President’s Message
The CALL Board hopes you all had a wonderful Christmas season and are looking forward to a year filled with joy, peace and new opportunities for growth. Here are some items which your CALL Board approved at its most recent meeting in December:

• We are going to increase the honoraria we pay our dedicated instructors. Note the growth in the number of instructors we used during our history. Each of these has to be contacted, encouraged, and instructed about the times, locations, and the objectives of each seminar. This is the work of the curriculum committee. Like all committees, it seeks volunteers who are creative, have a vision and an awareness of what’s going on in our world, have an intellectual interest, and are able to follow through. If you want to serve on the curriculum committee, contact Wally Bratt at wbratt@calvin.edu for information.

• We are going to participate in the Calvin senior strategic marketing program. A group of top business majors will study CALL, its history, and determine answers to such questions as:
  * Why do seniors join CALL?
  * How does Calvin benefit from having CALL as a part of its mission?
  * What does CALL do well? What can we improve?

• We will increase the number of vans available for the Passport Series. There will be two at the De Vos parking lot, and two at the West lot.

• We joined the community group, “Senior Advocates”. We hope to provide CALL leadership for this group, and to create an awareness of CALL in the greater Grand Rapids area.

• We received the preliminary list of Spring classes from the Curriculum Committee.

• We received exciting reports from other committees about the activities they are preparing for 2011. Note them in this and future CALLNews.

Please think about how you might serve CALL during the next year. Want to serve on a committee? Contact any board member for information. We’d love to have you participate.

Sign up early for Spring classes. We don’t want you to be disappointed if your preferred class gets filled early.

* What is our competition?
* How can we market our services better?
If a member of the Calvin research team contacts you during the second semester, please cooperate.

The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolutions, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective. (G.K. Chesterton)
SPOTLIGHT ON …
The beginnings of CALL
The First Official Board

The committee worked to enfold two programs already held on campus: Passport to Adventure Film Series then led by Anna Sietsema and a small committee; and the Noontime Series, which was managed by the Alumni Office. They both continue to be popular to this day.

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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

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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.

January 17 [Mon] Italian Lakes Adventure with Stan Walsh.

The scenic beauty of Italy’s lake district is awe-inspiring. The lakes are long, skinny basins 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 famous violin in the word, the Stradivarius.


St. Vincent has been blessed with lush mountains, rich volcanic soil and unspoiled landscapes of brilliant flora and beautiful, crystal clear waters. Join the Gonser family as they explore many of the Caribbean Jewels—from sailing and dolphin watching, to hiking nature trails and swimming at the base of waterfalls, to climbing a slumbering volcano and exploring the fascinating underwater gardens surrounding this pristine group of islands.
Upcoming Shows:

April 27 [Wed] Discovering the Dutch with Sandy Mortimer

Spring 2011 Noontime Series
All Noontime Series will be held in the Chapel on Calvin Campus.

February 3 Seeking Truth in Jerusalem
Kent Dobson lived and studied in Israel for three years and speaks Hebrew. He also hosted a program for the Discovery Channel entitled, Jesus: The Missing History. He will talk about how living in Jerusalem changed his approach to the Bible, his politics, his faith and his life.

February 17 The Puzzling and Profound Faith of Abraham Lincoln People have come to very different conclusions regarding the religious convictions of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln never joined a church but memorized many sections of the Bible. He frequently expressed his conviction that God is in control of history. How do we assess what he believes? Paul Bremer will examine the Bible's influence on Lincoln's presidency.

March 3 From Helping that Hurts to Local Sustainability Travel with Dennis and Jeni Hoekstra to Africa and discover through pictures and oral presentation how and why they have for the past 16 years served the poor there toward self-sufficiency. Focusing primarily on Kenya, they will share what they and their Kenya partners have learned in working together to overcome the problem of intractable poverty.

March 17 On the Bottom of Lake Michigan Valerie van Heest, award-winning author and member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame, takes us back 150 years to the deadliest of disasters on a dark, stormy night, when 400 excursionists on the side-wheel steamer Lady Elgin were awakened in the middle of the night by the sound of a terrible crash.

