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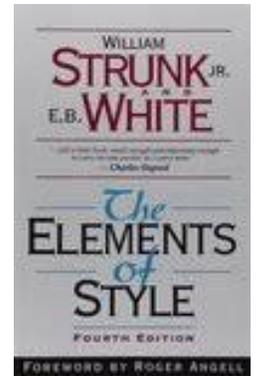
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CCW Celebrates 29 Years of Recognizing High School Juniors

The 2018 CCW Book Award Program is underway! Help us identify high school juniors who should be recognized and congratulated for giving back to their communities and their leadership.

The Program was initiated in 1989 by CCW and has been chaired for 28 years by William Newell, the recipient of the 2008 Bondareff Award for his long standing service to CCW. More than 600 awards have been made by the program over the years. In Spring 2017, the Program recognized 21 high school juniors in the greater Washington, DC area. The recipients were nominated by each school's faculty by identifying a Junior with high academic achievement who also has demonstrated community service leadership. Different reasons are used to select which high schools in the greater DC area are invited to participate each year. The award can be made where Cornell has a strong presence or where a recent drop in interest has occurred. Also, new schools are added to help establish a Cornell presence. The book awarded is *The Elements of Style*, by Strunk and White, along with a Cornell University book plate, a certificate and a letter of congratulations describing the Club and the basis on which the award is given.



In 2017, the participating schools and the respective recipients were: In the District of Columbia: Benjamin Banneker Senior- Tatiana Johnson, St. Albans - Mark Parrino and Julian Spencer; in Maryland: Bethesda-Chevy Chase-Vikram Akwei, Eleanor Roosevelt-Sudeep Singh Ahuja, Montgomery Blair-Jason Eaton, Richard Montgomery-Lena Franklin, Walter Johnson-Hailey Chaikin, Winston Churchill-Hana Mangat; in Virginia: Centreville-Valerie Nguyen, Chantilly-Jahnvi Soma, Fairfax-Elizabeth Powers, George Mason-Daniel SanGiovanni, James Madison-Jong Eun Jung, Langley-Iain Andrew Muir, Osbourn Park-Hannah Ntrel, Stonewall Jackson-Raylen Joanne Jones, T. C. Williams-Fara Islam, Washington-Lee-Lidya Woldeyesus, Westfield-Matthew C. Seetoo, and W.T. Woodson-Enrique Unruth. The CCW Book Award Program has been recognized by high schools across the US and internationally. Recently, we were contacted by schools in Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, California, Montana, Canada, and Hong Kong.

Please contact the CCW's CAAAN chairs to recommend additional high schools in the greater Washington area to participate in the program. If you have a contact at a non-participating school or if you wish to participate in a school's recognition program, email William Newell at wfn2@cornell.edu.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Dinner

Honoring Hunter R. Rawlings, III, for his three terms of extraordinary service as President of Cornell University

Tuesday, May 22nd

Questions?

Mel Zurn

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- William Newell '68, Chair, CCW Book Award Program

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.

LaVoy Spooner came to Cornell from Germantown, Ohio and entered the College of Engineering in the fall of 1967. He studied Chemical Engineering and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 1971. LaVoy stayed for a fifth year to earn his Master's degree, also in Chemical Engineering.

Despite his heavy academic load, he also played varsity football for four years as a 6'-2", 210-lb lineman. He played offense for two years and was then switched to defensive end for his last two years.

His first job following graduation was with Procter & Gamble in the product development department in Cincinnati.

The following year he returned to Ithaca and worked for the Cornell Engineering College for two years as Assistant Director of Admissions and Director of the Minority Engineering Program. Upon leaving Cornell with his then wife, who is a graduate of the Cornell Law School, LaVoy moved to Washington DC (and later to the Bowie, MD area) where he worked for five years for the National Academy of Engineering for the Committee on Minorities in Engineering, a national effort to increase the number of minority engineering students. He was then hired by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, which later became Bell Atlantic, where he worked for almost 20 years. During that time he joined the Cornell Club of Washington.



