President’s Message

Every once in a while one is well served to turn his or her pants packets inside out, ridding that apparel of sand, grass clipping fragments, dead mosquitoes and whatever else. In a somewhat far-fetched sense that is what this message accomplishes for me. This is an end-of-the-line and start-over notice. Please forgive me if only because it is my last president’s message and the end of my six years on the CALL board. First, let me thank my fellow board members for their faithful and good-natured service. They have served well without complaint. During these last two years they very patiently put up with long-lasting board meetings, which were dragged out by their long-winded president.

Also due sincere thanks are our committee chairmen and their committee members. The committees are the lifeblood of CALL. We will thank them again at our annual meeting on May 29.

Irene Bolthouse, our membership secretary, efficiently and accurately records member numbers and events. She deserves our acknowledgment and thanks. The college appointees Carol Rienstra and Sally Vander Ploeg have paid enormous attention to our organization. They concern themselves with the best interests of CALL and Calvin, and have guarded the relationships between us. We thank them. Finally, we certainly and most sincerely thank Calvin, its president and the alumni office headed by Mr. Mike Van Denend.

During the past year the board has considered how to best manage the remarkable growth of CALL – now numbering over 900 members. This growth has demanded an increase in time spent on CALL activities by board and committee members, as well as by college personnel. To search out how better to handle the administrative affairs of CALL, the board decided to name an ad hoc study committee chaired by board vice-president Charles Jansen and including CALL leaders Shirley Lautenbach, Phil Lucasse, Rog Griffioen, Clare Walhout, and Henry Baron.

Before this committee began its work the consent of President Gaylen Byker was sought. He agreed the time had come for CALL to hire an administrative person to handle some of the increasing workload that has fallen on the board, committees, membership secretary and the college’s director of community relations in the Alumni and Public Relations office. The ad hoc committee responded with thoughtful affirmation of the board’s request. They agreed that CALL should be preserved as a member-managed organization sharing the goals and purposes of Calvin College but that the time had come to hire a part-time administrative assistant to the CALL board. Their report included an extensive mandate, together with a job description, proposed duties, qualifications, and procedure on hiring and implications of this position going forward for CALL. The board heard their recommendation and accepted it at the May 7, 2008 meeting.

Of course, because Calvin plays, and always will play, a significant sustaining role in CALL’s existence and growth, and because CALL is not a separate non-profit organization from the college, the details of this proposed hiring must be done in accordance with college policies through its Human Resources office, Alumni and Public Relations office and the office of the President. Nevertheless, this is a significant step for our organization and we are excited to facilitate this development for CALL.

Finally, my wife Audrey and I join other retiring board members Ralph Dik, and Jessica and Harold Kuizema in thanking you for the opportunity to serve CALL. We congratulate the new board members and wish them well in the coming year. To all CALL members, remember – “never stop learning.”

Sincerely, Peter Van Vliet
**Public Events Committee,**  
*Henry Baron, Chair*

**2008-2009 Passport To Adventure:**  
*A Travel Film Series*  
Season Tickets $18  
Calvin Box Office Phone 616-526-6282  
All programs are presented in the Fine Arts Center  
Auditorium of Calvin College at 7:30 PM  
Oct 23, 2008 Inside the Tuscan Hills with John Wilson  
Nov 20, 2008 Burma (Myanmar) & Cambodia: Lands of Conflict with Buddy Hatton  
Feb 5, 2009 Bhutan, the Cloud Kingdom with Tom Sterling  
Mar 19, 2009 Bavaria & the Black Forest with Fran Reidelberger  
Apr 30, 2009 Beneath the Jungle... and Beyond (Mesoamerica) with Dale Johnson

**Member Events Committee**  
*Don Lautenbach, Chair*

Jun 26, 27 [Thu-Fri] TALL Ships and More  
A spectacular trip to the Blue Water area of Port Huron, MI. The tour includes: Tall Ships; Fort Gratiot Lighthouse; Coast Guard Cutter - "Bramble"; Thomas Edison Depot Museum; Huron Lightship Museum. We visit the Holy Cross Catholic Church and listen to the 1861 Tracker pipe organ as we view the spectacular stained glass windows. And finally cruise on the Huron Lady. $189 (Double occupancy). Send your reservation today.  
*Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244*

