President’s Message
When I write this monthly column, I base it mainly on some significant actions the board took in its most recent meeting. When I am not present for the board meeting, as I wasn’t in May, it makes it difficult to report on the meeting. Fortunately our able administrative assistant, Lisa Bauman, rushed me a copy of the draft minutes. After reviewing these, I did not find a lot on which to report. I am reminded that much of this reporting is colored by the discussion which takes place about the various actions and to which I wasn’t a party at this meeting. Thus, this is going to be a brief column.

When a board member leaves the board before his/her term is completed, the bylaws state that the board may fill that position with a nominee provided by the nominating committee. At its May meeting, the board approved the election of Corrine Kass to fill the vacancy left by Marge Bantjes’ resignation. One year remains on that term. The board also approved the nominees for the CALL Distinguished Service Award which will be announced and awarded at the Annual Meeting. These nominees are selected by the membership committee from names submitted to them by the overall membership. The Annual Meeting is shaping up very nicely and our reservation list is full. We have people on the waiting list. There is an announcement regarding that elsewhere in this News. We are looking forward to seeing all of you fortunate people who have a reservation.

Chuck Jansen, CALL President

CALL Scholarship Program
The CALL Scholarship is funded by CALL and awarded by Calvin College to two nontraditional students each year. This year’s recipients are Nikki Vega and Melanie Evans.

Nikki Vega
“I grew up in Grand Rapids and Rockford in a four-generation household. I went to Rockford High School and graduated in 1996. I immediately went to Calvin. I chose Calvin because it was close to home, had a beautiful campus, and offered a rigorous education. After graduation in 2000 with a BA in English, I joined the Army and served in the JAG Corps. I was sent to Bamberg, Germany. That is where I met my husband. We fell in love and got married in Germany.

SPOTLIGHT ON …
COLLEGE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for working with Calvin College in establishing college support in providing space, equipment, mailing and duplicating services and other appropriate needs. –CALL Constitution

The College Support Committee fulfills this mandate by providing assistance with reserving space for the travelogue series and other CALL needs on campus, with designing and printing the annual travelogue brochure, and with resolving any questions that may arise with college administrative questions. We are available for assistance to any and all other CALL committees should they need help connecting to college services.

In addition to these mandated duties, the committee also looks for ways in which CALL and the college might collaborate, such as providing information about events and volunteer opportunities on Calvin’s campus that may be of interest to CALL members, providing discounted Artist Series tickets to CALL members and inviting area church and senior citizen groups to the CALL Noontime Series and Travelogue programs.

Sally Vander Ploeg, Chair
After we got out of the military we came back to Grand Rapids to raise our children around family. We now have three lovely little girls, Violette, Trinity Rose, and Jenevieve Dahlia.

In 2004 I decided to go back to school and earn a teaching certificate. In May 2010 I will have completed the required courses for teacher certification in English with minors in History and ESL. Thank you again for your continued and greatly appreciated support.”

Melanie Evans

“I was born and raised in Elmore, Alabama. I graduated as the valedictorian of my senior class and attended college for a short time. I then left college and began working fulltime.

In 2003 I accepted a position as the Administrative Assistant in the Art Department at Baker Publishing Group in Kentwood, MI. In 2005 I learned about the International Development Studies program at Calvin College, and felt the Lord’s call to return to college. I continue to work full-time at Baker Publishing Group and am a part-time student at Calvin. My major is International Development with a double minor in Urban Studies and African Studies. I have earned placement on the Dean’s List every semester. I plan to spend a semester abroad at the University of Ghana in 2010. After graduation, I plan to pursue a Master’s Degree in Organizational Management, and eventually a doctorate degree in International Development. My hobbies include singing, writing, music, graphic design, and active membership in the Grand Rapids chapter of the Save Darfur Coalition.”

Summer Programs Committee
Peter DeBoer, Chair

Summer is fast approaching and we have some wonderful classes and activities planned for you, your friends, and family. Remember, you do not need to be a CALL member to participate in these summer classes.

1. GOLF: Course Filled
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 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
   - **Where**: DeVos Communication Center room #150
   - **Instructor**: Bette Frieseysk, veteran birder

4. Computers for Advanced Beginners: Course filled

5. Frugal FUNDamentals: Ever yearn for the pre-tech days when we, as children or with our children, made our own fun with stuff lying around the house or in the trash? Afraid your grandkids are missing out on this? In this class we’ll make flip books from construction paper, re-use old school-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 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 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

Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, Chair

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 (616) 526-6282, just as always.

