President’s Message
As we get half way into this academic year, we begin to think about those decisions which must be made during the last half of the year. We shall soon begin discussion of the annual luncheon, its date, place, speaker, etc. That is our annual meeting which includes a brief business meeting during which we elect the new board members for the following year. Our nominating committee will begin its search for new board members very shortly. They would welcome suggestions from the members. The board will also be in the process of selecting new officers for the following year. The executive committee serves as the nominating committee for officers. The officers are elected by the board.

A new proposal for service was made some months ago which was a request for funds to be made available for the purchase of tickets to a CALL Passport to Adventure film presentation. Helen Bonzelaar, a CALL member and ESL instructor at Church of the Servant, was the first to use this grant opportunity and brought several of her adult ESL students to the November film, *Inside Iran Today*. Helen wrote a very warm letter of gratitude for the grant, but especially noted how much her near eastern students appreciated the film on Iran. She also noted that other attendees that evening readily conversed with the students during the breaks which made them feel especially welcome.

The board received a peek at the likely selection of courses for the spring semester. We shall have over thirty courses offered; another phenomenal selection of courses. We were also pleased to receive Peter De Boer’s report on the 2010 summer program which again will have a very nice variety of learning experiences. Be sure to look for those in the CALL News in the near future.

We wish each of you God’s richest blessings during this Christmas season as we again celebrate His amazing coming into our hearts and capturing our spirits by His persistent grace.

Chuck Jansen, CALL President
**Spring 2010 CALL Noontime Series**

The Noontime Series, sponsored by CALL is a free, open to the public, lecture series held every-other Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Calvin College.

Feb. 4  **Medical Dilemmas: Care and Technology**
Philosophy professor Ruth Groenhout, Calvin College Worldwide Lecturer for 2009-2010, looks at how technology allows us to extend lives in almost miraculous ways, but how it also makes the process of dying an extended experience of agony for many people.

Feb. 18  **A Virtual Tour of ArtPrize**
Elizabeth Van Arragon, assistant professor of Art History at Calvin College, will take us on a virtual tour of the ArtPrize competition that thrilled so many during September and October 2009. Along the way she will talk about contemporary art and how to understand and appreciate some of the ArtPrize installations.

March 4  **The State of Grand Rapids: Its Challenges and its Future**
Mayor George Heartwell will talk about the painful impact of the recession on the city, but also about some hopeful signs for the future.

March 18  **After a Year: A Look Back and a Look Ahead**
Political Science professor Douglas Koopman and History professor Robert Schoone-Jongen will take a searching look at how the new administration and congress have approached the formidable challenges that face this country.

April 1  **Music for Holy Week**
Scott Cairns

April 15  **Festival of Faith and Writing**

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**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 Calvin Box office(526-6282) or at the DeVos CAW the evening of the program. (Adults $5, Students $2.50) Films begin at 7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 21 [Thu] Worlds of the Maya**
Explore two of the countries that hold the stories of the great classical Maya past, Belize and Guatemala on the Yucatan Peninsula. Similar to the Greeks, they were religiously and artistically a nation, but politically sovereign states. Join film maker Sandy Mortimer on a journey to temples and caves, as well as today's isolated villages with their age-old rituals and ceremonies.

**Apr. 5 [Mon] Egypt's Treasures and Cruising the Nile**

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**Member Events Committee**
**Don and Shirley Lautenbach, Co-Chairs**

**March 3 [Wed] Lunch with Chaplain Mary**
Join us for lunch at 12:00 at the Prince Center. Our speaker will be Calvin's newly appointed college chaplain, Dr. Mary Hulst. She will speak to us about her goals and the blessings and challenges of working with college students. Cost $18.50. Your check will confirm your reservation.

**Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach, 698-9244.**

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**College Support Committee**
**Michael Van Denend, Chair**

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**Interest Groups**
Some of the CALL knitting group show the results of our fall knitting service project. We made over 28 knitted wool helmet liners for our troops in Afghanistan. Special recognition should go to one of our knitters who, despite being paralyzed in one arm, knits beautifully and completed 3 helmet liners in record time! We all have a terrific time getting together each week and are looking forward to next year's knitting time. Come join the CALL knitting interest group. We meet Wednesdays beginning February 17 through May 12 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the DeVos Center room 205B. All knitting abilities are welcome. There is no charge for the interest group, however, you do need to be a member of CALL. If you have questions, please contact Diane VanderPol, co-leader of the knitting interest group at 526-7072 or dvpo@calvin.edu. Diane Noorman, instructor