



## Annual Report 2018-2019

### Letter from our President, Marcie Robinson

It is once again spring, and the year has flown by. I hope you have enjoyed the programs and activities sponsored by Campus Club over the past 12 months.

As the year draws to a close, our thanks go out to the 38 women who have led service and activity groups. I would specifically like to recognize three women who went above and beyond in the leadership of service groups. Raf Chew and Jette Lundgren continue to lead the International Women's Friendship Groups, and Anita Christiansen continues as volunteer coordinator of Community ESL at Cornell. These three women truly demonstrate what it means to welcome women to the Ithaca and Cornell communities.

This year our program offerings increased from five to seven programs. Two programs were underwritten by our Joan Gallagher program fund. Delia Kenkel did a wonderful job putting together a series of scientists who communicated complex ideas and facts in entertaining easy-to-understand language. A special thanks to Gladys Birdsall and our birding group for coordinating an engaging program with bird photographer Marie Read.

The 14 women on our Campus Club Board have worked hard to make sure that this year, like the previous 118 years, has run smoothly. A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to the six women whose terms on the board are ending: Anne Karoyli, Delia Kenkel, Ann Manzano, Cathy Nelson, Janelle Tauer, and Lynne White.

Membership is holding steady, ending the year with 348 members. 59 of these women are new to the club this year. Thanks to the careful money management of our previous boards, we have a significant balance in our savings account. But, as budgeted, we are spending more money than our annual dues generate, we can anticipate that dues may need to rise sometime in the next two or three years. Dues increased to \$20 in 2006 and to the current \$25 in 2011.

Two final notes. First, please review the proposed bylaws change at the end of this report. It is a useful change that expands who can conduct our annual internal audit. Second, take a minute to think about the purpose of Campus Club as stated in our Constitution.

*The purpose of the Campus Club at Cornell Inc. shall be to promote the social and cultural interests of women, to extend a welcome to newcomers, and to promote wider acquaintance and friendship.*

If we stay true to this meaningful mission our club will remain vibrant for years to come.

It has been a pleasure to serve as president of Campus Club this year. Thank you for your support and cheers to year 120!

**Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon**  
**May 3, 2018**  
**Ithaca Country Club**  
**Rochelle Woods, 2017-2018 Secretary**

President Anne Karolyi welcomed Campus Club at Cornell members to the Spring Luncheon and Annual meeting for 2018. She thanked Karen Koyanagi, Social Chair and Janelle Tauer, Assistant Social Chair, for organizing today's event. She also expressed appreciation for the wonderful job they did with the Fall Coffee and Winter Tea. She then invited everyone to begin lunch.

Following lunch, Delia Kenkel, Assistant Programs Chair, introduced the speaker, Dr. Warren Allmon, Director of the Paleontological Research Institute and the Hunter R. Rawlings III Professor of Paleontology at Cornell University. Dr. Allmon's presentation was titled 'Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future – and thinking about it in the age of Trump'. He outlined the ancient proxy data and recent measurable variables scientists use to determine how current climate change is more dramatic today than at any time in the past. He emphasized that short-term and long-term effects of climate change will have severe repercussions for life on Earth.

Business meeting:

Anne Karolyi called the meeting to order at 2:10PM and noted that we had a great year. She said our organization has a good foundation and recognized the 16 past presidents who attended the luncheon. She stated that she could not lead the organization without the support of an enthusiastic board. Holly Kazarinoff and Lynne White, the Activities Chair and Assistant, provided support to 38 Activity Group Leaders for 25 activities. Under Linda Story and Misao Johnson, Membership and Publicity Chair and Assistant, the organization distributed information to 342 members (39 new members) and developed creative ways to convey a consistent message. Cathy Nelson, Assistant Secretary, spearheaded a team to delve into social media with the creation of the Campus Club Facebook page. Ann Lemly and Delia Kenkel organized five interesting programs at varied locations this year. Our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Carol Klepak and Ann Manzano, kept us on budget. Past President, Nora Shang, has been the historical database for the board. Our Vice President, Marcie Robinson has a varied position – listening to all the issues and helping to make decisions. Anne also thanked Secretary Rochelle Woods for taking detailed notes to document our board meetings.

Anne asked for all of the Activity Group leaders to stand and recognized these leaders as the backbone of the Campus Club without whom we wouldn't be such a vibrant organization.

Anne asked for minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting to be approved. Masha Fontes moved to approve the minutes. Marcia Jacobson seconded the motion. The membership gave an oral assent to approve the minutes.

Anne reviewed the Treasurer's Report. She noted that the Campus Club has in excess of \$20,000 in the bank as of March 31. Half of the funds are due to a gift from the estate of Joan Gallagher, a Cornell alumna. Anne asked for the Treasurer's report to be approved. Mary Lee Noden moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Anne Lemley seconded the motion. The membership gave an oral assent to approve the Treasurer's report.

Anne called for the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Nora Shang, to present her report. Nora introduced the 2018-2019 nominees for the Campus Club board.

