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Meet the Conable Stipend Award Recipients

Each semester, the Cornell Club of Washington awards Conable stipends to students participating in the Cornell-in-Washington program. The stipends honor the late Barber B. Conable, '43 – a Congressman from western New York and President of the World Bank – for his contributions to our government and international relations. The stipends help defray the costs of living in Washington, DC, and the potential loss of income from the students being unable to hold a work-study job while participating in an internship.



2017 Conable Scholarship Awardees with some CCW Board members

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fall Service Weekend

**Saturday, October 7th &
Sunday, October 8th**

Join fellow Cornell alumni for a weekend of service. Families also welcome!

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Yara Almeida, Class of 2018 & Lisa Griffin '87, VP of Scholarship

The two recipients of the Barber B. Conable Award this fall are Yara Almeida and John Payne. Yara Almeida is a junior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences majoring in communication with a focus in Media Studies. Passionate about social justice, Yara is exploring the “importance of media in shaping our culture and our understanding of the world around us,” including the media’s portrayal of minority groups. At Cornell, Yara is the President of SASSY (Students Against the Sexual Solicitation of Youth). Her internship is with the Feminist Majority Foundation.

John Payne, a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, majors in China and Asia Pacific Studies. He dreams of “uniting the United States and China in a strong alliance based on mutual respect and shared duty.” John is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and writes for *The Thread Magazine* (Cornell’s only fashion and lifestyle magazine) and the *Business Asia Journal*. While in Washington, John will be an intern with the US-Asia Institute.



John Payne, Class of 2018 & Lisa Griffin '87, VP of Scholarship

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.

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Interview a Past President!

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Would you like to interview a Past President?

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newsletter@cornellclubdc.org.

Honoring CCW Past Presidents

Born in Cleveland, OH, Dale Lazar decided in the 8th grade that he was going to become an electrical engineer. With Cornell (of course) as his choice, AP credits allowed Dale to finish his undergraduate engineering math and science sequences early, so that by his 2nd semester sophomore year, he added courses in the fields of philosophy, psychology and government. "Constitutional Politics" with Professor David Danielski, in particular, caused Dale to wonder whether a career in law might supplant engineering. Completing his B.S. with distinction, Dale received his Cornell Law degree in 1977.

While an undergraduate, Dale was involved in the Big Red Band, playing trumpet, and his fraternity, Kappa Delta Rho, where he served terms as Executive VP and Member Recruitment Chair. One of Dale's favorite Cornell memories involved his time with the Big Red Band (BRB). Dale marched for 4 years as an undergraduate. After he began law school, he no longer had time to practice his trumpet, but was kept on as a weekend BRB assistant manager. For bringing band equipment onto Schoellkopf Field, he gained free admission to football games. He also got to fire the BRB's cannon. Said cannon (shooting shotgun blanks, of course!) was fired every time CU scored a touchdown. One Saturday game, Dale fired the cannon as usual in response to a touchdown without seeing an Ithaca police officer standing just down range of the cannon. Goodbye cannon!

Luckily for CCW, a job immediately following his law degree brought Dale to Washington, DC. After volunteering a few years with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), a CCW Board member asked Dale if he would consider joining our CCW Board. Upon learning CCW membership was a prerequisite, Dale joined CCW as he accepted the nomination. In addition to being President of CCW ('90-'92), he also served as Treasurer, Program VP and Scholarship VP. Dale was 1st VP for about a month when the active President announced that she would be relocated immediately from Washington. As a result, Dale stepped into the President position. Since the Club was in stellar operational order, Dale decided his guiding principle should be "don't screw it up!". As President of CCW, Dale, in his words, worked to more thoroughly establish CCW as "the umbrella Cornell organization in the DC area". He added Board members who were also officers of other CU organizations like CBAA, Cornell Hotelier Society and the Johnson Business School, and he encouraged cross-listing events. A reduction in dues was offered to individuals who were members of the several CU local alumni organizations to encourage the broadening and building of our local Cornell community. Remaining involved currently as a member of the CCW Scholarship Committee and Investment and Audit Committee, Dale also attends CCW events and Board meetings. He also serves as a co-Chair with Nicole Del Toro '91, leading the Regional Tower Club Annual Fund Committee. Dale believes enthusiastically and deeply that Cornell gave him so much more than he could ever give back, but he continues his quest. Salient enrichments offered by CCW that keep Dale returning are "fellowship and fun in 'hanging out' with CCW members and friends and that CCW provides easy opportunities to give back to Cornell." Likely this is true for many Cornellians, who feel that Cornell left them indebted for transformative life and academic experiences gained on the Hill above Cayuga Lake. He lives in McLean with his wife, Debbie, and has three adult children, Stephen, Kevin and Vanessa '09. If you haven't yet met Dale, introduce yourself and greet fellow Cornellians you meet along the way. You'll be glad you did.



