President’s Message

A new academic year for CALL is always an exciting time. We receive a membership secretary’s report monthly from Irene Bolthouse. The first of these reports in the school year is especially encouraging as we see how rapidly our membership is signing up for the new menu of classes. As of September 2 there were already 686 registrations and many more coming in every day. But don’t let that discourage you from sending in your registration. Most classes still have room for you.

The CALL board received a request from the Calvin College January Series director, Kristi Potter, to again be a sponsor of one of the lectures for the January 2010 series. The board agreed to be a sponsor for another year. CALL is pleased to once again be part of this community service, which is so heavily attended by the seniors of our community.

The board received a very encouraging report on the Summer Program, which was headed up by Peter DeBoer. Attendance was very good and the feedback received from many of the participants was highly complimentary. Imagine fifteen seniors in line dancing class!

We are awarding a free class to our 1,000th member who has been identified. Please read about it elsewhere in this CALLNews.

We also are welcoming back Mary Rienstra as the chairperson of our hospitality committee. Mary chaired the committee about five years ago. One of its main functions is to provide the refreshments between the classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. From time to time other hospitality requests are sent to this committee. For example, when the travel series was at the FAC, committee members assisted attendees who used the shuttle buses to access those buses. We look forward to Mary’s experienced direction of the hospitality duties.

Chuck Jansen, CALL President
CALL Policy Handbook

“The Membership Secretary supports administrative tasks related to new and continuing membership in CALL, keeps records and facilitates communication, especially for the Curriculum, Membership, and Member Events Committees. The Membership Secretary reports to the CALL Executive Committee and the Calvin Director of Community Relations, serves ex-officio on the Membership Committee, and attends board meetings to present the monthly membership report.”

I am in my 8th year as CALL Membership Secretary, working from my home office to accomplish the duties as outlined in the CALL Policy Handbook. It does become time-consuming at times, but so interesting – great to be involved in keeping records of membership and course registrations, sending out information to interested persons, handling the reservations for the special member events, being on hand for classes, to assist instructors and participants as needed.

Irene Bolthouse, Membership Secretary

Public Events Committee Henry Baron, Chair

Fall 2009 CALL Noontime Series

The Noontime Series is free and open to everyone. It begins at 12 noon in the Chapel of Calvin College. Please consider inviting your friends, family and neighbors. Our upcoming speakers for September and October are:

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, rich oral traditions and many eager, clever and committed learners support it. 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, former pastor of Calvary Church and vice-president for spiritual formation at Cornerstone University, 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 of FBI Stories” Jim Botting, a Calvin alumnus and FBI veteran, 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.

And coming in November:

Nov. 5 Hank Meijer-“The Meijer Story: From Twente to Twenty-Eighth Street”

Nov. 19 Greg Scheer: “Is there still a place for Psalm-singing in worship?”

Passport to Adventure: A Travel Film Series

Held at the DeVos Center for Arts and Worship (CAW) at Grand Rapids Christian High School. Tickets can be purchased through the Calvin Box Office (526-6282) or at the DeVos CAW the evening of the program beginning at 6:30 p.m.. The showing of the films begins at 7:30 p.m.

Sep. 24 [Thu] A Taste of Old Holland
There is still time to take in this film by Don and Fran VanPolen.

Oct. 15 [Thu] Etched in Stone: From Scotland to Provence
Come and join Monty and Marsha Brown as they take us on a leisurely tour from the Irish Sea to the Mediterranean. This film concentrates on the permanence of the European culture. Some of the stops include Tickhill, Stonehenge, Glastonbury Abbey and the Cathedral of St. Tugdual at Terguier.

Films coming later this year include . . .
Nov. 2 [Mon] Inside Iran Today
Jan. 21, 2010 [Thu] Worlds of the Maya
Apr. 5, 2010 [Mon] Egypt’s Treasures and Cruising the Nile

Member Events Committee
Don and Shirley Lautenbach, Co-Chairs

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, Christmas Amish Wedding feast, 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.

