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Meet Your New CCW Officers

Elisabeth Boas '71 – Secretary

Elisabeth is pleased to continue serving the club as Secretary. A metro-NY native, she's been active in things Cornell since before enrolling as she ghost-wrote her mother's Alumni News class column for years! She has served in leadership roles for such activities as CAU Advisory Board, CULAC, PRI Board, Student & Academic Services Advisory Board, as a class officer since graduating from the Arts College in 1971, and on the Boards of Cornell clubs of nearly everywhere she's lived since.

Julia Buffinton '14 – VP for Membership

Julia has been an active volunteer since graduating in 2014 with a degree in linguistics. In addition to her role as VP for Membership, she spearheads young alumni event planning with Drew Zukosky '13. Among her other interests, she is a member of the 5 Year Reunion Committee for her alumni class council; on the board of student-run radio station, WVBR 93.5FM; and interviews high school students for the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN).

Janet Lynn Cornfeld '72 – VP for CAAAN

Janet graduated from the College of Human Ecology, moved to DC and is a Life Member of CCW. She has served as VP for CAAAN since 2007 and received the Bondareff Award in 2010. A psychologist who began her professional life on university campuses, her primary contribution to Cornell has been her more than forty years of commitment to CAAAN. She has served multiple terms on the Cornell University Council

Lisa Griffin '87 – VP for Scholarship

Lisa graduated from the ILR School. She has been a member of CCW's Scholarship Scholarship Committee and recently organized the Paint and Sip fundraiser in Adams Morgan. Lisa has a lifelong interest in community service and has volunteered at CCW's service days at Catholic Charities' New York Avenue Men's Shelter. Her other Cornell activities include serving on the CAAAN committee for Western Maryland and the Class of 1987 Class Council.

Liz Herman '01 – VP for Communications

Elizabeth (Liz), CALS '01, just completed her second term as CCW's VP for Membership. As part of the CCW Membership team, Liz was tasked with growing membership, and assisted with programs like the fall Welcome to DC program for Young Alumni, the CCW Third Thursday series and the Ruth Bader Ginsburg speech. She also designed post-event surveys. Next year, Liz will take on the newly created role of the VP for Communications. Liz also interviews high school students as part of CAAAN. In her professional life, Liz serves as tax counsel to Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO). She has lived in Washington, DC, for six years.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Welcome Ryan Lombardi, VP for Student & Campus Life
Thursday, September 21st

AND

A Cornell Evening at the National Museum of African American History and Culture with President Martha Pollack

Welcome Reception
Friday, November 17th

Museum Event
Saturday, November 18th

Registration opens
September 7th

Meet Your New CCW Officers – cont'd

Board of Directors 2017-2018

President

Terry Horner '92 PhD '98

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Katherine Stifel '87

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Elina Hum '79

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Drew Zukosky '13

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Jim Schoonmaker '74

Vice-President, Scholarship

Lisa Burns Griffin '87

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Linda Johnson '60, '63

Steve Piekarec '74

Chuck Schilke Law '88

Mel Zurn '93

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Terry Horner '92 PhD '98 – President

Terry is a CCW Life Member and served as VP for Membership from 2013-15 before becoming First Vice President from 2015-17. His other Cornell activities include VP of the Class of 1992, Cornell University Council, Cornell University Glee Club Hangovers Advisory Council, CUGALA, Washington DC Cornell Fund Committee, the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future Alumni Advisory Board, and the Human Ecology Dean's Advisory Council.

Elina Hum '79 – Treasurer, 2017-2019

Elina has been a member of CCW since the late 1980s. In 2014 she was elected to the Board and served for nearly three years before becoming Treasurer. She is an active member, participating in CAAAN, volunteering as an after-school homework tutor at the King Greenleaf Recreation Center, and leading numerous CCW community service and programming events.

Laura Gonzales Meyers '04 – VP for Community Service

Laura has served the Cornell community since she was an undergraduate Tradition Fellow. She has volunteered for CCW since 2011 and has served as VP for Community Service since 2012, overseeing at least 100 service events attended by nearly 1200 volunteers. Her main areas of interest are community engagement, poverty reduction and environmental stewardship.