Sep 11,12 [Thu-Fri] Stratford Trip HAMLET and MUSIC MAN. There are still some seats available for this educational and fun trip to the "Avon." We leave the campus at 8:30AM to reach the Stratford by 2PM for those wishing to see an afternoon performance. (Call 1-800-567-1600 for availability and cost of tickets to Julius Caesar, Cabaret, or Fuente Ovejuna.) Dinner will be at 6PM at the Garden Inn Hotel. Bus will pick us up at 7:15PM for Hamlet at the Festival Theatre. Breakfast at the hotel at 7-8AM. Checkout at 9AM; board the bus (including luggage) at 9:30AM for a guided tour of the surrounding flowers and park. The bus will bring us downtown for shopping. (Lunch on our own.) Board the bus at 1PM for the 2PM performance of Music Man. We board the bus after the performance, stop at the Duty Free Shop, then supper, and on to Grand Rapids. (This is probably the last year we will not need a passport to enter Canada.)  
Cost of trip $340.  
*Questions: call Jeanne or Clarence Vos 949-2888*

**Coming trips for this fall:**  
Oct 7-8 " Fall Foliage Color Tour " - Brown County  
Nov "What's New in Grand Rapids"  
Dec 1 "White Christmas" - Detroit and the Fox Theater -

**CALL Board**

The CALL annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 11:30AM. For those who forgot to sign up but meant to, there may still be room. Call 977-1792 to find out more. **DEADLINE** for new reservations is Friday, May 23. If you wonder whether you signed up or not, please e-mail call@calvin.edu or phone 977-1792 to check. The agenda for the annual meeting includes the election of new CALL board members.

- Donna Muyskens, CALL member since 2002, who served on the board last year to complete an unexpired term. She is a graduate of Central College in Pella, Iowa, with a major in music education. Still interested in music, she plays organ and piano and has been an excellent co-worker with her husband in his extensive career with Reformed churches.
- Sue Griffioen, CALL member since 2000, is a graduate of the Blodgett School of Nursing and has worked in a variety of nursing positions in area hospitals. She also holds a degree in English from Calvin College, which led to a job in the curriculum center at Calvin.
- Ray Vander Weele, CALL member since 2001, graduated form Calvin in 1959 and worked as a CPA before getting his doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin where he worked for about 20 years, and later served as an adjunct professor of finance at Calvin. He currently serves as director of Ministers Pension and Insurance Fund for the Christian Reformed Church.
- Bruce Klanderman, CALL member since 2005, also graduated from Calvin in 1959, and then earned his PhD in Chemistry from the University of Illinois in 1963. Bruce worked for Eastern Kodak for over 30 years.

At the annual luncheon meeting, the CALL Distinguished Service Awards will be given to long-term CALL members Bob and Carolyn Bolt and Carol Rottman to recognize their outstanding service to the organization. The Bolts have served on the public events committee for 11 years, Bob has served as board president and CALL historian, and Carolyn helps Anna Sietsema select the travel films every year. Carol Rottman has taught the Writing your Memoirs course at least 10 times, and has worked tirelessly on the CALL curriculum committee.

Beginning immediately the fee for an annual CALL membership will be $35. Multiple year memberships will be $105 for 3-year, and $175 for 5-year. As before, the 3-year membership perk is one free course (value: $15), and the 5-year perk is 2 free courses (value: $30) Persons who have already purchased memberships for multiple years will not have to pay the difference.

**Summer Programs**  
*Peter De Boer, Chair*

**Sierra Leone: Diamonds, Mayhem, and Grace**  
Jun 16-19[Mon-Thurs] 9:00-10:15AM in the Gezon Auditorium, Spoelhof College Center. Paul Kortenhoven, who with his wife Mary and their children served as Christian Reformed Church missionaries in Africa since 1980 and were caught up in civil war from 1994-2001, shares his experiences and perspectives on the recent bloody conflict in Sierra Leone through lectures, handouts, and clips from the film Blood Diamond.