Prince Center - 10:00 a.m. Our special speaker will be Syada Greiss, a member of the Egyptian Parliament. Ms. Greiss works with the poor and marginalized Christians in Cairo. Her work focuses on environmental protection and the empowerment of women. Our morning features our speaker, a delicious brunch, transportation to the lecture series and reserved seating. Cost $16.00

Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244.
Service and Community Relations Committee

Roberta Rice, Chair

Please consider serving as a mentor to a Calvin College student this year. Just a few hours a month of providing a listening ear and sharing encouragement and prayer will make a difference in your life as well as the student's life. Lisa Jousma, Calvin's mentoring coordinator, is looking for more women mentors especially. You can contact her at mentoring@calvin.edu.

To read more about what is involved in serving as a Calvin mentor, go to: www.calvin.edu/go/mentoring

Interest Groups

CALL Interest Groups are open to all CALL members and participation is FREE. If you would like to be added to an interest group please contact Lisa in the CALL office at lcb2@calvin.edu or 526-8777

Knitting Interest Group meets Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. The first meeting will be Wednesday, October 7 in DeVos 120. The Knitting Interest Group is an informal gathering for persons who love to knit, want to learn new skills, or share their expertise with others. Members work on projects of their own choosing, and instructors (Diane Noorman and Diane VanderPol) are available to give guidance, teach new techniques, and solve knitting problems. Sessions usually include a time for show and tell where members share projects, new ideas, tips, and accomplishments.

New members and beginners are welcome. This year members who are interested have the opportunity to do a volunteer knitting project of helmet liners for troops in Afghanistan. A pattern and information will be available. If you have further questions please contact Diane VanderPol at dvpo@calvin.edu or 940-2955.

Biking Interest Group has its first outing on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m. The group will meet at White Pine Trail at Sand Lake and ride to Rockford and back (26 miles round trip). The group will ride rain or shine. Those who wish to have lunch in Rockford may do so. If you have questions please contact Peter Van Vliet at 940-1949.

Those who like to bike may also be interested in two other community related biking opportunities. On October 3, join your friends and community in Grand Rapids for the 6th annual Ride for Refugees. It's a growing worldwide movement of people riding bikes, raising money and advocating for refugees. Register yourself, lead a team, give generously or volunteer. For more information, go to www.rideforrefugees.com/home

On Friday, October 9, Calvin College will take part in the Go Green, Go Dutch, Go Bike Campaign to raise awareness and funds for the Motion Initiative: An Urban Cooperative Youth Bicycling Ministry. Come at 1 p.m. to the Calvin Commons Lecture Hall for the kick-off before a group bicycle ride from campus to Rosa Parks Circle downtown. Orange T-shirts with the logo will be for sale beginning October 2 (in the GEO office North Hall). Limited number available!

Hospitality Committee

Mary Rienstra, Chair

Fall courses are ready to begin and we look forward to a time of coffee and fellowship between classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Hospitality committee enjoys providing this meeting time between classes and we are looking for a few more volunteers to help us as we serve the members of CALL. Many hands do make light work and we hope with a few more volunteers that the commitment will be small, but the rewards of smiles and thanks will be big. Please contact Lisa in the CALL office (email lcb2@calvin.edu or phone 526-8777) if you would be willing to help with the set up and clean up of coffee a few times during the fall semester.

Membership Secretary

Irene Bolthouse

Please note the following changes for Fall classes:

#2 Muslim Fiction, to classroom SB-303
#15 Magnificent Mind, time change to 3:15, classroom to H-466
#21 Read the Bible, classroom to SB-203
#30 Intelligence & Foreign Policy, classroom to SB-110

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Member Events Registration

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

☐ 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.
Membership Committee

Harold Kuizema, Chair

We want to congratulate Jim Chalmers who is the 1,000th new member of the CALL organization! In honor of reaching this new membership threshold, the CALL Membership Committee awarded Jim a certificate for one free CALL class for the 2009-2010 year. This is a wonderful new achievement for CALL and a cause for celebration. Welcome to Jim and all the other new members of CALL!

from College Support Committee

The "CALL discount" still holds for season tickets for the highly acclaimed Artist Series. That price has gone up from past years, but CALL members do get tickets to the entire series for $100 (the regular price is $120). Also, there are six (6) concerts in this year's series, rather than the typical five (5), and there is a very special January opera event at Celebration Cinema that includes a lunch reception for season ticket holders.

For more information on the amazing artists coming to Calvin this year see www.calvin.edu/artistseries or call the Calvin Box Office at 526-6282. The first guest is organist Sietze de Vries on Friday, October 2.