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- Katherine Stifel '87

Past Event Highlights

Board of Directors 2017-2018

President

Terry Horner '92 PhD '98

First Vice-President

Katherine Stifel '87

Treasurer

Elina Hum '79

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Laura Gonzales Meyers '04

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Drew Zukosky '13

Vice-President, Programming

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Vice-President, Scholarship

Lisa Burns Griffin '87

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Grace Jean '00

Directors (terms to 2018)

Jill Fields '88

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Katherine Rogers '01

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Toniqua Hay Gr '12

Linda Johnson '60, '63

Steve Piekarec '74

Chuck Schilke Law '88

Mel Zurn '93

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Potomac Paddle

On August 26th, a group of 15 Cornell alumni and 10 Cornell-in-Washington students formed an armada of kayaks and canoes for a morning excursion on the Potomac River. This was CCW's 30th

annual Potomac Paddle along the Georgetown waterfront. While some Cornell students were experienced boaters, others used the opportunity to learn a new and useful skill. After handing in their lifejackets and oars at the Thompson Boat Center, several alumni remained in the area to show off their favorite Georgetown cupcake shops to the CiW students.



Escape Room Live - Back to the '80s.



On August 27th, members of the CCW took a trip back in time to the 80's at Escape Room Live in Glover Park. In an effort to help a benevolent time-travel master from the present (likely Bill Nye or some other Cornelian) defeat his evil nemesis, 12 DC-area alumni were sent back to the childhood bedroom of this evil mastermind to hunt for clues and expose his weaknesses. However, if the brave alumni were unable to find all the clues and escape the room in 45

minutes, they stay trapped in the past. While reliving the 80's did not seem like too bad of an idea for some, the 12 CCW participants pooled their collective knowledge to escape the room. With ready access to members' experiences and memories of Michael Jackson's Thriller, Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back, President George Bush Sr., Rambo, Care Bears, Tetris, Indiana Jones, and more, the alumni were able to escape the room with a cool 10 minutes to spare!

Old Rag Hike LXV

On September 9th, a group of 18 Cornellians, including 7 Cornell-in-Washington students, participated in CCW's 64th climb up Old Rag Mountain in Sperryville, Virginia. Cornelian Clint Brass coordinated the adventure. There was perfect fall weather and clear skies on the day of the hike. The perfect weather resulted in some crowds on the mountain, but the group had a wonderful experience and many new and lasting friendships were made.



Events at a Glance

Fall Service Weekend

**Volunteer with fellow
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also welcome!**

Saturday, October 7th

Apple-Picking with AFAC

Environmental Cleanup at Fort
Reno Park

Elementary School Garden

Questions?

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Sunday, October 8th

Shelter Warehouse Cleanup
Event

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- 07.....Fall Service Weekend Event: Apple-Picking with AFAC
Questions: Laura Gonzales Meyers at Img38@cornell.edu
- 07.....Fall Service Weekend Event: Environmental Cleanup at Fort Reno Park
Questions: Laura Gonzales Meyers at Img38@cornell.edu
- 07.....Fall Service Weekend Event: Elementary School Garden
Questions: Laura Gonzales Meyers at Img38@cornell.edu
- 08.....Fall Service Weekend Event: Shelter Warehouse Cleanup Event
Questions: Lisa Griffin at lisa.griffin3512@gmail.com
- 18.....RE:THINKING screening
Questions: Deborah Hoard at deborah@pspny.com
- 19.....International Spirit of Zinck's Night
Questions: Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 20-21.....Homecoming 2017!
Questions: homecoming@cornell.edu
- 21.....Ivy Social Club Smithsonian Castle Tour and Hike
Questions: Sally Elsadek at selsadek@gmail.com
- 21.....Cornell Homecoming Virtual 5K!
Questions: Ali Wright at aliwright07@gmail.com
- 23.....CCW Book Club: "Everything is Illuminated" by Jonathan Safran Foer
Questions: Ali Wright at aliwright07@gmail.com
- 26.....Cornell Hotel Society Happy Hour
Questions: Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 27.....Ghosts of Georgetown Tour
Questions: Margot Ross at margot.j.ross@gmail.com
- 28.....Walking the Battle: First and Second Manassas
Questions: Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org

