

# Campus Club

*at Cornell*

Enriching Women's Lives Since 1900

## Annual Report 2021 - 2022

### Letter from Campus Club President Misao Johnson

Last June when I assumed the presidency of Campus Club, the whole country was still reeling from the Covid-19 Pandemic from the previous year, but it seemed that with most of us getting our two vaccinations and Covid cases on the decline, things would be turning a corner by the end of summer. As we anticipated a full program year, we decided to bring our membership dues back to our original \$25. We were very fortunate that the weather cooperated for our Fall Open House and Activity Group Registration event at Stewart Park, which was the first social event for Campus Club since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020. We required that everyone be masked and fully vaccinated, and the event turned out to be a great success, thanks to the meticulous planning of our Activities Chair, Sharon Howrey and Social Chair, Zoe Leonard. As we were planning our annual Winter Tea in December, a new Covid variant called Omicron swept through the college campuses and all social activities came to a halt again. When the new year came, there was so much uncertainty that the Executive Board decided to once again not have a joint Annual Meeting/Spring Luncheon event. Instead, we decided to conduct an Electronic Voting via "Election Runner" as we did in the last two years to vote for:

- The 2022-23 Slate of Officers (you can find the complete list on Page 8 of this Annual Report)
- Two amendments we are proposing for the Constitution. The proposed two amendments to the Constitution are listed under a separate heading after this letter.

You will be receiving an email from Campus Club at Cornell prior to the voting with instructions, about two weeks after you receive this report.

On Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, we had our first in-person social event in 3 years. Despite the concerns with the uptick in Covid cases, we had close to sixty people attend, and all those who attended had a wonderful time seeing many friends for the first time without masks, since

the pandemic took over our everyday life. Seeing everyone's happy faces reminded us how important it is to have face-to-face human contact in our lives!

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the current Board with whom I have had the honor of serving this year. It was a roller-coaster of a year, with bumps along the way and I really appreciate that the Board stuck with me and worked together as a group, to compile a full year of programs and events. Once again, a huge thank you goes to our more than 25 dedicated Activity Group Leaders who come up every week with different locations to visit or keeping a watchful eye on the weather to make last minute changes or bring an array of material to discuss for their book group meetings. I can't list all the amazing skills and energy each one of you brings to these groups, but without your tireless efforts, Campus Club would not have survived this pandemic and through the varied activities you keep on attracting new members which is crucial to our club's survival. Also, from a suggestion by one of our members, we now have a new activity group called "Caregivers", which helps members who are taking care of others (parents, spouse, relative or family member) find helpful resources and through scheduled meetings, share their own experiences and knowledge with one another.

Looking to the future, we are planning our first Summer Social on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2pm – 5pm at Stewart Park, so please put that in your calendar and invite any friends or neighbors interested in joining Campus Club.

We are still undecided on the location of our Fall Open House/Activities Sign-up Event. Depending on the Covid situation, we may decide to hold it at Stewart Park again which worked well this past fall.

I sincerely hope that there won't be another Covid wave this fall and that our daily lives will gain back some normalcy (whatever that will be) by the end of this year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Misao

# Proposed Changes to the Campus Club at Cornell Inc. Constitution

- The proposed changes are the addition of what is written in red.

## Article V – Membership

Section 2. Membership is attained and retained by the payment of annua dues. An individual may be reinstated to paid membership status upon payment of dues for the current program year. Membership year will run from September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Article VIII – Groups

### Section 1. Activity Groups

C. Campus Club at Cornell Inc. limits the participation in our Activity Groups to our members. While we welcome visitors to our Activity Groups at all times, we will limit the visits to one visit per Activity Group. After the initial visit, participants must become members of Campus Club at Cornell Inc.

# Treasurer's Report

Amy Hughes 2021 - 2022 Treasurer

## INCOME

Membership Fees	\$ 7,290.22
Interest	\$ 9.14
Gallagher Fund	\$ 500.00
Other (donations, etc.)	77.49
<b>TOTAL Income:</b>	<b>\$ 7,876.85</b>

## EXPENSES

Liability Insurance	\$ 490.00
Administration (PO Box rental, postage, supplies, PayPal fees)	\$ 626.18
Communications	\$ 171.00
Fall Open House	\$ 287.77
Lectures and Programs	\$ 1,455.00
Summer Open House Pavilion Rental	\$ 260.00
Spring Social (net: minus fees)	\$ 3,948.19
<b>TOTAL Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 7,238.14</b>

<b>NET Income:</b>	<b>\$ 638.71</b>
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## ASSET STATEMENTS

### Balance Forward March 31, 2021

Savings	\$ 9,905.83
Gallagher Fund	\$ 8,563.38
Checking	\$ 1,648.85
<b>Beginning Assets Total:</b>	<b>\$20,118.06</b>

### Balance as of March 31, 2022

Savings	\$ 9,911.20
Gallagher Fund	\$ 8,067.94
Checking	\$ 2,777.63
<b>Current Assets Total:</b>	<b>\$20,756.77</b>

<b>Net Change in Asset Accounts:</b>	<b>\$ 638.71</b>
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# Activity Groups Report

## Sharon Howrey 2021 - 2022 Activities Chair

First of all, a big THANK YOU to all who made this year's activities possible! We've been so creative in stitching together our activities to include on-line meetings, outside gatherings and socially distant get-togethers.

