A new year begins, one that has brought us new friendships and cemented the old. In this ever changing world we live in, one truth remains constant: our membership in the Campus Club continues to offer us friendship, group activities, social events and stimulating lectures.

Our membership continues to remain solid with retention of members as well as the addition of newer, younger members. Members are always up to the challenge to form new groups and wholeheartedly support the existing ones. We now have twenty-two activity groups with competent group leaders, various meeting schedules and a variety of interests. The success of our Fall Coffee reflects our members’ eagerness to see what new offerings are available and to sign up for their old favorites.

The success of Campus Club is due in a large part to our dedicated Board. Board members serve a two-year commitment: one year as an assistant to the chair and the second year as chair with an assistant. We presently have seventeen Board positions and each year we look for the nomination of new officers to be presented to our members at the Spring Luncheon for approval. If interested and available to serve on our Board or to get more information on responsibilities, please contact Chair Nancy Ridenour.

Thanks to the Board members for all they do for this club. The success of over 100 years is due to dedicated members and a dedicated Board.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our Spring Luncheon.

Warm regards,
~ Marge Kline, President
On a beautiful September day, Roberta Moudry, a Cornell architectural historian, led us on a fascinating architecture walk through decades of dormitory construction on Cornell’s North Campus.

Our November program featured Nancy Green, the Gale and Ira Drukier Curator of European and American Art, Print & Drawings 1800-1945, who discussed the beginning of photography with all the controversy and creativity and their amazing results.

There are three more programs and welcome all who wish to attend.

**Directing Opera in the 21st Century**
Tuesday: January 28, 2014 at 10:00 am  
*Speaker:* Rebecca Harris-Warrick  
*Venue:* Kendal Auditorium

**Recent Financial Crises**
Thursday: March 6, 2014 at 10:00 am  
*Speaker:* Vicki L. Bogan  
*Venue:* Kendal Auditorium

**The United States and Latin America Today**
Thursday: April 10, 2014 at 10:00 am  
*Speaker:* Gustavo Flores-Macias  
*Venue:* Kendal Auditorium
The Campus Club at Cornell provides social and informational events for its members, as well as opportunities to connect with other women with shared interests in the Club’s many activity groups.

Our annual **Fall Coffee** begins the membership year. Held this past September at the Trip Hotel (formerly the Clarion), the event was enjoyed by more than 200 women, who greeted friends over coffee, tea, and refreshments, signed up for club activities, and renewed their membership or became new members.

The Club’s second signature event is the **Winter Tea**. Cornell’s Moakley House was beautifully decorated for the holidays and provided a festive venue for our gathering in early December. The glow from the room’s fireplace and candles, holiday music, and delicious savories and sweets provided the perfect atmosphere for greeting new and old friends.

Our third annual social event, the **Spring Luncheon**, will take place at the Ithaca Country Club on May 1, 2014. Our speaker will be Therese O’Connor, Director of Training for Cornell Dining, CAU Lecturer and Chef, who will guide us through Italian regional cuisine where simple items create poetry on a plate. Save the date for this popular gathering that always promises delicious food and a stimulating presentation.
Activity Groups

Campus Club at Cornell Activity Groups are thriving!

In addition to offering opportunities to meet new friends, and learn and share interests, the activity groups reflect the changing times and interests of club members.

A History of The Campus Club of Cornell University by Ann Roscoe and Carol Sisler reports that in 1931 there were 313 members in the Club. During that year, they decided to form interest groups "in addition to the regular schedule of teas." Roscoe adds that "interest groups were started that fall. Reading plays, producing plays, French, German, Italian, and Spanish conversation, sketching, reading poetry and choral singing were the original groups."

Today we still have groups with an interest in the performing arts, reading and French conversation. Our current groups, especially the New Media group, use technology that was not yet developed in 1931.

Keeping on the move continues to be a top priority for many members in 2013-14. The two largest groups are the Wanderers and Hiking and Skiing, with over 90 members in each. Other groups are popular too. There are so many book lovers that the club has three book groups.

The large international population in our area draws more than enough members for two International Women’s Friendship Groups. The Bridge group has filled all the spaces available at the Cayuga Heights Fire Department, where they meet each week. Our newest group, Interior Design, has been a welcome addition with educational outings to shops and visits to lovely homes.

For a description of all of the interest groups check out the Campus Club at Cornell web site (www.campusclub.cornell.edu). New groups are welcome.

If you have an interest and would like to organize or help to start a new group, please contact Nancy Richards or Mary Sue Schwarz. We are listed on the web site under Activity Director.
Activity Group Reports

Bird Study Group

Our group of recreational birders meets early on Tuesday mornings in spring and fall to observe, study and identify birds. Some members also continue birding into the summer. Our leader records the birds identified and submits our list to eBird, an online checklist program.