The 2018-2019 Candidates for election at the May 3, 2018 Annual Meeting were:

President – Marcie Robinson

Vice President – Raf Chew

Treasurer – Ann Manzano

Asst. Treasurer – Kathy Hopkins

Secretary – Cathy Nelson

Asst. Secretary – Barbara Adler

Activities – Lynne White

Asst. Activities – Jing-Ting Huang

Membership/Publicity – Misao Johnson

Asst. Membership/Pub. – Karen Koyanagi

Programs – Delia Kenkel

Asst. Programs – Kumari Pingali

Social – Janelle Tauer

Asst. Social – Roxane Kingsley-Engstrom

Immediate Past President – Anne Karolyi

Masha Fontes moved to accept the slate of candidates and Rochelle Woods seconded the motion. Nora called for a vote from the membership to approve the candidates and the membership elected the candidates by a show of hands.

Nora stated that Anne Karolyi had done an excellent job as President this year noting that she exemplified the goals of the Campus Club by creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for women from all over Ithaca. Under her leadership, our club has continued to have a robust membership, sound finances and successful events. She thanked Anne for her efforts and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

Anne said that the President is only as good as the board that supports her. She then handed the Campus Club gavel to Marcie Robinson the newly elected President. Marcie thanked the board and activity leaders and reiterated that our club is about women and friendship.

Since there was no additional business, Delia Kenkel moved to adjourn the meeting and Masha Fontes seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34PM.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Ann Manzano, 2018-2019 Treasurer**

4/1/18 through 3/31/19

**INCOME**

Membership Fees	\$ 8,875.00
Interest Income	\$ <u>5.84</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 8,880.84</b>

**EXPENSES**

Administration	\$ 950.73
Liability Insurance	\$ 657.15
Donations (CHFD Donations for use of meeting room)	\$ 300.00
Communication	\$ 723.17
Lecture Series	\$ 1,101.31
Fall Coffee	\$ 2,202.12
Spring luncheon (net) May 2018	\$ 780.24
Winter Tea	\$ 2,881.85
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 9,596.57</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -715.73*</b>

*\*Note: The Campus Club Board budgeted for a carry-over (loss) in the amount of \$2300; the total expenses were actually \$1,584.27 under budget for this reporting period.*

**ASSET STATEMENT**

Balance Forward – March 31, 2018	
Checking Account	\$ 4,900.22
Savings Account	\$ 5,896.04
Joan Gallagher Fund	\$ 10,000.56
Total Beginning Assets	<b>\$ 20,796.82</b>
Assets – March 31, 2019	
Checking Account	\$ 3,731.53
Savings Account	\$ 5,898.98
Joan Gallagher Fund	\$ 9,704.16**
Total Ending Assets	<b>\$ 19,334.67</b>
Net change in Asset Accounts	<b>\$ 1,462.15</b>

\*\*The Joan Gallagher 2018 – 2019 Programs expenditures:

*Education in China by John Hopcroft, PhD*

\$150.00 Lecturers fee

\$151.31 refreshments

*Capturing the Spirit of Birds by Marie Read*

\$150.00 Lecturers fee

**Activities Report**  
**Lynne White, 2018-2019 Activities Chair**

Another year of Cornell Campus Club is coming to a close. I want to thank all of our forty women who led and co-led the twenty-six Activity Groups this year, including the two International Friendship Groups.

Many of us enjoy being part of more than one group with many overlapping friendships among them. This year our two new groups are Conversational Spanish (organized by Bernice Magee) and English as a Second Language (organized by Anita Christiansen).

Any special interest You may have can evolve into a small group of people who might share and enjoy your interest. It's a great way to connect with people and to connect to the greater Ithaca community.

If you would be interested in beginning a new Activity Group please feel free to contact Lynne White [lmw2@frontiernet.net](mailto:lmw2@frontiernet.net) or Jing-Ting Huang [iwannasour@gmail.com](mailto:iwannasour@gmail.com)

We hope to see you all again next year in September at the Fall Coffee!

**Social Report**  
**Janelle Tauer, 2018-2019 Social Chair**

Campus Club's year got off to a fun and energetic start with the popular and fun Fall Coffee at the Clarion Inn. Thanks to the tireless efforts over the summer of Lynne White our Activities chair, and the activity leaders, the room was filled with mementoes, book group lists, fun decorations, and signup sheets galore as more than 150 members and potential members gathered to sign up for activities, mingle, and enjoy a light lunch. This year we increased the food order of sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, and cookies, with little left over. We added a vegetarian hummus option, and next year, based on the feedback, we plan to also offer a gluten-free sandwich option.

Snowflakes decorated the Winter Tea invitation, but thankfully none were falling when we gathered at Coltivare on December 1, when 150 members gathered to usher in the holiday season. Sweets, including a gluten-free chocolate mousse, nuts, and a savory quiche option were enjoyed over coffee and tea. Several members requested herbal tea, as well, which will be added to next year's event.

