



## **Campus Club at Cornell**

# **Annual Report 2016-2017**

### **Letter from our President Nora Shang**

Welcome to spring as the Campus Club at Cornell wraps up another fruitful year!

This has been a fulfilling year for the Campus Club as we worked towards promoting the social and cultural interests of women and fostering friendship. Thanks to the hard work and meticulous planning of the Social Chairs, the Fall Coffee and Winter Tea were resounding successes. The Programs Chairs organized informative lectures and programs that garnered much interest and participation. We were heartened to see an increased attendance.

The Club's membership is robust and continues to grow in the latter half of the activity year. We are 363 members strong due to the diligence from the Membership and Publicity Chairs. New this year is the online registration that was convenient for membership enrollment throughout the year.

The organization wouldn't run as well without its able leadership by the Board members. We owe a debt of gratitude to Nancy Richards, Jan McCarrick, Raf Chew, Barbara Nosanchuk, Susan Seaver and Gail Carruth 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 Anne Karolyi as President along with seasoned and new board members.

The true backbone of the Campus Club is the month to month efforts of the Activities group leaders. Our heartfelt thanks go to all of you who coordinate activities and speakers, organize trips, decide on books, reserve and setup venues, compile cookbooks, count birds, plan hikes, foster friendships and generally make our lives more enriched and fun.

For me the greatest value of membership in Campus Club has been the smart, confident, warm women I have met and the lasting friendships that have been formed. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President and continue the mission of the Campus Club at Cornell. I encourage you to stay connected and engaged in the upcoming year!

Best Wishes,  
Nora Shang

**Campus Club at Cornell Inc.**  
**Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting**  
**Spring Luncheon – 5 May 2016**  
**Ithaca Country Club**  
**Wendy Blanchard, 2015-2016 Secretary**

President Gail Carruth welcomed everyone to the Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Campus Club at Cornell now in its 116<sup>th</sup> year. She thanked Deborah Dawson for organizing this event and recognized Flower Fashions for the flowers and donation of plant material. Gail thanked Rhoda Janis and Barbara Nosanchuk for bringing us a great year of programs and today's speaker, Svante Myrick. Gail then outlined the order of events: lunch first followed by a talk by our mayor and ending with a brief business meeting, including the nomination of the new Board for 2016–2017.

After a delicious lunch, Rhoda Janis, the Program chair, introduced the Mayor of Ithaca, Svante Myrick. The mayor spoke of how he started out in politics while at Cornell, serving on Common Council at 20 and becoming Ithaca's youngest mayor at 24. He outlined his actions to streamline city government and improve the city's infrastructure and tax base. He spoke of the importance of imagination in governing and the power of working together, "conspiring" for our common good.

**Business Meeting**

Gail called the business meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. She stated that our past presidents were a vital part of our history and asked all past presidents present to stand and be recognized for their service. Gail thanked the current board for a productive and fun year and asked them to stand. She thanked Deborah Dawson and Susan Seaver for being instrumental in hosting the Winter Tea at Coltivare – a rousing success! She stated that one example of the fine efforts of our Program chairs, Rhoda Janis and Barbara Nosanchuk, was our program today - and that we certainly get a lot for \$25 in dues!

Gail reported that our membership has been stable over the last two years and currently stands at 328 members with 63 new members joining this year. An evaluation of how new members have heard about the Club is primarily from friends. Gail encouraged all to talk to friends and bring in new members to share in our events and activities.

A project this year was to revitalize our archives. If any members find materials they would like to see added to archives, please direct them to the new Vice President.

The Club has a history of outreach to the community and with a surplus resulting from membership of 328 vs. the 300 we budgeted for, the Board voted to pass along a portion of that surplus to the following organizations: Cayuga Heights Fire Station (site used for Board meetings), Tompkins County Public Library (3-year subscriptions to two periodicals – one adult and one child), Ithaca Public Education Initiative, Ithaca Children's Garden, Family Reading Partnership and Women's Opportunity Center.

Gail stated that it is our Activity Group Leaders who really make things happen and thanked them and Nora Shang, the Board Activity Chair, for a great year. She asked the Activity Leaders to each take one of the centerpieces home as a token of thanks.

Gail asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed. A motion was made to approve the 2015 Treasurer's Report. It was seconded and passed.

Gail addressed the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and asked for any questions or comments. There were none. A motion was made to approve and was seconded.

Gail introduced Sandi Lowe, Nominating Committee Chair, who announced the nominees for the 2016 -2017 Board along with the returning chairs and asked them to stand.

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

Motion to approve this slate of officers was made and seconded and approved by the membership.

Gail introduced the incoming president Nora Shang and passed her the gavel. Nora commented on how Campus Club connects women together and encouraged all to get friends involved. She stated she is looking forward to the year ahead and thanked the members for their support.

