President’s Message
CALL is pleased to announce the addition of Lisa Bauman to the CALL staff as administrative assistant. Lisa is very familiar with Calvin College in that she received both her bachelors and masters degrees in education from Calvin. She has been an elementary teacher and has supervised student teaching on behalf of the college. Lisa has also coordinated an elementary Spanish program for Grand Rapids Christian Schools and has been an English Study Program Coordinator for the college. Lisa is already working in the CALL office. She is available in the office on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She will also be working some flex hours as the position requires. She can be reached at 526-8777 and by e-mail at lcb2@calvin.edu.

CALL now has a very nice large office with three work stations within the Alumni and Public Relations suite on the second floor of the Youngsma Center. This will house Lisa Bauman, CALL’s Administrative Assistant and Wally Bratt, CALL’s Curriculum Administrator. There is also space for committee meetings and a work station for volunteers who need access to CALL records. Please call 526-8777 or e-mail call@calvin.edu to check if the office or an adjacent conference room is available should you wish to use one or the other.

A couple of weeks ago CALL’s Noontime Series featured Ken Piers’ lecture on energy. I settled myself near the back because I needed to leave a bit early. Ken had just gotten a couple of sentences out about energy, and, ironically, we lost our power. There were just a few emergency lights scattered about which came on to give minimal illumination. Across the aisle from where I was sitting, a lady had been busily knitting before the power went off. Undaunted, she picked up her knitting and moved to sit under one of the emergency lights. And Ken Piers, also undaunted by the circumstances, gave a lucid presentation on our varying sources of energy. A masterful job under the circumstances.

In its meeting on November 5, the board considered a question from the Publicity Committee as to whether the course catalogue should be published separately from the CALLNews. The board decided that the next catalogue should be published with the CALLNews and that the committee should research alternatives and report back to the board. The board also approved two service grants.

CALL has two scholarship recipients for the 2008/09 year. They are Nicole Vega and Melanie Evans. Each scholarship is worth $1200. These scholarships are awarded to students who have decided to seek a college education later in life.

Last month I asked for suggestions of persons who might be interested in chairing the Health, Fitness and Recreation Committee. Unfortunately, shortly thereafter I lost my incoming e-mail service along with a number of e-mail messages. If you sent me a suggestion, kindly send it again to my new e-mail address: cjansen@comcast.net

Chuck Jansen, CALL President
This committee will establish a curriculum that is based on the interests of the membership, and that is in harmony with the stated purpose of CALL as described in Article 2.2 of the CALL Constitution. Qualified instructors or leaders will be drawn both from within the membership and from the community.

The central aim of the Curriculum Committee’s work is quite simple: twice a year we try to devise a curriculum that is consonant with the nature of CALL and speaks to the wishes and needs of our members. A second, more recent concern involves the organization and promotion of interest groups.

Setting up a new semester’s curriculum is done in two, perhaps three, meetings at which we consider suggestions made by both committee members and the broader CALL community. Committee members then share follow-up duties, contacting potential course leaders, asking them whether they would be willing to teach, and soliciting course descriptions from them. Scheduling is done by Jim Gunn, who coordinates this challenging phase of our task.

The committee also reviews class members’ responses to courses that are underway or have been recently completed. We value those responses highly.

For the completion of our mandate we are heavily dependent on the cooperation of potential course leaders, the invaluable help of Irene Bolthouse, and the splendid assistance of Darcy Verwys of the Calvin Office of Conference and Campus events.

Assembling and scheduling the curriculum involves considerable work, but the completion of yet another program gives each of us deep satisfaction. We are grateful for the wonderful cooperation of so many people, something of which all CALL members are the beneficiaries.

**Curriculum Committee, Wally Bratt, chair**

The Curriculum Committee is preparing a list of about 34 courses for the spring. We hope to suggest several more interest groups as well.

The Birding Interest Group observed 53 species of birds during the fall migrating season. Among the more interesting sightings were an Osprey and a Belted Kingfisher (Reeds Lake), Bluebirds (Roselle Park, Ada), Coots and Wood Ducks (Reeds Lake), a Green Heron and a Solitary Sandpiper (Muskegon), and flocks of 200 Ruddy Ducks and 10,000 Tree Swallows (Muskegon). Other exciting varieties were identified with the help of our expert leader, Bill Sweetman. His ability to target his portable telescope is amazing. Bill has agreed to lead the group again during spring migration. Come join us.

