

Campus Club

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Annual Report 2020 - 2021

Letter from Campus Club President Karen Koyanagi

This Annual Report and “Meeting” marks the second year that we have had to “hold” this, our closing event, virtually. Hopefully, it will be the last.

As I am sure you all agree, the past year and a half have been a challenge to everyone on all levels, from global politics to individual day to day living. In the effort to flatten the curve, we have been practicing social distancing, greatly reducing the number of times we venture out of our homes, particularly for recreational or “non-essential” activities. People isolated, physically distancing themselves off from family and friends.

It is with great pride and admiration that I say that the Campus Club has played a crucial role in combating the resulting paucity of socialization and recreation. The club has provided social interactions via ZOOM, maintaining friendships, communication, and facilitating exchanges of information and laughter, through a variety of activities. By doing so, the CCC has tried to and succeeded in, conveying a sense of normalcy in a time of great abnormality. And we will go on!

For the 2021-22 year, we have made a few changes. They are as follows:

1. There are a few new nominees to the Board, that we require a membership vote to approve. Many of the current Board members will continue in their positions – thank you!
2. CCC membership will run from September 1 – August 31, and, as previously mentioned in the newsletter, will be \$10 membership fee for this year only. All participants in CCC activities must have current membership, beginning September 1st.

3. We are hoping to hold an outdoor, socially distanced Fall Coffee in September. If and how this event happens will depend on the status of the pandemic and CDC/NYS regulations.
4. The Winter Tea is, as of now, still not on the agenda.

I would like to extend my congratulations and gratitude to the Board with whom I have had the honour of serving this year and to the amazing Group Activity Leaders who kept the door open for our members. All of you have given your time, considerable skills, and energy, ensuring that the club remains a valuable resource for the women of the Ithaca community and beyond.

And welcome to the incoming Board! I know that, should you all be approved, the Club is in incredibly good hands and that its future is secure.

A toast to better times to come and to continuing to grow, learn, enjoy, and gather friends and great memories!

Karen

Results of Electronic Voting in May 2020

The Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting scheduled for May 7, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID. In place of the Annual Meeting the approval of the Incoming 2020 - 2021 Board and Changes to the ByLaws and Constitution was done using electronic voting on Election Runner. The Board was unanimously approved and there were only several who disagreed with the Changes in the ByLaws and Constitution.

Last May 2020 the following changes to the ByLaws and Constitution were approved by an electronic vote:

1. Eliminate the Assistant positions from the required positions on the CCC Board.
2. Set term length for Board positions other than President, Vice President, and Past President to two years with the option to renew for an additional one to two years.
3. Allow the annual audit to be performed by either a Campus Club member or a non-member appointed by the Board President.
4. Add a Publicity Chair to the positions on the CCC Board.
5. Allow for online voting to elect Board members and approve changes to Bylaws and Constitution. The current Constitution requires a mailed ballot.
6. Change the number required to approve amendment of the Bylaws from majority to two-thirds majority of those participating in the vote, in order to be consistent with the number required in the Constitution which is already two-thirds.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Nussbaum 2020 - 2021 Treasurer

INCOME

Membership Fees	\$ 2, 120.00
Interest	\$ 7.83
Donations	\$ 98.00
TOTAL Income	\$ 2, 225.83

EXPENSES

Administration(PO Box rental, postage, PayPal fees, etc)	\$ 552.13
Liability Insurance	\$ 678.13
Supplies Activity	\$ 194.41
Lectures and Programs	\$ 1, 400.00
TOTAL Expenses	\$ 2, 824.67

NET Income	598.84
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Asset Statement

Balance Forward - March 31, 2020

Savings	\$ 5, 902.00
Gallagher Fund	\$ 9, 059.00
Checking	\$ 5, 572.00
TOTAL Beginning Assets	\$20,533.00

Assets - March 31, 2021

Savings	\$ 9, 905.83
Gallagher Fund	\$ 8, 563.38
Checking *	\$ 1, 648.85
Total ending Assets	\$20, 118.06

Net Change in Asset Accounts	414.94
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* Expenses of \$227 for the March 2021 lecture and stamps are not yet included in the bank statement for March 31, 2021.