LaVoy Spooner '71, Gr '72

His favorite activities in the DC area were recruiting and interviewing applicants for our Secondary Schools Committee, the forerunner of Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). He particularly enjoyed CCW's sponsorship of international student visits during Spring Break. In those days, CCW members hosted visiting students in their homes and had a chance to interact with them personally. The Club also arranged a luncheon for alumni and students - often with a Cornell congressman - usually on Capitol Hill. In 1983-84, LaVoy was Vice President of CCW, followed by one year as President. Among his major efforts was to conduct a review of all the Club's functions to make them more effective. He is our first (and so far only) African American CCW President. Upon leaving the Washington DC area, LaVoy and his now current wife moved to the Asheville, NC area where they have lived for the past twenty years. After moving there, he became active in the local Cornell Club interviewing prospective Cornell students. Unfortunately, that Club was too small and did not survive.

As the AT&T regional director for government and community affairs for almost fifteen years, LaVoy became active as a volunteer in a leadership role in a number of western North Carolina (WNC) non-profit organizations, such as the University of North Carolina at Asheville, the United Way, the regional public radio station, various local Chambers of Commerce and the WNC Better Business Bureau. He received an award a few years ago for Excellence in Public Service from the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as one from the Asheville Branch of the NAACP.

LaVoy is now 68 and retired and lives with his wife in a retirement community in Asheville. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Asheville-based regional hospital and spends some of his free time riding his bicycle along the beautiful WNC roads. LaVoy's daughter still lives in Maryland, so he visits the area at least once a year. We hope he will be able to attend a CCW event on one of his future visits to the Washington, DC area.

- Bob McKinless '48

Past Event Highlights

Board of Directors 2017-2018

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Cornell Song Tradition: Passing It On

On Sunday March 4, 2018, at the National Cathedral School's Grace Chapel, Woodley Rd Campus, we gathered 25 alumni and friends, in class years ranging from 1948 to 2001 and from almost every College to sing Cornell songs together.



About half the group had participated in choral groups, and the others held their own just fine. The idea was to ensure that all interested Cornellians in the Washington, DC area were able to sing along with those of greater musical experience. Any skepticism about what was meant by the Cornell Song tradition as it applies to both practiced CU choral alumni and Cornellians without such experience was dispelled immediately with earnest grins and exuberant sound. Best of all, there were no 'stars', nor soloists as we sang, simply Cornellians enjoying each other's company.

Momentum and interest in the next occasion to sing Cornell songs in the living rooms of alumni with pianos or elsewhere was heard from several in attendance. Our accompanists were Gladys L. Stifel '58 and Sara Kim Keller '01, but we know other local Cornellians who will take their turns as well. Some participants remembered when Jim Mazza '88 used to tinkle the ivories with Cornell music when he was a student. Scott Tucker, the Priscilla Edwards Browning Director of Choral Music at Cornell, from 1995 to 2012, truly added joy and ease to our afternoon by leading, singing and 'teaching' Cornell songs with the participants as a friend to Cornell and its alumni. He continues to excel and lead Cornellians in song throughout the Washington choral music community and beyond as Artistic Director of the Choral Arts Society of Washington, in which a number of Cornellians sing.

Members of the Washington Chorus, the Washington Men's Camerata & several acapella singers of 'The Tone Rangers', Hangovers alumni in part, all local choral groups and many who support them as audience members were among the participants. Our format brought us through favorite Cornell Songs with some discussion as to the history of each; their creation or what the popularity of each was in different eras of life on campus. We even sang a short version of 'Don't Send My Boy to Harvard', which Scott Tucker sang along with us despite his own Crimson background. 'Kip' Kiplinger was most certainly smiling down from above and Knight Kiplinger would have sung it acapella, if the March wind storms in DC hadn't kept him from our song fest. By late Sunday afternoon, before we concluded the singing portion of our gathering to attend a reception together, the light grew long across Grace Chapel as we sang the Evening song together.

