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## Cornell Club of Washington Annual Dinner

### Featuring Keynote Speaker Cornell President Emeritus Hunter R. Rawlings III

**Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm**  
**Kimpton Hotel Palomar**  
**2121 P Street, NW, Washington, DC**

Members of the Cornell Club of Washington and their guests are cordially invited to the Club's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner.

The event will take place on the evening of Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 10:00 at the Kimpton Hotel Palomar in Washington, DC.

We are honored this year to feature Cornell President Emeritus Hunter R. Rawlings III as our keynote speaker. President Emeritus Rawlings is a distinguished educator and administrator and served three separate terms as President of Cornell University.

Rawlings was President of Cornell University from 1995 to 2003, and Interim President from 2005 to 2006 and 2016 to 2017. He

came to Ithaca as Cornell's tenth president with a vision for, in his words, "composing Cornell" and organizing the remarkably diverse parts of the university in such a way that they would work more effectively together. During his presidency, the university took great strides toward making that vision a reality. As part of his commitment to academic excellence, he promoted increasing the number of undergraduate applications for admission, lowering the university's rate of offers of admission, and raising the yield rate on those offers.

He provided strong support for continuing to increase student diversity and for Cornell's need-blind admission policy, which was made permanent during his tenure. He also launched the Residential Initiative for Cornell's undergraduates, which resulted in North Campus's transformation into a living and learning community for freshmen. He revamped West Campus as a hub of residential colleges for upperclassmen.



**Hunter R. Rawlings III**

### SAVE THE DATE

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Cornell University  
Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast**

**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Questions?**  
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cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

## Cornell Club of Washington Annual Dinner – cont'd

Rawlings renewed Cornell's emphasis on the importance of undergraduate teaching, setting an example by teaching an undergraduate course in the Department of Classics during the last two years of his presidency. He established the new position of vice provost for undergraduate education and the Cornell Presidential Research Scholars Program.

At the conclusion of his presidency in 2003, he was elected president emeritus and began serving as a full-time professor in Cornell's Departments of Classics and History. He became president of the Association of American Universities on June 1, 2011. Rawlings, a member of the Cornell faculty and a president emeritus, was appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as interim president of Cornell after Jeffrey Lehman resigned as the university's president. Returning to the president's office on July 1, 2005, Rawlings agreed to serve until a new president assumed the position. He returned again as interim president in 2016 after the untimely death of Cornell's 13th president, Elizabeth Garrett, in March 2016. He took office on April 25, 2016, for his second interim presidency. His generosity in doing so earned him the gratitude of the entire Cornell community.

Prior to being inaugurated as Cornell's tenth president, Mr. Rawlings served as president of the University of Iowa from 1988 to 1995. Before his tenure in Iowa, he spent 18 years at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he served as faculty member, chairman of the Classics Department, associate vice chancellor for instruction, and then vice president for academic affairs for the University of Colorado system.

A native Virginian, Rawlings received his doctorate in classics from Princeton University in 1970 and graduated from Haverford College with honors in classics in 1966. He has held the post of President of the Association of American Universities, the President of the University of Iowa, and the Chairman of the Classics Department at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Our venue for the Annual Dinner this year is the Kimpton Hotel Palomar, located just a few blocks from the Cornell in Washington Wolfe Center, between Dupont Circle and Georgetown. The Palomar is one of 41 portfolio hotels owned by LaSalle Hotel Properties, a leading multi-operator real estate investment trust based in Bethesda, Maryland. LaSalle currently counts over a dozen Cornellians at the company, including the CEO, CFO, and other senior executives. Thank you, Hotel School!

The Kimpton Hotel Palomar is located at 2121 P Street, NW. Look for Cornell banners near the separate door just to the left of the main lobby (or the west, toward Georgetown).

### **Program:**

6:30 to 7:15 pm – registration, cocktails and networking (cash-bar)

7:30 to 10:00 pm – dinner and dessert (coffee, tea and soft drinks included). A brief meeting will be held, including the presentation of the Bondareff and Best Program awards and remarks from the keynote speaker.

**Dress:** Business casual

**Metro:** Dupont Circle (Red line).

**Parking:** Valet parking will be available and street parking after 6:30 pm

**Cost:** Classes '14 to '17- **\$35**, CCW Members - **\$75** Early bird until May 12<sup>th</sup>; **\$90** Reg. - Member after May 12<sup>th</sup>; Non Members - **\$90** Early bird pricing until May 12<sup>th</sup>; Regular Non-Member **\$105** after May 12<sup>th</sup>.

If paying by check, please email Jim Schoonmaker '74 for instructions at [programming@cornellclubdc.com](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.com). Payment is due at time of registration. Please ensure you receive an emailed PayPal receipt.

