



# CCW NEWS

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**SUMMER 2022**

## Board of Directors 2022-2023

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Washington, DC 20037**

## Greetings CCW Members,

As summer 2022 fades into autumn, we thank you for your support and involvement with CCW. Whether you have attended virtual events or an in-person gathering, we hope you felt the BIG RED Spirit. We must acknowledge the challenges and hardships in every facet of our society. The past two years have caused us to rethink everything. But our love for Cornell remains consistent.

We are grateful for Cornellians who have so graciously volunteered their time over the past few years to bring their creativity to offer a spectrum of gatherings, such as the regular Cornell Club Mixers, Smithsonian Institution tours, winery meet-ups, viewing of Echoes of the Empire: Beyond Genghis Khan, and Maryland Crab Feast. Moving forward, we hope members will enjoy upcoming activities, such as Hamilton at The Kennedy Center and International Spirit of Zinck's Night - and keep an eye out for more events!

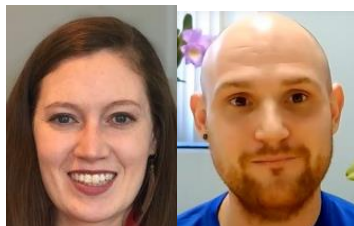
This Fall, CCW is gearing up to ensure we remain relevant and effective in connecting Cornellians within the DMV and beyond. As with anything, evaluating and modifying are required to support the mission and vision. Over the next year, in alignment with the Board of Directors, we will be "reimagining" CCW. This means we will try new events and reach out more for ideas and feedback; after all, this is your club. The first act of improving our communication and work-life balance is that "we," Annalise and Justin, will act as "co-presidents" working together to lead CCW.

We look forward to working with DC area Cornellians and Cornell's campuses to continue to bring new programming, virtual or in-person, to our CCW members.

Whether it's "Far above Cayuga's waters" or just around the Beltway, we look forward to CU soon.

Warmest regards,

Annalise Schoonmaker '14 and Justin Kondrat '14



## William “Bill” Vanneman '31 Outstanding Class Leader Award

2022 Recipient - Linda Jarschauer Johnson '60, MS '63



*[credits: Cornell Division of Alumni Affairs and Development]*

In January of 2005, the Cornell Association of Class Officers established the William “Bill” Vanneman ’31 Outstanding Class Leader Award to recognize Cornell alumni who, in their capacity as class officers, have provided long-term exemplary service to the university and to their individual classes. The award is appropriately named in honor of the late Bill Vanneman ’31, who served his class tirelessly for over 75 years. This year it was presented on Saturday, June 11th during Reunion Weekend as a part of Cornelliana Night, which was held this year in Schoellkopf Stadium. [LINK](#) (Linda’s award is at 47:50 to 53:38.)

Linda, longtime CCW member and a current Board Director, is the ultimate Cornell class volunteer, having been involved as a class officer for nearly 30 years in roles such as Reunion chair, registration chair, and class council member. She first became involved with Reunion planning when she took on the responsibility of coordinating housing assignments (a highlight was making secret room arrangements for former Attorney General Janet Reno ’60 and her Secret Service detail when she made a surprise appearance at their 40th Reunion!). She’s taken on this task for every Reunion since. Linda has attended all of her class Reunions except for two. As former Executive Director of the Cornell in Washington (CIW) program, she also hosted annual receptions for CIW alumni returning to campus for their class Reunions.

During her years at CIW, on the second Tuesday evening of every month, she would come downstairs from her office in the building to attend the CCW Board meetings in the lower level conference room. She also supported the CCW Board hosting a welcome reception for the CIW students once every semester upstairs, when the CCW Board meeting ended downstairs. After 25 years at CIW, Linda retired in 2008, and now continues to attend the CCW Board meetings as a Director.

