President’s Message

It always surprises me that our board meetings are so well attended. Nearly all of us are retired people and free to travel at will if the financial resources are there. One might think that half of the board might be in some warmer place during the winter. But we have had excellent attendance throughout the winter. Is that a prerequisite for board membership? I don’t think so, but it could be in the back of people’s minds when they consider it.

The annual luncheon is shaping up very nicely. We shall again have our CALL brass ensemble there to play for us. John Witvliet, director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, will be our speaker and Aaron Winkle, a Calvin associate chaplain, will lead us in devotions. We hope that you have put the May 7 luncheon on your calendar. As usual, it will be in the Prince Center.

Peter De Boer confirmed that all arrangements are in place for our Summer Program. We will be receiving a catalogue in the mail listing the various offerings. The dates are June 7, 8, 9 and 10 for the classes. The golf lessons will take place the week before. Although there is a registration fee, this program is open to the general public and does not require a CALL membership. So feel free to offer it to your friends who are not CALL members.

Mike VanDenend, college support board member, reported on the proposed overseas trip being planned for 2011 by the Calvin Alumni Association in conjunction with our CALL extended domestic and overseas trips committee. As details firm up public announcements will be coming out.

Attendance and membership continues to grow. We have had a nearly 22% increase in class participation over spring, 2009. Membership is up by 6% over this time last year. CALL is a healthy and growing organization. Thank you for your participation.

Chuck Jansen, CALL Board President

SPOTLIGHT ON …

The Nominating Committee

This committee will prepare a slate of candidates for Board members, and present it to the Board for their approval, before the slate goes to the membership for election. This committee will also suggest names of persons to the Board for candidates to fill unexpired terms on the Board.

CALL ByLaws

It is the task of the Nominating Committee to present to the Board each spring a slate of candidates for the seats of members whose terms are up that year. We begin by asking present Board members who are completing their first term if they are willing to be nominated for a second term. Suggestions for possible new Board members are sought from other Board members as well as the general membership.

Each committee member looks over the list of current CALL members before we meet to discuss possible candidates. This being done we begin contacting those who we feel will well represent the membership in the Board discussions. When we have a slate equal to the number to be elected these names are given to the Board for final approval. The final step is confirmation by voice vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting.
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.

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 "Embody Faith: Not What You Think" Scott Cairns shares the connection between faith and writing. His 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 DeVo's 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. Brochures for the new 2010-11 Passport to Adventure Film Series will be available.

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 Rameses 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

April 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.

Questions call Glenda or Carl Welmers 243-6431.

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, Ill. 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.

Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenach, 698-9244

August 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

Summer Programs Committee
Peter DeBoer, Chair

We have a great line-up of summer classes for you and your friends and family. Each course is only $15 and you do not need to be a CALL member to sign-up. This is great opportunity to invite someone new and let them experience the fun, learning, and friendships that happen at CALL. Complete listings, class descriptions and registrations forms will be sent out in April.

Golf: May 31-June 4 at the CRC Rec. Center from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. taught by James Timmer Sr. and James Timmer Jr.
The following classes will take place the week of June 7-10.

**The ABC's of Birding** with Bette Frieswyk at the Bunker Interpretive Center from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

**Jewelry Making** with Rosemary Stevenson, a two day session June 7-8.

**Introduction to Word Processing:** Two different classes offered for Microsoft Word 2003 and 2007 led by Jeni Hoekstra.

**The American Revolution** from 1:30-2:45 p.m. led by William Huizing Jr., a man who has made the American Revolution his "life-long" passion.

**Wood Carving** led by Clare Walhout from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Line Dancing** with Bob Settergren from 1:30-2:45 p.m.

**African American Composers** led by Jen Candler from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

**Administrative Assistant**, Lisa Bauman

Please mark your calendars for the Annual CALL Meeting and Luncheon which will be held on Friday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Prince Conference Center. Our speaker will be John Witvliet, director of the Institute of Christian Worship at Calvin College. We will also enjoy the wonderful music of our own CALL Brass Ensemble. The cost of the luncheon is $5 per person and will be collected at the door the day of the luncheon. This is a popular event and we have limited space so we must request that you RSVP by calling 526-8777 or e-mail Lisa at lcb2@calvin.edu. Please leave your name(s) and the number of people attending. We also ask that if you find you are unable to attend that you call or e-mail to cancel your reservation.

**College Support Committee**

**Michael Van Denend, Chair**

The Artist Series at Calvin College is teaming up with the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival — a wonderful partnership for the college and our city (the festival is out of Kalamazoo, but they added Grand Rapids concerts in the past few years). Calvin is proud to be a site along with the Grand Rapids Symphony and St. Cecilia Music Society.

CALL members are encouraged to consider these outstanding musical opportunities:

**Saturday, April 24** — Gilmore Young Artist for 2010: Ivan Moschuck, piano. This young man, just 19, has won numerous prizes and is from Grosse Pointe, Mich., but is Russian born. 8 p.m. in the Chapel. This young man has a huge professional career ahead of him.

**Thursday, April 29** — Kevin Cole, piano, in an all Gershwin concert, joined by two faculty members from Western Michigan University: Tom Knific on bass, and Tim Foncek on drums. Kevin Cole has a huge repertoire of CDs and is known as America's best Gershwin pianist. He is also a Michigan native, from Bay City, and he has played with major orchestra's of the world. See www.kevincoleonline.com. 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, with a pre-concert talk in the Chapel Choir Room by our own John Varineau at 6:30 p.m.

For tickets, call the Calvin Box Office at 616-526-6282 or use www.calvin.edu/boxoffice.

**Interest Groups**

**Birding Interest group** All outings will begin at 8:00 a.m. The group will meet at the gatehouse parking lot on the east side of the Beltline (it is between the Bunker circular lot and the north parking lot). Dates to pencil in on your calendar for spring bird outings will be April 6, 13, 27, May 18, and an overnight trip to Crane Creek in Ohio on May 11-12.

*Birding leader: Bill Sweetman, 247-6741, swee@calvin.edu*

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**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.
Membership Committee

Nominations for the 2010 CALL Distinguished Service Awards, which are presented at the annual May meeting, may be sent or delivered to the CALL office to the attention of the membership committee. Please give the name of a person you feel should be recognized for service to CALL, and describe how the person has contributed to the success of the organization.

The past recipients of the Distinguished Service Award are:

- 2005 - Cornelis VanNuis
- 2006 - Ed and Alma Walhout, Wally Bratt
- 2007 - Clarence and Jeanne Vos, Philip Lucasse
- 2008 - Robert and Carolyn Bolt, Carol Rottman
- 2009 - Roger Griffioen, Jeni Hoekstra

Should you have any questions about your CALL Membership, please contact Irene Bolthouse, CALL Membership Secretary, at 977-1792.

Membership Secretary, Irene Bolthouse

Current membership for the CALL year 2009-10 is 995; this compares to 925 in March last year.

There is still room in some classes for the second session of CALL which begins on March 30. Those that are filled are:

- #20 Shakespeare on Aging
- #22 Public Policy
- #23 Magnificent Mind
- #26 Cellular Aging
- #30 World War II