Matt Nieman '98 – VP for CAAAN

Matt (ILR '98) is pleased to continue serving the CCW as VP for CAAAN. At Cornell, he spent many a day in Barton Hall with Army ROTC, but these days, when not working on CAAAN issues, Matt is an employment law litigator with Jackson Lewis P.C. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Nieman was in public service as an active-duty U.S. Army Judge Advocate ("JAG") at Fort Benning, Georgia and at Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq.

Jim Schoonmaker '74 – VP for Programming

Jim, CALS '74, continues to serve on the Programming Committee and has worked on several programming efforts, most notably the recent series of Civil War bus trips led by Professor David Silbey, the Tribute to Austin "Kip" Kiplinger to benefit the Scholarship Fund in May 2016, and the Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. His late mother, Ethel, was Class of '35 (and knew Martha Van!), and his eldest daughter, Annalise, is Class of '14 and a CCW member.

Katherine Stifel '87 – First Vice President

A native Washingtonian, Katherine, a Life member and long time volunteer, is committed to building the local Cornell. She served as a Co-VP of Programming 2014-16 and has held two directorships since 2009. She attended her first Cornell Reunion at age 3 and her earliest CCW activities included the Kiplinger Father's Day Picnic and her own Freshman Send Off in 1983. She graduated from Cornell in 1987 with a B.A. in Art History and received her 1st Professional Masters in Architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1991.

Drew Zukosky '13 – VP for Membership

Hailing from Springfield, VA (the end of the blue line), Drew ventured to the tundra town of Ithaca, where he earned his Nutrition degree from CALS. He currently works at a fundraising software company, BidPal, where he uses his strengths in staff training, product support, and operational improvement to ensure clients have successful fundraising galas. He is a certified Spinning Instructor and Personal Trainer and in his spare time, he can be found planning campaigns and events as a member of his high school's board (TJHSST), or working on his tiny house.

Stay tuned for September's CCWNews for your New CCW Directors

Honoring CCW's Past Presidents

CCW History

With the March 2017 issue of CCW News, we began a series to honor CCW's 32 Past Presidents.

For many years, the Cornell Women's Club and the Cornell Club of Washington (men only) sponsored their own programs and activities. In December 1965, both boards approved a merger agreement, and a referendum vote was mailed to the alumni. The two presidents at the time, Edwin Miller '35 and Lori Eisenberg '50, completed their terms. For the following year (1966-67), Phillip Fleming '52 was elected the first president of the newly consolidated group.

Visit
www.cornellclubdc.org/history
for more CCW history.

Interview a Past President!

Would you like to see CCW honor a Past President?
Would you like to interview a Past President?

We are always looking for suggestions and interviewers.

Please email us at:
newsletter@cornellclubdc.org.

It's a testament to the Cornell Club of Washington to have such a large number of longstanding members and Carol Epstein stands among them, having been a member since 1961 and having served as CCW President from 1977 to 1979.

Carol graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1961 and majored in Speech and Drama (since renamed Performing and Media Arts after four different name changes since she was at Cornell!). She has many good memories of many great classes at Cornell. One of her favorites was the second term of Shakespeare, taught in a small classroom (unlike first term which was a huge lecture), by the late Anthony Caputi. She remembers Professor Caputi sitting at the teacher's desk, reading aloud the drunken porter's scene, so absorbed and laughing loudly. She thought it must be wonderful to love so much what one does for a living! As a student, Carol was active in the Cornell community both as a member of the Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority and Octagon, which produced musical comedies.



Carol Epstein '61

Carol grew up in New York City, but moved to D.C. right after she graduated from Cornell. Her late husband, Howard, A.B. '58, Law '61, a native Ithacan, got his first job after law school with the Federal Trade Commission. Once in D.C., she quickly joined CCW as a way to meet people in a new city. They had also joined the Cornell Club of Northern NJ for the brief time when they lived there, and upon returning to D.C., sought out the newly merged men's and women's club and were immediately met by Esther Bondareff, who asked Howard to be on the Board. The rest, as they say, is history. Howard was president of the club from 1972 to 1974, and Carol joined the Board and served as CCW President from 1977 to 1979.

As CCW President, Carol is most proud of the collaboration she helped orchestrate between Cornell University and the National Archives. Outside of France, Cornell has the largest collection of papers and artifacts of the Marquis de Lafayette, a French military officer and hero of the American Revolution. Carol had the CCW committee get the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to bring these historical items to D.C. and create a magnificent exhibit in the National Archives, in front of the Declaration of Independence, during the U.S. Bicentennial Celebration. Carol remembers, "When I cut the ribbon to open the exhibit, I was with Cornell University President Frank Rhodes, the French ambassador to the U.S., and the GSA Administrator. We put Cornell on the map!"

