President's Message

At its February 3 meeting, the CALL board approved plans to hold the annual membership meeting at the Prince Conference Center on Friday, May 29, beginning at 11:30 a.m. There will be a small fee this year to offset the cost of the luncheon, but the event is shaping up to be a very delightful gathering. Information about how and when to make your reservations will be announced in the April CALL News.

Nominations for the 2009 CALL Distinguished Service Awards, which are presented at the annual meeting, can be sent or delivered to the CALL office to the attention of the membership committee. Please give the name of a person you feel should be recognized for service to CALL, and describe when and how the person has contributed to the success of the organization.

The membership secretary recently reported that there are now 918 CALL members. This is an increase of almost 100 persons a year since 2003-04 when membership stood at 558. The curriculum committee notes that spring classes are filling up quickly so do not hesitate to make your reservations. One class already has a waiting list of 19. The classes that are filled as of early February are listed elsewhere in this issue. See your curriculum booklet or go online to www.calvin.edu/call to read about the other classes.

Upon recommendation of the finance committee, the board approved a donation to Calvin College for the furnishings and fixtures in the office where Wally Bratt, the curriculum administrator, and Lisa Bauman, administrative assistant, are often found working hard on CALL matters. Located in the Youngsma Center at 1580 East Beltline, this office and an adjacent conference room are available for use by CALL volunteers and committees. Just e-mail call@calvin.edu or call 526-8777 to make reservations for use of these fine spaces.

Again this year, CALL’s summer programs committee, under the capable leadership of chair Peter DeBoer, is coming up with an interesting array of learning opportunities that will take place in June, including line-dancing, computers, birding, writing music, and how to make useful stuff out of junk. These classes will be open to CALL members and friends who want to “sample” the lifelong learning menu. Watch for more information in next month’s CALL News.

Chuck Jansen, CALL President
2. The Noontime Lecture Series This series, too, entails a good deal of preparation time, since we offer twelve free one-hour programs each year, six in the fall and six in the spring. Contacts, arrangements, and schedules have to be made from three to five months in advance. We try to achieve a blend of programs that appeal to a wide range of interests related to community issues as well as national and international affairs. Sometimes a presentation constitutes simply a compelling human interest story, and usually we include at least one in music or the fine arts. We intend these programs to be both educational and inspirational.

3. New Events We experimented with a new opportunity for serving the public last year by plugging into the renowned January Series. We offered two post-presentation discussion sessions: one after the Eleanor Clift lecture, which was moderated by Stephen Monsma, and the second one after Dr. Douglas Diekema’s presentation, moderated by Dr. Ron Hofman. The success of these lively discussions encouraged us to repeat the experiment with the 2009 Series. We again offered two discussion opportunities, one after the Haarsmas’ lecture on Creation and Evolution, moderated by Rev. Scott Hoezee, and the other after Aayan Hirsi Ali’s account of her break with Islam, moderated by Diane Obenchain. The committee will soon decide whether to add these new events as a regular part of its public events. The Public Events Committee, as all the other CALL committees, exists to serve the CALL membership, as well as the community at large. Attendance at these events will signal the success or failure of the committee’s efforts. All are warmly encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities for ongoing stimulation and inspiration.

Henry J. Baron, Chair

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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.

Mar. 19 Bavaria & the Black Forest
with Fran Reidelberger

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

Noontime Series
These free one-hour programs every other Thursday in February, March and April are held in the Chapel or Chapel Undercroft on the campus of Calvin College

Feb. 19 [Thu] A Journey of Learning—One Child at a Time Roy Clark, called “A Man Among Men” in a June 2007 Grand Rapids Press article, tells how his own difficulties with dyslexia and Attention Deficit Disorder led to the establishment of Mentor West Michigan. (Chapel Undercroft)

Mar. 5 [Thu] The Netherlands: Dry Feet Below Sea Level Prof. Robert Hoeksema, recipient of the 2008 Civil Engineering History and Heritage Award, reviews the history from 500 BC to the 20th century of flood protection and land reclamation in this small Western European country. (Chapel)

