President’s Message
If I were a sneak thief entering your house, apartment, or cottage, I would delight in snooping around observing your decorations. I would not be interested in your furniture, floor coverings, bank statements, or appliances; but rather, I would like to see the non-essential stuff that hangs on your walls, doors, windows, or stands on shelves serving no special purpose beside you enjoying what these items look like.

Your decorations probably tell a lot about you. They are reminders of persons, places, and things that are meaningful to you. Some decorations are intended to be more permanent and some less so. In this latter category now hanging on your refrigerator door, if it is anything like ours, there are the more temporary type of decorations, mementos, reminders, photos, lists, pictures, poems, clever sayings, grandchildren’s art work, wonderful awards, missionary reminders, urgently needed phone numbers and even more categories that are only tolerated as decorations and important information by you. This is every day living stuff observed much more frequently by us that the living room framed eighteen by twenty-two inches, semi-dusty landscape of long ago and far away that maybe was inherited or even specifically purchased.

Back to the refrigerator door now, I am asking you to make room there among all that clutter for your CALL list of coming events stated in this CALL News. Please find room on that refrigerator door for the public events list of dates and topics, the member events opportunities, the Passport to Adventure travel film dates, and curriculum start-up dates and times.

Please remember you will receive in July a letter from our Membership Secretary, Irene Bolthouse, asking you to re-apply for CALL membership for the coming year. Please respond promptly. In the next issue of CALLNews (the September issue which comes out in mid-August – there is no August issue) will be the curriculum offerings and the dates of still other CALL events.

Please squeeze these lists onto your refrigerator door or bulletin board – or risk missing some of the most exciting CALL events.

Peter Van Vliet, CALL President

from Extended Trips Committee
Roger Griffioen, Chair
There is still space available in the CALL tour of the Grand Teton, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks scheduled for this coming September. Additional information is available from several sources. You can download a brochure from CALLWeb (www.calvin.edu/call), call Witte Travel (800-469-4883), visit the Witte Travel website (www.wittertravel.com), or write or call John Apol at john@lenscape-photography.com or (616-243-8600). A decision will have to be made by the end of this July to "go" or "cancel". If you're interested in going, please make your reservation soon.

The committee regrets to inform the membership that the trip, England: The Theatre and Beyond, scheduled for September 2008, has been cancelled. A year ago, when the survey was taken of CALL members, there was a great deal of interest in this trip, but the registration over the past few months has been disappointingly small. We understand that travel in general is down right now, so the committee may consider other possible overseas trips in the future, when the cost of traveling and the stock market settle down. Look for future announcements in the CALLNews.
Member Events Committee
Don Lautenbach, Chair

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 3 "White Christmas" - Detroit and the Fox Theater

Public Events Committee,
Henry Baron, Chair

Noontime Series
Free one-hour programs every other Thursday in September, October and November on the campus of Calvin College, 3201 Burton St, SE

Sep 11 My Childhood under Hitler and Stalin
Barbara Carvill, German professor emerita, shares memories and stories of when, at age 10 in 1950, she and her family fled East Germany which had been their home during WWII and which shortly after became a socialist state created and occupied by the Soviet Union. (In the Chapel Undercroft)

Sep 25 Long Look Back: the Anti-slavery Movement, the Underground Railroad in the Midwest, and the Lincoln-Douglas Debates
Owen Muelder, director of the new Underground Railroad Freedom Center at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, talks about the UGRR routes through the Midwest to Canada in the context of the abolitionist movement and the Lincoln-Douglas debates of 1858. (In the Chapel)

Oct 9 Discovering Racism Among Us
Janice McWhertor, minister of congregational life at Church of the Servant and a founding member of CORR (Congregations Organizing for Racial Reconciliation), interviews people from the faith community about the effects of living in a racist society. Learn how Christians are uncovering and healing racism in their lives, churches and communities. (In the Chapel)

Kenneth Piers, emeritus professor of chemistry, describes some of the key signs that modern civilization is facing serious challenges to its continuation, none more serious or more central than access to a stable energy supply. How should we respond? (In the Chapel Undercroft)

Nov 6 A Kenya Rescue: the story of Fear, Faith, and Gratitude
Three West Michigan young women-Brittanie Vander Mey, sister Aubrey, and friend Jamie Cook-were working at an orphanage in Kenya when tribal riots and killings in towns nearby threatened their safety. They tell how they were caught in the deadly violence that erupted in December 2006, and about their rescue, and ongoing ministry. (In the Chapel Undercroft)

Nov 20 New Horizons Band
Founded in January of 1999, the New Horizons Band has grown from 17 musicians of varying playing abilities to a cohesive group of over 80 performers. This versatile concert band, directed by Nancy Summers-Meeusen, entertains its audiences with a repertoire of rousing patriotic music, big band melodies, jazz and the classics. (In the Chapel)

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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  

Curriculum Committee  
Wally Bratt, Chair  
If you have not already done so, please respond to the survey which was included in the last CALL News, concerning the Interest Groups. We need your input as to which of these groups might be of interest to you. For sure, the Knitting Group will be offered; and we'd like to know from you which others might be a “go” for scheduling into the Fall CALL program. Phone or e-mail the Membership Secretary, or mail the blue sheet (977-1792; e-mail hibolt@juno.com).  

Summer Programs  Peter De Boer, Chair  

Hymnody, our Reformed Musical Heritage class with Dale Grotenhuis  

College Support Committee  
Sally VanderPloeg, Chair  
The office of development thanks CALL for the endowed Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning Scholarship which will provide $1,600 each to Melanie Omondi, a junior from Kentwood, MI majoring in International Development Studies, and Nicole Vega, from Grand Rapids, majoring in secondary education. Both are non-traditional students, meaning they are older than 25 years old. They thank CALL for the support of their education at Calvin.
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.