President’s Message
The Board of Directors reviewed the activities of CALL and has concluded that CALL has done particularly well in the following areas:

- The overall quality of the curriculum and the range of courses offered have substantially improved over the past 15 years. The following graph shows the growth in course offerings. Thanks are due to Wally Bratt and his curriculum committee for sustaining both quality and growth.

- The travelogues and Noontime Series are very well done and forward thinking.
- 50% of our CALL members are non-Calvin alumni, and thus we have a diverse group.
- CALL draws very active learners, and course leaders really appreciate that.
- The prices of membership and classes are a real value to members.
- CALL allows members to participate in on-campus activities.
- Having classes on designated days and times (Tuesdays and Thursdays—at 1:30 and 3:15) provide great consistency.
- Member events, primarily trips, have been excellent and well-planned.
- . . . And there are other strengths which we will build on.

And yet, there are some areas which the board will continue to improve during the years. Parking is one issue, is it not?

Continue to provide suggestions to board and staff members to assure that we are doing well!

Don’t forget to attend the first Passport to Adventure series in the new Covenant Fine Arts Center on Thursday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. Is it not on your “bucket list” to travel “Sea to Sea in a Model T”? Calvin has shuttle service from the Spoelhof (West) parking lot to the Fine Arts Center, so watch for the maroon or white shuttle vans if you come.

Ray Vander Weele, President

SPOTLIGHT ON …
College President, Gaylen Byker

The Calvin Academy of Lifelong Learning (CALL) was “under construction” as a brand new endeavor when I started at Calvin 15 years ago. The first visioning team included several recently retired Calvin faculty and friends from the community. A representative came to my office to give an overview of the ideas and the plans for forming what is now CALL. The vision was clear and obviously well thought out, and there were excellent people involved. They were people who cared about Calvin College, wanted to stay involved, and were committed to keeping their minds sharp by teaching, learning, and reaching out as peers to other retirees for this purpose.

Coming from the world of business to serve as president of Calvin, I saw CALL as an “entrepreneurial venture” in that it would reach a growing and important audience of retirees who were interested in learning, leading and teaching. The planners had made contact with the Elderhostel Institute...
Network as an organizational partner, and they visited the leadership of the Hope (College) Association of Senior Professionals (HASP) to glean organizational ideas. They also decided at the outset, to embrace two programs already in place that were well-attended on campus: The Calvin Noontime (lecture) Series, and the Passport to Adventure Travel Series. These programs still anchor CALL today. And, the CALL membership has grown in fifteen years from 240 to nearly 1,100.

God has richly blessed CALL, and CALL has richly blessed Calvin College. Students enjoy having retirees in the halls, and Calvin faculty, both active and retired, enjoy teaching adult learners. CALL has supported the College with gifts of CALL named scholarships, countless hours of volunteer work, gifts of “upgrades” to various facilities used by the organization, and more. We are deeply grateful for the fifteen years of impact CALL has had on Calvin College and the greater Grand Rapids Community.

Gaylen Byker

Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, Chair

We are looking forward to another exciting year of the Passport to Adventure Film Series and the engaging lectures of the Noontime Series. Both of these events are wonderful opportunities to share with friends and family.

2010-2011 Passport to Adventure: A Travel Film Series

The 2010-2011 Passport to Adventure Film Series is back on Calvin's campus in the beautifully renovated Covenant Fine Arts Center. Individual evening tickets or season tickets may be purchased by calling the Calvin Box Office at 526-6282.

Please join us as we travel to many beautiful, interesting, and historic locations.

A van shuttle service will be available for those who may need it both before and after the show. Vans will transport you from the Spoelhof Parking lot to the door of the FAC. Look for the large maroon or white Calvin vans.

Passport Film Series greeters As we look forward to a new season of Passport films shown in the beautifully renovated Covenant Fine Arts Center we want to make sure that we are providing a hospitable environment, a warm welcome, and the ability to assist anyone in need. In order to do this we need your help. Would you consider being a greeter at the Passport Film Series? Responsibilities would include arriving early (around 6:30 p.m.), greeting people at the door, helping people locate rest rooms or which entrance to go in, sharing information about CALL, welcoming people, and helping guests locate their ride or shuttle after the show. If this sounds like a need you can help to fill please contact Lisa at the CALL office for more information (526-8777 or lcb2@calvin.edu).

The first show of the season:
October 28 [Thur], Sea to Sea in a Model T
Join Don and Fran Van Polen as they travel from the Puget Sound in Washington State to the eastern-most town and lighthouse in America in a Model T. Along the way they describe the landscapes and share the fascinating story of Henry Ford's Old Model T.

November 18 [Thur] Portugal and Cruising the Douro River Portugal is one of the oldest and most beautiful countries in Europe with a rich and tumultuous history. It offers a remarkable variety of landscape with warm, sandy beaches, rugged mountains, and pastoral scenery dotted with vineyards and fertile farms. The Portuguese traditional love of music, dance and singing is reflected in their colorful folklore festivals and carnivals celebrated in every corner of the country. Clint and Sue Denn explore Portugal from her historic cities to small fishing villages and famous port wine regions.

Upcoming Shows:
January 17, 2011 [Mon] Italian Lakes Adventure
March 10, 2011 [Thur] St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Caribbean Jewels
April 27, 2011 [Wed] Discovering the Dutch

Fall 2010 Noontime Series

Join us for the Noontime Series held in the Chapel of Calvin College from 12-1:00 p.m. These free lectures are open to the public. Please invite family, friends or neighbors to come and learn with you.

October 21 [Thur] Of Windmills and Candlelight: Will we run out of power? Paulo Ribiero, professor of engineering at Calvin College, will take us inside the largest machine ever built, an electric power grid. Through computer animation he will show us the complexity of supply systems and discuss our need for new generation sources to meet future demands.