Birding, Bridge, Book Groups I and II, Cycling, English as a Second Language, The International Friendship Group, Games, Gardening, Gourmet, Just Coffee, Mah Jongg, Hiking & XC Skiing, Quilters, Ukulele, Spanish Conversation, and Wanderers have been able to gather in person this year but continue using Zoom at times.

Book Group III, Performers, and What Do You Know, continue to wait for an end to in-person restrictions before they plan to meet face-to-face. (Book Group III is meeting regularly on Zoom.)

We have a new group called Caregivers for which I will be one of the leaders. Please contact me at my email ([fish54@gmail.com](mailto:fish54@gmail.com)) or phone (303-910-2898) if you are interested. If you'd like to start a group on your own, please contact me so we can get it started!

Since our ability to gather safely remains in flux, please contact the Activity Group Leaders for their most up-to-date information. All Campus Club members are welcome to join in the fun, whether online or in person. Guests are welcome to attend any Activity Group once as a visitor; for continued participation we ask that they become members.

Thank you to everyone - leaders and participants - for embracing the challenges that come with making our Campus Club Activities possible! We look forward to deepening our Campus Club friendships in the coming years - whether online or preferably - in person face-to-face.

## Membership Report

### **Ornit Grossman 2021 - 2022 Membership Chair**

As of Apr 29, 2022, Campus Club at Cornell has 295 registered members, of which 34 are new members.

The number of members is down from last year, mainly because last year all the members from 2019-2020 were automatically granted membership extension for 2020-2021. 133 people took advantage of our PayPal online registration this year.

Sadly, we lost two long standing members in the fall of 2021. They were Christina Wu, who led the French conversation group for many years and Kathryn Torgeson who enjoyed participating in many activities during her years as an active member.

## Social Report

### **Zoe Leonard 2021 - 2022 Social Chair**

A very successful Fall Open House held on September 10, 2021, at the Stewart Park was attended by about 110 women including many new members. Preparing and greeting incoming guests by the Campus Club Board helped to welcome newcomers and steer them to sign up for the numerous Activity Groups.

The Corona virus pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the Winter Tea event.

The Spring Social Luncheon was hosted at Moakley House on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 11:30am – 2:30pm on a beautiful sunny day. We had about 60 members in attendance; everyone enjoyed seeing each other, had lively conversations, and enjoyed the delicious food!

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, from 2:00pm - 5:00pm, we will be hosting our first summer social gathering event. Stay tuned for emails/flyers that we will be sending out.

# Programs Report

## Eliza Brown 2021 - 2022 Programs Chair

We have truly explored the world together this year!

We began by exploring the New North Campus and Roosevelt Island with Roberta Moudry from the comfort of our own homes in her two programs:

- **The Many Lives of North Campus at Cornell**
- **Cornell Tech & Roosevelt Island: A Virtual Walking Tour.**

Carol Hockett of the Johnson Museum presented a Zoom presentation titled, **The Wideness and Wonder of the World: The Art and Life of Georgia O'Keeffe**, that made everyone want to go and explore the museum in person.

The Joan Gallagher Program was our first in-person program in a long time and Dr. Deborah Justice in her program titled, **The Changing Paths of American Music Making**, gave us a guided history of music making in America and how it has changed with the introduction of various technological advances.

We returned to learning from home for the Zoom presentation by Zoe Learner Ponterio, from the Spacecraft Planetary Image Facility at Cornell, titled **Perseverance, Ingenuity, and the Search for Life on Mars.**

We finished the year with an in-person program from Dr. Paul Wilson, titled **Redressing the Past in Contemporary Namibian Art**, during which we engaged in the exploration of recent Namibian art and how it reacts to the country's colonial past and how it projects the possibility of a more just future.



# Nominating Committee Report

## Misao Johnson 2021 - 2022 Nominating Chair

Members of the 2021 - 2022 Nominating Committee: Misao Johnson, Ellen Harrison and Karen Koyanagi.

A separate email will be sent in May with a link to the electronic voting platform for members to cast their approval of the 2022 - 2023 Board.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to submit to the membership the following slate of officers for 2022 - 2023.

President	Ellen Harrison
Vice - President	Alice Kops*
Treasurer	Amy Hughes
Secretary	Jane Leff*
Activities	Sharon Howrey
Membership	Liz Elser
Programs	Eliza Brown
Publicity	TBD
Social	Zoe Leonard
Immediate Past President	Misao Johnson

\*We welcome Alice Kops and Jane Leff who are joining the Campus Club board for the first time.

A big thank you also to Ellen Harrison, Sharon Howrey and Liz Elser who will continue to serve on the board after already serving over three years in their current or other board positions.