For the President
CALL President Peter Van Vliet asked me to write something about one of the busy CALL committees that try to keep CALL a vital organization, seeking to serve its members as well as the community at large. The Public Events Committee seeks to do that through two program series. The first is the Passport to Adventure Series, a popular program of travel films that is currently in its 42nd year. Anna Sietsema and Carolyn Bolt know the filmmakers and their offerings through personal contacts and viewings at professional conferences, and it’s their responsibility to make the annual selections. And what an excellent job they do! When the lights dim in the FAC auditorium each month on a Thursday evening, the big screen comes down, the filmmaker takes the stage, the music introduces yet another exciting journey to Tibet or Tunisia, New Zealand or the Netherlands, the audience knows they’re in for a stimulating experience that enlarges their appreciation for the beauty and diversity of God’s great creation. And a $5 (or less with season pass) ticket to Italy has to be the best CALL bargain around!

The second set of presentations is known as the Noontime Series. These are free one-hour programs every other Thursday in September, October, November, February, March, and April. Most of the presentations are held in the Chapel Undercroft. It’s quite a challenge to come up with 12 programs a year that will offer something of interest and value to both CALL members and the community. The committee meets a couple times a year for creative brainstorming. Someone may suggest a presentation on animal intelligence, another comes up with an idea of a program on spelunking, and then comes the harder task of sorting out what may work, who may be an able presenter, when it can be scheduled, etc. Of course, no matter how good an idea for a program, if the right person to present it can’t be found or persuaded, it dies. Most often, though, we have been blessed with a fine array of willing and excellent presenters. We try to keep tuned in to matters of the college, the church, the community, and the wider world beyond.

The Public Events Committee welcomes ideas from the CALL membership and especially attendance at these CALL-sponsored programs!

Henry Baron, chair Public Events Committee

From Membership Committee Harold Kuizema, Chair

Each year one or two Distinguished Service Awards are presented at the annual CALL membership meeting to recognize individuals who have given extra-ordinary service to our Academy. Any CALL member is welcome to submit the name of someone who has been a member of CALL for more than 5 years and who has given noteworthy service for at least 3 years. Previous award recipients are: Cornelis VanNuis (2005); Ed and Alma Walhout, Wally Bratt(2006); Clarence and Jeanne Vos, Phil Lucasse (2007). Please use the form at end of this news letter or email your nomination to call@calvin.edu

From Extended Trips Committee
Roger Griffioen, Chair

Sep 11-22, 2008 England: The Theatre and Beyond. Now is the time to make your reservations for CALL’s first overseas trip. Join Dr. Mary Ann Walters and Dr. Charles Strikwerda for this exciting 12-day study tour. The number of participants will be limited to 24-28 so get your reservation in soon. The deadline for the first payment is April 1, 2008! For a brochure and/or an application form, go to: www.calvin.edu/call or www.wittetravel.com or call Mary Ann, 451-2192, Chuck, 245-6929, or Sherry Vanderplow at Witte, 954-6803.

Sep 2008 If you are interested in the CALL tour of the Grand Teton, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks and were not able to attend the informational meeting held on March 19, you may get additional information in several different ways. You may call Witte Travel for a brochure (800-469-4883), visit the Witte Travel website www.wittetravel.com, or email John Apol at john@lenscape-photography.com or call 616-243-8600.
Public Events Committee

Henry Baron, Chair

CALL Passport To Adventure: A Travel Film Series

Single tickets $5 each. Student Ticket $2.50 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.

Apr 3 [Thu] Prague to Paris, and a Cruise with Clint Denn

Noontime Series

Apr 3 [Thu] A Profile in Courage

Senator Wayne Kuipers, a conservative Republican state senator from Holland, explains why he, in good conscience, voted to increase state taxes even though he knew that voting against the increase would have been safer for him. (In the Chapel Undercroft)

Apr 17 [Thu] On Moral Fiction

Barnard College Professor of English Mary Gordon, author of more than ten books, her latest a memoir about mother-daughter relationships, and several novellas, essays, short stories and non-fiction pieces, will present the opening keynote address for Calvin College's 2008 Festival of Faith and Writing. (This Noontime Series program is a live video feed in the Calvin College Chapel.)

Member Events Committee

Don Lautenbach, Chair

Mar 26 [Wed] or Apr 9 [Wed] What's New and Historic in Grand Rapids. During our tour Dick Harms will tell how Grand Rapids has grown from the time of the Indian Mounds to the present. We will learn about Butterworth, get only fairly close to Tanglefoot (the fly catcher), view John Ball Park in time for 10:30 coffee and doughnuts. We will discover why Bridge Street is only on one end of the bridge. What can we learn about Mt. Mercy Academy, or Stone Hills? Grand Valley’s downtown campus is also on the list. We include the older Christian Reformed Churches such as Broadway and Alpine Avenue, and also the stately St. Adalberts. A 12:30 stop is scheduled at Sully’s for the “Bountiful Buffet.” Next is a narrated tour of “Health-care Hill.” Please park at the east end of the Prince Center parking lot. Boarding is at 8:30 AM, and we leave at 9 AM sharp. We are scheduled to return to the campus at 3:30 PM. NOTE: The two trips are identical and there are a few seats left for either day. Price is $56 and all payments should be in by March 20. Questions: Call Jeanne or Clarence Vos 949-2888

Apr 28-29 [Mon-Tue] Cincinnati and More. Enjoy a city tour of beautiful and interesting Cincinnati. After the city tour we will board the “River Queen” riverboat and cruise down the Ohio River. On the cruise we will enjoy the "Captain's Dinner" and experience the spectacular and magnificent skyline of Cincinnati.