November 4 [Thur] Growing up in Postwar Germany, Part II Barbara Carvill, Calvin emeritus professor of German, will share more fascinating stories from her childhood in East Germany under Soviet occupation.

November 18 [Thur] The American Thanksgiving Karin Maag, professor of History and director of the Meeter Center for Calvin Studies, tells about the American Thanksgiving tradition from the very earliest community meal to today's family gatherings and customs, including church services, football games, and deep-fried turkeys! The presentation will include singing and listening to a variety of hymns and anthems composed for Thanksgiving.
Service and Community Relations

Roberta Rice, Chair

Grants
A CALL Service Grant has been given to help with the cost of for first time attendees to the Passport to Adventure Film Series tickets. If you know someone who might enjoy one of the Passport Films, you may request one or two tickets for first time attendees. This might be a great opportunity to reach out to someone and accompany them to a pleasant event. CALL members are asked to purchase their own tickets. If you would like to reserve a ticket(s), please contact Lisa at the office to make arrangements (phone 526-8777 or e-mail lcb2@calvin.edu).

The Service and Community Relations committee has grants available up to $200 to help CALL members in their volunteer activities. One recent grant, given to Dwight Penning, helped with transportation costs for a trip to a White Caps game for handicapped members of the Friendship Class at Plymouth Hts. CRC. Another grant was given to Gloria Yff to help pay for meals and transportation for an outing with Samaritan’s Carriage which focuses on helping wheelchair bound nursing home residents.

Grant applications can be obtained from the CALL office or by downloading a form from www.calvin.edu/call website.

Administrative Assistant
Lisa Bauman

Copies of the Noontime Series lectures
Perhaps you attended a Noontime Series lecture and would like to hear it again or share it with a friend, or you missed a lecture. We have copies of the Noontime lectures available in the CALL office. There is a sign up sheet next to the CDs. Please record your name and date you borrowed the CD. Please return it within a week so that others may listen to it as well. If you would like to purchase your own copy of a specific Noontime lecture we can have one made for you for a cost of $4 each. Please contact Lisa at the CALL office if you have any questions (526-8777 or lcb2@calvin.edu).

Member Events Committee
Don and Shirley Lautenbach, Co-Chairs

November 17 [Wed] Our Tour around Grand Rapids this year will start at the new Kent County Recycling & Education Center fulfilling the vision of retired Calvin Professor Jim Bosscher. From there we will focus on the "Medical Hill" by touring the Van Andel Institute. Our tour will include an update on the ground breaking research and science education that is taking place right here in West Michigan. We will have a presentation from one of Van Andel Institute's Scientific Investigators as well as get a "bird's-eye view" of the new Demonstration Lab where you will see researchers at work. We will also have our lunch here. Our final stop will be the impressive MSU Medical complex where students will be trained in research and education. Cost for the day: $50 per person.

Questions? Call Carl & Glenda Welmers 243-6431

January 7, 2011 [Friday - 10:00 a.m.] January Series Brunch - We will have as our special speaker, Theary Seng, author of the book entitled "Daughter of the Killing Fields." Ms. Seng was born in Phnom Penh in January, 1971. Under the Khmer Rouge, she lived in Svay Rieng province bordering VietNam, where the killings were most intense and there she spent five months in prison. The Khmer Rouge killed both of her parents. At the age of eight she and her surviving family trekked across the border to Thailand in November 1979 and emigrated to the United States one year later. Her family first settled in Grand Rapids with the support of a local CRC church. Theary graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service with a BS in International Politics and received a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School. She returned to Cambodia in 2004 and is the founder and board president of the Center for Justice and Reconciliation. The cost of $16.00 includes our speaker, a delicious brunch, bus service to the Covenant Fine Arts Center and a reserved seat.

Questions? Call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

Extended Trips Committee
Frank Roberts, Chair

There are three tours now approved by the Extended Trips Committee. These tours are a CALL partnership with the Calvin Alumni Association. For more information on all of these tours, go to www.calvin.edu/travel. Printable itineraries are available at that web site.

March 31-April 12, 2011 Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation. Join Jeff

Member Events / Interest Group Registration

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

☐ November 17 [Wed] Tour Around Grand Rapids $50 per person
☐ January 7, 2011 [Fri 10:00 a.m.] January Series Brunch $16 per person

Name(s) ________________________________

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.

I would like to join interest group (no charge):
☐ Knitting ☐ Birding ☐ Gardening ☐ Biking ☐ Brass Ensemble
Weima, professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary (and leading biblical scholar) and Aaron Winkle, associate chaplain at Calvin College, for a study tour of key biblical and archaeological sites in Turkey. Walk in the footsteps of Paul and John during the day and study their New Testament writings at night. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 800-388-6034 or e-mail weinje@calvinseminary.edu.

May 15-22, 2011 River Cruise through France. Join Bill and Delores Stob as you sail through the heart of Burgundy and Florence on a seven-night cruise. There will be six shore excursions with an optional trip to Noyon, birthplace of John Calvin. World-class art, nature and history will fill your days. If interested, contact Trish Schroeder at Protravel International at 616-425-8720 or call the Calvin Alumni Office at 616-526-6142 or e-mail alumni@calvin.edu.

Fall 2011 China: Past and Present. Join Don DeGraaf, Calvin’s off-campus programs director and alumnus John Witte of Witte Travel for a tour that includes generous time in Beijing and Hong Kong, including the Great Wall and other key historic sites. Questions? Call Don De Graaf at 616-526-6225 or e-mail ddgrrrraaf@calvin.edu.

Membership Secretary Irene Bolthouse
The second session of CALL classes will begin on October 26. Although some classes are filled, there is still room in most (numbers in parentheses show places available).

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