



Campus Club at Cornell

Annual Report 2015-2016

Letter from our President Gail Carruth

Welcome to spring and the Campus Club at Cornell's annual luncheon.

In keeping with the Club's outreach to Ithaca and the surrounding community, we welcome Ithaca's Mayor Savante Myrick as our guest speaker. Mayor Myrick will talk about his experiences as mayor as well as his hopes and plans for Ithaca's future.

The Club's membership numbers have stayed fairly consistent over the past few years. We have a total of 328 members this 2015-2016 activity year with 63 who are new to Campus Club.

The organization wouldn't run as well or be as much fun without its able leadership by the Board members and the Activities Groups leaders. We owe a particular debt of gratitude to Wendy Blanchard, Deborah Dawson, Lisa Sahn, Rhoda Janis, Linda Uhl and Sandi Lowe who will be stepping off the Board and whose individual and collective years of service have brought insight and perspective to our Board discussions and decisions. That continuity will be maintained next year under the direction of long time Board and Campus Club member, Nora Shang, who will serve as President.

The true backbone of the Campus Club is the month to month efforts of the Activities leaders. Our collective thanks go to all of you who organize trips, email notices, decide on books, make sure that venues are available, compile cookbooks, count birds, plan hikes and games, and generally make our lives more interesting and fun.

For me personally the greatest value of membership in Campus Club has been the interesting, smart, funny, warm women I have met and new friendships that have been formed. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President and continue the mission of the Campus Club at Cornell.

Best,
Gail Carruth

Campus Club at Cornell Inc.
Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting
Spring Luncheon - 7 May 2015
Ithaca Country Club
Wendy Blanchard, 2015-2016 Secretary

President Sandi Lowe welcomed everyone and commented on what a fabulous day we have for the Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Campus Club at Cornell. Sandi said what a distinct pleasure it had been to serve as President this past year. She thanked Deborah Dawson and Susan Ainslie for the brilliant job they did in planning today's luncheon. Sandi stated that following lunch we will have a very special program and then our annual business meeting.

After a delicious lunch, Melanie Weymer, Program Chair, took the podium to introduce today's speakers. First Melanie commented on the wonderful opportunity to be on the Board and responsible for Programs this year. Melanie also acknowledged Rhoda Janis, the incoming Program Chair, for securing today's speakers. Melanie then introduced Professors Glenn C. Altschuler and Isaac Kramnick and their topic drawn from their recent book, *Cornell: A History, 1940-2015*. Their presentation on students and faculty through time was both informative and entertaining!

Business Meeting

Sandi took the podium and offered thanks for the wonderful lunch and presentation. Sandi then asked the past Presidents to stand to be recognized. Sandi asked the current Board members to stand and be recognized and thanked them for their support and service to the Club by securing a new meeting location at Homewood Suites and providing excellent Lectures and Social events. Additionally, she thanked the Board for lending assistance to the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Sandi then stated that time had come to pass the gavel to the incoming president, Gail Carruth. Unfortunately, Gail was on her way back from Asia and unable to attend and collect her gavel at this time.

Sandi then asked the membership for a motion to approve the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting as set forth in the Annual Report. The motion was made and seconded and minutes were approved. She then asked for approval of the Treasurer's Report and this report also received motions for approval and was passed by the members. Next she asked if there were any comment or discussion on the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution and Bylaws were approved by the membership as presented in the Annual Report.

The Activity Leaders were asked to come forward and each was presented with a beautiful rose in recognition of her service. Marge Kline, Immediate Past President and Nominating Committee Chair, was introduced. Marge thanked her committee consisting of Jacqi Wakula, Jeanette Knapp and Gail Carruth. Marge introduced the incoming nominees for the 2015-16 Board and asked them to come forward.

The full slate of officers is as follows:

President:	Gail Carruth	Vice President:	Linda Uhl
Treasurer:	Susan Seaver	Assistant Treasurer:	Nancy Richards
Secretary:	Wendy Blanchard	Assistant Secretary:	Deborah Dawson
Activities:	Julie Umbach	Assistant Activities:	Nora Shang
Membership/Publicity:	Lisa Sahn	Assistant Membership/Publicity:	Raf Chew
Programs:	Rhoda Janis	Assistant Programs:	Barbara Nosanchuk
Social:	Susan Ainslie	Assistant Social:	Colleen Schiefen
Immediate Past President:	Sandi Lowe		

Marge then thanked Sandi for her leadership as President and presented her a gift in recognition of all her efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Seaver, 2015-16 Treasurer

4/1/2015 through 3/31/2016

INCOME

Membership Fees	8,150.00
Other Income (insurance refund from FY2014-15)	87.00
Interest Income	7.42
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,244.42

EXPENSES

Administration	512.06
Liability Insurance	545.13
Communication	466.02
Gifts & Donations	308.00
Lecture Series	975.00
Fall Coffee	1,968.08
Spring Luncheon	1,607.14
Winter Tea	1,612.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,994.23

NET INCOME	\$250.19
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Social Report

Deborah Dawson, 2015-16 Social Chair

This year, we returned to Moakley House for our Fall Coffee. We had an excellent turnout, good membership numbers, and enthusiastic sign-ups for our many activities groups. Although the event was successful from the perspectives of membership and participation, many of you expressed concerns about the high noise level and lack of air-conditioning at Moakley. Accordingly, we looked elsewhere for a Winter Tea venue.

