



CCW News

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CCW & Woks for Washington

by Julia Buffinton '14 and Andrew Zukowsky '13



Maryland natives, Grace Shi '19 and her sister Cathleen, launched Woks for Washington (WFW) in the summer of 2020 to service the DC Metro area's small Asian-American owned restaurants that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of WFW is to promote pan-Asian-American culture through its culinary traditions. Woks for Washington <https://woksfor-washington.com/> currently supports six (6) local area restaurants by conducting donations of purchased meals and distributing them to local hospitals, essential services and shelters.

The restaurant industry has suffered devastating impacts from a decline in customer traffic due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which may shutter many small local businesses permanently. For the Cornell Asian-American community the loss of these spaces is especially concerning not only because of the loss of income for families, but also for the loss of cultural community centers that are important for many Asian-American activities and events that help promote community and connectedness among alumni, including: professional development, social networking events, undergraduate activities, guest speakers and community service.

WFW prides itself on its Cornell roots and reflects the Cornell traditions that have played a huge role in shaping its programs and values. WFW's executive board is composed of 1st and 2nd generation Asian Americans, including five founding members (Grace Shi, Aditya Shukla, Catherine Wei, Kimberly Wong, Winnie Ho) from the Class of 2019. They are driven by a common commitment to public service and community engagement. It's not been easy, yet this team has persevered together, and learned how to adapt and grow to better serve the community by using their collective skills for financial planning and sustainability, marketing and brand building, partnership formation, and volunteer coordination.

The COVID-19 project continues to be a major success, resulting in the delivery of more than 1,858 meals to medical workers and needy community members, made possible by greater than \$28,000 in donations and numerous dedicated volunteers. Please consider volunteering at WFW to deliver meals or making a donation. WFW operates through a fiscal sponsorship with Players Philanthropy Fund, a Maryland Charitable Trust 501(C) (3), and contributions to WFW are tax-deductible. For more information contact info@woksforwashington.com.

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 Tours at <https://cornellclubdc.org/page-1862736>. CCW Events at <https://cornellclubdc.org/events>.

- 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

March 9th 7:00PM - 8:30PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3971105> and <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3971130>. Monthly CCW Board and Planning meetings, open to all members and others. Contact: Matt Nieman president@cornellclubdc.org. Jim Schoonmaker programming@cornellclubdc.org

DC Statehood Latest Update: Virtual Event

March 4th 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Join Anne Anderson, DC League of Women Voters, to hear about the latest news on the drive for DC Statehood. Register at: <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4174258>. Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

CCW Pints & Purls - Knit a Big Red Scarf Virtual Event

Come join us for an evening session of knitting and good conversation on Wednesday, March 10th at 8pm <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4112065> and March 24th <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4112067>. Contact: Grace Tucker gkt25@cornell.edu

Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art Virtual Event

March 16th 7:00 PM. Join Frances Li Arts '62, PhD '71 in a virtual tour of Art Across Cultures at the Museum formerly known as the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Museum. Register at: <https://cornellclubdc.org/event-4182354>. Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

The Women Who Loved Frank Lloyd Wright Virtual Event

March 17th 3:00-4:00pm ET. Join our friends at the Cornell Club of Los Angeles and learn about the women that shaped the life of American architect Frank Lloyd Wright by Kim Bixler '91 kimbixler@earthlink.net. Register at: <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4154109>

Cornell Saturday and Sunday Mixers Around the World

Join Tony Chen (lc465@cornell.edu) Cornell Mixers. Register at:

- Saturday, March 6th 9pm ET <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082904>
- Sunday, March 21st 2pm ET <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082955>

AMST 2001: The First American University with Corey Ryan Earle '07

Every Monday Night 7:30PM - 8:45PM Registration required at <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4171335>. Listen to lectures on Cornell history. Questions: Corey Earle at cre8@cornell.edu.

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://salvationarmynca.org/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 gl23@cornell.edu

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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 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

New CCW Members

- Mark Eisner ('70)
- Paula Eisner ('67)
- Chrysoula Kapelonis ('20)
- Kyle Abrams ('20)
- Patricia Tolbert ('18)
- Adam Tewell ('15)
- Alexander Paranicas ('15)
- Thomas Rucker ('13)

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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