President’s Message

Remember the joy and the excitement . . . the new discoveries . . . the thoughts, ideas and possibilities . . . At CALL we can’t offer you your youth back, but we can offer you a chance to study, learn, wonder and discover again. CALL courses are offered in the spring and fall, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4 – 6 weeks on Calvin’s Campus.

Topics range from the Arab-Israeli conflict to Revivals in America, from Yoga to Investments, and from music to art. Our course leaders are experts in their fields and come from a wide area of professions and backgrounds.

The chart below shows the growth in total enrollment in CALL classes from less than 400 in 1996 to over 1,000 last year. We are likely to have over 1,300 enrollments in the 2010-11 year. . Thanks to Irene Bolthouse for keeping all these registrations straight!

While we celebrate increased enrollments, that brings additional problems—like parking and rooms. We had 40 courses this fall, and we had to change many classrooms because 1/3 of our courses were filled. Adequate parking can also be a problem. We have arranged for more handicapped parking on the north side of North Hall, near the new Spoelhof Fieldhouse Complex. Remember to use your handicap license plate or tag if you park in these areas. Remember, too, to hang your yellow parking tag on the rear-view mirrors. We don’t want anyone to get a ticket—they can be expensive.

WOW!!!!! The first Passport Series held in the newly-renovated Covenant Fine Arts Center was so successful we ran out of tickets! Over 1,100 attended the travelogue, “Sea to Sea in a Model T”!!

Note the future wonderful trips and events described in this newsletter. And, . . . when the Spring Course catalog becomes available early in 2011, register early to avoid having your choices filled up.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season,
Ray Vander Weele, President

SPOTLIGHT ON …
The beginnings of CALL

There may not have ever been an organization named CALL without John and Juliana Steensma. These two Calvin graduates were residing in Holland, Mich. during their retirement years and became aware of the new senior learning program at Hope College, the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP).

The Steensmas came from an interesting past. John lost both of his arms in a tragic accident when he was 17 years old and, with his wife, Juliana, spent a lifetime helping the disabled. He was an early pioneer of designing and fitting prostheses.
for children. Together they spent eight years in Korea helping pave the way for major advances in rehabilitation services in that country. Juliana also was influential as a column writer for the Korea Times. The Steensmas also worked in the U.S. as rehabilitation specialists.

Being lifelong learners themselves, the Steensmas joined HASP and soon understood the tremendous service such an organization could play within a senior community. And, being Calvin grads, they knew that Calvin College would be more than capable of nurturing such a venture.

They visited my office to tell me about the interesting experience they were having with HASP -- along with a few humorous comments about being "Calvin spies" in the "Hope camp." I remember John saying, "If Hope can make this fly, there is no doubt in my mind that Calvin can do likewise."

The Steensmas had set the challenge. My colleague at the time in the alumni office, Darlene Meyering, and I convened a respected group of Calvin faculty members to talk about the concept in the spring of 1996. One of them, Wally Bratt, is still in a leadership position with CALL as curriculum director.

After numerous meetings, a visit with HASP leaders and other consultations, CALL was born in the fall of 1996, beginning its programming with nine classes. CALL has thrived ever since, in close partnership with Calvin College. Many thanks to John (who passed away in 2003) and Juliana for igniting the spark that burst into the flame known now as CALL.

Mike Van Denend, Calvin alumni director and CALL board member

from Health, Fitness and Recreation Committee
Gordon Van Harn, Chair

Wanted: Physically-active seniors (age 55+) to participate in a pilot training program called Senior IMPACT: Intergenerational Model for Physical and Cognitive Training at Calvin College. I need 3-8 volunteers to participate in 6-8 hours of free training to become peer activity leaders (or PALS). Each PAL will be partnered with a Calvin Exercise Science student to lead a very small group of indoor walkers 2 mornings/week from mid-February to late April 2011.

Are you active? Would you like to learn documented ways to encourage your peers to get more exercise? To work on brain fitness? Would you enjoy using Calvin's Sturrus indoor track facility during the winter months? Can you see yourself working side-by-side with a student for 10 weeks? If so, please contact Julie Walton, Ph.D. immediately. Training will take place the first week of February 2011. It's free. It's fun. It's a pilot research project. You get to work with students and exercise too!

**Dates:** February 1 - April 15

**Days:** Tues and Thurs

**Time:** 7:00-7:45 a.m. (early, but lots of convenient parking!)

**Contact:** Professor Walton  jwalton@calvin.edu or 526-6164

from Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, Chair

We are in 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. Please join us as we travel to many beautiful, interesting, and historic locations! Call the Box Office for tickets: 526-6282

A **Calvin van shuttle service** will be available for those who may need it both before and after the show. Vans will transport you to the CFAC from the **Spoelhof Parking lot**, which is located nearest to the Burton St. entrance to the Calvin campus. Look for the large maroon or white Calvin vans.

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.

January 17, 2011 [Mon] **Italian Lakes Adventure**

So magical is the scenery of Italy's lake district that Leonardo de Vinci chose it for the background of the Mona Lisa. The lakes are long crevices that glaciers carved into the Alps and are fed by melting snows. Walsh visits Lake Como, Maggiore and Garda. The trip ends in the south with a visit to Cremona on the Lombard plain, home of the most famous violin in the word, the Stradivarius.

Upcoming Shows:

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.

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.

from 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).

from Member Events Committee
Don and Shirley Lautenbach, Co-Chairs
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 Svy 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 for the January Series presentation at 12:30 p.m.

Questions? Call Don or Shirley Lautenbach 698-9244

from Extended Trips Committee
Frank Roberts, Chair
There are four 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 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 weimje@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 ddegraaf@calvin.edu.

September 8-18, 2011 America’s Majestic National Parks. Join John Apol, CALL member, on a tour of Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Parks with interesting stops along the way. Traveling from our meeting place in Salt Lake City, we will travel by motor coach, taking time for learning, hiking, photography, and relaxing. Contact John Apol, (616)-243-8600 or john@lenscapephotography.com., for information. You may also download a brochure from www.Wittetravel.com.

Member Events / Interest Group Registration

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

☐ 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
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**Membership Secretary Irene Bolthouse**

Wheelchair Available: CALL has a wheelchair available for temporary use of CALL members, whether for home use or just for transport from car to class. Let us know: Lisa at 526-8777, or Irene at 977-1792.

**College Support Sally Vander Ploeg**

"Christmas at the Campus Store": Come back to campus on Saturday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and take advantage of the college bookstore being open on a Saturday. Complimentary gift bagging, 15% off many Christmas-related items, giveaways every half-hour, refreshments and book signings all day. Books by Jamie Smith, Faye Knol, Carol Rottman and Stan Mast are featured. Pick up the brand new alumni choir CD, *Sacred Space*. Your purchase assists the Grand Rapids Area Alumni Chapter Scholarship Fund. An excellent chance to take care of your Christmas gift list!