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In Memoriam: President Frank H.T. Rhodes



May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

*May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains
fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Frank H.T. Rhodes, Cornell University's ninth president, scholar, author, geologist and one of the Ivy Leagues's longest-serving presidents, died in Bonita Springs, Florida on February 3, 2020. Rhodes always offered the traditional Gaelic blessing to Cornell University graduates at commencement, which now is a blessing that many thousands

of Cornellians would offer to the university's ninth president and his family. Generations of Cornell alumni, faculty and friends mourn his passing.

Mark Your Calendars Save the Date

June 4th-7th
Cornell Reunion 2020
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

He leaves his wife Rosa, four daughters, 11 grandchildren, one great grandchild and the many Cornellians who knew him or benefitted from his term leading Cornell for 18 years. Born in Warwickshire, England, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in geology in 1948, as well as three other advanced degrees from the University of Birmingham, including a Doctorate of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy in geology. Frank was awarded a Fulbright scholarship at the University of Illinois and returned to England where he taught at University of Durham and the University of Wales, Swansea, where he also was Dean of the Faculty of Science. He was a Life Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge, a Visiting Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, and an Honorary Fellow of Robinson College, Cambridge. In 1968, Frank and his family moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he was Professor of Geology at the University of Michigan. In 1971, he was named Dean of Michigan's College of Literature, Science and the Arts. From 1974-77, he served as Michigan's Vice President for Academic Affairs. In 1976 upon the announcement of President Corson's retirement, a nation-wide search committee led by longtime CCW member and Cornell Trustee Austin Kiplinger '39, recommended the University of Michigan's Frank Rhodes. After compiling and culling a list of 400 prospective candidates the committee, Kiplinger and Trustee Robert Purcell persuaded Rhodes to come to Ithaca as Cornell's ninth president. Frank and his family arrived at Cornell in 1977.

(<https://hdl.handle.net/1813/28111> & <https://cornellsun.com/2007/11/07/frank-rhodes-scientist-activist-cornell-president/> & <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/kip> & <https://www.cornell.edu/frank-rhodes/> & https://www.bangsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/print?o_id=6869633)

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In Memoriam: President Frank H.T. Rhodes (cont.)



Upon his retirement in May 1995, an annual award to honor Rhodes began. Among the first year's recipients were Austin Kiplinger '39 (See picture: Frank Rhodes & Austin Kiplinger), and Madolyn M. Dallas '58, both CCW members. Since then, awardees include other CCW members: Esther Bondareff '37, Bob McKinless '48, and most recently Dale Lazar '74,'77 and Jeanne Sander '66, making the CCW alumni the most awarded Cornell Club in the US.

An eloquent, learned, internationally known and award-winning scientist, once Rhodes came to Cornell he never left even after stepping down as president. The team of Rhodes and Kiplinger '39 made it possible for Cornell to be the major university with a world-wide reach, establishing international universities, including Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Koc Universitesi (Turkey), and King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, the first coeducational university in Saudi Arabia. During Rhodes' tenure, 15 buildings were constructed including; the acclaimed Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts by Stirling architects, the Carl A. Kroch Library, Snee Hall and Akwe:kon. His vision for Cornell called for the power of reason, strength of community, priority for research and teaching, and wider partnerships beyond the campus. While tackling the duties as University president, Rhodes also played an integral role in shaping national science policy under several US presidents. One of the hallmarks of Rhodes' tenure was his efforts to bolster student and faculty diversity at the University. The number of minority and women faculty doubled during his tenure, while the percentage of minority students increased from 8% in 1977 to 28% in 1994. Another one of Rhodes' major endeavors was an ambitious \$1.5-billion fundraising campaign—something nearly unheard of for major universities at the time. The University was able to raise \$1 billion ahead of schedule because of Rhodes' efforts to strengthen financial aid, educational programs and libraries. On campus, he invited students in groups to have breakfast with him. He brought diversity in all ways to Cornell, students, faculty and staff. Rhodes' office in Snee Hall kept his connection to geology and paleontology ongoing where he also met with his students and alumni. Frank H.T. Rhodes was a teacher first and foremost with a conviction about the need for a campus "community". He was concerned by the trend toward fragmentation in education, and inspired current, past and future generations by continuing his passion for learning and teaching, which is summarized in his quote "Universities were invented because we learn better in debate and discussion than we learn in isolation". In 1988, Rhodes wrote the report of The Commission on Minority Participation in Education and American Life, in which he made an impassioned call for full integration of African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, and Asian-Americans into the American education system.