We carpool to various birding 'hotspots' including Montezuma National Wildlife Preserve, Sapsucker Woods, Dryden Lake, Park Preserve, Myers Point and Stewart Park. In late winter we gather for an indoor educational program, followed by a spring lunch and a fall coffee. New members are always welcome.

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Book Group - Monday Afternoon

The Monday afternoon book group continues to read widely--fiction and nonfiction ranging from light summer reading to more demanding works like *Spillover* (sophomoric diseases) or *The Swerve* (history, philosophy) to complex fiction representing many different kinds of lives. Our own varied backgrounds and experiences make for lively and interesting discussions. We welcome newcomers.

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Book Group - Monday Evening

Our Monday Evening Book Group is a delightful group with women of all ages joining in some great discussions about the books we read every month. We’ve already read several terrific books, including the community fall book, *When the Emperor Was Divine*. We all look forward to January when we have a dish-to-pass themed to a book we read from a foreign land. This January it is *The Hare With Amber Eyes*, and we’ll enjoy food from Germany and Eastern Europe! Lots more good reading is in store for the winter and spring of 2014!

Laura Andolina (andolina@aol.com)
**Book Group – Thursday Afternoon**

As has been the practice in recent years, the Campus Club’s Thursday afternoon’s book group chooses a selection of best sellers, classics, fiction and non-fiction, and something that is just off the beaten path to read and review. Our list ranges from Francine Matthews’ *Jack 1939* to *Quiet* by Susan Cain to M.L. Steman’s *Light Between Oceans*. We’re also reading Ithaca College’s 2013-14 first year reading initiative selection: *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. Thanks to some gracious hostesses, knowledgeable discussion leaders and excellent bakers, our group always enjoys lively and thought-provoking discussions.

*Melanie Weymer* (mweymer@twcny.rr.com)

**Bridge for Beginners & Intermediate Players**

We had a record number of individuals sign up to learn/play bridge on Wednesday mornings this year. Our bridge players include those who have never played bridge before, those who have not played for several decades, and those who are seasoned players who want to learn some of the more modern bridge conventions.

We are fortunate to have Birgit Andersen and Gail Leibovich providing instruction and guidance to the “beginners” and the “intermediates,” respectively. This year’s intermediates include last year’s beginners and several former bridge players who were anxious to return to the “ultimate” card game.

The bridge group continues to revise its Quick Reference Sheet to incorporate their “partnership agreements” for use when bidding and playing. We get many returning participants each week who just enjoy a good game of “social” bridge where they can communicate with their partners.

If you are interested in learning or returning to bridge, be sure to come to the Fall Coffee in September to sign up for the new year.

*Alberta Jackson* (akj3@cornell.edu)

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Canasta

Canasta has seen a good year - with a constant turnover of people who can come - and a continuing contest for a silver platter for whoever ends up with the highest average points.

Our games are a constantly changing group of those who signed up but we are good friends and run a fun competition. We are beginning to attract some players from Kendal - why not. We are right on the main floor. Generally it is a relaxing Friday morning - anyone is welcome if you would like to join us – signed up or not!

In January we will move a little closer to the dining room so it will be round tables for 4 - no more furniture moving - and easier to get coffee. There are plenty of tables and good company - so do join us. We can always see the beautiful gardens while we are playing. So don’t miss this fun, relaxed, skilled group.

Madeleine Hemmings
(madeleine.hemmings@gmail.com)

Games

The Games Group meets to play a variety of board, card, strategy and word games.

Here’s a list of some of the games we have tried since September - Banagrams, Catch Phrase, Euchre, Ingenious, Mahjong, Mexican Train, Literature, Oh Hell, 99 and Stackominoes.

Games meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 10 AM at member’s homes. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Raf Chew.

Raf Chew (rafchew@yahoo.com)
**Gardening**

The Campus Club’s Garden group has been meeting for thirteen years. Currently there are 60 of us who share our love of plants.

One beautiful autumn day in October we had a professional photographer teach us about shooting outdoor landscape and plants. We practiced in the horticulture gardens.

In November a landscape architect spoke with us and presented his slideshow of local interests. Our group looks forward to touring some amazing gardens in the spring and summer months.

It was wonderful to be in such great company of both friends and orchids on a cold but sunny January morning at the home of Lesly Lempert.

We gathered to learn about orchids from a master and got to see many other fine specimens including lovely lemons (seen in picture) and amazing bananas.