These presentations are free and open-to-the-public and pre-registration is not required. Become more aware of the history and the future of Sierra Leone by attending some or all of the
programs. Coffee will be available in the Gezon Lobby each morning beginning at 8:30AM.

Check out the CALL Summer Classes/Lessons. A schedule and registration form are available on www.calvin.edu/call.

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Curriculum Committee
Clarence Walhout, Chair
The schedule of courses for the Fall term is nearing completion. Courses will be announced in a later CALLNews. In addition to our regular set of courses, the Curriculum Committee is launching a new venture, which we call Interest Groups. Please read the following description carefully, and then send in the questionnaire that you will find inserted in this CALLNews.

Interest Groups will consist of groups of CALL members who share common interests and will exist on a continuing basis from year to year. They will hold meetings for eight weeks during the times of our regular course schedule every Spring and Fall, but they will not meet at the times that our courses are scheduled. Thus, there will be no scheduling conflicts between the courses and the interest groups.

Our aim is to provide additional social and educational activities for CALL members. Groups will be self-governing within guidelines to be determined by CALL and the Curriculum Committee. There will be no fee for joining an Interest Group, though membership in CALL is a requirement.

In this new venture, we will begin modestly with a few suggested groups. If the program goes well, we will introduce other groups in the future. Our intention is to assist the groups as much as possible in getting started and in determining procedures for continuing success.

At this point, we want to survey your interest in this venture and not to garner your commitment to any of these groups. If there is sufficient interest indicated in the questionnaires, we will work out the details and let you know more specifically how the Interest Groups will be structured and managed. For now all we want is to know your general interest in the topics suggested. By the time an Interest Group is scheduled for the Fall term, you will know more about the specific nature of the group and how it will operate. At that point you can decide whether you would like to join the group.

Some further information is given on the questionnaire, so please examine and send in that sheet. Even if you may not be interested in the six suggested topics, indicate whether you might be interested in a different topic and group. We will make future plans in the light of your suggestions.

College Support Committee
Sally VanderPloeg, Chair
The office of Seminars in Christian Scholarship invites you to the following free public lectures presented by scholars who will be on campus for the “Science, Philosophy, Belief Summer Seminar”, a four-week faculty development seminar for Chinese professors and postgraduate students.

Jun 26 [Thu] 7:30PM Can a Scientist Believe in a Destiny Beyond Death? - Sir John Polkinghorne, Cambridge University (Calvin Theological Seminary Chapel)

Jul 2 [Wed] 7:30PM Science and Religion: Why Does the Debate Continue? - Dr. Alvin Plantinga, University of Notre Dame (Calvin Theological Seminary Chapel)

Jul 9 [Wed] 7:30PM The Divine Handiwork: Evolution and the Wonder of Life - Owen Gingerich, Harvard University (Gezon Auditorium)

Jul 16 [Wed] 7:30PM God and Morality - Richard Swinburne, Oxford University (Gezon Auditorium)

Please call 616-526-8558 or e-mail seminars@calvin.edu with any questions.

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

- Jun 26-27 [Thu-Fri] “TALL Ships and more” $189
- Sep 11-12 [Thu-Fri] “Stratford Trip” $340 ($50 non-refundable deposit)

Please enclose check for trip cost. $____________________

Name(s) ________________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________________ Phone(____)_______________________
City_____________________________ST __________ Zip________Email__________________________

Your cancelled check is your receipt. Confirmation will be sent. If an event is already filled, you will be notified.
The CALL Knitting Class met in the Youngsma Center, the new home of many Calvin Alumni and Public Relations offices and programs, for eight Tuesday afternoon sessions.

Jae Loucks received a CALL service grant to help four women’s groups work on Clean Water/Good Hygiene in Kenya. For more information about the CALL Service Grants, call Audrey Van Vliet - 940-1949.

Henrietta Hamersma, Diane VanderPol (instructor), Joan Huizenga

Anna Sietsema

Wilma Meyer, Diane Noorman (instructor), Eileen Cook

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