In 1984, when the Cornell in Washington building was dedicated, Frank and Rosa were there. He addressed Congress and various commissions about higher education issues. Rhodes and Kiplinger decided not to retire at the same time. Rhodes let students, faculty and alumni know he thought of the Big Red Band as Cornell's Spirit and that his favorite Cornell song was Spirit of Wisdom. He last came to Washington in 2015 to honor and speak in memoriam for his longtime friend Kip. Previously, Frank and Rosa came to Montevideo (Poolesville, MD) for a special memorial for Kip's wife. CCW's longtime family picnics each June had been held there for many years. All in all, Frank H.T. Rhodes was one of the best builders of Cornell as it has become today due to his efforts and the many alumni and fellow scientists who joined him in doing so. An author of several books about science, evolution (Darwin) and philosophy, his last book was "Earth: A Tenant's, Manual", which reveals his deep concern for planet Earth's future sustainability.



On behalf of Matthew Nieman, CCW President and the CCW Board, we send our heartfelt condolences to the Rhodes family and extended Cornell family, Gladys Stifel, '58 CCW Historian

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Meet the Spring 2020 Conable Award Winners

Each semester, the Cornell Club of Washington provides two Conable Awards to current Cornell students participating in the Cornell in Washington (CIW) program. Students are selected based on their academic achievements, service commitment, and contributions to Cornell life. The Scholarship Committee selected Julie Cotton and Kaia Howard as the recipients of the Conable Award. At the February Board Meeting, CCW President, Matt Nieman presented each Conable Award recipients \$750, which is funded by the generous donations of DC-area alumni.



Julie is a junior in the College of Human Ecology majoring in Policy Analysis and Management. She grew up in Manchester, NH and attended Manchester Central High School. At Cornell, Julie is a Human Ecology Student Ambassador and a member of Ezra's Archives, an organization that selects the best undergraduate history papers from applicants across the country. During her time in Washington, DC, Julie will be a Legislative and Public Policy intern at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP.



Kaia is a sophomore in the College of Human Ecology majoring in Policy Analysis and Management. She grew up in Yarmouth Port, MA and attended Nauset Regional High School. Kaia is also a Human Ecology Student Ambassador, a Rose Service Scholar, and founded the Cornell Open Orchestra, an alternative to the Cornell Symphony Orchestra. While in Washington, Kaia is working as an intern for Active Minds, a nonprofit that works to destigmatize and encourage discourse about mental illness, especially on college campuses.

Alex Payne, '09 CCW Vice President, Scholarship

CALC 2020 Las Vegas, Nevada



CALC was held from February 20-23 and a number of CCW members travelled to Las Vegas for a weekend of inspiration and camaraderie with Cornellians from across the globe. There were faculty presentations, dynamic discussions and hands-on learning opportunities. CCW Past Presidents, Andrea Van Schoick, '96 (2013-15) and Terry Horner, '92 & '98 (2017-2019) attended talks including Associate Vice President of Alumni Affairs, Michelle Vaeth '98, a previous CCW speaker. Tributes and remembrances of President Frank H.T. Rhodes dominated the meetings and small breakout sessions.

Past Event Highlights

Community Service Event: Shelter Clean Up



At February's community service event, CCW members swept and mopped the floors of the New York Avenue Men's Shelter (1355 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC). The shelter is open to anyone who identifies as male over the age 18 years. The Men's Shelter provides a hot dinner, access to case management staff, showers, and a bed on a nightly basis. The shelter accommodates 360 people, and during the coldest months of the year the Shelter expands its

capacity to serve as a hypothermia emergency center. We were pleased and proud to meet Cornell alumnus, Dylan Ciraldo '16, who is a volunteer leader at the shelter's monthly cleanups. Dylan spoke to us about the shelter's mission and led us in our efforts to create an environment of dignity and safety for the residents.

