President’s Message

In November Sharon Stiansen and I, along with our spouses, had the privilege of representing CALL at the annual Calvin Scholarship Dinner. CALL sponsors two scholarship students who are older Calvin students returning to college to further their education and skills. Our two recipients are Nikki Vega and Melanie Evans. We shall feature them in a later issue of the CALL News. Over 1200 donors and recipients were present at the dinner. Coincidentally, it was discovered during the dinner that Nikki’s mother had served an internship under Kurt Stiansen while attending Western Theological Seminary.

The board met in December and discussed a number of important matters. Many months ago, Roger Griffioen took on the task of recovering all board policy decisions, going back to the beginning of CALL. This was a huge undertaking in that our policies were scattered in various places. The resulting policy handbook has gone through reviews by the board and the executive committee. We now have a central reference document which we will keep updated as policies are formulated or changed. Each board member and committee chair will have a copy. We are most grateful to Roger for taking on this important task. Roger will also be chairing a revision of the bylaws and constitution of CALL.

The executive committee reported to the board that it has begun work on the annual membership meeting which is usually held in May. Also, it was reported that an ad hoc committee chaired by Jeanette Sprik will be looking at potential grant sources for Life Long Learning Programs such as CALL. There are a number of opportunities whereby we can benefit the college should we receive such grants.

The college support staff reported on various college events as well noting the January Series sponsorship by CALL of the presentation by Victor Makari on January 12. The board also received a preliminary report from Peter De Boer, chair of the summer program, on potential offerings for the summer, 2009. The board does not meet in January.

We trust that each of you had a joyous Christmas and wish you a blessed 2009.

Chuck Jansen, CALL President

SPOTLIGHT ON …

The Member Events Committee

This committee will be responsible for establishing and handling membership social gatherings and arranging special trips and events

The CALL Member Event committee has a long history with an updated focus. Presently, we are providing monthly trips and events that have an educational and social value. The CALL members have supported the activities with their attendance and many of the activities at full capacity. We know that we satisfy the needs of many of our CALL members with the monthly scheduled activities. The Member Event Team has four couples.

The Team has quarterly planning meetings. The calendar for the year is established at these meetings. The committee has developed a special working relationship and enjoys special social times together. The Team is always open to new ideas and encourages your suggestions. Feel free to contact any of our Team members. We trust we are providing a real service.

Don and Shirley Lautenbach - chairpersons - 698-9244 email lautdon@comcast.net

Left to right: Shirley & Don Lautenbach; Bea & Jerry DeWeerd; Elayne & Dwight Penning (board liaison); Jean & Clarence Vos; Glenda & Carl Welmers

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Member Events Committee

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.

Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach, 698-9244

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 Capitol 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.

Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach, 698-9244

Public Events Committee Henry Baron, Chair

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.

Feb. 5 Bhutan, the Cloud Kingdom with Tom Sterling

Mar. 19 Bavaria & the Black Forest with Fran Reidelberger

Apr. 30 Beneath the Jungle... and Beyond (Mesoamerica) with Dale Johnson

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 a capella 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 box-supper), 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 is due by April 1.

Questions call Jerry or Bea DeWeerd, 878-3293

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.