If you weren't able to join us this time, keep an eye out for the next time and support your local Cornellians by attending their Spring choral music concerts!

- Katherine Stifel '87

Events at a Glance



Annual Earth Day Cleanup with Anacostia Watershed Society

Saturday, April 21st

Registration: 8:30 to 9 am
Cleanup: 9 am to noon
Mount Rainier Nature Center

Questions?
Laura Gonzales Meyers
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CCW Reception at Qatar- America Institute

Tuesday, April 24th

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
101 Constitution Ave., NW

Questions?
Jim Schoonmaker
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- 05 Class of 2008 – Reunion Happy Hour
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 07 Architectural Tour of Union Station
Questions: Chuck Schilke at cschilke2@verizon.net
- 08 Washington Men's Camerata - "Grant Us Peace"
Questions: info@camerata.com
- 10 CCW Monthly Board Meeting
Questions: Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org
- 10 CCW Monthly Programming Meeting
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 14 Daytrip to Cornell Tech in New York City
Questions: Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org
- 19..... Third Thursdays
Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net
- 21..... Old Rag LXV
Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu
- 21 White House Tour
Questions: Sally Elsadek at selsadek@gmail.com
- 21 2018 Earth Day Service Event: Anacostia Watershed Society
Questions: Laura Gonzales Meyers at img38@cornell.edu
- 24 CCW Reception at Qatar-America Institute
Questions: Jim Schoonmaker at programming.cornellclubdc.org
- 28..... Boomers to Busters
Questions: boomerstobusters@gmail.com

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- 01 CCW Book Club: "Hillbilly Elegy"
Questions: Liz Pomper at ehp3@cornell.edu
- 08 CCW Monthly Board Meeting
Questions: Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org
- 08 CCW Monthly Programming Meeting
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 16 Yankees at Nationals
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 17..... Third Thursdays
Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net

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

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 10th at 7 pm 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.

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.

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

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

Club Announcements

Daytrip to Cornell Tech in New York City

Saturday, April 14th, 8:00 am to 11:00 pm

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 program begins with a tour of the campus followed by lunch at the Bloomberg Center Cafe. The afternoon is focused on the academic programs that set Cornell Tech apart--the Runway Program for postdocs at the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute, the Start-Up Award winners, and faculty from Cornell Tech. The program ends with a reception with recent Cornell Tech graduates before we head back to Washington.

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

Transportation: Round trip Motor coach from Bethesda, MD

Questions: Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org

Old Rag Hike LXV

Saturday, April 21st, 7:30 am to 7:00 pm

Come join fellow Cornell alumni for our full day hike up Old Rag Mountain in Sperryville, VA, a CCW tradition!

Cost: \$25 per vehicle fee

Transportation: Meet in Sperryville or carpool from the Cornell Wolpe Center at 2148 O Street, NW, Washington, DC

Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu

Boomers to Busters – Great Books, Great People, Great Time!

Saturday, April 28th, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join us at one of DC's few remaining used bookstores, the Lantern, located in Georgetown. This event is sponsored by the University of Chicago Club of DC and targeted for alumni of all schools who were undergraduates from the 1970s to 1990s, and their spouses, partners, and guests.

Cost: \$15 online, \$20 at the door

Transportation: The Lantern is on P St., just west of Wisconsin Ave. Nearest Metro is Foggy Bottom (20 minute walk).

Questions: boomerstobusters@gmail.com

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

Welcome New CCW Members

Aku Pappoe	Jane Zhu Gr '91
Alexander Ovodenko '06	John Dirck Ten Hagen '86
Ann-Marie Luciano Law '01	Joia Seagraves '99
Carolina De Paoli '17	Katherine Mooney Gr '12
Charles Ying Gr '90	Kelly Greig Ten Hagen '86
Dana Westgren CIPA'14	Robin Kambe MBA'97 *
Demitri Dawson '17	Sandra Sands '73
Donald Noveau '70	Shane Seger '99
Faith Ventura Delong '88	Tisha Jepson '86 *
<i>* New Life Members</i>	