Lisa Burns Griffin '87 CCW Vice President, Community Service

Ivy Over Fifty Singles: Paying Calls in Shangri-La by Judith Heimann



On February 24th, 45 IO-FS members, Fox Hill World Travelers and Lifelong Learners listened to a lively account by Judith Heimann in the Fox Hill Performing Arts Center on her adventures as one of the first "tandem" U.S. diplomats, as both spouse to her diplomat husband and in her own diplomatic career, involving U.S. relations with Europe, Asia, and Africa. She worked for more than twenty years as a diplomat in Benelux countries, and speaks French, Dutch, and Indonesian/Malay. She is the recipient of the Meritorious Honor U.S. Department State (1982, 1986), and Award for Valor (1991). Her book, "Paying Calls in Shangri-La: scenes from a woman's life in American diplomacy" (2016), was nominated for the 2016-17 American Academy of Diplomacy's award for the best book on the art of diplomacy. The talk focused on events during her position at the embassy in Kinshasa,

DRC, Africa. Anecdotes of crossing Lake Tanganyika, the second deepest lake in the world in a single engine small boat while eating sweet pineapples from Kavala Island, as well as social issues, Mobutu's excesses, mass corruption, nepotism and the civil war that ultimately led to his downfall were discussed. Heimann's books, all nonfiction, tackle disparate topics. Her best-known book, "The Airmen and the Headhunters" (2007) was made into a Hugo award-winning TV documentary that was nominated for an Emmy. Heimann's first book, "The Most Offending Soul Alive: Tom Harrison and his remarkable life" (2002) also was made into a TV documentary for the BBC presented by Sir David Attenborough. Judith's book, "Using Nature's Shuttle" (2018), with Forward by Sir Richard Roberts, Biochemist/Molecular Biologist and 1993 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, is an account of the history of plant GMO's by the scientists Van Montagu & Schell working in Ghent Belgium, who received the The Wolf Prize in Agriculture, which is sometimes considered the "Nobel Prize in Agriculture".



Antony J. Heatwole, IO-FS <https://ivyover50singles.org/>

Events at a Glance

The Cornell Club of Washington is Cornell's largest all-volunteer regional club and one of its most active. Your membership helps you connect with local alumni through social events and service programs advancing the university's mission through community-engaged discovery and learning that contribute to solving many of the local and world's challenges. CCW offers engaging programs and activities for alumni, students, and friends of Cornell University in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Please check the [CCW Events](#) page for a current and complete listing of events and updates.

March

- 1...[Big Red Museum/Lunch - Open-Air Painting in Europe](#)
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 1...[Hike and Air and Space Museum Visit](#)
Questions: Contact Bruce McBarnette brucemcbarnette@gmail.com
- 5...[Big Red Eating Club - Argentine Cuisine](#)
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 8...[Big Red Golf - Driving Range](#)
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 8...[DC Central Kitchen Morning Meal Preparation](#)
Questions: Contact Lisa Griffin at lisa.griffin3512@gmail.com
- 10...CCW Monthly [Board & Programming](#) Meeting
Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org
- 11...[Cornell Library Salon: Washington DC](#)
Questions: Contact Rachel Singer at rds287@cornell.edu
- 15...[Big Red Run/Lunch - Rock Creek Park](#)
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 16...[CCW Book Club - "There There" by Tommy Orange](#)
Questions: Contact Liz Pomper ehp3@cornell.edu
- 20...[Boomers to Busters Tenth Anniversary Celebration](#)
Questions: Contactboomerstobusters@gmail.com
- 21...[White House Tour](#)
Questions: Contact Bruce McBarnette brucemcbarnette@gmail.com
- 22...[Pints & Purls - Knit a Big Red Scarf](#)
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 24...[Washington Capitals vs. St. Louis Blues](#)
Questions: Contact Mel Zurn at melvin.zurn@gmail.com
- 27...[Ivy Over-Fifty Singles - Discourse for Democracy](#)
Questions: Contact Tony Heatwole at communications@ivyover50singles.org