Before serving as CCW President, she had been Membership Chairman and Vice-President. Also, she is a life member of the Cornell Alumni Council and just completed a membership term on the CULibrary Advisory Committee. When asked why someone should join CCW, she said "Being too busy is not a reason not to join. If one believes there should be an entity that represents Cornell in the nation's capital area, that helps support the Cornell Fund, that interviews applicants to Cornell and throws a party to send the successful ones on, that brings in Cornell professors to speak, and that does all the other wonderful things we do, then one should pay dues simply to support the existence of such an entity." Well said, Carol, we couldn't agree more!

Christine Song '94, Gr '05

Member Spotlight

Judy Gleklen Kopff, '68, 2005 Bondareff Award Recipient

Tell us something about yourself? Cornell has shaped my marriage, my career, and a big part of my volunteer activities. I graduated from Arts & Sciences in 1968, majoring in art history and minoring in English literature. My brother had graduated from Cornell in 1958, and my parents loved going to Parents' Weekend when he was there. They told my twin sister and me that they wanted us to go to Cornell, too. So we both did! I volunteered in my undergraduate years in "Ithaca Tutorial" where I tutored low-income junior high school students. I also served as a Frosh Orientation Counselor and Area Co-Chair of the Rhode Island Undergraduate Secondary Schools Committee. On a blind date in my senior year, I met my husband, Gary (Yale '67), who was attending Cornell's business school. In June 1969, after finishing grad school and becoming engaged, I moved to D.C. Gary and I married in December 1969. I built a long and successful career working in Government, but what I am most proud of is volunteering as "a caring clown" for more than 20 years. In this capacity, I can speak from my heart and bring the joy of laughter to children and children-at-heart. Although Gary and I endured many years unsuccessfully trying to have a baby, I learned from my mother that a positive outlook on life helps deal with life's challenges. In 1996, after early retirement from the Pentagon, I began volunteering as a clown for pediatric units of local hospitals, the National Center for Children and Families, the DC Metropolitan Police and Fire Departments, and various local non-profit organizations. In 1999, I travelled alone to Vietnam to entertain children throughout the country with my balloon creations. In 2004, Gary started clowning with me when we volunteered with double, triple, and quadruple amputees and their families at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and in 2011 we continued clowning at the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.



Judy Gleklen Kopff '68



Gary and Judy as "caring clowns"

What is your favorite memory from Cornell? I loved my senior art history seminar, "*Intermedia in the Visual Arts*." While I gave my seminar presentation on "happenings," I had my twin sister show cartoons on a viewgraph (an old version of a slide projector). I also enjoyed "*Philosophy of Religion*" and "*Philosophy in Literature*." In addition, I delighted in working for the Art History Office part-time by giving lectures on Cornell contemporary art exhibits.

When did you move to D.C. and what brought you here? In 1969, after completing graduate work in art history in New York City, I moved to D.C. and began my Federal Government career. For nine years, I worked at HUD, starting as an Urban Intern. From 1978-84, I worked at what is now called the Government Accountability Office (GAO), auditing Department of Defense (DOD) programs. In 1984, I was recruited by the DOD Deputy Inspector General for Program Planning, Review, and Management. He told me he figured that "*anyone who had graduated from Cornell could read, write, and think*," so he hired me! I eventually became the DOD liaison to GAO. Although I took an early retirement in 1996, I went back to work in 2003 in the Office of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and was Chief of Staff for a Pentagon office managing policy for private security contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Why did you join CCW? Do you volunteer with any other Cornell groups? After moving to D.C. in 1969, I joined CCW and began conducting high school interviews for Cornell. I remember attending CCW planning meetings with Esther Bondareff, '37, who was the CCW President in 1971-72. In the early 1970s, I was asked to take over the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) for DC schools and have chaired it for *more than 40 years!* Every April we host a hotel reception for accepted students, and virtually every August since the 1970s, Gary and I have hosted at our home the annual *CCW Frosh Send-Off Supper* for about 150 frosh and transfer students from DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

