



# CCW News

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## Message from CCW President

Dear CCW Members, Cornellians and Friends,

It has been an unprecedented month as Cornell, like many institutions, has responded to the rapidly evolving coronavirus pandemic. Our Big Red community is thinking about you, and we are here to help. I wanted to let you know that we are committed to the safety of our community. Out of an abundance of caution in the spirit of being good corporate citizens heeding the requests of elected leaders and respectful to the dynamic populations within our community, given the declaration of national and state emergencies and the most recent guidance, we are now working to cancel or postpone CCW events through April 15th. In addition to event cancellations and postponements, we are holding off on announcing the new events we had planned for April. You should know that we are also exploring methods of virtual programming, are creating a webpage with virtual events and will share details as they are finalized. We apologize for any inconvenience and ask for your patience. We know that these recent developments are disruptive and disappointing. We appreciate your understanding and will be in touch as further information and guidance becomes available.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):

<https://tools.cdc.gov/medialibrary/index.aspx#/media/id/126206>

CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation Summary Microsite:

<https://tools.cdc.gov/medialibrary/index.aspx#/microsite/id/404916>

All of Cornell's campuses are closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and have implemented changes to normal operations. Many in our alumni community have reached out with questions about Cornell's response to the coronavirus pandemic, as well as how major university activities and events may be impacted. It is unknown at this time whether the University will hold Cornell's traditional Commencement Weekend. For now, all large on- and off-campus events have been cancelled through April 15th. Plans for events beyond that date, including Reunion Weekend, are being reassessed as more information becomes available. We will keep you closely posted. For more information on Cornell's coronavirus response, please visit the university coronavirus resource page: <https://www.cornell.edu/coronavirus/>.

Please stay safe. Again, I ask for your patience and understanding.

Stay well,

Matt Nieman, '98

President, Cornell Club of Washington, DC

# Events at a Glance

## Go on a Virtual Tour

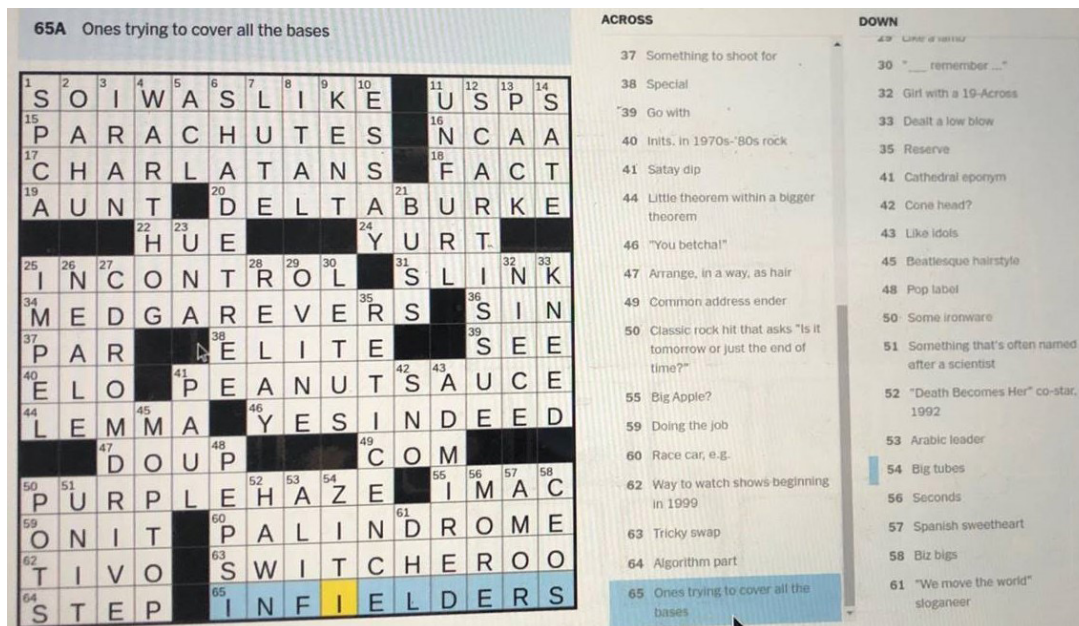
The Cornell Club of Washington is Cornell's largest all-volunteer regional club and one of its most active. Your membership helps you connect with local alumni through social events and service programs advancing the university's mission through community-engaged discovery and learning that contribute 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. Are you finding yourself at home with no where to go? Use your computer to open up doors to a wide variety of "Virtual" experiences on the internet. We have compiled a brief list to start you off, but don't stop there - put on your exploration hat and see what is out there on the World Wide Web! Please check the List of Virtual Tours Available at <https://cornellclubdc.org/page-1862736>. If registered for a CCW Events in April please check the CCW Events page at <https://cornellclubdc.org/events> for a current and complete listing of events and updates whether postponed or cancelled.

## Cornell Club: Solve a Crossword Together with Tony Chen

Come join us in solving the NY Times Saturday crossword puzzle together. On March 21st, Tony Chen hosted the first "Solve a Crossword Together" CCW Event with 40 online CCW participants and solved in 29 minutes. We've got to do better! Tony will be hosting these online crossword events Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 pm.

Check the CCW Events Page for details at <https://cornellclubdc.org/events>. Registration is required and participants use video chat and work from one shared-screen crossword puzzle. Due to its popularity and Cornelian competitiveness, Tony asks participants to try the following two rules:

- 1) for each clue, 1st person to type "buzz" into chat gives answer
- 2) until we get stuck, limit to 3 answers per person, so everyone can participate



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

## Nominations

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

Contact Eliot Greenwald at [nominations@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:nominations@cornellclubdc.org)

## CCW History

We need your help! Whether you are a past or present CCW Board member or Cornell alumnus at large, we ask that you provide us copies of significant documents that reflect CCW history from 1966 to the present.

Contact CCW Historian, Gladys Stifel, at [gls23@cornell.edu](mailto:gls23@cornell.edu)

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Moved? New email? Update your member profile at [www.cornellclubdc.org](http://www.cornellclubdc.org)

Do you have ideas for CCW News? Or corrections? Email us at: [newsletter@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:newsletter@cornellclubdc.org)

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

### New CCW Members

#### **Class of 2019**

Leah Balkin '19  
Victoria Chang '19

#### **1 year membership**

Doreen Eberley '85  
Seth Harris '83  
Harvey Wilkinson '77

#### **Couple 1 year**

Jamey Dumas '91  
Jennifer Dumas '93  
Janine Rethy '96  
Michael Rethy '96

#### **3 year membership**

Rachel Gordon '03

#### **Life individual**

Caitlin McCulloch '10