NOVEMBER

- 08.....3rd Ivy / Seven Sisters Chess Social
Questions: Kuni Matsuda at stardust@smart.net
- 16.....November Third Thursday
Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net
- 17-18.....Cornell at the National Museum of African American History & Culture
Questions: diversity-aad@cornell.edu
- 18.....Ivy / Seven Sisters Winter Indoor Tennis Party
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 25.....Cornell Classes of '69-'79, MSG Pre-Game Reception, Cornell vs. Hockey
Questions: Deb Gellman at dsg24@cornell.edu

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

Volunteer Corner

Community Service

Looking for event leaders for Fall Service Weekend over Columbus weekend (Oct 7-8). To learn more, email communityservice@cornellclubdc.org

Newsletter

Love to write? Love to edit? Then join the newsletter team! To learn more, email Christine Song at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

Programming

The CCW Programming Committee is always looking for event ideas. To learn more or submit an event idea, email programming@cornellclubdc.org

Technology

Looking for people with website experience to help in the redesign of the CCW website. To learn more, email Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org



Club Announcements

Homecoming 2017

Friday, October 20th & Saturday, October 21st
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

Mark your calendar for Homecoming weekend in Ithaca! There will be fireworks, a laser show, a Big Red Fan Festival, the Cornell vs. Brown Football Game and more! Connect with old friends and make new ones as you reminisce on campus during the beautiful fall season.

If you can't make it to Ithaca, you can still be a part by running in the Cornell Homecoming Virtual 5K race. Virtual 5Ks are just like traditional 5Ks, but you can run or walk your race wherever you want with whomever you want - even on a treadmill. Or, come join some of the CCW's board members for a 5 kilometer loop around the Mall.

Questions: homecoming@cornell.edu

Ivy Social Club Smithsonian Castle Tour and Hike

Saturday, October 21st, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Smithsonian Castle
1000 Jefferson Drive, Washington, DC

Come join the Ivy Social Club; alumni from Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, MIT, Brown, Dartmouth, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Wellesley, Vassar, Smith, and Stanford; Rotary Club members; and friends on a hike and a visit to the Smithsonian Castle.

Cost: free

Transportation: Smithsonian Metro (Red line)

Questions: Sally Elsadek at selsadek@gmail.com or Bruce McBarnette at brucemcbarnette@gmail.com

Ghosts of Georgetown Tour

Friday, October 27th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Old Stone House in Georgetown
3051 M St NW, Washington, DC

Selected as the best ghost tour by Washingtonian Magazine, this private tour will put you in the Halloween mood! Billed as a "creepy, cosmic and sometimes comic crawl through paranormal Georgetown - DC's most historic and absurdly haunted neighborhood!" Join us as we hear about some of Georgetown's secrets. The tour takes place rain or shine and is around 1.5 miles.

Cost: \$20 for adults and \$10 for ages 12 to 21 (minimum age is 12)

Transportation: Foggy Bottom Metro (Blue and Orange lines). From there walk 10 minutes or take the Circulator or 30S buses. Parking is tight in Georgetown, but there are commercial lots at Wisconsin and M Street.

Questions: Margot Ross at margot.j.ross@gmail.com

Walking the Battle: First and Second Manassas

Saturday, October 28th, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Manassas National Battlefield Park

To honor the sesquicentennials of the Battles of First and Second Manassas (also known as First and Second Bull Run), the Cornell and Columbia/Barnard Clubs of Washington present an all-day guided bus tour through the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Our guide once again will be Cornell Professor David Silbey, a Cornell alumnus and military historian who has published widely on modern warfare.

Questions: Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org

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Welcome New CCW Members

Andrea Osborne '17	Jenny Harrison '06, '10	Nathalie Fassie '04
Ashley Black '14	Joanna L. Raeliarindranto '17	Nathaniel Smith '17
Brian Walker '06	John Richert '66	Nikita Gupta '17
Di Wu '17	Johnnie Sinclair '17	Sanjula Singhal '17
George Hennen '17	Keith Greenberg '07	Savannah Acosta '17
Gregory Costanzo '09	Kevin Yen '13	Stephen Slaughter '17
James Cheung '17	Laureen Andalib '17	Steven Gluck '17
Janet Helms '88, '07	Lauren Clark '17	
Jennie Xiao '17	Lena Eskin '17	