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**Gourmet**

The Gourmet Group is made up of people who love to cook and eat. We meet once a month for a meal in a member’s home. Each person is assigned a dish by the hostess and the costs are shared. There are always good leftovers as well. Please contact Nancy (257-2654) or Nan Leeming (277-0184) if you wish to join the group.

*Nancy Ridenour*  (nridenour@twcny.rr.com)
*Nan Leeming*  (nanll@mac.com)
Our group meets every Monday morning year round to hike or ski, depending on the weather. The average outing lasts between two and three hours, although some hikers prefer to hike for a shorter period of time. We either walk from the meeting spot or we car pool to the day's chosen hiking location.

Places we've hiked this fall have included Buttermilk Falls and Taughannock State Parks, parts of the Finger Lakes Trail in Shindagin Hollow and Kennedy State Forests, part of the Abbott Loop in Danby State Forest, Lime Hollow Nature Center, the Waterfront Trail, part of the Black Diamond Trail and Thayer and Sweedler Preserves at lower Lick Brook.

We are about 100 women in our group but not everybody hikes each week. On average we see about 17 hikers each week with some regulars and some women showing up only once or twice a year and everything in between.

During hunting season (starting on November 16) we stay out of the woods and hike locally in the plantations, through Campus or downtown until there is enough snow for skiing.

Because hiking is so good for your brain and it makes us all smarter than we would normally be we sometimes find unplanned treasures along the way and many of us come up with good ideas. This happened on November 18 when our group went into Kroch Library to have a look at the new exhibition Remembering Lincoln at Gettysburg which commemorates the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (see picture). Cornell University has one of five known manuscript copies of Lincoln’s handwritten speech.

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**Interior Design**

Our first meeting, we had a good time discussing home decorator textiles. Future color trends and fabric structures were discussed. Each person had a pile of fabrics to pick from and decide which ones had a pleasing effect when grouped together. Marge Kline, Susan Martin and Irene Kim all passed with flying colors.

Before the second group meeting, a few of us met for lunch at Simeon’s On the Commons. The meeting followed at Contemporary Trends furniture store in Ithaca. We covered furniture construction of upholstered and wood furniture. Then the group meandered around the store to inspect the showroom pieces. Our favorite was a sleep sofa by American Leather which we opened for inspection. It was sooooo...comfy.

No meeting took place in December due to a full schedule of activities for the holiday season. We need a “volunteer home” for our February meeting, if anyone is interested. We would start with a critique and discuss suggestions or ideas for improving the space. You don't have to be in the interior design group to step forward to volunteer your home, but you do have to just be a "good sport." Are there any takers?

Mary Sue Schwarz (fpschwarz@gmail.com)
International Women’s Friendship Group (1st Wednesday)

The International Friendship Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month (October thru June) at 7:30 PM at member homes.

In January we gather for Our Annual Potluck Dinner with Spouses. Other future topics will include – favorite hikes in and around Ithaca and beyond, craft night (project still to be determined), pet peeves, Latin dancing, child rearing in other countries and show & tell of member baby pictures. We end the year with a Family Potluck Picnic in June.

If you would like to be added to the list please contact Raf Chew (rafchew@yahoo.com).

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International Women’s Friendship Group (3rd Wednesday)

As of 2013 our International Women’s Friendship Group is now an activity group in the Cornell Campus Club.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM (except in December when we meet on the 2nd Wednesday), usually in a member’s home which the group enjoys. We have a core group of 12-15 members from different countries.

There is always plenty of lively conversation and on most occasions we have a program given by either one of our members or someone from the community, for example, “Traveling lightly”, “Food and Eating”. The biggest event is the Sing-Along in December with a dish-to-pass. A group discussion is always included in our program.

And…. last but not least, we have lots of fun and enjoy each other’s company. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US. Elke Schofield (607) 272-9476.
New Media

The New Media group has somewhat over 50 members interested in sharing and learning about every day, usable technology. The group has met four times this fall/winter season. We are scheduled to meet the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM.

Our first session was an introductory and planning meeting during which we decided on topics for the next several months. Accordingly, we’ve explored the use of apps on smartphones; making photo books, calendars, cards, newsletters and other personalized materials on computer websites such as Shutterfly, Snapfish, Vistaprint, etc.; a workshop led by Jennifer Schlossberg of TCPL about the library’s OverDrive system and downloading e-books and audio books to an electronic device such as an iPad or other tablet, Kindle, Nook, smartphone, etc.

Our meeting on January 21 will discuss “cord cutting”, i.e., how to get rid of your cable and start watching your favorite shows for less money. If you’re interested in joining the New Media group, contact rafchew@yahoo.com or gailcarruth@gmail.com.