We were fortunate to find a new home for the Winter Tea at Coltivare. The venue's on-site parking made it possible for us to plan our first downtown event in quite some time. Although I had to miss it, everyone reported that the space and the food were terrific - especially the little creme brulees! (We're always happy to get good reports and no complaints.) Coltivare gave us an excellent value, so please support them going forward.

As I write, we are anticipating another successful Spring Luncheon event at the Ithaca Country Club. We've arranged for a new trio of delicious salad choices. Thanks to our Programs team, Rhoda Janis and Barbara Nosanchuk, we will have a star speaker, Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick.

Over the summer, Colleen Schiefen will be arranging our Fall Coffee at an all new venue. Stay tuned and be pleasantly surprised!

Program Report

Rhoda Janis, 2015-2016 Program Chair

Campus Club has offered four programs this year: Cornell Campus Architecture Walk (Roberta Moudry), Success and Luck (Robert Frank) and A Life in the Arts (Rachel Lampert) and Putin's New Russia and the Ukrainian Revolution of 2014 (Zenon Wasyliv). All were very well attended. On May 5th at our Spring Luncheon Ithaca's Mayor, Savante Myrick, will be our speaker. Hope to see you there!

Membership/Publicity Report

Lisa Sahn, 2015-16 Membership Chair

The Campus Club had a very successful year for membership, and new memberships are still rolling in. We added 63 new members to date, bringing our total membership this year to 328.

Activities Report

Nora Shang, 2015-16 Activities Chair

The Campus Club activity groups have been busy this year. I want to express a heartfelt “Thank You” to all the current group leaders for a successful and fruitful year!! They dedicate their time in making sure that the groups run smoothly and meet the needs and interests of the members. Activity groups are the heart of the Campus Club and without the leaders the building and sharing of friendship would not happen.

This year we have 20 activity groups and welcomed a new group called Just Coffee, which attracted a large sign-up at the Fall Coffee. The group meets twice monthly at local coffee shops for coffee and conversations; no prepping and hosting required.

A new group can attract more members if information is available in the Campus Club Fall Brochure and the group leader is present at the Fall Coffee group sign-up. It is not difficult to be a leader or co-leader - please let us know your interest and we can give you more details. If you have an idea for a new group, please contact Marcie Robinson, the Activity Chair for 2016-2017, at mrobi1586@gmail.com by early summer with your idea. She can guide you in getting the new group started. Also visit our website at <http://campusclub.cornell.edu/> for more information on all of the groups.

Nominating Committee Report

Sandi Lowe, 2015-16 Nominating Chair

The members of this year's Campus Club nominating committee were Linda Story, Gail Carruth, Jeanette Knapp, and Sandi Lowe. We were able to fill the available board openings with a group of interesting, capable women who will bring fresh talents to our board. The list of new board members includes Anne Karolyi, Carol Klepack, Ann Lemley, Janice McCarrick, Rochelle Woods, Linda Story and Paula Twomey. Nora Shang will assume the duties of President.

I would like to thank the nominating committee for their fine work-plus they are a fun group of ladies.

New candidates for election at the May 5, 2016 Luncheon and Annual Meeting are:

President:	Nora Shang
Vice President:	Anne Karolyi
Secretary:	Jan McCarrick
Assistant Secretary:	Rochelle Woods
Assistant Treasurer:	Carol Klepack
Assistant Activities:	Paula Twomey
Assistant Program:	Ann Lemley
Social:	Susan Seaver
Assistant Social:	Karen Koyanagi
Assistant Membership/Publicity:	Linda Story

Current board members who will graduate into their next year of service are:

Treasurer:	Nancy Richards
Activities:	Marcie Robinson
Programs:	Barbara Nosanchuk
Membership/Publicity:	Raf Chew
Immediate Past President:	Gail Carruth

Proposed Revisions to Constitution & Bylaws of Campus Club at Cornell

Proposed Revisions are to be voted on at Annual Meeting on May 5, 2016. Two-thirds of those attending must approve revisions for acceptance.

Summary of Revisions to Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution:

Your Campus Club has qualified for exemption from sales tax on purchases made directly from our accounts (i.e. printing of brochure, catering at social events). *Pub 843: A Guide to Sales Tax in New Your State for Exempt Organizations* requires that certain provisions be included in our organizing documents to be in compliance. We previously added to our Constitution, under Article X - Exempt Purposes, a provision for the “Disposal of Property” if our Club should be disbanded. We have now added the “Non-Inurement” and “Restrictive Legislation” provisions that state that no net earnings of the Club may benefit any member or officer of the Club and that the Club will not devote funds/ activities to influencing legislation or political campaigns.

Bylaws:

We have removed from the responsibilities of the Assistant Activities Chair and Assistant Treasurer the requirement to conduct a reconciliation of participants in Club activities to our paid member list. We found recently that only a small variance exists between the two and that this time consuming activity both for Board and Activity Leaders is no longer warranted. If at a future time the variance is found to widen, this reconciliation may be reinstated but will be handled through job description and will not require an update to Bylaws.

It is now the responsibility of the Assistant Treasurer to conduct an audit of our financials. We have updated the date by which the report is due.

The Board recommends that you vote to approve the Constitution and Bylaws as hereby amended at the Annual Meeting on May 5th.