April

- 07...[Wizards vs Defending Champion - Raptors an unforgettable night of NBA basketball!](#)
Questions: Contact Wizards manager, Louis at lliu@monumentalsports.com
- 14...CCW Monthly [Board & Programming](#) Meeting
Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org
- 18...[Community Service Event - Potomac River Watershed Cleanup](#)
Questions: Contact Lisa Griffin at lisa.griffin3512@gmail.com

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 Toniqua Hay at communications@cornellclubdc.org

Community Service

We are always looking for community service ideas and volunteers! To learn more,

Contact Lisa Burns Griffin at communityservice@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 Claudia Benack at newsletter@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 Mel Zurn at treasurer@cornellclubdc.org

Membership

Invite your Cornell classmates and alums to join CCW. For current member to renew your membership, and update your contact, newsletter and email preferences,

Contact Annalise Schoonmaker and Justin Kondrat at membership@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

Matt Nieman at president@cornellclubdc.org

Nominations

Interested in serving on the 2020-21 CCW Board of Directors? Consider being nominated to serve as a director.

Contact Eliot Greenwald at nominations@cornellclubdc.org

Upcoming Events

DC Central Kitchen Morning Meal Preparation

March 8th, 2020/9:00am/425 Second Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

Work alongside graduates of DC Central Kitchen's Culinary Job Training program to help us prepare nutritious meals by cutting, chopping and/or peeling thousands of pounds of otherwise wasted food. With the help of volunteers like you, we prepare and deliver more than 5,000 meals to partner homeless shelters, rehabilitation clinics, halfway houses, and afterschool programs each day. No cooking or food service experience is required. Volunteers must be 12 years or older.

Metro: The closest metro stop is Judiciary Square on the Red Line. From the Judiciary Square 4th and D Street exit, head south on 4th Street NW, left on D Street NW, left on 1st Street NW, and then left into the service alley just south of Sandwiches by Phillip. The entrance to the Kitchen looks like a service/delivery entrance and is marked by a large sign.

Parking: There is no on-site parking at our Main Kitchen. Limited parking is available in lots at Union Station, on E Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets NW, and on the street. There is metered parking along E Street NW, 1st Street NW and New Jersey Avenue NW, all within a block of the Kitchen.

Registration: Must register on the CCW site follow this link <https://cornellclubdc.org/event-3655712>

Questions: Contact Lisa Burns Griffin at lisa.griffin3512@gmail.com

Washington Capitals vs. St. Louis Blues

March 24th, 2020/ 7:00pm/ Capital One Arena, 601 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20004



Come join CCW for a night of Rockin' the Red! The 2018 Stanley Cup Champs play the visiting 2019 Stanley Cup Champs, in one of the final home games of the regular season. The Caps and the Blues are each leading their respective conferences, promising a great match-up before the playoffs. The night is also the odds-on favorite for Caps Captain Alex

Ovechkin to score his 50th goal of the season, which, if it happens, will be his 9th 50-goal season, tying Wayne Gretzky. Our group tickets include both a Caps t-shirt and a "mystery" bobble-head doll. Hope you can join us!

Questions: Contact Mel Zurn melvin.zurn@gmail.com



Save the Date: Cornell Reunion 2020

June 4th-7th Cornell University, Ithaca, NY



Come back to the Hill: June 4-7, 2020 and celebrate Reunion 2020 with the undergraduate classes of the 0s and 5s (<https://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/>). A live registration link will be available on the university Reunion website; sign up for campus housing, Kids Club; and view the online schedule of activities and events. Be sure to check your Reunion class/group page for group-specific information (<https://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/classes-groups/>). Reunion room blocks at Ithaca area hotels are accepting reservation requests for Reunion. Reserve your hotel room; campus housing registration will be available as part of Reunion registration (<https://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/lodging/>).

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

Event Venues and Speakers Wanted

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 Claudia Benack at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

New CCW Members

1 year membership:
Deeksha Anand '18
Sarita Benesch
Mary Essex '19
Zeyu Hu '19
Natalie More '19
Mahima Shah '19
Virginia Greenfield '94
Ivan Sim

3 year membership:
Gerald Leape

Life time couple :
Mitsuyasu Nishiwaki '91
Willis Towers Watson