On Tuesday we will visit the newly-opened (May 2007) "Creation Museum" which promotes a 6000-year-old universe and literal six-day interpretation of creation. Designed by a former Universal Studios exhibit designer, this state-of-the-art 65,000 square foot museum brings the pages of the Bible to life while providing an engaging, sensory experience. We walk through a Garden of Eden with dinosaurs and see Noah's Ark. There are many murals, realistic scenery, a special-effects theater and over a dozen life-sized people in the exhibit. The "Stargazers Planetarium" presents a cosmology of the stars to fit with a 6000-year-old, six-day creation.

Note: CALL’s sponsorship of this trip does not indicate that CALL or Calvin College endorses the view of the museum on creation. Cost of the trip is $195.00. Send in your check with your reservation to confirm your place on this trip.

Questions - Call Shirley or Don Lautenbach 698-9244

May 7-10, [Wed-Sat] Civil War Battlefield. This trip is full. To those who have confirmed registrations, the final cost is $425 with balance payment due by March 15. There will be two classes to prepare you for the trip (cost included in registration fee). A class on Antietam will be held on Thursday, Apr 17 and a class on Gettysburg on Thursday, Apr 24. Both classes are at 1:30 p.m. in the Science Building, room 110.

Questions - Call Shirley or Don Lautenbach 698-9244

Sep 11,12 [Thu-Fri] Stratford Trip. Make your reservation with a $50.00 deposit (non-refundable). Two exciting performances: Shakespeare’s Hamlet (evening of Sep 11), and The Music Man by Meredith Wilson (afternoon of Sep 12). Those wishing to attend an afternoon performance on Sep 11 can make reservations by calling 1-800-567-1600. The projected price is $340. More detail in subsequent newsletters.

Questions: call Jeanne or Clarence Vos, 949-2888

CALL Board

The CALL annual meeting will take place from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Thursday, May 29, 2008, at the Prince Conference Center. At this meeting CALL members learn more about their organization and about the committees that run the programs, vote for new board members, honor the 2008 CALL Distinguished Service Award recipients, and participate in an electronic survey. Any CALL member who is interested in participating in these functions is welcome to attend. Since lunch will be provided, reservations are required and will be taken by e-mail www.calvin.edu or phone (977-1792) beginning May 1.
Summer Programs  
Peter De Boer, Chair
Please feel free to share the enclosed separate schedule and registration form for summer classes and programs with friends who may be interested in a sample of CALL offerings.

College Support  
Carol Rienstra
April is Dutch Heritage Month at Calvin:

Apr 7 [Mon] 10AM Lower level chapel 220 - Dutch Chapel
Apr 8 [Tue] 7:30PM Commons Lecture Hall - a public lecture "The Legacy of the New Netherland Colony for the U.S." by Dr. Janny Venema, Associate Director, New Netherland Project
Apr 14 [Mon] 7:30PM Commons Lecture Hall a film in Dutch with English subtitles "Dorp aan de Rivier" (Village on the River)
Apr 22 [Tue] 7:30PM 2nd floor in the Hekman Library - a public lecture and exhibit "A Legacy of Letters: Early Modern Dutch Printing and Publishing" with Prof. David L. Vander Meulen, University of Virginia; editor of Bibliographical Studies and Lugene Schemper, Theological Librarian, Hekman Library
Apr 29 [Tue] 3:30PM North Hall 078 - a public lecture "Geographical Discoveries: Sampling the New Bosatla van Nederland" with Prof. Henk Aay, Geology, Geography and Environmental Studies Meijer Chair in Dutch Language and Culture
Apr 30 [Wed] Koninginnedag (The Queen’s Birthday) Dutch festivities on campus. Brought to you by the Dutch Program and the Meijer Chair in Dutch Language and Culture www.calvin.edu/academic/dutch/ phone: 616-526-7033 (Henk Aay)

Calvin College Ecosystem Preserve First Saturdays at the Bunker - March to June 2008
On April 5, 2008 from 11AM-12PM Lori Martin, Wildlife Educator at Blandford Nature Center will present some information about "Frogs and Toads of Michigan." After a short presentation, we will meet the resident frogs of the Bunker Interpretive Center and then head outside to explore some of the Preserve’s vernal ponds, looking and listening for frogs and toads. This is a free program geared for the whole family to enjoy. For groups of more than 10 people, please call 616-526-7601 or email preserve@calvin.edu to provide advance notice. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Bunker Interpretive Center

Service and Community Relations Committee, Tom Weeda, Chair
The Elderhostel Institute Network (EIN), of which CALL is a member, has an online newsletter with many articles and columns that may be of interest to CALL members. Check it out at www.elderhostel.org/ein/intro.asp

Member Events Registration Form

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Please enclose check for trip cost.

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Your cancelled check is your receipt. Confirmation will be sent. If a trip/course is already filled, you will be notified.

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

Name(s) ________________________________________________________________

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Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form
Send form to: CALL  3201 Burton St SE  Grand Rapids MI 49546

Name of nominee___________________________________. Please use space below to give a brief statement regarding the quality of service that your nominee has done for CALL and why he/she should be considered for this award.