Member Events Committee

Jun. 9-10 [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).

Questions call Jerry or Bea DeWeerd, 878-3293

Jun. 17 [Wed] Summer Concert We are planning a picnic supper and musical showcase. Our evening begins at 6 P.M. at Manhattan Park Pavilion on Manhattan Road just south of
Cascade Road (3 blocks west of Cascade Road & E. Beltline). A nice picnic supper will be provided and then we will proceed to the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center for an 8 P.M. musical showcase. Local artists Rich and 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. Cost: $25 per person.

Questions call Carl or Glenda Welmers 243-6431.

Sep. 16 – 17 [Wed-Thur] 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.

The Member Events Team is meeting on Wednesday May 13 to continue their planning for the 2009-2010 year. As of this date, our events for the next year need additional planning before we can confirm the events. We will be having a table at the May 29 meeting.

Curriculum Committee Wally Bratt, Chair

The Curriculum Committee is wrapping up plans for the fall course offerings. Because the membership of CALL is increasing, we try to increase the number of courses accordingly. For the fall term, we are hoping to offer 35+ courses. Announcements will be made, as is our custom, in August.

Interest Groups are continuing to meet. On May 12-13 the birding group will be taking an overnight trip to Ohio to scout a premier birding spot. The gardening group has held several meetings and will decide whether and how to continue through the summer and fall. The brass ensemble is rehearsing weekly and will play at the CALL luncheon. The knitting group continues meeting during the spring and fall terms. And the biking group will be starting up shortly.

The existence of interest groups is still in an experimental stage. The curriculum committee initiates them, and we may suggest a couple more for the fall, but interest groups need to be self-perpetuating to be successful. So if you are interested in interest groups and want to reap some interest from your interest, read the following paragraph.

Everyone is invited to join an interest group at any time. All are welcome; you don’t have to be on the initial list. One problem, however, has been that not everyone who signs up shows up. The initial sign-up gives some indication of whether the interest group is likely to succeed. So in the future, if you sign up for an interest group, you should try to make at least some of the meetings. If you are “iffy,” don’t sign up but come anyway when you can. Your name can be added at any time to the list of people who get information. Our aim is to encourage interaction among people with
common interests and to provide opportunities for you to participate in a group activity.

**Health and Fitness Committee**
*Marv Zuidema, Chair*

MVP is now offering 1-hour Group Training sessions each week at the following times:
- Mondays - 6 am & 6 pm
- Tuesdays - 9 am
- Wednesdays - 6 am & 6 pm
- Thursdays - 9 am
- Fridays - 6 am & 12 pm

The cost per session is $25 for members. Sessions will be available for purchase in 1, 5, and 10 session packages. Training sessions will be challenging and fun with modifications for all levels. If you are interested or have further questions, please feel free to contact Josh Lemmer at 616-254-8846.

**CALL Annual Meeting and Luncheon**
May 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the Prince Conference Center. Please remember to wear your CALL name badge to make it easier to greet both old and new friends. A $5.00 per person donation is suggested. We are excited about the wonderful response to the CALL Annual Meeting and Luncheon. We have reached our room limit of 320 people! We have had to put some people on a waiting list. If you find out that you will be unable to attend the luncheon, please call 526-8777 or e-mail lc2@calvin.edu to let us know so that we can give your place to someone on the waiting list. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on May 29.

**Carol Rienstra** has served as one of the two college appointees to the CALL board since February 2001. Beginning in June, Mike Van Denend, director of alumni, parent and community relations, will take over as a college representative, joining Sally VanderPloeg, director of planned and major gifts, who has so far served two years on the board. We thank Carol for her service to CALL for eight-plus years, and trust that there will be ongoing opportunities to stay in touch by coordinating CALL’S outreach to the general public with her work in church and community relations.

CALL members and friends are warmly invited to attend the free lectures being offered by guests who will be on campus for **Seminars in Christian Scholarship** summer program. All lectures take place in the Gezon Auditorium (unless otherwise noted) and begin at 7:30 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

- June 24 James Waller on Genocide
- July 1 Nicholas Wolterstorff on Beauty, Love, Justice & Worship (in the Commons Annex Lecture Hall)
- July 8 Susan VanZanten on the Reading Life
- July 15 Stephan G. Post on Giving
- July 20 Wayne Jacobsen on The Shack (in the College Chapel)
- July 22 Frank D. Macchia on Theology & Social Science