



CCW News

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Honoring CCW Past President

Dr. Terrance Horner, B.S. '92, Ph.D. '98



This issue honors Terry Horner, who served as CCW President from 2017 to 2019, after two years as First Vice President under President Grace Jean '00 during CCW's 50th Anniversary and two years as Vice President for Membership under President A'ndrea Van Schoick '96. "CCW service is the very best proving ground for alumni leadership," according to Horner. "I'm particularly proud to have been a part of the CCW board's collective efforts to engage DC-area alumni in the mission of Cornell, including the

Cornell-in-Washington Program, and to mentor the next generation of alumni leaders."

Terry earned a B.S. with Honors Nutritional Science in 1992 from the College of Human Ecology and Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences and Epidemiology in 1998 from Cornell's Graduate School. After moving to D.C., he held the Nutrition Policy Fellowship at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, where he came to value sound science in federal policymaking. Terry has made a career at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), which advises Congress to make government more efficient, effective, ethical, and equitable. His work spans science and technology, food safety, and environmental issues and has resulted in numerous benefits, including \$230 million in savings. His reports were cited in the Food Safety Modernization Act, which provided mandatory recall authority to the FDA. During the 112th Congress, Terry served as Senior Policy Advisor to the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, where he was responsible for environmental health issues, including adaption to climate change, reform of toxic chemicals regulation, and oversight of domestic nuclear safety. Dr. Horner is currently Director of GAO's Continuous Process Improvement Office, where he oversees initiatives to streamline business processes and improve technology systems.

Terry's vision and goals as CCW's president focused on continuing CCW's legacy of supporting students through scholarship and stipends, developing diverse young alumni leaders through board service, and engaging local alumni through partnerships with Cornell's Alumni Affairs office. Notable events included November 2017 at the National Museum of African American History & Culture with University President Martha E. Pollack; April 2018 at Cornell Tech on Roosevelt Island; May 2018 Annual Dinner with Cornell President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings III; December 2018 Holiday Party with Cornell's Associate Vice President for Alumni Affairs, Michelle Vaeth '98; January 2019 Glee Club Sesquicentennial Concert at Strathmore; and the May 2019 Annual Dinner with Margaret Weitekamp Ph.D. '01, Curator at the National Air and Space Museum. "CCW's success as a premier regional club was built by leadership from my predecessors and successors, sustained by dozens of board members with whom I served, secured by hundreds of dues-paying Annual and Life Members and our many generous scholarship donors, and expressed by a dizzying array of successful programs that showcased the talents and interests of our local alumni and Cornell students, faculty, and staff."

Events at a Glance

CCW is Cornell's largest all-volunteer regional club and one of its most active. Membership helps local alumni connect through social events and service programs advancing Cornell'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 in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

CCW Virtual Events, Tours and Cornell Live Streams

CCW Virtual Tours at <https://cornellclubdc.org/page-1862736>. CCW Events at <https://cornellclubdc.org/events>. Cornell University hosts hundreds of virtual events, lectures, seminars, webinars and live streams every day.

- Cornell University Events Website: <https://events.cornell.edu/>
- Cornell University Alumni Events Website: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/events/>
- Weill Cornell Medicine Events Website: <https://events.weill.cornell.edu/>
- Recent Live Streams from Cornell. Log in to access at: <https://live.alumni.cornell.edu/>
- Cornell University Official Athletics Website: <https://cornellbigred.com/>

CCW Monthly Board & Programming Meetings Virtual Event

January 12, 2021 7:00PM - 8:30PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3971100> and <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3971123>. Monthly CCW Board and Planning meetings, open to all members and others. Contact: Matt Nieman president@cornellclubdc.org. Jim Schoonmaker programming@cornellclubdc.org

CCW Virtual Book Club: "The Vanishing Half" by Britt Bennett

January 17, 2021 6:00 PM - 7:15PM. Join us to discuss this novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white. New members and guests welcome. Register at <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4018622>. Contact Liz Pomper (ehp3@cornell.edu).

