From the President

The recipient of the 2007-2008 CALL scholarship is a delightful young lady, Emily Spinniken, from Lake Leelanau, Michigan. Emily is a senior education major at Calv in. Her father is a cherry and apple orchard farmer on a farm held by their family for five generations.

My wife Audrey and I met her when we represented CALL at the 23rd annual named scholarship dinner for donors and recipients held Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at the DeVos Place ballroom. The evening was a wonderful time for bringing together the many scholarship donors and the student recipients.

We were amazed at the size of the crowd. For the present academic year, Calvin has awarded 1,160 scholarships collectively worth $2.3 million! In the months ahead it is expected that the named scholarship program will grow. The "No Greater Task: Hearts and Minds Renewing God’s World" Campaign for Calvin has raised $13 million toward this $22 million goal for new scholarships or for additions to existing endowed scholarships.

In 2001 the CALL board voted to begin contributing to an endowed scholarship for students beyond the conventional college age. The establishment of the CALL scholarship was a way to show appreciation to the college for the free use of space, staff, equipment and other resources that are so helpful to the running of the CALL program.

By 2002, the CALL named scholarship fund had grown to a sufficient amount to begin distributing the interest. Since then the Calvin Financial Aid office has awarded over $11,000 in CALL scholarships to eight different men and women, all over the age of 25. At the November 2007 meeting, the CALL board voted to contribute again to the CALL scholarship endowment fund.

So, when you sign up for CALL membership, classes, public events and trips, you can take delight in knowing that your board and committees are handling the finances so well that at the end of those years when we have some surplus funds, we give back in a way that makes it possible for younger “older Learners” to receive a life-changing Calvin education.

Peter VanVliet

Extended Trips Committee
Roger Griffioen, chair

Sep 11-22, 2008   England: The Theatre and Beyond
CALL’s first overseas trip is planned! Join Dr. Mary Ann Walters and Dr. Charles Strikwerda for an exciting 12-day study tour in England. The trip will include several plays, as well as visits to cathedrals, museums, and other historic sites in and around London. A brochure describing the tour in detail can be obtained from either www.calvin.edu/call or www.wittetravel.com. If you have questions or desire further information call Mary Ann, 451-2192, Chuck, 245-6929, or Sherry Vanderplow at Witte Travel, 954-6803 or email sherryv@wittetravel.com.

Service and Community Relations Committee  Tom Weeda, Chair

Calling any CALL members who have participated in Elderhostel programming in the past and are interested in putting together a proposal to Elderhostel for a program in Grand Rapids sometime in the future. Contact Tom Weeda, 243-6074 or thmweed@netscape.net for more information.

Singing is enjoyable to others as well as to ourselves. The Mother Singers invites new members to join their group which practices on Monday mornings and performs weekday afternoons at “sing-alongs” at retirement homes in and near Grand Rapids area. Contact CALL member Jeanette Haire (452-9044) for more information.
Friends from the Plymouth Heights CRC Friendship group had a great time at a White Caps game in July. Marian Joling, a CALL member who mentors in a Friendship program, requested and received a CALL Service Grant to help pay for a bus to make that trip possible. For information about the CALL Service Grants program, contact Audrey VanVliet at 940-1949.

**Public Events Committee**

*Henry Baron, Chair*

**January Series Discussions**

**Coming Soon:** Don't miss The January Series every weekday from January 3-23, with the added bonus of CALL-sponsored public discussions following two of the talks. On Wednesday, January 9, and on Friday, January 18, Calvin faculty and alumni will facilitate conversations in FAC 125 about the respective presentations - *Countdown to Election 2008* and *Love, Justice, and Humility: A Bioethicist meets the "Pillow Angel."* If you have a particular interest in one or the other, or both topics, please contact Henry Baron (942-9814) or Carol Rienstra (526-6175) to offer your services as a discussion leader.

