President’s Message

The board and committee members met on Friday, October 3, for a retreat. It was a time during which we became acquainted with each other as the body which works behind the scenes to produce CALL’s purpose which is “to enrich the lifelong spiritual, intellectual, cultural and social lives of its members.” It is also “to create an abiding partnership between Calvin College and senior citizens in Greater Grand Rapids who wish to share knowledge, talents and experience.”

We listened to reports from the committees on their goals and concerns for the 2008/2009 CALL year. These will be provided to the board for action wherever appropriate. To fulfill the second portion of our purpose, we are eager to expand our membership from the greater community beyond that of Calvin College and the Christian Reformed Church. We are grateful that we already have a number of members from the greater community, but wish to continue to increase our diversity.

The fine work of our committees is truly phenomenal. All of us CALL members are highly indebted to those talented folks who serve so capably. In regard to committees, we are still without a chairperson for the Health, Fitness and Recreation Committee. If any of you is interested in leading that committee, or simply being a member of the committee, please let me know. I can be reached at 575-9133 or jan33ac@worldnet.att.net.

The board has decided that we should at some point in the next months solicit the entire membership as to their interest in serving on committees or the board. In other action the board decided to provide financial support for the Calvin January Series to underwrite one of the fifteen days of free programs held in the Fine Arts Center. CALL has been closely connected with the January Series by offering additional learning sessions prior to the talks, and by sponsoring discussions after a couple of the programs. CALL will be acknowledged in the January Series promotions as a daily underwriter.

Chuck Jansen, CALL President

Curriculum Committee, Wally Bratt, Chair

We will be planning the spring curriculum soon, so make your suggestion for a new courses to Wally Bratt or any member of the curriculum committee, or, better yet, write it on a card and place it in the “comment box” in Hiemenga Hall (see below). The new venture, which we call “Interest Groups”, is off to a good start. The knitting group meets on Wednesday afternoons and the birding group meets on Tuesday mornings. If you want to join either group, speak to or call Clare Walhout or Paul Zwier. New groups may be started next spring. Do you have a topic to suggest for a new group? Course evaluations have been discontinued, but we will be placing a box for course comments on the coffee table in Hiemenga Hall for any comments you would like to make about the courses you are taking. Please jot your comments on a card and deposit the card in the box. Your notes will be helpful to the curriculum committee.

Due to illness, Phyllis Van Andel is postponing her course on “Women of Influence,” originally slated to begin on October 23, until the spring term. Wally Bratt will be teaching a course on “The Role(s) of German Women During the Nazi Era” in the time slot originally intended for Phyllis’s course, thus beginning on the 23d. All comers are welcome to attend this course.

SPOTLIGHT ON …
The Publicity Committee

This committee will prepare publicity announcements, publish a membership newsletter, and handle all CALL mailings.

According to the CALL Constitution this committee has three tasks:

1. External publicity. We handle this through the college department rather than placing announcements ourselves. The college is happy with this arrangement, and in turn we occasionally run some of their announcements in our CALLNews.
2. Internal publicity. We have been publishing CALL Newsletter now for over twelve years. Twice a year this newsletter includes the curriculum offerings for the following semester. Laird Hamstra is now our very competent editor, following the efficient years that Phyllis Van Andel did the work.

3. CALL mailings. This provision has been non-functional ever since CALL began. It would not make much sense to require the Board Secretary and the Membership Secretary to send out their mailings through the Publicity Committee.

So far now the main thing this committee does is produce CALL Newsletter. Laird prepares each issue and electronically sends it to Calvin Printing Service; Irene Bolthouse supplies the printing service with a list of members. Once it is printed, the rest of us get together monthly for a “mailing party” to fold and tape the copies for mailing. Also anything and everything you might wish to know about CALL is on the Internet, from the Constitution to the CALL Newsletter to FAQ. Check it out at www.calvin.edu/call.

Edwin and Alma Walhout, co-chairs

From Member Events Committee

Nov. 12 [Wed] Tour Around Grand Rapids We invite you to join us for a day tour around Grand Rapids featuring the ministry of Inner City Christian Federation (Old D.A. Blodgett facility on Cherry Street), the St. John's Home for Youth, and our newest medical facility - the Lemmen-Holton Cancer Pavilion. In addition we will dine in style with the students of G.R.C.C. culinary arts program at The Heritage downtown. Cost for the day: $50.

Questions call Carl or Glenda Welmers 243-6431

Dec. 3 [Wed] Detroit "White Christmas " Trip THIS TRIP IS FILLED WITH A WAITING LIST.

Questions call Carl or Glenda Welmers 243-6431

Jan. 10, 2009 [Sat] Lunch and a Ball Game At 12 noon enjoy lunch in the Calvin College Commons while Jim Timmer, Calvin's athletic director, talks about the goals and purposes of Calvin's athletic and physical education programs and how several new state-of-the-art facilities will impact those programs. At 3pm we watch the Calvin men's basketball team play Alma College in the Van Noord Arena of the new Spoelhof Fieldhouse Complex. Cost - $15.

Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach, 698-9244

Jan. 14, 2009 [Wed] January Series Brunch Join us for our January Series Brunch at the Prince Center at 10am. Richard Norton Smith, renowned presidential scholar and a former director of the Gerald R. Ford Museum speaks to us and answers questions. You will not want to miss this special session. We have reserved seating at the Fine Arts Center and bus transportation is provided to and from the Fine Arts Center. Cost - $15. Reservations are limited.

Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach, 698-9244

Feb. 18, 2009 [Wed] "Lincoln" luncheon In 2009, we celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Join us for a special time with Abraham Lincoln (really an impersonator) as he discusses his life and his faith in a special interview. This is a fun and informative time for everyone. Cost - $19.

Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach, 698-9244

Apr. 28 - 30, 2009 [Tue-Thu] Lincoln Legacy Trip – Springfield, Illinois Join us in the celebration of the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln. We visit the Lincoln Museum, as well as New Salem, Lincoln's home, the Old State Capital and other historic sites. Bill Kamstra, a Lincoln historian, discusses the life of this great man. The cost is $295 (double occupancy). This is a repeat trip. Many persons have expressed their interest in this special celebrative "Lincoln Legacy Trip." A deposit of $50 reserves a place on this trip. The balance is due by March 1, 2009.

Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach, 698-9244

Jun. 9-10, 2009 [Tue-Wed] Traverse TALL Ships and more Tour two Tall Ships - "Madeline" and "Welcome", enjoy a two hour sail on the Tall Ship "Manitou" (including a boxsupper), tour the Music House Museum, experience the Sleeping Bear Dunes including a slide presentation at the Philip A. Hart Visitor Center and a guided tour on the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive, enjoy the excellent food at Cottage Cafe, Cherry Republic Cafe and the Boone's Long Lake Inn. Cost - $225 (double occupancy). A $50 check reserves a place on this trip. The balance due by April 1, 2009.

Questions call Jerry or Bea DeWeerd, 878-3293

Coming - Watch for Future announcements

Mar. 18, 2009 [Wed] - Elim Christian Services and Drury Lane Theater - Chicago, Illinois Plans are being made for a tour and work day at Elim Christian Services. We will also enjoy the play "Sweet Charity" at Drury Lane Theater. Watch for complete details in the November issue of the CALL Newsletter.

May, 2009 Holland Tulip Time The first week in May is Tulip Time in Holland, Michigan. We are planning a one-day trip during Tulip Time. Although the plans are not completed for this day, (we are waiting for scheduling announcements) we know the day will include good food, excellent entertainment and great "Dutch" fellowship. Watch for an announcement in November for date and trip itinerary.
from 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

Oct. 23 Facing Our Future: The Challenge of Energy Supply 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)

2008-2009 Passport To Adventure: A Travel Film Series
Single Ticket $5 each
Student Ticket $2 each
Calvin Box Office is open 9am to 5pm Monday–Friday Phone 616-526-6282
All programs are presented in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium of Calvin College at 7:30pm

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

from Service and Community Relations Committee, Roberta Rice, Chair

From Persepolis to Tehran . . . The World Affairs Council of Western Michigan presents a Significant Lecture Series on Persian Culture and Contemporary Iran. All lectures from 7pm – 8pm with Q&A/discussion until approximately 8:30pm. Location: Upper Donnelly Hall, Aquinas College (enter off Woodward Avenue)Cost: $10 a lecture, Council members; $12 a lecture, non-members. The final two lectures of this four part series are:

Oct. 21 [Tue] Negotiating For the Past: Archeology, Nationalism and Diplomacy by Dr. Jim Goode.

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

Member Events Registration

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Do not attempt to make a reservation without sending a check. Make check payable to CALL. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Confirmation will be sent. If an event is already filled, you will be notified.
Service Grant Report
Natalie and David Bosscher used a CALL service grant while spending the better part of September 2008 with the Zuni Christian Mission School in New Mexico. Both tutored language arts and math from kindergarten through eighth grade. Natalie taught some art enrichment classes to Kindergarteners, first, and second graders and taught a drawing class for teachers using the artwork of John James Audubon, Leonardo DaVinci and Albrecht Durer. She also created some Spanish games and brought along a set of Muzzy videos, a BBC series designed to support foreign language teaching.

In addition to tutoring, David organized the school workshop and made repairs.

from College Support Committee,
Sally VanderPloeg, Chair

Amy Dickinson, author, syndicated columnist and NPR commentator (on Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me and All Things Considered) will speak on November 12 at 7pm in Fountain Street Church, about Aging in the 21st Century. This free and open-to-the-public presentation is the second in Grand Rapids Community College's Diversity Lecture Series. Calvin College helps to sponsor this series and encourages students and anyone affiliated with the Calvin community to take advantage of this opportunity to learn with, and in, the greater Grand Rapids community.

Celebrate 75 years of theatre at Calvin! In Shakespeare's final stage play, The Tempest, you will experience the splendid music of his magical language and the gorgeous mystery of his stories. Don't miss this fantastic production - November 6, 7, 8 and 13, 14, 15, 2008 in the Lab Theatre in the Spoelhof Center. Contact the box office for tickets - 526-6282.

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