Cornell Saturday and Sunday Mixers Around the World

Join Tony Chen (lc465@cornell.edu) in 2021 at Saturday and Sunday Cornell Mixers

Saturday Mixers: Pre-Party (6pm-9pm ET) Hop around themed breakout rooms; Main Event (9pm-10pm ET) Small breakout rooms led by moderators; After-Party (10pm-5am ET) Register at:

- January 9, <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082893>
- February 6, <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082900>
- March 6, <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082904>
- April 3, <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082909>

Sunday Mixers: Pre-Party (11am-2pm) Hop around themed breakout rooms; Main Event (2pm-3pm ET) Small breakout rooms led by moderators; After-Party (3pm-9pm ET) Register at:

- January 24, <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082950>
- February 21, <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082952>
- March 21, <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082955>
- April 18, <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082956>

Come anytime, for a few minutes, or a few hours. See you soon!

Save the Date: CALC 2021

Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) February 26-27, 2021

Virtual Event: <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4026332>

Volunteer Corner

The organizations below are all accepting **donations of masks, non-perishable food, and other healthcare/household supplies.**

- **SOME (So Others Might Eat):** SOME is an interfaith, community-based organization that exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital by addressing immediate needs and offering services to break the cycle of homeless. Learn more here: <https://www.some.org/>
- **N Street Village:** N St Village empowers homeless and low-income women in Washington, D.C. to claim their highest quality of life by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy. Learn more here: <https://www.nstreetvillage.org/get-involved/>
- **Salvation Army - National Capital Area:** The Salvation Army is a charitable Christian organization serving those in crisis in the District; from providing hot meals to bill assistance. Learn more here: <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/volunteer/>

Communications

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

Community Service

Are you currently involved in any remote or socially distanced volunteering? We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Julia Buffinton and Drew Zukosky 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? Contact Mel Zurn at treasurer@cornellclubdc.org

Membership

Invite your Cornell classmates and alums to join CCW. Renew/update your membership, contact, newsletter and email preferences. Contact Annalise Schoonmaker and Justin Kondrat at membership@cornellclubdc.org

Programming

Want more Programs? 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 Webmaster at webmaster@cornellclubdc.org

Nominations

Interested in serving on the 2021-2022 CCW Board of Directors? Consider being nominated to serve CCW. Contact Terry Horner at nominations@cornellclubdc.org

CCW History

We need your help whether you are a past or present CCW Board member, Cornell alumnus at large and interested in CCW history from 1966 to the present. Contact CCW Historian, Gladys Stifel, at gls23@cornell.edu

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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?

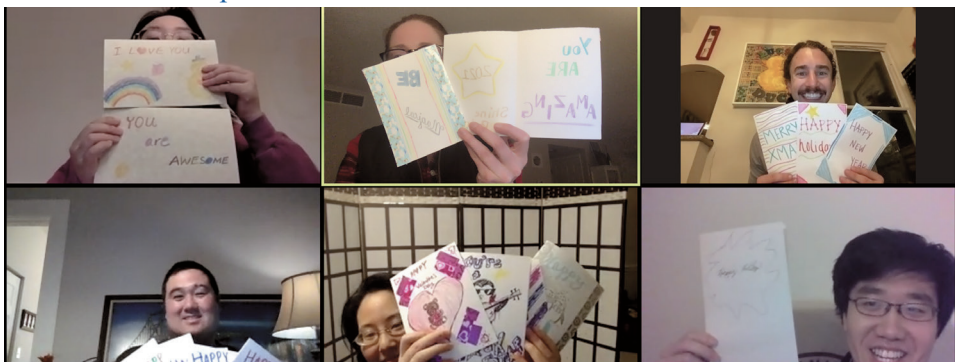
Do you know a local Cornellian who would be a great speaker?

Contact Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org

Creating Cards for Hospitalized Kids

by Julia Buffinton

On December 3rd 2020, Cornell families and their children gathered virtually to create holiday cards and bring Yuletide Holiday Cheer to children hospitalized across the country. They created more than 50 holiday cards for kids in hospitals! Learn more at: <http://www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.com/>



L to R top: Janet Wu '07, Julia Buffinton '14, Drew Zukosky '13

L to R bottom: Jarrett Stolfus '06 CIPA '07, Abby Lin '08, Tony Chen '12

Not pictured: Cathy Bendor '88, Marian Vidaurri '03, Courtney Miller CIPA '18, and Ellen Lautz '67

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

Contact Claudia Benack at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org