**Questions:** Mel Zurn at [melvin.zurn@gmail.com](mailto:melvin.zurn@gmail.com)

## Honoring CCW Past Presidents

### CCW, Inc. 501c3 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), Phil Fleming '52 became the first president of the newly consolidated group.

Visit

[www.cornellclubdc.org/history](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/history)  
for more CCW history.

In 1966-67, it was fine fortune for the Cornell Club of Washington to have as its first President, Phil Fleming '52, to lead the combined former Cornell Club(s) of Washington. Service as such was quite an honor for him. According to Phil, his best accomplishment as an alumnus was helping to merge the Men's and Women's Alumni Clubs of Washington to create CCW.

Phil's family history includes several generations of Cornellians, including his grandfather, grandmother, mother and father, and several uncles. His maternal grandfather, Blinn Cushman, graduated and later returned to Cornell, as a Chemistry professor 1893-1907. Cushman, a member of the Cornell Glee Club, also used his musical skills while an undergraduate to signal to his date at

her window in Sage dormitory by whistling a few bars of Wagner's 'Tristan and Isolde'. They married later and raised their family in Ithaca. Margaret Cushman, Phil's mother, hailed from Ithaca and majored in Home Economics at Cornell. Phil's father, John Fleming, majored in agriculture journalism, served as the 'Cornell Countryman' editor, and was a classmate and friend of E.B. White. John met his wife Margaret in a Physical Geography class at Cornell. Phil himself was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1930.



Phil Fleming '52, First President of CCW

Growing up in Chevy Chase, MD and attending Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Cornell came next where Phil earned a BA in Government. Fleming went to the University of Michigan Law School. He met his wife Grace in DC while at law school. After law school, he returned to Washington and became an associate with Pogue and Neal. Phil's local accomplishments are many, including Chair of Sidwell Friends School Board, President of Lawyers Alliances for World Security (nonproliferation NGO), helping create Crowell & Moring after leaving Jones Day, President of Washington Lawyers Committees for Civil Rights, and Chair of American Bar Association SONREEL Group (the Section of Natural Resources, Energy, Environment Law), and Elder at Georgetown Presbyterian Church. He and Grace currently live in DC, having been married 61 ½ years. They have three children and five granddaughters.

Among his Cornell memories, related by his daughter, Katherine Fleming Buckley, are of his favorite professor, Prof. Robert E. Cushman in Government, and a very supportive professor John MacDonald. Fleming played basketball and baseball as a Cornell freshman. He was a columnist, sports writer, and then Associate Editor of the Cornell Daily Sun. Phil participated in Greek Life as Psi Upsilon Fraternity President, and President of Quill and Dagger Society. Fleming and his friends founded the Moosehead Society while at Cornell. He was AF ROTC and remembers a time when he and another ROTC buddy marched their platoons into each other at Barton Hall. He served in the USAF in the Korean War after graduating from Cornell. For fun while at Cornell, Phil and various of his friends liked to play pranks such as one evening, dressed up in waiters' costumes carrying brooms, they blocked the Triphammer Bridge pretending to clean it thereby preventing the timely return of coed dates to their dormitories. (There was a curfew for all Cornell women at the time.) Another prank dealt with a 'fake' broadcast skit on WVBR of a bogus air raid alert that included instructions for people to fill their bathtubs with lukewarm water. On that broadcast, they also directed all ROTC members to report to Barton Hall in full dress uniforms. In 2018, CCW continues what Phil and many others began 51 years ago and all CCW members are proud of Phil who led the way very well for hundreds of Cornell alumni.

- G.L. Stifel '58 and K. F. Buckley with thanks to Chuck Schilke Law '88

## Report of the Nominating Committee

### Board of Directors 2017-2018

**President**

Terry Horner '92 PhD '98

**First Vice-President**

Katherine Stifel '87

**Treasurer**

Elina Hum '79

**Secretary**

Elisabeth Boas '71

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Janet Cornfeld '72 (DC/MD)

Matt Nieman '98 (VA)

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Communications**

Liz Herman '01

**Vice-President, Community  
Service**

Laura Gonzales Meyers '04

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Julia Buffinton '14

Drew Zukosky '13

**Vice-President, Programming**

Jim Schoonmaker '74

**Vice-President, Scholarship**

Lisa Burns Griffin '87

**Immediate Past President**

Grace Jean '00

**Directors (terms to 2018)**

Jill Fields '88

Christine Song '94, MBA '05

Katherine Rogers '01

Ali Wright '11, Law '14

Kwame Rodriguez, MBA '15

**Directors (terms to 2019)**

Toniqua Hay Gr '12

Linda Johnson '60, '63

Steve Piekarec '74

Chuck Schilke Law '88

Mel Zurn '93

**Webmaster:** Dan Murphy

**News Editor:** Christine Song

**Cornell Club of Washington**

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**Washington, DC 20037**

At its Annual Election Meeting on May 22, 2018, the CCW membership will hold an election of officers and directors for the coming membership year, with terms commencing on July 1, 2018. Other nominations may be filed with President Terry Horner '92, PhD '98 or Secretary Elisabeth Boas '71 not later than May 17, 2018 on petition of ten members in good standing. No nomination will be received from the floor at the Annual Election Meeting. The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers and directors:

**Officers:**

President – Terry Horner '92, PhD '98

First Vice-President – Katherine Stifel '87

Secretary – Elisabeth Boas '71

VP CAAAN DC/MD – Janet Cornfeld '72

VP CAAAN VA – Matt Nieman '98

VP Communications – Liz Herman '01

VP Community Service – Laura Gonzales Meyers '04

VP Membership – Ali Wright '11, Law '14

VP Programming – Jim Schoonmaker '74

VP Scholarship – Alex Payne '09

**Directors, term ending June 30, 2020**

Mary Bowman '87

Lisa Burns Griffin '87

Dan Murphy '96

Kwame Campos Rodriguez MBA '15

Christine Song '94, Gr '05

**Continuing in Office (terms ending June 30, 2019):**

Immediate Past President – Grace Jean '00

Treasurer – Elina Hum '79

Directors:

Toniqua Hay Gr '12

Linda Jarschauer Johnson '60, '63

Steve Piekarec '74

Chuck Schilke Law '88

Mel Zurn '93

Respectfully submitted,

**CCW Nominations Committee:**

Eliot Greenwald '73 and Ali Wright '11, Law '14, Co-chairs, Elisabeth Boas '71,

Toniqua Hay Gr '12, Liz Herman '01, Terry Horner '92, PhD '98 (*ex officio*),

Dan Murphy '96, Alex Payne '09, Katherine Rogers '01, Chuck Schilke Law '88

and Christine Song '94, MBA '05

## Past Event Highlights

### Union Station Tour: 'Make No Little Plans'

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, a group of Cornellians embarked on a Tour of Union Station, led by Chuck Schilke, Law '88. The Tour was centered on Daniel Burnham and the Chicago World's Fair (Columbian Exposition) of 1893; commemorating 400 years Christopher Columbus' "discovery" of North America. Daniel Burnham of the Chicago architectural firm, Burnham and Root, saw an opportunity in Washington, DC, to express 'progressivism' in the built environment. Chuck noted the parallels between the urban layout of the US Capitol, the Post Office, and the Rail Station in DC to that seen in Chicago. It was a wonderful tour that finished with a small group staying on to have lunch together. Schilke announced with great enthusiasm future tours he plans to offer to CCW members and their guests, which will include sections of the National Mall's major buildings. Thank you Chuck in advance! If you missed out on the Union Station Tour, have suggestions for future tours, or would like to lead one, please contact CCW Programming at [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org).



A tour of Union Station, led by Chuck Schilke, Law '88 (far right)

– Katherine Stife '87

### CCW at Cornell Tech

A small group of CCW members took a one-day trip to Cornell Tech on Roosevelt Island, New York City, Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. It was my third trip since the facility officially opened on its planned site on Roosevelt Island last September, and each time it has been better. The shimmering facilities continue to grow and expand. The program adds new components to support its unique focus on entrepreneurship, enabling it to continue at the forefront of graduate technical education. We started in Bethesda in a 14-passenger bus at 7 a.m., munching on a continental breakfast, chatting, sleeping, reading, to arrive at Cornell Tech shortly before noon. In sunny, 70-degree weather, we were given a tour of the grounds, the Bloomberg Center, and the newly opened Tata Innovation Center. The views from outside and inside are magnificent; some have remarked that it is a wonder the students can do their work



CCW at Cornell Tech

when they can look out at such glorious scenes. After lunch at the Bloomberg Center cafeteria, we participated in a Return to the Classroom. The program was limited to 200 participants, the capacity of the Bloomberg Center auditorium. We were grateful to have been invited to join this group. Those who could not attend could view the program on live stream. We were welcomed at 1:30 by Mukti Khaire, Girish and Jaidev Reddy Professor of the Practice, who gave an overview of Cornell Tech. A panel discussion followed—"Experiments on Entrepreneurship at Cornell Tech: A Conversation." From three speakers, we learned about Cornell Tech's "Studio" and the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute "Runway Startup Postdoc" programs and how they are training and creating our future tech and business leaders. After a break with refreshments, Professor Mukti Khaire spoke on "New World, Old Rules: Digital Technology and the Business of Culture," sharing her expertise on the intersection of culture and commerce and how digitalization is influencing and changing the art world. Closing remarks were presented by Miwa Takaki MBA '15, Vice President, Cornell Tech Alumni Council. The day ended with a delightful reception at the Tata Innovation Center, with food, drink, music, and a chance to meet Cornell Tech alumni. Back on the bus, our group sang the Cornell alma mater and arrived in Bethesda shortly after 11 p.m. It was a truly remarkable day!