Christine Song '94, Gr '05

Past Event Highlights

Paul Laurence Dunbar and Alice-Dunbar Nelson Tour of LeDroit Park

June 4th was a beautiful day for a walking tour of LeDroit Park. The tour focused on two remarkable writers who lived in D.C. in the late 1890s to the early 1900s. Paul Laurence Dunbar was the first African American poet to become nationally known. His wife, Alice Dunbar-Nelson, is less well known, but she was also an accomplished writer of poetry, fiction, and journalism. Both writers were in the first generation removed from slavery. The tour told the story of their accomplishments, their unhappy marriage, and his early death. It also provided context for their lives in DC, discussing the African American intelligentsia who were drawn to LeDroit Park and the surrounding Shaw neighborhood in the years between the end of the Civil War and World War I. The tour was led by Kim Roberts, a literary historian who specializes in writers from D.C. She is the author of five books of poems, most recently *The Scientific Method*. In 2018, the University of Virginia Press will release her newest book, *A Literary History of Washington, DC from Frances Scott Key to Zora Neale Hurston*.



Our happy group at the end of the tour!

A Big Red Father's Day Party



On June 18th, 54 Cornellians, young and old alike, gathered at Fort Hunt National Park in Virginia to continue CCW's long tradition of summer picnics, honor former CCW President Bob McKinless's 90th birthday, and conclude CCW's 50th year. Red Hot & Blue provided the catered picnic, including hickory smoked chicken and pulled pork sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, baked beans, and green salad. Thank you to the McKinless family, we had lots of cold beverages and deep chocolate birthday cake, Bob's favorite.

Bob's son Rich, Terry Horner, Brad Spencer, Katherine Stifel, Bob and Grace Jean, leading the Alma Mater.

Cornell Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast

The 14th Annual Cornell Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast was held on June 25th and it was again, a special event! The weather was ideal for the Feast and this fun annual Cornell tradition, held at the home of Phyllis and Bill Eaton '61 on Maryland's Eastern Shore. There were a total of 457 guests, including 253 Cornell alumni, who came from as far away as southern Virginia, central New Jersey and the Philadelphia area. Visitors were welcomed with big white tent, musicians with a music style that perfectly fit the pastoral setting, trails to walk on and games and fun for the children. Crabs are the feature each year, but there were hundreds of salads, side dishes and desserts brought by the attendees to continue the pot-luck tradition. The Feast is run by a host of volunteers, including 20+ people from all the supporting clubs and Cornell. The 15th Annual Cornell Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast is scheduled for June 24, 2018. We hope to see you there!



Bill Eaton '61 and his daughter.

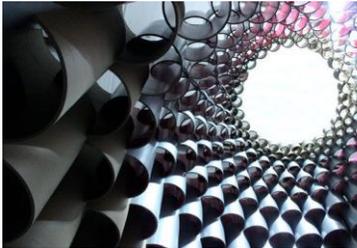
Photo credit: Sathi Soma '92, MEng '94.

Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

On June 26th, a group of 250 CCW members and guests gathered in the courtroom of the Supreme Court of the United States to hear Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 discuss her book, "My Own Words". Linda Jarschauer Johnson '60, '63, spoke with Justice Ginsburg about her time at Cornell, including stories about her favorite professors (Nabokov, Cushman and Konvitz) and being on campus during the McCarthy era. Attendees heard Justice Ginsburg describe her time at Cornell University, including stories from her favorite classes and about being on campus in the age of McCarthyism. Justice Ginsburg also discussed her relationships with her fellow justices, particularly her famous friendship with Justice Antonin Scalia and their mutual love of opera. Scalia/Ginsburg, an American opera based on their friendship, premiered in 2015 and will be performed at the Glimmerglass Festival in August 2017. An exciting and inspiring event with the Justice and social icon Notorious R.B.G.!

Upcoming Events

Hive Late Night at the National Building Museum (Great Hall)



Wednesday, August 16th
from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

For information and to register, please email Terry Horner at tnh1@cornell.edu

AUGUST

07 CCW Book Club - "Losing My Cool by Thomas Chatterton Williams"

Questions: Liz Pomper at ehp3@cornell.edu

08 Herbie Hancock at the Kennedy Center

Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu

16 Hive Late Night at the National Building Museum

Questions: Terry Horner at tnh1@cornell.edu

20 Cornell Jog Around The Monuments

Questions: Ali Wright at awright07@gmail.com

25 Jazz Happy Hour at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden

Questions: Julia Buffinton at jab684@cornell.edu

26 Potomac Paddle XXX

Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu

27 Escape Room Live – Back to the '80s

Questions: Ali Wright at awright07@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER

