee. Chuck Jansen had a career in hospital administration and has served as chair of the finance committee and as both treasurer and vice president. Dwight Penning is an engineer and accountant who has served on the board as vicar, and has served on the member events committee. Jeanette Sprik has also been nominated to serve on the CALL board. With degrees from Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, Jeanette has invested a good portion of her professional life in adult and continuing education. Most recently she was the Dean of Adult and Continuing Education at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. We thank retiring board member and past president Roger Griffioen.

Service Grant

Jim and Grace Gunn received a CALL service grant of $200 to help send a child they tutor to Camp Miniwanca this summer. Jalonda lives with her grandmother and is a 5th grade student at Campau School.
More Mentors Needed:
I was delighted to see that, of the list of nearly 100 mentors at Calvin College this past year, six, including myself, were CALL members. Still, I would be much more delighted to see twice that many, an even dozen. Now is a great time to get your application in for the coming school year, before you forget about it. Please contact Lisa Jousma, ljousman@calvin.edu. You may also call her through the Calvin switchboard, or, better yet, stop in to see her at her office in the Calvin Annex, just north of the Library. Her office is next to that of Chaplain Cooper. Let’s make it a dozen, or, better yet, a baker’s dozen!!

CALL at Raybrook:
For a number of years now, CALL has assisted Raybrook Manor in presentations by CALL members and Calvin Faculty on a cost-sharing basis. This year’s presentation is by Karin Maag, Director of the H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies and one of the favorite instructors of CALL members. This will be her (at least) second presentation at Raybrook. It will be on the "Genevan Psalms", and she hopes to bring a group from the college to assist in actually singing these well-known Psalms in the Calvinist traditions. The Presentation is at 7 PM, Tuesday, April 10, at the Manor. My wife and I hope to attend, but, unfortunately, you will not receive this publication in time to attend. In the future, we’ll try to let you know in time for you also to attend these worthwhile programs.

Tom Weeda

Curriculum Committee Wally Bratt, chair

As of this date, some of the spring courses have already been completed, and the planning for the fall semester of 2007 is well on the way. It is always challenging to come up with new ideas or with variations on standard topics, but we think we have another stellar list of courses. We try to keep a balance among courses in science, religion, music, literature, art, political and social issues, history, practical matters, etc. Your suggestions are always welcome.

Clare Walhout

Extended Trips Task Force Roger Griffioen, Chair

About two weeks ago you should have received a survey regarding your interest in both domestic and foreign extended travel. Some of you told me within a few days that you had already sent your response in. If you have not done so yet, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey and return it in the postage-paid CALL envelope. It would be most helpful to the task force if we could receive your response by May 15, 2007, whatever your thinking is about the possibility of participating in any of these trips. We are looking for a good response to help us in our planning.

Roger Griffioen

Member Events Committee
Don Lautenbach, Chair

May 10 [Thur] The Dow Country trip to Midland Michigan
Reservations are full, waiting list only.
Questions, call Jeanne or Clarence Vos at 949-2888

Jun 28-29 [Thr-Fri] Lighthouse Tour
Reservations are full, waiting list only.
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

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.
Questions, call Jeanne or Clarence Vos at 949-2888

Summer Programs Committee
Peter DeBoer, Chair
Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning Summer Programs are scheduled June 11-14, 2007. It is not necessary to be a CALL member in order to sign up for these classes. You may invite a guest who is not a CALL member to sample what CALL has to offer. The invitation to participate in these programs has gone out to spouses of CRC Synod delegates who will be on campus that week. If a class is filled by the time you register, you will be notified and your payment will be refunded. These classes fill up quickly, so send in your registration soon.

Every morning from 8:30 - 9:45AM 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.
The classes include:

1. Birding w/ Bill Sweetman in HH 323 - M-Th
   8-10AM - $15 (limit-12)
2. Computers w/ Jim Talen in the DeVos
   Computer Lab - M-Th 10-11:30AM - $15
   (limit 30)
3. Jewelry Making w/ Rosemary Stevenson in
   Spoelhof 105 Monday and Tuesday
   10-11:45AM and 1:15 -2:45PM - $15 (plus
   cost of supplies, which will be available at
   the class) (Limit 15)
4. Line Dancing w/ Bob Settergren in the
   Fieldhouse East Gym - M-Th 3:15-4:30
   PM - $15
5. Reformed Hymnody w/ Dale Grotenhuis in
   the Chapel Undercroft - M-Th 3:15-4:30 PM-
   $15
6. Woodcarving w/ Clare Walhout in the
   Spoelhof Center 103 - M-Th 1:30-2:45
   PM - $15 (plus supplies)(Limit 12)
7. Cookout and Schuil’s Coffee Symposium on
   the Commons Lawn and Johnny’s
   Thur. 5:30 -7:30PM- $10

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

Registration Form

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

Summer Program
1. “Birding” $15
2. “Computers” $15
3. “Jewelry” $15 + supplies
4. “Line Dancing” $15
5. “Music” $15
6. “Woodcarving” $15 + supplies
7. “Cookout/Coffee” $10

Golf - Mondays in June $15 + greens fees and cart fees
Bike White Pine Trail $25

Please Check
Summer Program ☐#1 ☐#2 ☐#3 ☐#4 ☐#5 ☐#6 ☐#7
☐ Golf ☐ Bike White Pine Trail

Name(s)________________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________
email _____________________________________________ Phone ___________________

Total enclosed________________________
May 9 [Wed] CALL Cycling tour White Pines Trail
Time: 8:30AM to 2PM

Biking Distance: 11 Miles, 19 Miles or up to 27 Miles
Biking Time: 1-2 hours
Lunch: in Rockford
Meet: Calvin Fieldhouse
West Entrance
Bring: Bike and Bike Helmet
Cost: $25

This cycling experience is open to riders of all abilities. We will begin with coffee and bagels at Calvin. After loading bikes, we will depart for the White Pines State Park Bike Trail (near Comstock Park) in 12 passenger vans. At the trailhead, we will divide into 2-3 biking groups to accommodate different riding speeds. Each group will have a trained leader who will manage group travel, conduct basic repair, and if needed, administer first aid. Riders will have a choice of riding 11, 19, or 27 miles. Plan on eating a picnic lunch in downtown Rockford on the river. We will return to Calvin no later than 3 PM.

Questions, call Peter Van Vliet, 940-1949
Roger Griffioen, 452-3328