Nora adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Nancy Richards, 2016-2017 Treasurer**

4/1/2016 through 3/31/2017

INCOME

Membership Fees	\$9,025.00
Interest Income	<u>7.34</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,032.34

EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 569.64
Liability Insurance	696.14
Communication	481.86
Donations	1,170.70
Lecture Series	1,025.00
Fall Coffee	1,935.83
Spring Luncheon	692.00
Winter Tea	<u>1,977.21</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,548.38

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NET INCOME	\$ 483.96
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ASSET STATEMENT

Balance Forward – April 1, 2016		
Checking Account	\$ 997.36	
Savings Account	<u>10,389.57</u>	
Total Beginning Assets		\$11,386.93
Assets – March 31, 2017		
Checking Account	5,951.15	
Savings Account	<u>5,893.10</u>	
Total Ending Assets		<u>\$11,843.25</u>
Net change in Asset Accounts		\$ 456.32

## **Social Report**

### **Susan Seaver, 2016-2017 Social Chair**

Our Fall Coffee was held at a new venue this year, the Ramada Inn of Ithaca on North Triphammer Road. The event was enthusiastically attended. Our membership sign-up surpassed last year with returning as well as new members. The Club added several "NEW" Activity Groups to our roster with a great response. Marcie Robinson, Activities Chair, and her team organized this carefully, placing tables and new signage for ease of flow and identifying location to the various Activity Table sign-ups. With the largest number of members arriving during the first hour, crowding became an issue at the registration desk as well as the Activity Group Tables. We learned not to put two of the most popular Activities at the same table!

Our venue change for the Fall Coffee was in response to member's comments primarily regarding acoustic problems at our previous location. Colleen Schiefen, our Assistant Social Chair 2015-2016, conducted an extensive review of venues in the Ithaca area in 2015/2016 and Ramada was chosen over the summer by the current Social Committee and Board.

We returned to Coltivare for our Winter Tea in December, after resounding acceptance and compliments by the membership in 2015. This year's event was enhanced by additional large tables and an extended dessert bar. We were once again graced with a large assortment of goodies to sustain us through the afternoon. Our members came early and stayed late, in fact we thought we might have to turn off the lights after our designated closing hour. This spoke volumes to the Board for a successful Winter Tea.

I am in the final stages of arranging our Spring Luncheon at the Ithaca Country Club as I write this summary. I am hopeful for a large turnout this year since our membership numbers have risen. Once again, we will be dining in the lovely Country Club Banquet Room with its large windows welcoming in Spring. Our Programs Committee, Barbara Nosanchuk and Ann Lemley, have planned for Professor Valerie Reyna, of Cornell to speak. Member's luncheon costs have been held at last year's price point and the Board approved covering additional expenses.

## **Program Report**

### **Barbara Nosanchuk, 2016- 2017 Program Chair**

Campus Club offered four programs this year. Architectural historian Roberta Moudry's walk in September entitled "When Glass Meets Grass: Transparency and Relationship on Central Campus" was followed in the beginning of November by Christopher Dunn, Director of the Cornell Botanic Gardens, at the Nevins Center at Cornell's Botanic Gardens. He spoke about "Can Gardens Save The World? Preserving Our Natural and Cultural Heritage."

The next two lectures were held at Kendal which provided a venue for both the Campus Club and Kendal residents. On Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Assistant Professor Alan Levine talked about "How Populist Rhetoric Works". On April 4<sup>th</sup>, Professor Daniel Barbash spoke about "The Dawn of the Gene Editing Age."

Our Spring luncheon features Professor Valerie Reyna who will talk about "A New Approach to Improving Health and Medical Decision Making."

Hope you will be there to enjoy this!

### **Membership/Publicity** **Raf Chew, 2016-217 Membership/Publicity Chair**

- **363 members**
  - 44 NEW members
  - 11 members with NO Email
  - 33 members paid membership dues via PayPal (new payment option as of Sept 2016)
  - Most popular member names
    - 16 Barbara's
    - 16 Mary's
    - 12 Susan's
    - 9 Linda's

### **Activities Report** **Marcie Robinson, 2016-2017 Activities Chair**

A HUGE thank you to all 40(+) women who led activities groups this year. Activities are the core of Campus Club. This year 24 activities groups and 2 international friendship groups met on a regular basis. The five new groups this year included: What Do You Know?, Mahjong, Dabblers, Bicycling (Dawdlers), and Downhill Skiing.

We appreciate all the work the leaders do to bring friendship, fun, and intellectual stimulation to our members' weekly routines. A very special thanks to the leaders who are handing over the reins to the next generation:

- Patty Apgar, Intermediate Bridge
- Laurie Rubin, Bird Study
- Deborah Dawson, Gourmet Dining
- Paula Twomey, Imagining Retirement
- Kelly Behan, Quilting

Several of these women have given many years and hours to the success of their groups.

New activities group are always welcome. If you have an idea and want to get one started the Campus Club Activities chairs are happy to add the activity to the schedule, give you a

booth at the Fall Coffee, solicit interest and publicize the activity through the Fall Brochure and the Campus Club list serve.

## **Nominating Committee Report** **Gail Carruth, 2016-2017 Nominating Chair**

The members of this year's Campus Club nominating committee were Gail Carruth, Raf Chew, Anne Karolyi and Nora Shang.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to submit to the membership the following slate of officers for 2017- 2018:

New candidates for election to the board at the May 4, 2017 Luncheon and Annual Meeting are:

Vice President- Marcie Robinson  
Assistant Treasurer- Ann Manzano  
Assistant Secretary- Cathy Nelson  
Activities – Holly Kazarinoff  
Assistant Membership/Publicity- Misao Johnson  
Assistant Programs- Delia Kenkel  
Assistant Social- Janelle Tauer

Current board members who will assume new roles or graduate into their next year of service are:

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Secretary- Rochelle Woods  
Assistant Activities- Paula Twomey  
Membership/Publicity- Linda Story  
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