– Carol Epstein '61

## Events at a Glance



### Cornell Reunion 2018

Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to  
Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy the camaraderie of old friends and the opportunity to revisit your favorite places and spaces on the Hill!

**Questions?**  
Cornell Alumni Affairs  
[alumni affairs@cornell.edu](mailto:alumni affairs@cornell.edu)

### MAY

- 1 ..... CCW Book Club: "Hillbilly Elegy"  
Questions: Liz Pomper at [ehp3@cornell.edu](mailto:ehp3@cornell.edu)
- 8 ..... CCW Monthly Board Meeting  
Questions: Terry Horner at [president@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:president@cornellclubdc.org)
- 8 ..... CCW Monthly Programming Meeting  
Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 16 ..... Yankees at Nationals  
Questions: Steve Piekarec at [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net)
- 17..... Third Thursdays  
Questions: Katherine Stifel at [kgstifel@earthlink.net](mailto:kgstifel@earthlink.net)
- 17..... RBG – The Movie  
Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 22..... CCW Annual Dinner  
Questions: Mel Zurn at [melvin.zurn@gmail.com](mailto:melvin.zurn@gmail.com)

### JUNE

- 7-10 ... Cornell Reunion 2018  
Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 12 ..... CCW Monthly Board Meeting at 7 to 8:30 pm  
Questions: Terry Horner at [president@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:president@cornellclubdc.org)
- 12 ..... CCW Monthly Programming Meeting at 8:30 to 9:00 pm  
Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 24 ..... 15th Annual Cornell University Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast  
Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

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

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## 2018-2019 Open Board Positions

We are planning CCW's Board for the upcoming year and we have two open Director positions, each serving for a one year term that will be part of the Communications team. Here's your chance to get involved and be part of the Board that will help govern CCW next year. All school classes and levels of experience are welcome! To learn more, please email the respective contact below or attend our next monthly Board meeting on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 at the Cornell Club of Washington , 2148 O Street, NW, Washington, DC.

### CCW News Director and Editor-in-chief

We are looking for someone who will lead the newsletter team and be responsible for the CCW monthly newsletter. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with other Board members and Cornell alumni and be at the heart of CCW's activities and events. Prior experience is not necessary, but you must be comfortable using Microsoft Word and be able to meet strict deadlines. If you are interested, please Contact Christine Song at [newsletter@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:newsletter@cornellclubdc.org).

### Social Media Director

We are looking for someone who loves to post, tweet, and 'gram! You will handle all of CCW's social media communications, which include creating and monitoring content. If you are interested, please Contact Liz Herman at [communications@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:communications@cornellclubdc.org).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:communityservice@cornellclubdc.org).

### Programming

The CCW Programming Committee welcomes suggestions for programs and volunteers to help with them! Contact Jim Schoonmaker at [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org).

### Technology

Do you have website design experience? We are looking for people with website experience to help in the redesign of the CCW website. Contact Terry Horner at [president@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:president@cornellclubdc.org)

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## Club Announcements

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### CCW Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cornell Center, 1341 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC

Monthly Cornell Club of Washington planning meeting for officers and board members, open to all Club members or other interested parties. The CCW Monthly Programming Meeting will follow from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Cost:** free

**Transportation:** Dupont Circle (Red Line)

**Questions:** Terry Horner at [president@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:president@cornellclubdc.org)

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### Yankees at Nationals

Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:05 p.m.

Nationals Park Stadium

The Yankees come to DC for a 2 game series, their only visit to Nationals Park this season. Join CCW, which has 2 block of tickets (in 2 different price ranges) for the May 16th Wednesday evening game. The Yankees only play in Washington once every few years, so this is the only chance to see the Bronx Bombers take on the National League contenders.

**Cost:** \$62 members (Section 111), \$37 members (Section 141)

**Transportation:** Navy Yard-Ballpark metro (Green Line)

**Questions:** Steve Piekarec at [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net)

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### RBG – The Movie

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

E Street Cinema, 555 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC

Join CCW and Co-Director/Producer Julie Cohen for a special screening of this new film.

7:00 pm - Opening remarks from Julie

7:30 pm - Movie

After the Movie - Q&A with Julie about the life and work of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54

**Cost:** \$13.50 Adult (member), \$10.50 Senior 62+ (member)

**Transportation:** Metro Center (Red Line) or Gallery Place/Chinatown (Red/Green/Yellow line)

**Questions:** [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

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## Welcome New CCW Members

Christine Cedar '08	Katharine Schubauer '13
Nicholas Czajka '10	leila Toulabi '14
Myisha Frazier '99	Diana Tsutieva '01
Elizabeth Robberechts '95	Macrina Wilkins '17
Neil Roland '73	Fang Zhang, CU Parent '17