President's Message

As we wind down another academic year for CALL, we can look on it as another successful year. One important measurement is that of membership. The count changes almost daily, but a recent number was 931 compared to 904 in April, 2008. Class registrations were better than average and none of the 32 classes offered this semester were cancelled for lack of interest. Next year could be a challenge in that the Fine Arts Center will be in process of renovation which will put stress on the availability of classroom space. Our curriculum committee will work out any necessary alternatives with the college.

There are some matters which will require the membership's vote at our annual luncheon meeting on May 29. The board is nominating Peter De Boer and Clarence Walhout for another three year term. In addition, two new nominees are Sherry Levy and Helen Meulink. Sherry is an Aquinas graduate and has worked in various capacities for Calvin College for eleven years. Helen was widowed early in life and continued their almond farming in Ripon, California for sixteen years. She also was a district manager for CRWRC in central California and was active with the American Red Cross. She has moved to Michigan to be near her children and grandchildren. We are most grateful for the years of service given by Jeneviene Candler and Sharon Stiansen who are leaving the board.

Changes in the CALL Constitution require membership approval. The board, following review by President Byker, recommends the following amendments.

2.1 Present Reading: the Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning is an organization affiliated with Calvin College.

Proposed Reading: The Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning is an organization affiliated with Calvin College; it relates to the College through the Office of Alumni, Parent and Community Relations.

2.3.2 Present Reading: CALL is subject to superintending control by the President of Calvin College through the Office of Alumni and Public Relations.

Proposed Reading: CALL is subject to superintending control by the President of Calvin College, reflecting that this is a partnership based on mutual goals as well as the fact that CALL is under the college’s 501(c)3 non-profit designation.

4.1 Present Reading: CALL will be led by a Board of Directors of at least six and not more than twelve members elected from and by the membership, plus two members appointed by the President of Calvin College.

Proposed Reading: CALL will be led by a Board of Directors of at least twelve and not more than fifteen members elected from and by the membership, plus two members appointed by the President of Calvin College.

Amendments 2.1 and 2.3.2 are proposed to clarify the college president’s oversight of CALL and to also clarify how CALL relates to the college.

Amendment 4.1 has resulted from CALL’s growth and need for additional board members. The board maintains close contact with its committees through the board members. As the committees have increased due to CALL’s increased offerings, there is a need for additional board members.

The board also approved the 2009/2010 operating budget for CALL. The total expense budget is $146,800.00. Those expenses are covered by the various fees received from memberships, class registrations, Member Events, Public Events and Summer Events and miscellaneous other income.

Be sure to get your reservation in soon for the annual luncheon because there is limited space. In addition to taking care of the few matters of business and partaking of a delicious lunch, there will be an entertaining and informative presentation by Calvin English professor Gary D. Schmidt, a successful author who has received honors for his novels “Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy” (2005) and “Wednesday Wars” (2008). We will also present CALL’s Distinguished Service Award(s).

Chuck Jansen, CALL President
Ofering courses in the summer, in contrast to spring and fall, is a relatively new thing within the CALL program. The Committee mandate is fairly broad: to present educative, social, and entertaining experiences for our membership. Your present committee (Hal Bode, Char Veenstra, Carol Rienstra and Peter DeBoer, chairman) has laid out a program of variety and appeal for these past three years, and for 2009 we offer a rich variety of attractive courses, at an attractive time in early summer, led by skilled, insightful docents. Don’t miss it!

This year we will offer eight short courses. See our descriptions and listings below.  

Peter DeBoer, chairman

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1. GOLF: Sharpen your skills or learn the game; for the veteran or the novice. (limit 12-15 people)  
   **Note date change**  
   **When:** June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
   **Where:** Christian Reformed Recreation Center, Shafer and 36th Street.  
   **Instructor:** Ralph Honderd, emeritus professor of physical education

2. Yes You Can Write Music! A five day course with the goal of writing your own music—not the poetry, but the music. This course will give you a basic understanding of the principles of music composition. You may well have a hidden gift lying deep within you, just waiting to be used. *(Need a background in the fundamentals of music and/or piano)*  
   **When:** Friday, June 12; then Monday—Thursday, June 15-18  
   **Where:** Chapel Undercroft Choir room, 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.  
   **Instructor:** Dale Grotenhuis, emeritus professor of music

3. The ABC’s of Birding: ABODE—habitat, nesting; BEHAVIOR—migration, flocking, courtship; CHOW—foods of preference, techniques of getting food. Discuss the ABC’s of birding and how each part aids in the identification of birds. Includes bird walks and bird watching. Class discussion. All levels of experience are welcome.  
   **When:** June 15, 16, 17, 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
   **Where:** DeVos Communication Center room #150  
   **Instructor:** Bette Frieswyk, veteran computer expert

4. Computers for Advanced Beginners: This class will cover some helpful tips for word-processing (shortcuts, adding pictures, label, etc.), using Excel to keep track of your finances, questions on e-mail and finding information on the internet. If you want to cover something specific, e-mail Jeni at hoekstradj@sbcglobal.net (limit of 12-15 people)  
   **When:** June 15 – 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in DeVos Communication Center #110  
   **Instructor:** Jeni Hoekstra, veteran computer expert