**Member Events Committee**

**Jan. 10** [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 3p.m. we watch the Calvin men's basketball team play Alma College in the Van Noord Arena of the new Spoolhof Fieldhouse Complex. Cost - $15.

*Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach, 698-9244*

**Jan. 14** [Wed] **January Series Brunch** Join us for our January Series Brunch at the Prince Center at 10a.m. 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.

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**Feb. 18** [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.

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**Apr. 28 - 30** [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.

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**May 6** [Wed] **Holland "Tulip Time"** Join us for a day of Dutch Heritage which will include "A Taste of Holland" (breakfast buffet and video), Klompen Dancers, Tour Tulip Lanes, Curtain Going Up (sit down lunch and show), Street Scrubbing and Volksparade, Dutch Marketplaats (shopping), Church Dinner Buffet and Three Men and a Tenor (a hilarious, high energy acapella group). Cost for the day is $90.

*Questions call Jerry or Bea DeWeerd, 878-3293*

**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 Piers 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.

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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

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 $2.50 each
Calvin Box Office is open 9a.m. to 5p.m.
Monday–Friday Phone 616-526-6282
All programs are presented in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium of Calvin College at 7:30p.m.

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

During the January Series, CALL public events committee and Calvin's office of community relations are sponsoring public discussions following two of the lectures: Deborah & Loren Haarsma's Tuesday, January 13th presentation on "Creation, Design, Evolution, and Human Origins" and Ayaan Hirsi Ali's Friday, January 23rd talk on "Refusing to be Silenced." Plan on coming to the lectures and participating in stimulating conversations afterward. (from 1:40-2:30p.m.)

Service and Community Relations Committee, Roberta Rice, Chair
Here's an example of what some of our CALL members are doing. Global Gifts is a most rewarding volunteer activity. Global Gifts is Fair Trade and non-profit. It supports needy and enterprising third-world artisans who can, as a result, provide for their families and live lives of dignity. We help provide creative and beautiful artifacts for our customers. The works are remarkable like filigree jewelry from Kenya, silk weavings from Laos and Christmas crèches from at least 15 countries! We also sell fair trade coffee. Please stop by and see what we have to offer. Located at 2055 28th St. (just west of Breton) in the Grand Central Plaza Hours Mon.-Fri: 10a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m Closed Sun.

Ange Bosscher and Eleanor Zwier

College Support Committee
Sally VanderPloeg, Chair
• The schedule for Calvin's January Series 2009 can be found at <www.calvin.edu/january/2009>. These free lectures are open to the community and you may attend in person at Calvin's Fine Arts Center, or at a remote site, like the Ladies Literary Club in downtown Grand Rapids. Note that CALL is underwriting one of the programs - "The State of the Church in the Middle East" with Victor Makari on Monday, January 12.
• Please reserve Saturday, January 24, for the next Calvin Artist Series concert. The Grammy award winning group Chanticleer will be performing. See <www.calvin.edu/artistseries>. CALL members are eligible for special discounted season tickets to the Artist Series. For more information, contact the Calvin Box Office at 526-6282.

Send form to: CALL c/o Irene Bolthouse  3201 Burton St SE  Grand Rapids MI 49546
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Your check must accompany your reservation. 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.
• The calvin-connection e-newsletter informs and reminds CALL members and the college's neighbors and friends of Calvin-sponsored and related events that are open to the public. To subscribe, go to: 
<www.calvin.edu/admin/community/connection.htm>
or contact Carol Rienstra, Calvin's director of community relations, at (616) 526-6175, crienstr@calvin.edu or partnerships@calvin.edu.

• CALL member and knitting interest group instructor Diane Noorman writes: "The Calvin gospel choir has invited alumni to sing with the choir, so I am doing that this year. What a fabulous experience! The kids are very nice to the old lady! There will be a concert on Sunday, November 23, at 4p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. No tickets required, but a free will offering will be received for the choir's mission trip to Argentina and Uruguay in the spring. It will be an inspiring time of joyful praise and worship for all. We are really good!"