March 31 What Dying Taught Me about Living
John Otterbacher, former politician and clinical psychologist, will tell the story of how, after eight heart attacks and a medical death sentence, he set sail with his family on their boat from White Lake in to Lake Michigan, on to the Caribbean and, eventually, to Ireland. His recent book, Sailing Grace, is currently under development as a motion picture.

April 14 Imani: Music for Passion Week
The Imani (means Faith in Swahili) Singers of Grand Rapids is a versatile group of singers with sisterly harmony. The Imani Singers have opened twice for the Grammy award winning Blind Boys of Alabama and released their first CD in March 2010. Their performance will integrate music, narration, and audience participation in the gospel music tradition, and speak of our Lord’s suffering.

from Administrative Assistant
Lisa Bauman
We have three extra copies of the Sea to Sea in a Model T Passport film which was presented by Don and Fran Van Polen on October 28. The DVDs cost $17.00 each. We only have three so it will be first come, first served. Please contact the CALL office if you would like to purchase a copy (526-8777 or lcb2@calvin.edu)

from Member Events Committee
Don and Shirley Lautenbach, Co-Chairs
April 14 [Thur] 5:30 p.m. Hamlet is coming to Calvin! Award winning Calvin theatre director, Dr. Stephanie Sandberg and her excellent team of Calvin designers are creating a visually stunning masterpiece with sets, lights, and costumes, which will make the production a delight to watch. Because the play is four hours uncut, Dr. Sandberg has cut the play to under two hours. She promises that this will be without losing any of its heart!

Dr. Sandberg will address us prior to dinner to acquaint us with Hamlet and will tell us what to look for and what to expect. Dinner in Calvin College Faculty Dining Room will follow. We will have reserved seating at the play.

The cost of $22.00 includes Dr. Sandberg's presentation, dinner and the production of Hamlet.
Questions call Shirley Lautenbach -698-9244.

May 2–4 [Mon-Wed] By popular request we are scheduling a repeat Lincoln Legacy trip to Springfield, IL. Previous participants have enjoyed this trip immensely and have been very positive about all things Lincoln and the excellent food and lodging. This tour is a journey of Lincoln's life in central Illinois, his years in Washington D.C. and through his tragic return to the city he called home.

The highlight of this trip is a visit to the state-of-the-art Lincoln Presidential Museum. Other points of interest are, the Lincoln home, Lincoln's tomb, the church that Lincoln attended, the Old Capital building, New Salem Village, his law offices and other places of interest.
Cost $325. Please remit a $50.00 deposit with reservation.
Questions call Don 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/alumni/travel. Printable itineraries are available at that web site.

March 31-April 12 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 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.
Questions - call 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.

September 8-18 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@lenscape-photography.com, for information.
You may also download a brochure from www.wittetravel.com/calendar-tours/americas-majestic-national-parks

Oct 24-Nov 11 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.

Interested groups
The Knitting Interest Group will begin meeting again in March. They meet on Wednesdays from 2-4 pm in DeVos room 205B (the building next to the Prince Conference Center). The first spring meeting will be on March 2. Knitters of all levels and abilities are welcome to join. If you have questions please contact Diane Vander Pol at dvpo@calvin.edu or by phone at 940-2955.

College Support Sally Vander Ploeg
February 11 [Fri] 7:30 p.m. in CFAC Recital Hall. "A Shared Space: Learning from the Mustard Seed School" is a documentary film project funded by the Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning and The Calvin Alumni Association; produced by professor Brian Fuller and Calvin students Kristin Crawford and Kyle Berkompas, both media production majors, and Chad Drenthe, who served on the film as an audio technician. There will be a showing at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., with a reception at 8:50 p.m. Tickets, $5, at Calvin Box Office 526-6282.

If you haven't purchased your season pass to the Artist Series (Garth Fagan Dance - Feb. 19, Chanticleer - Mar. 3, Bach Collegium Japan - Mar. 17, and Season Finale with John Nelson - May 7) it's not too late. Remember, CALL members get a 10% discount. Individual tickets for CALL members are $135 for the 4 concerts. There are educational events connected with this series. CALL members interested in orchestral or choral technique are invited to observe the March 16, 2011, 2-5 p.m. rehearsal of Bach Collegium Japan in the Covenant Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Free, but reservations required.

Interested in serving as a docent at the Calvin College Center Art Gallery? Contact Carol Rienstra at crienstr@calvin.edu for more information.

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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