Activity Groups Report

Sharon Howrey 2020 - 2021 Activities Chair

This year has been an incredible challenge to all of us. However, we have continued to sustain our relationships and some CCC activities throughout 2020 - 2021. A huge THANK YOU to all who made this possible!

Most of our meetings continued via ZOOM - Book Groups, Conversational Spanish, English as a Second Language, Games, Garden, Just Coffee, Yoga for Life, and the International Women's Friendship Group(s). Other groups were able to meet in person occasionally, with ZOOM meetings filling in at times: Bird Study, Road Cyclists, Waterfront Trail Cyclists, Gourmet, and Ukulele. (Kudos to the Ukulele group for hosting a socially-distanced Holiday sing-along last December!)

Bridge, Gardening, Gourmet Diners, Hiking, X-C Skiing, MahJongg, Performers, Quilters and the What Do You Know members are all looking forward to a lift in restrictions to be able to gather in person. This has not stopped some of us from meeting in person in small, socially distanced, masked groups.

We are looking forward to active in-person get togethers whenever those become possible. Please contact the Activity Group Leaders for the most up-to-date information. Thank you for your participation during this highly unusual year!

Membership Report

Liz Elser 2020 - 2021 Chair

Due to the pandemic, all 369 registered members from 2019 - 2020 were automatically granted a membership extension for one year. Despite the unusual circumstances, we still welcomed 15 new members, bringing our total number of registered members to 384 for 2020 - 2021.

Since there was so much uncertainty last year, instead of collecting our regular membership dues of \$25, we asked our members for a non-tax deductible contribution of \$10 to help us cover the costs of running the club and its programs. As mentioned in the President's letter above, dues will be collected for the 2021 - 2022 Membership Year, but the amount will remain at \$10 (smaller than in years past since we are still unable to offer our full slate of activities).

In order to comply with the club's insurance requirements, we asked everyone to send us their updated, signed membership forms if participating in activity groups that continued to meet during the pandemic.

Sadly, we lost three long standing members in 2020. They were Lara K. Stanton(d.06/20/20), Ann Marie Ensrud Erickson(d.07/10/20) who served as CCC President from 1983 - 1984 and Charlotte E. Addy(d. 08/01/20) who was an active member until 2019.

Nominating Committee Report

Raf Chew 2020 - 2021 Nominating Chair

Members of the 2020 - 2021 Nominating Committee: Raf Chew, Karen Koyanagi, and Misao Johnson.

A separate email will be sent in May with a link to the electronic voting platform for members to cast their approval of the 2021 - 2022 Board.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to submit to the membership the following slate of officers for 2021 - 2022.

President	Misao Johnson
Vice - President	Ellen Harrison
Treasurer	Amy Hughes
Secretary	Liz Elser
Activities	Sharon Howrey
Membership	Ornit Grossman
Programs	Eliza Brown
Publicity	Kyra Stephanoff
Social	Zoe Leonard
Immediate Past President	Karen Koyanagi

Programs Report

Elizabeth McMahon 2020 - 2021 Chair

With the restrictions of the pandemic, we turned a challenge into a win. Roberta Moudry was able to mix her presentation up with postcards and images of Cornell past. Many more members and friends were able to attend from home. It was so easy. The ZOOM link was sent out and all you had to do was be presentable from the neck up. From our cabaret to our lectures, we were able to reach out and then have a recorded version for those that wanted a second look or were not able to attend. All in all, we were happy to be able to provide a variety of topics in a new format.

Social Report

Ellen Harrison 2020 - 2021 Chair

The Coronavirus pandemic resulted in the cancellation of in-person events this year. A virtual Halloween gathering was held in the fall using ZOOM. Attendees, many in costume, shared their stories in break-out rooms.