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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Earth Day Cleanup

Saturday, April 21st
9:00 am

Join fellow Cornell alumni
for a day of service with
Anacostia Watershed
Society

Questions?

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Meet the Conable Stipend Award Recipients

The Cornell Club of Washington recently awarded alumni-funded stipends to two students participating in the Cornell-in-Washington program this spring semester. The stipends help defray the cost of living in Washington, D.C. and the potential loss of income from not being able to hold a work-study job while interning. The awards honor the late Barber B. Conable '43 – a member of the New York State Senate, a United States Congressman from New York, and President of the World Bank – for his contributions to our government, environmental concerns, and international relations. This spring, the Conable Stipend Awards went to two juniors, Jamila Amanfu and Dana Horowitz.

Jamila Amanfu is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in Biology and Society. Originally from New York City, Jamila has always been “fascinated with science” and is interested in applying science in the “social context of how it affects people and populations.” On campus, Jamila is a member of the Alpha Phi Omega Community Service Fraternity and participates in the “Alternative Breaks” community service program. After graduation from Cornell, Jamila intends to obtain a Master of Public Health degree. Her internship in Washington is with the National Association of Community Health Centers.



Jamila Amanfu '19



Dana Horowitz '19

Dana Horowitz, a junior in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, hails from Glen Oaks, New York. She is pursuing a minor in Inequality Studies and is spending this spring interning at the United States Department of Justice within the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section. At Cornell, Dana is active in the Cornell Class of 2019 Council and the “Let’s Get Coffee” mentorship group. Upon graduation, Dana plans to enter a job in either Human Resources or Human Capital Consulting. She also is contemplating applying to law school after obtaining some work experience.

- Lisa Burns Griffin '87

Honoring CCW 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.

One of CCW's most energetic and accomplished former presidents was John Rasmus '63, CCW's 7th president, who held a one year term 1974-75 and was extremely productive during that term. John is a Life Member of CCW, and received the Bondareff Award in 1995. Born and raised in the Rochester NY area, he graduated from West Irondequoit High School in 1959. John applied to Cornell in order to compete for a scholarship offered by his father's company, Loblaw's Supermarkets, offered only for employees and children of employees. He received the scholarship and without ever having visited Cornell, he arrived as a freshman.



John Rasmus '63

From freshmen orientation onward, John embraced his Cornell experience with "joy and appreciation." John was a Government major from the College of Arts and Sciences, and he experienced legendary professors such as Clinton Rossiter, Ted Lowi, Arch Dotson, George Fischer and Steve Muller. Forty years later in Washington, D.C., while both were at the same restaurant, he was able to thank Professor Muller for his outstanding, passionate lecture in Comparative Government on the fall of the Nazi regime.

On campus, John served his fraternity, TKE (Tau Kappa Epsilon) as an officer, participated in the Undergraduate Secondary Schools Committee after which CAAAN was based, was President of the CU Young Republican Club, and was chief announcer at WBVR-FM. He then earned a Law degree in 1966 from the University of Virginia and is a retired member of the Virginia State Bar. His first DC job was as a Special Agent with the Office of Counterintelligence and Security Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon. In 1970, he joined the US Savings and Loan League, which evolved into a senior counsel position with the American Bankers Association. John joined CCW in 1970 in response to a mail solicitation and through the encouragement of Esther Bondareff and fellow Cornellian and fraternity brother, Erik Landberg '55. He enjoyed monthly luncheons at George Washington University, phonathons at Erik's Merrill Lynch office and the Club's periodic social events. Esther Bondareff persuaded him to chair the Kiplinger CCW Picnic. He later took on the job of VP of Program and became President of CCW in 1974. John also served as Chair of the Investment and Audit Committee and helped organize the committee when it was formed. John also served as a member of the Cornell University Council for several years.

While CCW President, John was most proud of the Cornellians in Congress Reception and Dinner in 1975 at the Capitol Hill Club. This event was packed as each of the 13 Cornellians in Congress spoke in appreciation of the event. Bob Barlow of Cornell University also helped with that event. These 13 Cornell graduates were honored for their service to the University, their districts and the country. Vice President Carl Johnson '60, a fellow professional lobbyist and Charlotte Conable (CCW Board member and CU Trustee) gave valuable assistance. Among the 13, were Barber Conable, Thomas Downey, Gil Gude, Frank Horton, Norman Lent, Matthew McHugh (Ithaca District), Richard Ottinger, Edward Pattison, Henry Reuss, Howard Robison, Henry Smith III, Ed Muskie and Sam Steiger. Conable, Gude and Smith were particularly active in CCW. Retiring in 2008, after 23 years with American Bankers Association, John and his wife Elaine moved to Kansas City to assist her aging parents. They now live in Lee's Summit, MO, a suburb of Kansas City in a full-scale retirement community of about 1,000. John continues his involvement with Cornell as a member of the Cornell Club of Mid-America's Board of Directors and Chair of that Club's biannual Book Club. Quoting John, "I highly recommend that Washington area alumni, parents of Cornell students and friends of Cornell, join and actively participate in the CCW. The Club is well-organized, has a significant breadth of activities, engages in many service projects to benefit the Washington community, and keeps the Cornell spirit alive and well in Washington. Besides, alums get to engage with a great group of people."