Mar. 19 [Thu] Welcoming the Stranger in our Midst Dona Abbott, director of the Grand Rapids branch of Bethany Christian Services, and My Uyen Tran, a Vietnamese refugee, talk about refugee resettlement and how agencies, churches, and individuals help with these journeys from frightened uncertainty to peace and safety. (Undercroft)

Apr. 2 [Thu] Delightful Sounds for the Easter Season Members of the Calvin Alumni Orchestra, possibly aided by other musicians and poets, present a program of sounds from many eras and genres that will inspire greater appreciation for God’s gift of new and everlasting life. (Chapel)

Apr. 16 [Thu] Reflections on Sea to Sea Bike Tours Claire Elgersma, who cycled across Canada in 2005 and from Washington State to New Jersey in 2008, shares behind-the-scenes information about the impact these tours had on the participants and their churches. (Chapel)

Service and Community Relations Committee Roberta Rice, Chair

Many CALL members are involved in giving of their time and talent to serve others. Would some financial support help your volunteer activity? CALL service grants have been used to help buy supplies, pay travel expenses, and provide tickets for a needy group of people to enjoy a cultural or educational outing.

CALL member Nel Kastner is thankful for a grant given to help her with travel costs related to her work with YMCA of the Rockies. The CALL service grant application can be found online at www.calvin.edu/call, in the CALL office or by calling Roberta Rice at 682-2429.

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 Capital and other historic sites. Bill Kamstra, a Lincoln historian, discusses the life of this great man. The cost is $295 (double
College Support Committee

Mar. 9 [Mon] Free Band Concert  Dr. Tiffany Engle directs the Knollcrest and Calvin Bands in a special one-hour afternoon concert in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium, beginning at 3:30 p.m. For group seating arrangements, call 526-6175

Mar. 13 [Fri] 8 p.m. Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (Calvin Artist Series program) in the FAC. Tickets from the Box Office- 526-6282.

Curriculum Committee

We need a few more people to sign up for the choir interest group. Please consider singing with this group. There will be eight sessions beginning on April 2. You can join the choir even if you have already sent in your reservation for courses. Call Irene at 977-1792.

Requested announcement

Do you still have Microsoft Word 2000 or 2003 and would like some help with word processing? And then you noticed that there is only a CALL class for Word 2007. Jeni Hoekstra is willing to teach a class on Word 2000/2003 if there is enough interest. If not, she is willing to make some house calls – just give a donation to the Kenya Computer Support Fund at Partners Worldwide.

Contact Jeni if you have questions or are interested:
977-2624 or hoekstradj@sbcglobal.net

Membership Secretary

Course filled, waiting list only:
#1 Women of Influence  #22 Art and Worship
#4 Spain  #24 Sermon on the Mount
#6 World War II  #26 Investments
#13 C.S. Lewis  #31 FDR

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Course  To Room
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#6 World War II  H-316
#7 Shostakovich  FAC-220
#12 Origins  H-429
#18 Christian Education  H-332
#20 Ford  H-333
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Send form to: CALL c/o Irene Bolthouse  3201 Burton St SE  Grand Rapids MI 49546

Member Events Registration

☐Apr. 28 - 30 [Tue-Thu] "Lincoln Legacy Trip"  $50 deposit per person; total $295 per person due by March 1
☐May 6 [Wed] "Tulip Time"  $50 deposit per person; total $90 per person by March 15
☐Jun. 9-10 [Tue-Wed] Traverse TALL Ships $50 deposit per person; total $225 per person due by April 1

Name(s) _____________________________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________

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Phone(____)_______________Email_______________________________________________________

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.
Each year one or two Distinguished Service Awards are presented at the annual CALL membership meeting to recognize individuals who have given extra-ordinary service to our Academy. Any CALL member is welcome to submit the name of someone who has been a member of CALL for more than 5 years and who has given noteworthy service for at least 3 years. Please use the space below or email your nomination to call@calvin.edu

Distinguished Service Award Nomination
Send form to: CALL  3201 Burton St SE  Grand Rapids MI 49546

Name of nominee_______________________________. Please use space below to give a brief statement regarding the quality of service that your nominee has done for CALL and why he/she should be considered for this award.