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CCW News

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Congratulations Spring 2019 CCW Conable Award Winners!

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Each semester, the Cornell Club of Washington provides two Barber B. Conable Scholarship awards to current Cornell students participating in the Cornell in Washington (CIW) program. The Scholarship Committee selected **Chloe Carpenter '20** and **Lynn-Saskya Toussaint '20** as the most recent recipients of the Conable Award.

The Conable Award winners receive a stipend funded through generous donations of Washington-area alumni. The stipend helps students defray the cost of living in a major city, and time away from work-study opportunities while studying and working at an internship. Students are selected based on their academic achievements, service commitment, and contributions to Cornell life.

Chloe is a junior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences majoring in Biological Sciences. She grew up in Seal Beach, CA, and attended Los Alamitos High School. At Cornell, Chloe is a student manager for the Cornell University football team and president of communications for MiXed @ Cornell Club. Chloe is also a member of Cornell Tradition and spends her service commitment supporting those who are navigating homelessness or near homelessness like she did in high school. During her time in Washington, DC, Chloe will be working within the Development Department of the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health.



Chloe Carpenter '20



Lynn-Saskya Toussaint '20

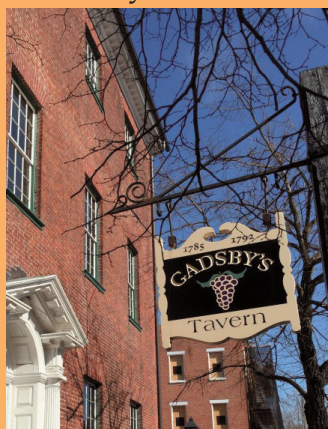
Lynn-Saskya is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in Government and Sociology and minoring in East Asian Studies. She grew up in Jamaica, Queens, NY, and attended Archbishop Molloy High School. Lynn-Saskya is Vice President of the Black Ivy Pre-Law Society and Secretary for the Haitian Students Association. She also loves her work as a student caller and university representative for the Cornell Annual Fund. While in Washington, Lynn-Saskya is working as a program associate for the Washington Chapter of the Society for International Development (SID-W).

By Alex Payne '09

Mark Your Calendar

Third Thursdays International Washington DC Small Dinners

Thursday, March 21st
Gadsby's Tavern



Honoring Past CCW Presidents:

Ed Berkowitz '56

Cornell opened up the world to Ed Berkowitz '56. The son of immigrants, Ed Berkowitz was raised in a small New Jersey town. As soon as he arrived on campus, he realized that his life was going to take off in new directions.

He became a government major, taking classes from luminaries such as Clinton Rossiter and Robert Cushman, and joined Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity (now part of ZBT). Known for his wit, he became co-editor of the *Cornell Widow*, the campus humor magazine. Almost immediately, he and his co-editor got into trouble publishing the sorority issue (in which they roasted every sorority) during parents' weekend. A number of parents were not amused, and as Ed told it, "we were brought before every judiciary committee on campus." Nevertheless, they both became campus leaders.

Ed was chosen for Quill and Dagger and several other honorary organizations. After graduation in 1956, he joined a special group of classmates who were invited by the Shah of Iran to attend a camp with students from all over the Middle East.

Next came Harvard Law School and a short Army stint; then Ed joined a small law firm near his hometown. After marrying Lois '59, also a Cornell alum, the couple moved to Washington where Ed first worked for the government and then for the Communications Satellite Corporation (COMSAT), specializing in business and real estate law.

Shortly after they arrived, Ed joined the Cornell Club of Washington (all men) and Lois joined the Cornell Women's Club. After the two clubs merged in late 1965, Ed became a Board member and served as counsel to the new entity where his legal expertise was very useful. In 1970, under his presidency, he made sure that the club was officially incorporated as a non-profit in DC. Subsequently, when the university wanted a presence in the nation's capital, Ed helped find a suitable site for the Cornell Center, which was opened to students in 1983. An early photo (above) shows him at the Center, planting ivy from the Cornell campus and sprinkling it with water from Beebe Lake.

Over the years Ed stayed involved, chairing events, working with CAAAN, and taking on administrative duties. He hiked up Old Rag with Bob McKinless '48, rowed on the club's dragon boat team with Bob Day '56, and enjoyed many family picnics at the Kiplingers'. Through club activities, he was able to connect with both older and younger alumni, forming wonderful intergenerational friendships.