Planning for the Spring luncheon and annual meeting is in full swing. Hosted at the Country Club of Ithaca, this year's menu will feature 2 new options, including a vegan/vegetarian menu choice. We look forward to Prof. Steven Tanksley's presentation on the "Molecular Basis of Natural Variation and Implications for Plant Improvement," a review of this year's activities by our president, Marcie Robinson, and welcoming the members who have volunteered to join next year's Campus Club board.

**Program Report**  
**Delia Kenkel, 2018-2019 Program Chair**

This year's programs have included:

- ***“Go West! – A Walking Exploration of Tower Road”*** led by Roberta Moudry, Cornell Architecture Historian
- ***“Education in China: Is it Catching up with U.S. Education?”*** by John Hopcroft, PhD, Cornell University, Professor of Engineering and Applied Mathematics. This lecture was the inaugural Joan Gallagher Lecture. We are grateful for the bequest from the estate of Joan Gallagher.
- ***“Sticky Slugs, Biomimetics, and a Future Without Sutures”*** by Andrew Smith, PhD, Ithaca College, Professor of Biology
- ***“Darwinian Medicine: How Evolution Theory Can Inform the Practice of Medicine”*** by David Peck, Cornell University
- ***“Mastering Bird Photography”*** by Marie Read, acclaimed bird photographer. The birding group requested that the Campus Club host this lecture about the art, craft, and technique of photographing birds and their behavior. This was the second Joan Gallagher Lecture.
- ***“Molecules and Masterpieces: At the Intersections of Science and Art History”*** by Gary Wells, PhD, Ithaca College.
- **Spring Luncheon Program: *“Molecular Basis of Natural Variation: Implications for Plant Improvement.”*** The speaker will be Steven Tanksley, PhD, Cornell University, Professor Emeritus, Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics

**Membership/Publicity**  
**Misao Johnson, 2018-2019 Membership/Publicity Chair**

As of 03/15/19, Campus Club at Cornell has 346 registered members

- 59 are new members (9 since January)
- 59 persons took advantage of our PayPal online registration to join this year (up by 19 from last year)
- Here are this year's top three sign-ups:
  1. 114 joined the Wanderers (excursions to historical sights/attractions)
  2. 87 joined the Hiking /Cross-Country Skiing group
  3. 57 joined Book Group 3 (Monday evening group)

This year we created Double-sided Rack Cards to distribute to Real Estate firms/local businesses/general public to promote our organization.

With the help of Cathy Nelson, our Secretary, we have been posting our events on the Club's Facebook page – Please check it out!

Lastly, on October 7, 2018, we lost one of our longstanding members, Mary Ellen Gleason, who had co-chaired the Thursday afternoon Book Group for many years. We will miss her dearly.

## **Nominating Committee Report** **Anne Karolyi, 2018-2019 Nominating Chair**

The members of this year's Campus Club Nominating Committee were Anne Karolyi, Marcie Robinson, and Raf Chew.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to submit to the membership the following slate of officers for 2019-2020:

New candidates for election to the board at the May 2, 2019 Luncheon and Annual Meeting are:

Assistant Treasurer - Barbara Nussbaum

Assistant Secretary - Anne Hobbs

Assistant Activities - Sharon Howrey

Assistant Membership/Publicity - Liz Elser

Assistant Programs - Elizabeth McMahon

Assistant Social - Ellen Harrison

Current board members who will reclaim their current role, assume a new role or graduate into their next year of service are:

President - Raf Chew

Vice President - Karen Koyanagi

Treasurer - Kathy Hopkins

Secretary - Barbara Adler

Activities - Jing-Ting Huang

Membership/Publicity - Misao Johnson

Programs - Kumari Pingali

Social - Roxane Kingsley-Engstrom

Immediate Past President - Marcie Robinson

## 2018 – 2019 CAMPUS CLUB AT CORNELL BOARD



MISSING: Delia Kenkel and Karen Koyanagi

### Proposed Revisions to Bylaws of Campus Club at Cornell

Proposed Revisions are to be voted on at Annual Meeting on May 2, 2019. Two-thirds of those attending must approve revisions for acceptance.

#### Summary of Revisions:

- The current bylaws require that the incoming assistant treasurer conducts the annual internal audit of our books. We have updated the bylaws to allow an alternate club member to be appointed to audit the books if the incoming assistant is unavailable to conduct the audit.
- We are not recommending any revisions to our current constitution.

The Board recommends that you vote to approve the Bylaws as hereby amended at the Annual Meeting on May 2nd.

#### Amend Section 6 of the Bylaws to read:

**Section 6. The Incoming Assistant Treasurer will conduct an audit of the finances of the Club for the 12 months prior of May 31st, before assuming duties on the Board. She will present her findings to the Board at the July Board meeting. In the event that the Assistant Treasurer is unavailable to audit the finances during the June-July timeframe, another Campus Club member who does not sit on the current Board may be appointed by the president to conduct the audit. Additionally, the Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer as needed.**