Yesterday the newly composed board for 2009/2010 met for the first time. The new board members are Corrine Kass, Sherry Levy, Helen Meulink and Mike Van Denend. The members who retired from the board were Marge Bantjes, Jen Candler, Carol Rienstra and Sharon Stiansen. In terms of staffing committees we are looking for a person to chair the hospitality committee.

As our membership swells, the board decided to honor our 1000th member with a free course voucher. Perhaps we will be able to name that member within the next month.

CALL will be joining the college in supporting Senior Neighbors, Inc. with a $500.00 donation, which will be matched by the college. This donation will be used in their annual auction to support their mission which is to provide seniors in need with congregate meals, chores, simple home maintenance, transportation at low cost and a safety net for socially isolated and homebound seniors.

The biking interest group is going to initiate their first organized activity. You can read the details elsewhere in this issue. Also, there will be an information flier in a mailing that will give enhancements to the MVP program. Approximately 200 members are taking advantage of the MVP facilities through the special arrangements developed by CALL with MVP.

Course catalogues are in the mailing with this CALLNews. Be sure to sign up early for the courses you want.

Chuck Jansen, CALL President
The free every-other Thursday Noontime Series programs are great events to which to invite a friend or use as a church group outing after brunch or before lunch. The dates and topics are

Sep. 10 Lou Haveman: “Challenging Your Comfort Zone!” From America to Africa; from Africa to the Appalachian Trail; across the USA, from Sea to Sea, on bicycle; and back to Africa - for the sake of others. Listen to Lou tell (and show) stories of his adventures and service that will bring tears to our eyes and joy to our souls, while challenging our own comfort zones.

Sep. 24 Joanne Kuyvenhoven: “Stories from Sierra Leone” Learning how to read and write in Sierra Leone is a hope challenged by some tough realities. At the same time, it is supported by rich oral traditions and many eager, clever and committed learners. In this part travelogue, part storytelling, part academic presentation, Jo talks about her work for literacy teaching in Sierra Leone.

Oct. 8 Rev. Ed Dobson: “The Year of Living Like Jesus” Ed Dobson has been living with ALS since the year 2001. Recently he set out to try to live like Jesus for a year, including lifestyle as well as teachings, an experience that affected him in deeply spiritual and unexpected ways. Rev. Dobson will tell of that experience, an account that will also be available in book form.

Oct. 22 Jim Botting: “Bullets, Bombs, and Fast Talk: Twenty-five Years in the FBI” Botting was a hostage negotiator at the Waco, Texas, standoff with David Koresh; the Randy Weaver barricade in Ruby Ridge, Idaho; the hijacking of Continental Flight 52; and many more major incidents. He taught hostage negotiation techniques, SWAT tactics, officer survival, and crisis management for many years. The title of his talk is also the title of his book.

Nov. 5 Hank Meijer-“The Meijer Story: From Twente to Twenty-Eighth Street” Hendrik Meijer arrived in Hoboken with radical ideas, all right, but neither he nor anyone else imagined that the little grocery store he opened in middle age would beget an enterprise that radically altered the way people shop. This is the story of one Dutch immigrant’s most unlikely life and legacy.

Nov. 19 Greg Scheer: “Is there still a place for Psalm-singing in worship?” Greg Scheer, Music Associate at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, will discuss and demonstrate how Psalm-songs through the ages can be creatively adapted to church use today. He will lead the audience in singing a sampling of these as well as his own setting of Psalm 78, “People of the Lord”, which recently won the Calvin 09 international hymn contest.

Sep 23 [Wed] The Grand Rapids Ballet - Prodigal Son CALL members and their friends are invited to a tour of the new Meijer-Royce Center and the dress rehearsal of the Prodigal Son. The tour begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by the dress rehearsal of the Prodigal Son. The Meijer - Royce Center is located at 341 Ellsworth SW. There is adequate parking at the site. This special event is coordinated with the Hope College HASP organization. The cost is $14. Please send payment to the CALL office. The deadline for the reservation is September 11. Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244.

Sep. 16 -17 [Wed-Thu] Stratford Theatre We still have a few openings for the Stratford trip. The Wednesday evening performance is “Macbeth” and the matinee on Thursday is “West Side Story.” Both performances are in the main Festival Theatre. Our dinner on Wednesday evening will be in a very historic Inn dating to 1840’s and on Thursday morning we will spend time in a quaint Amish village for shopping and sightseeing. We will need your check of $325 by August 31 to confirm this trip. Also a reminder that a U.S. Passport or Enhanced Michigan Drivers license is required for travel into Canada. Questions call Carl or Glenda Welmers 243-6431.