President Frank H.T. Rhodes (right) with Ed



Ed planting ivy from the Cornell campus at the new Cornell Center

He also made business connections through the club. During his 20 years as a partner at the law firm of Lane and Edson, as well as his time at two other law firms, he often interacted with Cornell Club contacts. In fact, he finished his legal career as general counsel for Kastle Systems, then owned by Gene Samburg '63, whom he met through CCW.

After retiring in 2007, Ed stayed active. He became a docent at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, performed pro bono work for the D.C. Bar Association, and served on the Board of the Avalon Theatre. He also kept his Cornell connections, serving on the Cornell Outdoor Education Alumni Advisory Board and the Class of '56 Council. For a time, he was also office manager for the club.

Ed died in 2013, but his Cornell and CCW ties were so strong that Bob Day organized a Cornell Club event in his memory in 2015 at the Avalon Theatre. The well-attended evening recognized the many contributions made by Ed — to Cornell generally and to the Cornell Club of Washington specifically.

He was a member of the Cornell Council, a CCW life member, and a Bondareff Award winner, honored for his long and distinguished service to the alumni community.

Board of Directors

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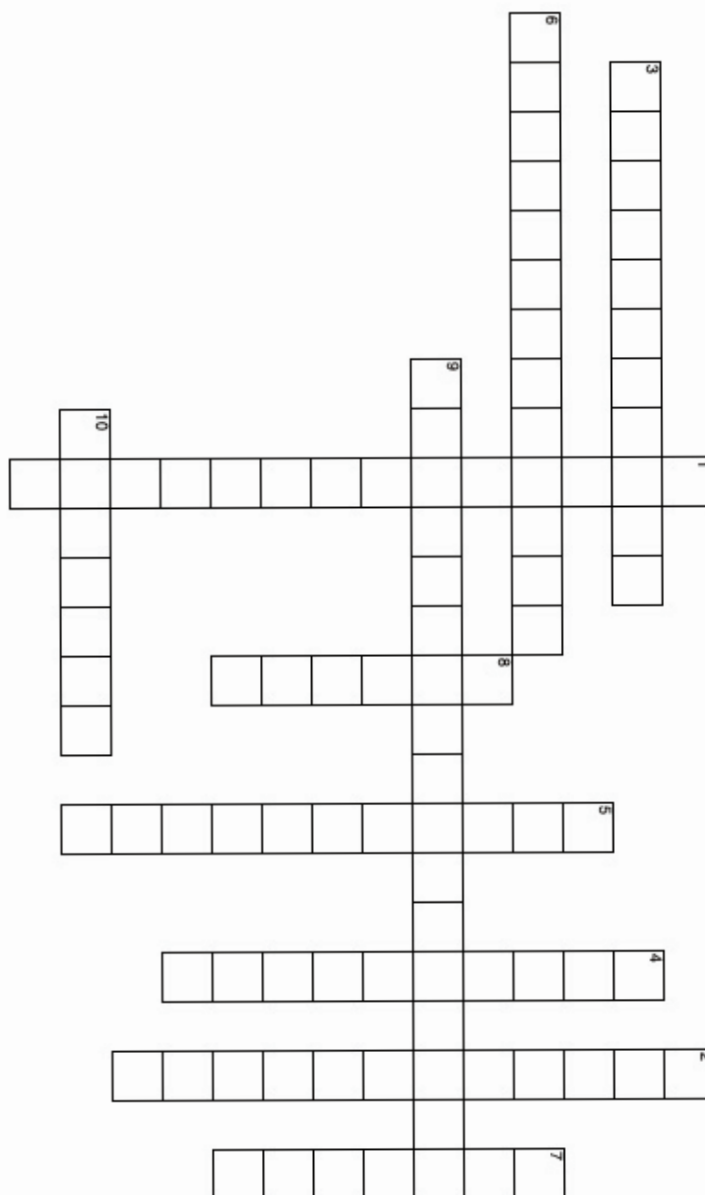
Christine Song '94 MBA '05

Dan Murphy '96

Game Corner

CCW Crossword

You Think You Know Cornell and Washington DC?



ACROSS (Answers on Page 7)

- 3) 1st building built on the campus in 1868
- 6) Famous jazz musician and DC-native once
- 9) Darth Vader's head is on facade of this building
- 10) The first metro line to open in DC in 1976

DOWN (Answers on Page 7)

- 1) Inspiration for the name of Busboys and Poets
- 2) Piece of legislation critical in the formation of Cornell
- 4) Graduate facility housing many events like trivia
- 5) Cornell's Namesake
- 7) Child-friendly scientist is also an alumni of Cornell University
- 8) The longest of central New York's glacial Finger Lakes

Past Event Highlights

Third Thursday International Washington DC Small Dinner Series - Ben's Chili Bowl, U St.



