President’s Message

By the time this CALL News gets to you, we shall be well into our spring semester of classes. We are very pleased with the new catalogue format which was introduced last semester. The spring catalogue was again outstanding due to the fine work of the Curriculum Committee, the Publications Committee and Laird Hamstra, our editor. Others did the proofing behind the scenes. Each semester it amazes me that the Curriculum Committee serves up such an excellent array of course offerings. Thank you, Wally Bratt and your committee.

The Executive Committee had been assigned the task of looking into the possibility of increasing the participation of minorities in CALL programs. It is not a matter of looking for an increase of new members, but rather making CALL offerings visible to those who might be interested in CALL activities and to make them aware of the opportunity to participate and to share their gifts, knowledge and interests. There were a number of recommendations made by the committee which the board adopted at its February meeting. We hope to spread the word more adequately and bring the attention of CALL to a wider, more diverse audience. We will also request the Public Events Committee to call attention to CALL’s offerings at the Noontime Series and the Passport to Adventure events. The Curriculum Committee will also attempt to offer courses which might be attractive to minorities.

Elsewhere in this issue you can read about the excellent list of courses being offered by our Summer Programs Committee. It should be noted that one does not have to be a member to participate in these courses. So tell your non-member friends about this opportunity.

Our Extended Trips Committee had not been active during this deep recession period. However, there have been recent ongoing discussions between the committee and the Calvin Alumni Association regarding a joint effort. Specific plans are being considered for 2011. Details will be coming after the two organizations complete their discussions. Watch for further announcements.

Chuck Jansen, CALL Board President

The CALL Extended Domestic and Overseas Trips Committee has recently met with representatives of the Alumni Association to discuss cooperation in the area of travel. Some trips could be jointly promoted and advertised. The Alumni Association has agreed to give consideration to developing and promoting trips recommended by the CALL committee; e.g., Russia, China, Yellowstone/Teton/Glacier Parks, as well as future trips that may be proposed. In addition, the Alumni Association will include the CALL membership in its travel plans.

Corrine Kass
Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, Chair

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.

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 Behold the Lamb of God: Music and Art for Holy Week. Join us for this special hymn festival, with organist Norma deWaal Malefyt, and vocal soloist Charsie Sawyer, directed by Bert Polman.

April 15 Festival of Faith and Writing with Scott Cairns
Scott Cairns' most recent poetry collection is Compass of Affection. Other recent books include his spiritual memoir, Short Trip to the Edge, and a book-length essay, The End of Suffering. He received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2006 and currently serves as the Catherine Paine Middlebush Chair in English at the University of Missouri.

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.

Apr. 5 [Mon] Egypt’s Treasures and Cruising the Nile
Sue and Clint Denn
Cruise the historic Nile River aboard the MS Sun Goddess to discover the mysteries of Egypt, the cradle of civilization. Film makers, Sue and Clint Denn, explore the metropolis city of Cairo, the beautiful Muhammed Ali Mosque and the ancient Citadel. In Memphis they visit the Ramses II statue, the Hathor Temple and the Zoser Step Pyramid, the world’s oldest pyramid. They also visit Thebes and the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, and finish their trip in Aswan, Egypt’s door to Africa.

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.

March 21 [Wed] We're "on the road again" for a CALL day Trip to Lansing. Dick Harms, Calvin’s historian, joins us to highlight our State’s history and resources. We tour our State Capitol (recently renovated - it’s a beauty) and also the State Historical Museum. A visit to the MSU campus and gardens showcasing the spring flowers completes our day. Cost for the day including dinner at noon - $65.

April 13 - 14 [Thu-Fri] Learn, Work and Play in Chicago. Our trip to Chicago includes a tour of the Elim Christian Services with a presentation by the Elim student choir. We work for two hours helping the workers in the Adult Sheltered Center prepare packages for Haiti. In the evening we enjoy dinner and the musical Ragtime at the Drury Lane Dinner Theater. Overnight at the Hilton Gardens Hotel.

Friday morning features a visit to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, Il. The museum tells the story of the Holocaust, from pre-war German life through ghetto life and concentration camps to eventual liberation and settlement through the world.

After lunch on your own at Navy Pier we board a boat and enjoy Chicago's Architectural Tour. We enjoy dinner together on the way home.

Cost $199 per person. $50.00 deposit must accompany reservation. Balance of $149 is due April 15.

May 5 [Thur] A Day at Comerica Park Watch the Tigers battle the White Sox in a 1 p.m. game. This trip is for CALL members. You may invite a grandchild(ren) to enjoy this day with you.