09 Old Rag LXIV

Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu

06 Old Rag LXIV – RAIN DATE

Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu

21 Meet Ryan Lombardi, VP for Student & Campus Life

Questions: Terry Horner at tnh1@cornell.edu

21 Third Thursdays – Macon Bistro and Larder

Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net

22 Ivy Singles – The Arts Club of Washington

Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net

24 National Symphony Orchestra: Opening Gala Concert featuring Yo-Yo Ma

Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu

Register for events at <http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events>

Volunteer Corner



Scholarship Committee

Volunteers needed at the beginning of August to review applications for the CCW 2017-2018 academic year scholarships, meet with the top applicants and select the recipients. Volunteers also needed to help select the Conable stipends awarded to Cornell-in-Washington students. Contact Lisa Griffin at scholarship@cornellclubdc.org.

Newsletter

Do you like to write? Do you like to edit? Do you want to interview a Past President or Member in the Spotlight? Then please join the communications team! We are always looking for writers, editors, interviewers, content and new ideas. To learn more, contact Christine Song at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org.

Programming

The CCW Programming Committee is currently planning events for the new year! Submit your ideas to programming@cornellclubdc.org.

Technology

Looking for people with website experience to help in the redesign of the CCW website. Contact Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org

Club Announcements

Herbie Hancock at The Kennedy Center

Tuesday, August 8th, 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Kennedy Center (Concert Hall)

2700 F Street NW, Washington, DC

The Cornell Club of Washington and Cornell Black Alumni Association invite you to see Herbie Hancock! Herbie Hancock makes a stop in Washington DC during his summer world tour, and is joined at this performance by Vinnie Colaiuta (drums), James Genus (bass), Lionel Loueke (guitar), and keyboardist/saxophonist Terrace Martin. Herbie Hancock was the lifetime achievement award recipient at the Grammy's in 2016 and the Kennedy Center Honor Award recipient in 2013.

Cost: CCW/CBAA Member - \$55; Non-Member - \$60

Transportation: Metro Foggy Bottom (free shuttle available from the metro)

Parking: Kennedy Center \$20 (pre-paid) Regular (\$23) Watergate \$13

Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu

Jazz Happy Hour at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden

Saturday, August 25th, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The National Gallery of the Art

Constitution Ave NW & 7th Street, Washington, DC

Relax and unwind with Cornell friends at this free, outdoor happy hour featuring live jazz music! You'll find us seated on a Big Red blanket near the Aurora sculpture (near the corner at Constitution Ave and 7th St). Performing on August 25 is Black Masala. Food and alcoholic beverages are available for purchase at the Pavilion Cafe. Outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the garden.

Cost: Free

Transportation: Metro Smithsonian (Red line)

Questions: Julia Buffinton at jab684@cornell.edu

Potomac Paddle XXX

Sunday, August 26th, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thompson's Boat Center

2900 Virginia Ave NW, Washington, DC

Join newly arrived Cornell in Washington students, Cornell alumni and family, and friends for a one-hour long kayak or canoe paddle on the Potomac River, followed by early lunch on the beautiful Georgetown waterfront. Come alone or with a friend; it is not necessary to come with a boat-mate. For our first hour, we'll paddle upstream from Thompson Boat Center (TBC) in Georgetown to the northwest and then reverse course back to TBC. For the second hour, we will lunch at the adjacent Potomac waterfront. We will hang out at the harbor or sit on the grass at Georgetown Waterfront Park. You can bring your own picnic food or buy food from shops at the Washington Harbour. **RSVP by Wednesday, August 23rd to Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu.**

Cost: You must bring a credit card and an ID in order to rent a boat. The credit card serves as a deposit, and you can pay credit card or cash after the tour. Canoe rental is \$25 per hour (2 or 3 people), single kayak is \$16 per hour (1 person), and double kayak is \$22 per hour (2 people). Attendees bear cost of food and drink.

Transportation: Metro Foggy Bottom (Thomson's Boat Center is about 6 blocks west and at the intersection of Virginia Ave and Rock Creek Parkway)

Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu

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Ingrid Parkhurst

Leo Rakitin '07

Robin Rudowitz '92 CIPA '93

Nancy Saltford

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* Troy Townsend '01

* Grace Jean '00

* Elizabeth Duvall '11

* *New Life Members*