President’s Message
The board had a very productive meeting in April with the academic year coming to a close. We reviewed the final details of the annual luncheon taking place at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 7 at the Prince Conference Center. Reservations are limited. So be sure to get yours in soon.

John Witvliet, a well-known worship leader in the Calvin community, will be our speaker. Distinguished service awards will be given and board members elected. New board members nominated are Gordon Van Harn and Kenneth Huisman. Nominated for re-election are Corrine Kass and Jeanette Sprik.

The board approved funding at a cost of $17,300, for the hearing loop for the newly renovated Covenant Fine Arts Center (formerly the FAC). Its completion is expected in October. The board also approved the proposed budget from the finance committee for the 2010-11 year. Fee proposals were also approved. Course fees will remain at $15. One-year membership fees will remain at $35. Three-year memberships will now be $90. For those who paid $105 during the past two years, they will receive one free course. Five-year membership fees will be $150. For those who paid $175 during the past two years, they will receive a 6th year of membership.

CALL is partnering with the Calvin Alumni Association in sponsoring overseas trips. The first collaborative venture will be the French river cruise to be held in May, 2011. Details of that cruise can be obtained from the Alumni office.

The board approved requests for service grants totaling $1,200. These will assist in funding quilts made by some of our members for cancer patients at DeVos Children’s Hospital, reading programs for Westside Christian School and 400 school packs assembled by our members for Haitian children.

As the spring courses wind down, the curriculum committee already is in the process of lining up courses for the fall term.

We have had an exciting curriculum year. It seems that the array of courses just continues to get more and more interesting and challenging. We are most grateful for the fine work of the curriculum committee under the direction of Wally Bratt.

Chuck Jansen, CALL Board President

SPOTLIGHT ON …
Gardening Interest Group
The Gardening Group is one of a number of “Interest Groups” sponsored by CALL.

After the first meeting of the year to get organized we visited Meijer Gardens to see the butterflies and listen to a talk by Lucinda Grover. Then we recently invited Patricia Pennell from W.M.E.A.C. to speak about native plant and rain gardens. (continued next page)
The following meetings are scheduled for the future:
April 28  Randy Van Dragt will meet with us at the Calvin Nature Center and lead us on a tour and talk through the preserve.
May 12  Rebecca Shilt will speak to us about plants and gardens.
May 19  Herb Brinks, retired Calvin professor

If you are interested you may contact Penny Van Den Hout at 616-696-0267 or Roberta Rice at 682-2429 for further information.

from  The Curriculum Committee
Wally Bratt, Chair
Our membership has increased by about 8% during the past year, and enrollment in courses has increased by about that same amount. This growth is gratifying, but it also increases demand for space and for the number of courses required. For next fall, we are planning to list 40 courses, a new record. It was only a few years ago that we aimed for 20 or 25. We will continue our traditional scheduling patterns, but sometimes we also consider adding new days and times. Let us know what you think. We hope you will continue to make suggestions for the future.

from  Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, Chair
Passport to Adventure: A Travel Film Series
The 2010-2011 Passport to Adventure film series will be back on Calvin's campus next year in the newly remodeled Covenant Fine Arts Center. The new brochures are available with ticket ordering information. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending the Passport Series please stop by the CALL office, located on the second floor of the Youngsma Center (east side of the Beltline) and pick up some extra brochures to hand out or call the office (526-8777) and let us know their name and address and we can send a brochure in the mail. Thank you for helping us share this wonderful adventure series with others. See you in October for the first film!

from  Member Events Committee
Don and Shirley Lautenbach, Co-Chairs
May 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, 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.
Questions call Don or Shirley Lautenbach, 698-9244

June 18 [Fri] A Day of Music
Enjoy a day of great food, fellowship and music. Travel with us to Shipshewana and The Blue Gate Theater. We will experience the musical, “The Rock, the Redeemer and the Resurrection Morning”. After enjoying a full course Amish dinner we will have a musical concert by Ernie Haase and the Signature Sound and the very talented, versatile and inspirational Collingsworth Family. Cost is $89 per person.
Questions call Shirley Lautenbach, 689-2944

July 14 [Wed] Summer Concert: We are planning a picnic supper and musical of The Music Man. The picnic will be at the Manhattan Park Recreation Area (off Cascade Road) and the performance by the Forest Hills students will be at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center (600 Forest Hill Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI). It’s air conditioned! Non-CALL members are invited and encouraged to join us for this fun event. Cost for the evening $22 per person. Please sign up soon so we can guarantee tickets.
Questions call Carl or Glenda Welmers at 243-6431

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 per person. $25 must accompany reservation. Balance of $40 due by July lst.
Questions call Shirley Lautenbach, 698-2944 or Dwight Penning 452-9405

October 4 to 8 [Mon-Fri] Civil War Trip to Tennessee
The Union had many victories in the West. Join us on this five day trip to the battlefields of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, and Stone River. Included is lodging for four nights, food for the entire trip, bus transportation, and the guides and admission fees for each site. The cost is $650 per person - double occupancy.
On this trip we are open to non-CALL persons in order to obtain the minimum number of 40 persons. Invite your friends to join you. A deposit of $50 is required by June 1.
Questions contact Don Lautenbach by phone - 698-9244 or by e-mail lautdon@comcast.net
The Extended Trips Committee has approved a partnership with the Calvin Alumni Association to review, endorse and advertise any travel packages of the association that seem right for CALL members. The first such CALL-endorsed trip is now available for consideration among the membership of CALL:

**River Cruise in France** on May 15-22, 2011
Join Dr. William and Mrs. Delores Stob as we sail through the heart of Burgundy and Florence on a seven-night cruise. There are six shore excursions with an optional trip to Noyon, birthplace of John Calvin. World-class art, nature and history fill our days. If interested, contact Trish Schroeder at Protravel International at 616-425-8720. Dr. Stob will conduct two informational meetings this summer to share more about this exciting way of seeing France and its great cities: June 24 and July 22 at 4:00 p.m. at the Youngsma Center on the Calvin campus. To RSVP for one of these sessions, call the Calvin Alumni Office at 616-526-6142.