Gathered around the 'Big Red' Table from left to right are: Alexandra Rothenburger '11, Benson Simon '59 & '62, Mary Ellen Simon '63, Toniqwa Hay '12, Jessica Pomerantz '12, Alessandro Macri Law '02

In February, our Small Dinners series took us to DC's longstanding landmark, Ben's Chili Bowl. We sampled everything from Ben's famous chili half smoke and chili fries to the delectable desserts.

We were very pleased to meet Virginia "Mrs. Ben" Ali. She thanked CCW for choosing Ben's and we thanked her for Ben's many years of service to this community and this city.

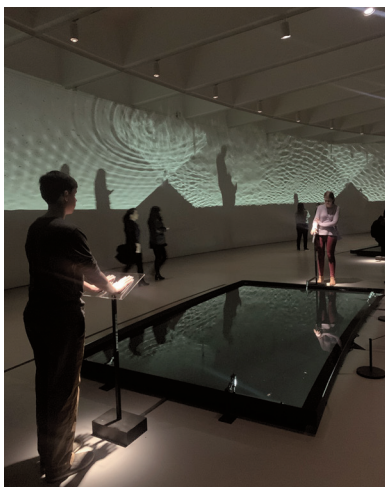
From protest marches to triathlons, this group of adventurous Cornellians had varied interests which produced great dinner stories. We spanned grad years '59 to '12, which included a legendary Cornell couple. Be sure to join us next month!

By Toniqwa Hay '12

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden - 'Pulse' Exhibit

On Sunday, February 3rd, a group of 27 toured three interactive installations from the Rafael Lozano-Hemmer's Pulse series at the Hirshhorn Museum. Participants were guided through, and encouraged to become immersed, within this perfect balance of art and technology.

Hundreds of fingerprints painted the wall of the first room, and towards the end of it, there was a line where one could get his or her fingerprints as well as pulse taken (see picture on right, below). After a few seconds, the image of the fingerprints appear and are seamlessly added to the collage of projections. The second room involved reflections of ripples on the wall (see photo on left, below). Visitors placed their hands on various pulse readers, which connected to plungers on the surface of a shallow pool, causing the water to ripple according to the rhythm of a user's pulse.



Cornellians using pulse readers at the 'Pulse' exhibit

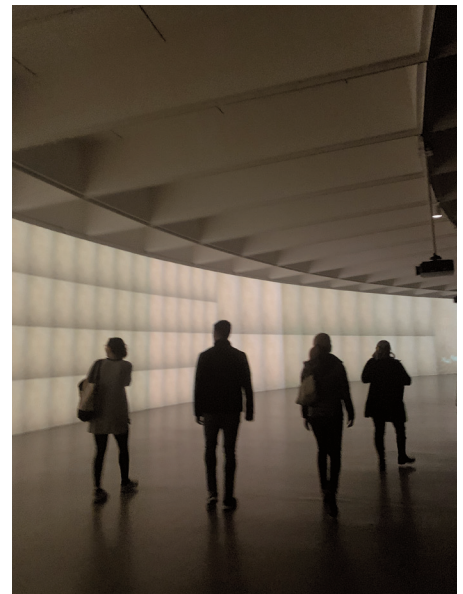
The third room was comprised of hundreds of clear light bulbs suspended from the ceiling (see picture on right, above). Similar to the last room, the light bulbs were connected to a pulse reader. One could wait in line to get his or her pulse expressed in light that waved across the ceiling.

This was definitely an immersive installation that was visually engaging for all who attended. What a great excuse to get out with other local Cornellians to enjoy the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden!