5. Frugal FUNdamentals: Every yearn for the pre-tech days when we, as children or with our children, made our own fun with stuff laying around the house or in the trash? Afraid your grandkids are missing out on this kind of home-made fun? In this class we’ll make flip books from index cards, “things” from spool-knitted tubes, and more projects with sponges and scrubbies. Share your own ideas too. Materials will be provided at cost.  
   **When:** Only 2 days, June 15 and 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
   **Where:** DeVos Communication Center room #160  
   **Instructor:** Rosemary Stevenson, artist, craftsperson, playground monitor

6. Line Dancing: Let old “Twinkle-toes” Settergren teach you to know your left foot from your right. No previous experience needed. Come and have some fun!  
   **When:** June 15 – 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Lab Theatre, near the Gezon Auditorium  
   **Instructor:** Robert Settergren, retired engineer, architect, and computer expert

7. The American Revolution: A fresh look at the events that forever changed our world! What led to the revolt? Who were the actors in the drama? What were the major battles, their effects and the aftermath? Find out what you didn’t know or have long forgotten.  
   **When:** June 15–18 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Hiemenga Hall 331  
   **Instructor:** William Huizing Jr., retired middle-school teacher and Revolutionary War buff who has a personal library of 150 books on the era.

8. The Book of Colossians: The epistle to the Colossians is a powerful presentation of the Fullness of Life that believers have in Christ, who is the Head of Creation and the Church. Sections of the three chapters of Colossians will be the center of our study and discussion. It is recommended that you read the epistle a number of times in preparation for the class.  
   **When:** June 15–18 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Hiemenga Hall 331  
   **Instructor:** Andrew Bandstra, emeritus professor of the New Testament
**CALL SUMMER PROGRAMS Registration**

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Cost - $15 per person, per set of lessons or classes
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.

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**Member Events Registration**

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<td>Join us for a day of Dutch Heritage which will include &quot;A Taste of Holland&quot; (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.</td>
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<td>Traverse TALL Ships and more</td>
<td>Jun. 9-10 [Tue-Wed]</td>
<td>Tour two Tall Ships - &quot;Madeline&quot; and &quot;Welcome&quot;, enjoy a two hour sail on the Tall Ship &quot;Manitou&quot; (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).</td>
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Questions call Jerry or Bea DeWeerd, 878-3293

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**Public Events Committee**

*Henry Baron, Chair*

The Public Events Committee met on March 26 and took note of the following:

1. Due to an extensive renovation of the FAC, the building will be closed to all activities from June 09 till August of 2010. This means that the CALL Passport to Adventure Travel Film Series will move from the Calvin campus to the Grand Rapids Christian High campus and will be shown there in the DeVos Center for Arts and Worship. Seats can be reserved through the Calvin Box Office, just as always. A new brochure should be ready soon.

2. Ed Walhout has decided to retire at the end of this season from his position as convener of the Passport films and introducer of the film presenter. He has faithfully served in that capacity for thirteen years!

3. The fall lineup for the Noontime Series is almost in place. A new brochure should be ready soon.

4. Additionally, the committee voted to continue the post-presentation conversations linked to selected speakers at the January Series. Our two-year trial proved that these have been both appreciated and worthwhile.

*Henry Baron, Chair*
Sep. 16 – 17 [Wed-Thu] **Stratford Theatre** Reserve these dates for our annual trip. We have tickets reserved for Shakespeare’s "Macbeth" and the musical "West Side Story," both performed in the Festival Theatre auditorium. On Thursday morning we will visit St. Jacobs - an Amish market village for shopping and lunch. A $50 deposit will hold your reservation. Cost for the trip is $325 per person based on double occupancy. Also, a U.S. Passport is required for travel into Canada this year.

*Questions call Carl or Glenda Welmers 243-6431.*

Jun. 17 [Wed] **Summer Concert** We are planning a picnic supper and musical showcase. Our local artists Rich & Stacey Ridenour, John and Gwen Varineau, Shawn and Leah Ivory along with others will entertain us on this evening. Non CALL members are invited and encouraged to join us for this fun event. The concert will be in Forest Hills Fine Arts Center. We have been informed that this is the last concert that this group will be performing together. It should be fun! Cost: $25 per person.

*Questions call Carl or Glenda Welmers 243-6431.*

**Curriculum Committee Wally Bratt, chair**

Regretfully we had to cancel the Choir Interest Group because not enough people signed up. The other groups are started or ready to start. The Gardening group will hold its first meeting on April 15, Wednesday, 9:00, at the Bunker Center. The Biking group will be taken over by the Health, Fitness, and Recreation Committee and will probably begin sometime in May.

We are planning to schedule about 35 classes for the fall of 2009. Since the Fine Arts Building will be closed for renovations next year, classroom space may be more difficult to find. We will keep you informed about any changes that may occur in our programs.

This spring’s classes have been going well. None of the scheduled classes were canceled; some had to be capped because the classrooms were full.

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