The trip includes an 8 a.m. departure from Calvin College, a deluxe motor coach, a box lunch, tickets to the game, a hot dog and pop at the game and great fellowship.

Cost $65.00 per person. $25.00 must accompany reservation. Balance of $40.00 due by July 1st.

Questions call Don Lautenbach, 698-9244 or Dwight Penning 452-9405
Membership Secretary  Irene Bolthouse

Please make these corrections in your Curriculum Booklet:  
page 27 - #26 Cellular Aging, time is 3:15 p.m. (not 3:45) 
page 29 - #28 Intelligence/CIA should read "five Thursdays"  
(not Tuesdays)

Room change:  #23 "Magnificent Mind" is moved to  
Hiemenga Hall 316.

Filled Courses (waiting list only):  
#3 Book of Judges  
#20 Shakespeare’s Guide to Aging  
#23 Magnificent Mind  
#6 US/China  
#26 Cellular Aging

Course canceled due to lack of registrations:  
#14 Biology Teaching at Calvin

Choir Interest group will NOT meet this spring.

Service and Community Relations Committee  
Roberta Rice, Chair

Are you volunteering?  If so, you may be able to receive up to  
$200 for yourself or the organization if you request it from 
the CALL Service and Community Relations Committee.

In recent years we have helped pay for supplies for quilters  
who give the quilts to cancer patients, helped pay for art  
supplies for CALL volunteers on an Indian reservation, helped  
reimburse travel expenses for a CALL member who went to  
teach nursing students in Haiti.  You could be the next  
recipient.  Applications are available online at  
www.calvin.edu/call or by calling Roberta Rice at 682-2429.

Summer Programs Committee  
Peter DeBoer, Chair

It may seem like summer is a long way off, but the CALL  
summer programs are hot and ready!  We have a great line-up  
of classes planned.  And here is the best part . . . you do NOT  
need to be a CALL member to enroll for our summer classes.  
This is a great way to share some new learning, experiences,  
and adventures with family, friends or neighbors!  Invite them  
to take a class or two with you this summer.  For starters you  
can create with wood or beads, inspire your mind and feet  
with line dancing, finally master that computer in your den, or  
increase your appreciation and understanding of our  
American history.  Watch for more descriptions and  
registration information in upcoming issues of the CALLNews.  When you think summer, think CALL!

Golf:  May 31-June 4  
Computers:  June 7-10 (morning and afternoon session)  
Birding:  June 7-10  
Jewelry Making:  June 7 and 8 (morning and afternoon session)  
Wood Carving:  June 7-10  
Line Dancing:  June 7-10  
Black American Composers:  June 7-10  
American Revolution, June 7-10

Administrative Assistant  Lisa Bauman

We would like to keep you informed about CALL sponsored  
events such as the Noontime Series and Passport to  
Adventure, as well as class information, member events  
opportunities and other CALL related happenings.  If you  
have not been receiving our e-mail updates and would like to  
do so, please send your e-mail address to Lisa Bauman at  
lcb2@Calvin.edu.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 7 for the CALL  
Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Prince Conference  
Center.  More detail to come.

Member Events Registration

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

☐ Apr 21 [Wed]  CALL  Lansing Trip $65 per person
☐ May 13-14 [Thu -Fri]  CALL  Chicago Trip $199 per person ($50 deposit balance due Apr. 15)
☐ Aug. 5 [Thu]  CALL  Comerica Park Trip $65 per person ($25 deposit balance due Jul.1)

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.
All CALL members and friends are welcome to attend a special Monday midday performance by the Calvin Band, under the baton of Dr. Tiffany Engle. The mini-concert will last just one hour, starting at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15 in the Gezon Auditorium, off the main lobby of the Spelhof Center. The title of the concert is "Heroes, Legends and Icons" and features work by Bernstein (West Side Story), Biebl (Ave Maria), Sousa (Riders for the Flag) and others. Admission is free.

CALL members can support Calvin College in two major ways this spring. One would be to actively join the "Recommend Calvin" campaign which means you have a conversation with a high school student -- within your family, at church, in your neighborhood, wherever -- and record that conversation at the "Recommend Calvin" Web site at www.calvin.edu/go/recommend. You'll receive a "free coffee/latte on campus" card for doing so!

Another avenue of support is to make a donation to Calvin's annual fund, if you have yet to do so since last September (the start of the school year). Calvin has an "Every Student Challenge" going on right now, and all new and increased gifts help Calvin meet that donor challenge. See www.calvin.edu/go/challenge for more details.