By Justin Kondrat '14



Cornellians seeing their pulses portrayed



Events at a Glance

March

- 2...[Boomers to Busters - Phillips Collection Tour](#)
Questions: BoomerstoBusters@gmail.com
- 3...[CCW Song Tradition 2019](#)
Questions: Katherine Stifel '87 at kgs6@cornell.edu
- 12...CCW Monthly Board & Programming Meeting
Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org
- 16...[Ivy Singles Potomac Overlook Nature Hike](#)
Questions: Bruce McBarnette at brucemcbarnette@gmail.com
- 17...[Yoga Class with Julia Hellmich '11](#)
Questions: Alex Payne '09 at apayne331@gmail.com
- 18...[CCW Book Club](#)
Questions: Liz Pomper '98 at ehp3@cornell.edu
- 21...[Third Thursdays International Washington DC Small Dinner Series](#)
Questions: Laura Meyers '04 at Lmg38@cornell.edu
- 31...[Washington Men's Camerata](#)
Questions: info@camerata.com

April

- 7...[Hike and Air and Space Museum Visit](#)
Questions: Bruce McBarnette at brucemcbarnette@gmail.com
- 9...CCW Monthly Board & Programming Meeting
Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org
- 13...[Old Rag LXVII](#)
Questions: Clint Brass '90 ctb14@cornell.edu
- 13...[Earth Day Service Event: Alice Ferguson Foundation](#)
Questions: Laura G. Meyers '04 at Lmg38@cornell.edu
- 13...[Earth Day Service Event: Anacostia Watershed Society](#)
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CCW Song Tradition 2019

Come join CCW for an afternoon of singing Cornell songs and experiencing our alma mater's rich musical history!

Sheet music and refreshments will be provided

Questions:
Katherine Stifel '87 at
kgs6@cornell.edu

Volunteer Corner

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

Nominations

Interested in serving on the 2018-19 CCW Board of Directors? Consider being nominated to serve as a director. Contact Eliot Greenwald at nominations@cornellclubdc.org

Editorial

Interested in assisting CCW with its newsletter and informing the local Cornell community about local goings-on? What to be published? Contact newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

Upcoming Events

CCW Song Tradition 2019

Sunday, March 3rd, 3:00 - 5:30 pm, Private DMV-area home, Washington, DC

Come join us for a fun afternoon singing Cornell songs and learning more about the great tradition of Cornell music. We will be accompanied by a Cornell alumnus and other local Cornell pianists.

Questions: Katherine Stifel '87 at kgs6@cornell.edu

Yoga Class with Julia Hellmich '11

Sunday, March 17th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, [Mind Your Body Oasis](#), Arlington, VA

Join Human Ecology alumna (and Yoga-Alliance certified teacher) [Julia Hellmich](#) '11 and your other CCW friends, for an hour long yoga class at Mind Your Body Oasis in Crystal City.

Questions: Alex Payne '09 at apayne331@gmail.com

CCW Book Club - *Between The World And Me* By Ta-Nehisi Coates

Monday, March 18th, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, [Teaism Penn Quarter](#), Washington, DC

Join us to discuss Ta-Nehisi Coates' powerful framework for understanding our nation's history.

Questions: Liz Pomper '98 at ehp3@cornell.edu

Third Thursdays International Washington DC Small Dinner Series

Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 pm, [Gadsby's Tavern](#), Alexandria, VA

Join fellow Cornellians and friends for dinner at the historic Gadsby's Tavern in Old Town Alexandria. Each attendee is responsible for the cost of their own food and drink. RSVP before 3/18

RSVP: Laura Gonzales Meyers '04 at Lmg38@cornell.edu

Washington Men's Camerata - "On The Road Again"

Sunday, March 31st at 4:00pm, [Church of the Epiphany](#), Washington, DC

From the Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel to folksongs from the US and around the world, you won't want to miss the Camerata's travelin' men as we bring you the world in song. Tickets [here](#).

Questions: info@camerata.com

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across

- 3) Morrill Hall
- 6) Duke Ellington
- 9) National Cathedral
- 10) Red Line

Down

- 1) Langston Hughes
- 2) Land Grant Act
- 4) Big Red Barn
- 5) Ezra Cornell
- 7) Bill Nye
- 8) Cayuga

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Moved? New email? Update your member profile at www.cornellclubdc.org

Do you have ideas for *CCW News*? Or corrections? Email us at: newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

Event Venues and Speakers Needed

Do you have a meeting space that CCW could use for lectures or receptions?

Do you know a local Cornellian who would be a great speaker?

Contact Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org

CCW News

Do you know a local Cornellian who should be featured in a future newsletter?

Contact Matthew S. Lynch at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

New CCW Members 1/26/2019-2/25/2019

Aleksa Basara '18
Ned Goldberg '76
Susan Goldberg '75
Marissa Hillier '12
Eliana Nossa Gr '17
Derek Ochiai '93
Sonja Sulcer '96