Sep. 30 - Oct. 1-2 [Wed-Fri] Canadian Color and Chaplain Cooper Join us on a tour to Stokely Creek Lodge (President Byker’s lodge) in Canada to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation in the spectacular colors of fall, at thier peak. Enjoy exquisite food and majestic scenery, and marvel at the beauty of the color as we take a tour of the area surrounding Stokely Creek Lodge. Chaplain Cooper will be with us to lead us in praise and worship, and inspire each day with special thoughts from God’s Word. This will be a great three days of enjoying the glory of God’s creation and the inspiration from the Scriptures. Take a friend to enjoy the very special outing. Cost $325 per person double occupancy.

Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244.

Nov. 17-20 [Tue-Fri] The Best of Christmas Lancaster PA Our trip to Lancaster will include The Miracle of Christmas, Voices of Christmas, the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, tour of Amish area, and dinner at an Amish home. Cost for the trip will be $475 per person based on double occupancy. A $50 deposit will hold your reservation.

Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244.
**Member Events Registration**

Send completed form to: CALL  3201 Burton St SE  Grand Rapids MI 49546

- Sep. 16-17 [Wed-Thu] Stratford trip  $325 per person
- Sep. 23 [Wed] Prodigal Son  $14 per person
- Sep. 30 – Oct. 1-2 [Wed-Fri] Color and More Color  Deposit $100 per person; total $325 per person
- Nov. 17-20 [Tue-Fri] The Best of Christmas Lancaster PA  Deposit $50 per person; total $475 per person

Name(s) ____________________________________________________________

Address______________________________________________________________________________________________

City________________________________________________________ State___________________ Zip_________

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.

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**Summer Program Committee**  
*Peter DeBoer, Chair*

Another great week of CALL summer classes took place in June. We had enthusiastic leaders and participants. Almost 70 people participated in classes which included golf lessons, computers, birding, line dancing, and a study of the book of Colossians.

Many shared their responses with us. Here is some of what they said:

"Computers was very informative. I really learned a lot. Since it was such a small class, we really received a lot of attention. And the notebook that we received is a good reference. She also talked in plain language, not just computerese. I am very glad I took the course."

"I LOVED the line dancing class! It was great fun - and wonderful exercise!"

"The birding class was a worthwhile class to attend for me, a beginner. I learned many facts, spotted many birds I had not seen before and met new people who also had an interest in birding."

"I truly enjoyed the Colossians class. Dr. Bandstra is a great instructor. Everyone was interested and there were many questions and comments. It was a most interesting and inspirational experience."

We hope you will consider joining us next summer!

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**Curriculum Committee**  
*Wally Bratt, Chair*

This is a note about Interest Groups: how to join a group and the advantages of being on a list of members. If you would like to join a group or groups, please notify Lisa Bauman, our Administrative Assistant  (phone: 526-8777; email: call@calvin.edu). Lisa is keeping a roster for every group, and she will add your name to the list or lists that you want to be on. Each group plans its own activities and sets the times for its meetings. The leaders of each group will provide notices to Lisa about the activities of the group, and Lisa will then email the notices to you (or phone you if you do not have email). At this point we think that this is the best way to handle the planning and communication for the interest groups.

The current Interest Groups are:
- Knitting
- Birding
- Gardening
- Brass Ensemble
- Biking  [Administered by the Health, Fitness, and Recreation Committee]

New Group: We are proposing a new group for those who may be interested in a discussion of theology. If you would like to be a part of such a group, call or email Lisa (see previous paragraph). When there is a sufficient number, we will make more detailed plan for launching the group. At this point just indicate your interest without worrying about dates or times or format; details will be worked out later.

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

On Tuesday, Sept 15, at 10:30 AM, the Biking Interest Group will have an outing. Meet at White Pine Trail at S and Lake. The ride will be to Rockford and back (26 miles roundtrip). Those who wish to lunch in Rockford may do so. There is no fee and all interested bikers are invited.
from College Support Committee
Michael Van Denend, Chair

At the August 5 CALL Board meeting, the board voted to partner with the college to provide an auction item for the “Twilight Shines 2009” dinner and auction gala on Tuesday, November 10, sponsored by Senior Neighbors, Inc.

Other local institutions such as Aquinas and GVSU are also contributing. The CALL Board felt that such a gesture was fitting because of the mission of Senior Neighbors; in addition, involvement in the event would give CALL a chance to be better known to seniors and civic leaders throughout the area. Last year, over 1,500 persons attended.

The auction item will likely be a dinner-and-arts evening on Calvin’s campus for a large group, with the costs to be shared by CALL and the college.

And lastly, a note of thanks to the Curriculum Committee and college’s Campus Events Office for great partnership in locating rooms for the fall CALL classes, a special challenge with the one-year closing of the Fine Arts Center. A fine example of CALL and the college working together!

from Membership Secretary
Note email address change for Irene Bolthouse to hibolt@att.net