- Gladys Stifel '58

Past Event Highlights

Board of Directors 2017-2018

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Terry Horner '92 PhD '98

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Jill Fields '88

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Kwame Rodriguez MBA '15

Directors (terms to 2019)

Tonique Hay Gr '12

Linda Johnson '60, '63

Steve Piekarec '74

Chuck Schilke Law '88

Mel Zurn '93

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An Evening with Dr. Ryan Lombardi

On February 8th in downtown DC at the CASE building, CCW welcomed Cornell's Vice President, Student and Campus Life, Ryan Lombardi, who oversees campus and student life. The focus of the evening was to discuss four main university priorities: residential life, health and wellness services, career advising and current campus concerns including diversity and inclusion. Attending were intergenerational alumni inclusive of recent graduating classes, Cornell connected staff, parents of current students, and Cornell in Washington students. The evening began with a welcome reception, during which he met with the attendees. Then, CCW President Terry Horner '92, in a seated interview format, asked him questions that covered topics from his academic background to the priorities he is addressing on campus. A recent news report about fraternity Zeta Beta Tau's CU Chapter was Terry's first question thus allowing him to explain the CU judicial reviewing process and his goals of holding students accountable for what they do, knowing that when mistakes occur they could go instantly onto social media and the press. He said that Cornell tries to be perfect, but cannot always be, and cannot expect its students to be perfect. But improvement must always be practiced.



Ryan Lombardi's inaugural visit to CCW.

Another high priority is housing for freshmen and sophomores. He noted that Cornell will be adding 2,000 beds on North Campus in an attempt to give all freshmen and sophomores housing. More importantly, he would like to provide a common experience for freshman and for sophomores who opt to continue in residential university housing in their second year. Also, student mental health and other health issues are a major focus of his job. The current staff of 290 at Cornell Health (expanded from Gannett) includes all GP specialists and mental health professionals. He said health needs are being met in shorter time frames than previously, but the need continues to grow to support mental health services for students. In addition, career services, inclusive of the Breazzano Family Center for Business Education, are growing and the Cornell Public Service Center, linking students with community needs for volunteers, is ever increasing. An audience question and answer followed.

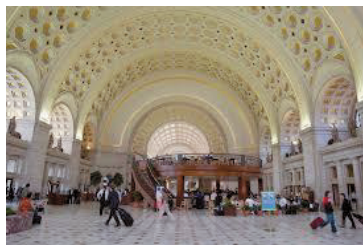
- Gladys Stifel '58

Cornell Alumni Leadership Convention (CALC)

CALC was held from February 1st to the 4th and a number of CCW members travelled to Philadelphia for a weekend of inspiration and camaraderie with Cornellians from across the globe. There were faculty presentations, dynamic discussions and hands-on learning opportunities. Linda Jarschauer Johnson '60, '63, remembers, on Saturday Cornell treated her group to a game at lunch. The questions covered a wide range of Cornelliana, but her favorite had to do with the Cornell Alma Mater. They were asked how many verses does the song have and the possible answers were 2, 3, 6 or 14. It was a surprise to discover that there are 6 verses and certainly the majority of Cornell alums in attendance did not get the correct answer!

- Linda Jarschauer Johnson '60, '63

Events at a Glance



Architectural Tour of Union Station

Join fellow Cornellians for a tour of famed Chicago architect Daniel Burnham's Washington Union Station

Saturday, March 24th
10 am - noon

Chuck Schilke, Law '88, former CCW President and current CCW General Counsel, will offer the tour

Questions?
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MARCH

- 01 Reunion Rev Up
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 03 "Tweet Land of Liberty"
Questions: dcalsupperclub@gmail.com
- 04 Cornell Song Tradition: Pass It On
Questions: *Katherine Stifel* at vicepresident@cornellclubdc.org
- 07 4th Ivy / Seven Sisters Chess Social
Questions: *Kuni Matsuda* at Stardust@smart.net
- 10 Air and Space Museum Visit and Hike
Questions: *Sally Elsadek* at selsadek@gmail.com
- 12 CCW Book Club
Questions: *Liz Pomper* at ehp3@cornell.edu
- 13 CCW Monthly Board Meeting
Questions: *Terry Horner* at president@cornellclubdc.org
- 13 CCW Monthly Programming Meeting
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 15..... Third Thursdays
Questions: *Katherine Stifel* at kgstifel@earthlink.net
- 20..... Washington Capitals versus Dallas Stars
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 24 Architectural Tour of Union Station
Questions: *Chuck Schilke* at cschilke2@verizon.net