**Passport To Adventure: A Travel Film Series**

- Single tickets $5 each
- Student Ticket $2 each
- Calvin Box Office is open 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday–Friday Phone 616-526-6282

- All programs are presented in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium of Calvin College at 7:30 PM
- A free shuttle bus runs between the FAC and the west parking lot off Burton Street for 30 minutes before and after each program

**Jan 10, 2008 [Thur]**

*Postcards from Italy*

with Steve McCurdy

**Mar 6, 2008 [Thur]**

*La Manche The English Channel*

with Monty & Marcia Brown

**Apr 3, 2008 [Thur]**

*Prague to Paris, and a Cruise*

with Clint Denn

**Noontime Series**

The Noontime Series for Spring 2008 promises to be a interesting medley of music, mime, FBI cold cases and forest fires. A presentation in partnership with the opening event of the 2008 Festival of Faith and Writing will cap off the series again as it does every other spring.

For those who missed the Noontime Series on November 1st - the Charles Wesley Hymn Festival - or those who want to relive the audio portion of the experience, there are CDs available for $3. Contact Carol Rienstra - 526-6175 or crienstr@calvin.edu

**Member Events Committee**

*Don Lautenbach, Chair*

**Jan 22, 2008 [Tue]**

10:15AM at Calvin Prince Center

**January Series Brunch.** Dr. William Garvelink, special ambassador to Africa and the recipient of the Calvin Distinguished Alumni award this year, will speak to us. After a delicious brunch, we will take a bus to the Fine Arts Center where we will have reserved seating for his noon January Series lecture. His talk to us at 10:30 will be different from his lecture at noon. Cost $15.00. This event is FULL, waiting list only.

**Questions - Call Shirley or Don Lautenbach 698-9244**

**Feb 13, 2008 [Wed]**

12:00 Noon at Calvin Prince Center

**February Luncheon.** Our special speaker will be Dr. Joy Bonnema who will speak on *"Glorious Grace."* Her engaging presentation will point us to the evidence of God's divine nature that radiates all around us. Come expecting to hear refrains of the joyous songs that creation sings, to behold the glory of God the creator, and to explore tangible ways we can join in the song and thus radiate God's glory in our daily lives. Dr. Bonnema is a wife, mother and part-time professor at Calvin College. Cost $14.00

**Questions - Call Shirley or Don Lautenbach 698-9244**

**Mar 26 [Wed]**

An exciting tour of Grand Rapids, its history and development, is planned. Dick Harms will start us at the Indian Mounds, and we will finish at the J.W. Marriott. Mark your calendars. Details will come later.

**To get on the list- Call Jeanne or Clarence Vos 949-2888**

**May 7-10, [Wed-Sat]**

Join us on a four-day Civil War Battlefield trip. We plan to have guided tours of the Gettysburg and Antietam battlefields. Also, included in the itinerary will be a visit to Harper's Ferry, the Harrisburg Civil War museum, and Shanksville, Pa to visit the Flight 93 National Memorial. Cost will be approximately $425 which includes bus transportation, lodging, meals, guided tours and all entry fees. Also included are some spring classes featuring the places we will visit. Please send a $75 deposit by December 15 to confirm your reservation.

**Questions - Call Shirley or Don Lautenbach 698-9244**

Look Ahead !!! Several exciting CALL trips are being planned for spring and summer. Watch your CALLNews for information on these events.
If you are not already on the calvin-connection e-newsletter listserv, and would like to receive weekly (sometimes more or less frequent) reminders of Calvin-related opportunities, just call 526-6175, or e-mail crienstr@calvin.edu and ask for your e-mail address to be added.

If you do not have access to a computer, but want information about upcoming events at Calvin College, such as The January Series (January 3-23), the Calvin Symposium on Worship (January 24-26), and/or The 2008 Festival of Faith and Writing (April 17-19), you may call me at 526-6175.

**Registration Form**

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

#1 Jan 22 [Tues] **January Series Brunch** $15 per person (Event FULL, waiting list only)
#2 Feb 13 [Wed] **February Luncheon** $14 per person
#3 May 7-10 [Wed-Sat] **Civil War Trip** $425 per person ($75 per person by December 15 to confirm reservation)

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