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**Summer Programs Committee**
*Peter DeBoer, Chair*

Please see the Summer Programs booklet for complete descriptions, times, locations and registration forms!

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**Administrative Assistant, Lisa Bauman**

**CALL Annual Meeting and Luncheon**
Friday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the Prince Conference Center.
Guest speaker-John Witvliet, director of the Institute of Christian Worship at Calvin College. Please RSVP by calling the office at 526-8777 and leave your name and number of people attending, or e-mail lcb2@calvin.edu. This is a popular event so we do need you to RSVP and also to let us know if you will need to cancel your reservation. $5.00 charge for the luncheon will be collected at the luncheon. Thank you!

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**Member Events Registration**

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

- May 13-14 [Thu -Fri] CALL Chicago Trip $199 per person ($50 deposit balance due Apr. 15)
- June 18 [Fri] Shipshewana Day of Music $89 per person
- July 14 [Wed] Summer Picnic Concert $22 per person
- August 5 [Thu] CALL Comerica Park Trip $65 per person ($25 deposit balance due July1)
- October 4-8 [Mon-Fri] Tennessee Civil War Trip $650 per person ($50 deposit by June 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.

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**Solomon visits home**

Ayman and Solomon Deng wait with Pastor Joseph Zarway for the show to begin! The gift from CALL of Passport to Adventure Travelogue tickets is Solomon’s passport to unlock some of his memories of Egypt, his country of birth.

What do you remember from living in Cairo? “Riding in a taxi to the airport and palm trees,” Solomon recalls.

Now 9 years old, the virtual trip on the Nile was a new experience for his older brother, Ayman 12, too. As a refugee with their mother from Southern Sudan, the boys never actually traveled the Nile that they saw in the travelogue. They didn’t know about pyramids and mummies except from studying in the Grand Rapids schools. But the film did help the boys remember seeing the fish with eyes looking at them in the bazaar and chewing on sugar cane.
It was an eye-opening experience for Liberian Pastor Joseph too. While from the bush in Africa, he too had not visited the insides of pyramids of the travelogue.

These ESL students from Church of the Servant thank CALL for giving them the opportunity to visit parts of their former continent. A virtual visit is worth more than no visit at all. Other students too viewed the pictures, but not with the keen interest of these former Africans. Thank you, CALL!

**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). Please join us on our spring bird outings April 27 and May 18. An overnight trip to Crane Creek in Ohio is planned for May 11-12. Please contact birding leader, Bill Sweetman at 247-6741, swee@calvin.edu if you have questions.

**Gardening interest group**
April 28 will be our next meeting at the Calvin Nature Preserve for a tour and talk through the preserve with Randy Van Dragt, professor of biology at Calvin. Please join us for this informative and enjoyable walk. Please contact gardening coordinator, Penny Van Den Hout at 616-696-0267 if you have questions. This meeting might also of interest to members of the Birding group and you are welcome to join us.

**Service and Community Relations Committee  Roberta Rice, Chair**

Our members are doing some wonderful things and CALL is thankful that we can help support them in their efforts. This month the CALL board passed grants to be given in the amount of $1,200 to help meet three different needs. CALL member, Henrietta Hamersma works with a group of women to make quilts for children battling cancer. These quilts are given to children at the DeVos Children's Hospital. The grant given will help to purchase thread, material and batting for the quilts.

Kathleen Molewyk has been volunteering at West Side Christian School for the past five years. Her grant request will help to purchase books for 3rd graders participating in the gifted and talented program at West Side.

Finally, several CALL members will be traveling to Elim Christian Services in Palos Heights, IL on May 13 and 14 as part of a Member Events outing to Chicago. Committee chairs, Don and Shirley Lautenbach, and committee members Carl and Glenda Welmers will be using their service grant to help fund the cost of supplies to fill 400 school packets for children in Haiti. These members will help to fill the school packets while they visit Elim and learn more about the work Elim is doing. May God continue to bless our many members in their work of service and care.

**COLLEGE SUPPORT COMMITTEE  Mike Van Denend, Chair**

**CALL members: ReCommend Calvin!**

Now is the time to encourage high school seniors to make the important decision to enroll at Calvin for next September. A healthy admissions count in the fall means a healthier college and, in turn, a robust campus for our CALL classes and events! This month is traditionally when many students make their final college choice.

You can have a conversation with a high school senior and record it on a Web form located at www.calvin.edu/go/recommend -- and if you do so, you will receive a "Calvin Coffee Card" that can be used at one of the coffee shops on campus for a free latte or coffee. It is the college's way of saying thank you for "ReCommending Calvin."

**The final two Artist Series performances!**

Both are in cooperation 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.

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 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 (6:30 p.m.).

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