APRIL

- 10 CCW Monthly Board Meeting
Questions: *Terry Horner* at president@cornellclubdc.org
- 10 CCW Monthly Programming Meeting
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 19..... Third Thursdays
Questions: *Katherine Stifel* at vicepresident@cornellclubdc.org
- 21..... Old Rag LXV
Questions: *Clint Brass* at ctb14@cornell.edu
- 21 White House Tour
Questions: *Sally Elsadek* at selsadek@gmail.com
- 28..... Old Rag LXV - Rain Date
Questions: *Clint Brass* at ctb14@cornell.edu

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

CCW Volunteer Corner – We Want You!

Communications

Are you a fan of Instagram and Facebook? Help CCW with our communications efforts including our social media and email updates. Contact Liz Herman at communications@cornellclubdc.org.

Community Service

We are always looking for community service ideas and volunteers! To learn more, contact Laura Gonzales Meyers at communityservice@cornellclubdc.org.

Finance Committee

Do you have a background in accounting or tax law? Or want to become more familiar with these areas and how they work in the non-profit context? Then please consider joining us! Contact Elina Hum at treasurer@cornellclubdc.org.

Programming

The CCW Programming Committee welcomes suggestions for programs and volunteers to help with them! Contact Jim Schoonmaker at 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

Cornell Song Tradition: Pass It On

Sunday, March 4th

Grace Chapel, National Cathedral School

3612 Woodley Rd NW, Washington, DC 20016

Come join fellow local Cornellians in strengthening and broadening the Cornell Song Tradition. Whether or not singing was a public student activity during your tenure on campus and whether or not you dedicated substantial time as a member of Chorus or Glee Club or select a capella groups, please join us for this Cornell Song Tradition. Learn about the history of our songs and sing them amidst a group of Cornellians. There will be a reception at Whitby Lobby, immediately adjacent to Grace Chapel, serving wine, cheese, fruit and sweets.

Scott Tucker, the Priscilla Edwards Browning Director of the CU Chorus and Glee Club from 1995-2012 and other Cornell friends will conduct and a few Cornell Song pianists will support us around a Steinway grand piano. Cornell Song sheets will be provided for each registrant. Please join us and bring a Cornell friend or two!

Cost: Registration is now open. Members \$40, Non-Members \$50

Questions: Katherine Stifel Arts at kgstifel@earthlink.net

Daytrip to Cornell Tech in New York City

Saturday, April 14th

Join CCW members in an exclusive, all-day trip to the new Cornell Tech Campus in New York City. Round-trip motor coach transportation and continental breakfast will be provided from Bethesda, MD. The Cornell Tech program will begin with tours of the Bloomberg Center and the Tata Innovation Center, followed by lunch on your own at the Bloomberg Center Café. The afternoon program includes a short video on Cornell Tech and two sessions about the academic programs that set Cornell Tech apart. Session 1 will showcase the Runway Program for postdocs based at the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute and the Start-Up Award winners. Session 2 will feature faculty from Cornell Tech. The program ends with a reception to socialize with the recent Cornell Tech graduates.

Cost: \$195 members, \$225 non-members

Transportation: Round trip Motor coach from Bethesda, MD

Questions: Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org

Cornell Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball Players Wanted!

Washington, DC

Cornell's co-ed slowpitch softball team is getting ready to begin our season in DC's Capital Alumni Network league. We play from April to August and we are always looking for new men and women to play with our squad. We have some room for non-alums too, so please bring them along!

Questions: Josh Novikoff at joshua.novikoff@gmail.com or Keith Becker at keith.a.becker@gmail.com

Cornell Flag Football Final Four

Washington, DC

We forgot to let you know how our Capital Alumni Network Flag Football season turned out. We are proud to have made a run all the way to the semifinals. Dominating playoff wins over GW and Penn State and a triumphant handling of Florida got us there. That final win featured several impressive TD passes from former varsity player Luke Hagy '16 to our amazing ladies. We were bummed to lose to Michigan 10-7 in the semis, but getting there was the best result of the "modern era" of our talented team. We've cemented our rep as one of the league's top teams and look forward to the fall!

Questions: Josh Novikoff at joshua.novikoff@gmail.com

Do you have ideas for the CCW Newsletter? Email us at: newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

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Welcome New CCW Members

Saif Ahmed '01	Ethan Kramer '17
Douglas Berman '17	Jennifer May '14
Thalia Chrousos '11	Elizabeth Mullin '17
Suzanne Ehlers '95	Mary Nadal '03
Kenneth Green '15	Victor Rhoder '83
Alexandra Gugliuzza '17	Satoshi Tozaki Gr '07
Seth Harris '83	Carrie Wolinetz '97
Akhilesh Issur '17	Louis Wolinetz '96