Linda goes above and beyond what is stated in her position description and is always willing to pitch in whenever needed, even at a moment’s notice. For her 60th Reunion in 2020, Linda was serving as the registration chair when unforeseen circumstances necessitated that Linda step up and take the reins with Reunion planning. On top of that, things changed drastically yet again when all Reunion planning had to pivot due to the pandemic. She and classmates Sue Cowan Jakubiak and Carrie Warnow Makover organized the virtual 60th Reunion, which ended in great success. She even participated as a contestant in the Cornell Trivia Game Show (while wearing her freshman beanie!).

Linda plays an important role in keeping the Class of ’60 together, whether organizing class meetings, helping with class communications, or connecting classmates with one another. Linda approaches all of her volunteerism with a positive attitude and a fabulous sense of humor. She’s selfless, hard-working, gracious, and kind, and cares deeply about her class and her classmates. She frequently attends Cornell events on a wide range of topics. She’s attended 47 of Corey Earle’s Zoom events—only one other Cornellian has attended more!

Speaking of which, please join Join Linda in a Zoom conversation hosted by CCW Co-Presidents Annalise Schoonmaker ’14 and Justin Kondrat ’14 on **Wednesday, September 21, at 7pm.**

<https://cornellclubdc.org/event-4946651>

## Report of the 2022 Cornell Club of Washington DC, Inc. (CCW) Nominating Committee

On June 30th at 6pm, the election for the 2022-2023 CCW Board of Directors closed, and a majority of the voting members approved the slate. The election ran from June 18th through June 30th. In total, 200 members voted.

You can view the election results summary by clicking this [LINK](#)

Thank you all for your participation!

Officers, 1-year terms ending June 30, 2023

President – Annalise Schoonmaker '14

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Secretary – Elisabeth Boas '71

Treasurer – Mel Zurn '93\*

Vice President CAAAN – Lisa Griffin '87

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\*2-year term ending June 30, 2024

Sincerely,

The 2022 CCW Nominating Committee

Eliot Greenwald '73

Terry Horner '92 PhD '98

Linda Johnson '60 MS '63

Justin Kondrat '14

Matt Nieman '98, Chair

Annalise Schoonmaker '14, ex officio

## Looking back...

**Orchids: Hidden Stories of Groundbreaking Women – Sat April 9 & Sun April 17**

**(Led by Smithsonian Orchid Curator, CCW's Justin Kondrat '14)**



**Linganore Winecellars Tour and Tasting – Sun May 15**

**(Organized by CCW's Lisa Griffin)**



## Upcoming Events

### SEPTEMBER

- 03 ..... Virtual Event: Cornell Club Mixer - Make friends with Cornellians around the world!  
 Questions: *Tony Chen* [lc465@cornell.edu](mailto:lc465@cornell.edu)
- 13 ..... CCW Monthly Board Meeting  
 Questions: [president@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:president@cornellclubdc.org)
- 13 ..... CCW Monthly Programming Meeting  
 Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 15 ..... In-Person Event: Hamilton at Kennedy Center [Sold Out]  
 Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 17 ..... Virtual Event: Cornell Club Mixer - Make friends with Cornellians around the world!  
 Questions: *Tony Chen* [lc465@cornell.edu](mailto:lc465@cornell.edu)
- 21 ..... Virtual Event: A Conversation with LJJ  
 Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

### OCTOBER

- 01 ..... In-Person Event: "Star light, star bright..." Part 2  
 Questions: *Mark Todd* [mtoddcpa@chesapeake.net](mailto:mtoddcpa@chesapeake.net)
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## **Welcome new CCW Members!**

Taran Bauer '22

Malgorzata Bereziewicz '06

Felix Blanco '19

Emlen Brown '22

Liam Butler '22

Mikey Collaguazo '14

Anthony Cortes '03

Caroline Doglio '22

Alexis Fintland '22

Josephene Ginting '22

Andrew Hevener '22

Salil Jajodia '21

Alexandra Kemp '21

Raeana Kiss '22

Xinyi Li '17

Sophia Marjanovic GRAD '02

Casey Martin '22

Kristin Nam GRAD '20

Sue Neimeth '88

Lize Pierre '00

Simone Smith '20

Susan Stewart PARENT '25

Brandt Thrower '19

James Travis GRAD '22

Christopher Usrey GRAD '22

David Zakalik '15