Quilting

The Quilt Group is comprised of experienced and novice quilters, who meet monthly in members’ homes to exchange information, discuss techniques, show their projects, and enjoy special presentations and workshops given by members and guest speakers. Annually, members of the group complete quilts for donation to a worthy cause.

The September meeting was an informal get together to discuss the programs for the current year and to show projects that the members completed during the summer break. In October, the group participated in a workshop to make Leaf Bowls, using fabric inspired by nature’s autumn colors. At the November meeting, members shared their ideas and decorations for the upcoming holidays. The program for December was to inform members about creating tessellations for quilting.
The remainder of the programs for the year includes a visit to Quilters Corner in Ithaca for a quilting demonstration, a workshop on felted wool, a presentation on kaleidoscope blocks, a guest speaker, a spring luncheon, and a presentation on crazy patch flowers. The Quilt Group members are interesting, enthusiastic, enjoy sharing ideas and learning from each other. New members are welcome.

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Theater & Film Discussion

Our group has had a busy fall, as we went to see and discussed many films and local stage productions. We were delighted to see that many of the movies we discussed are thought to be Oscar contenders, including "Blue Jasmine," "The Butler," and "Enough Said." And everyone who saw the Ithaca College production of "Into the Woods" was charmed. We were also very impressed by the musical talent of the students.

We had a group field trip to Cinemapolis to see the National Theater Live production of "Frankenstein." This series features filmed showings of live plays performed at the National Theater in London. It was a big hit with our members. The play we saw starred Johnny Lee Miller as the "monster" - whom you may know as Sherlock Holmes on the TV series "Elementary."

Coming up after the first of the year are another NTL play, and our annual celebration of the Academy Awards. (Some members have been known to wear their "red carpet" dresses to this event!) So if you love theater and the movies, and love to discuss them, come join us!

Lila Olson (lilafolson@aol.com)

Ukulele

The Ukulele Group continues to welcome new members and all the talents they bring to the group.

We all continue to learn from each other and enjoy our time together.

This picture was taken at the Fall Coffee where enthusiastic members provided great entertainment with a sample of their music.

Ruth Hopkins (rah27@cornell.edu)
The first wanderers trip took place in September, and consisted of visits to four local food producers. Our first stop was to Wide Awake Bakery, where Stefan, the baker told us about the fascinating process and Spanish style oven used to make his delicious artisan breads. We then went to High Point Farms where we were shown pasture raised cattle, chickens and turkeys for the local New York City markets. We then stopped for a delicious lunch at the Little Venice Restaurant in Trumansburg. On our way home we stopped for a tour at the Lively Run Goat Farm followed by a visit to Life’s So Sweet Chocolates. We were given a factory tour, and some very yummy samples of chocolates!

The second Wanderers trip was a visit to the Historic Districts of Aurora and Wells College on Thursday, October 31, 2013. Dr. Linda Schwab, the Village historian, led us on a walking tour of Aurora, NY in the morning. The history of Aurora encompasses several Native cultures, settlers from Pennsylvania and New England, Irish laborers brought by the Erie Canal, free people of color and freedom seekers, noted horticulturalists, philanthropists and politicians, professors and students of Wells College, and at least a few outstanding eccentrics.

This lively history remains visible in the homes and public buildings, both humble and magnificent, as seen on this tour. We saw notable buildings such as the Patrick Tavern, Leffingwell House and The Shakelton Funeral Home. Additionally we toured the interior of United Ministry, Aurora Inn, Aurora Free Library/Morgan Opera House and E.B. Morgan House. We had delicious lunch at Pumpkin Hill Bistro followed by a walking tour of Wells College in the afternoon. Thirty-one participants attended this interesting trip.

More interesting trips are planned for 2014. Contact us if you are interested in joining.

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Writing

The writing group is in probably its twenty-seventh year of meeting once a month and offering a setting where members can read their own work to one another. We hear work of memoir, fiction, essay, poetry and the like and offer feedback, reactions, suggestions and general discussion. Discussion ranges in mood from hilarious to serious.

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We always feel better at the end of a session and can remind ourselves how worthwhile it is to push ourselves a tiny bit to get to class by 8 am every Wednesday.

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------  Save the Date  -----
May 1, 2014
Spring Luncheon

Therese O’Connor, Director of Training for Cornell Dining, CAU Lecturer and Chef, will guide us through Italy where food is the centerpiece of everyday life.

Italian Regional Cuisine:  Love at First Bite

Come enjoy the program and a spring-time lunch with friends both old and new at the Country Club of Ithaca

See you there!
2013-2014
Campus Club at Cornell Board of Directors

Seated (Left to Right): Sandi Lowe/Vice President, Marge Kline/President, Wendy Blanchard/Assistant Treasurer, Barbara Nosanchuk/Program Chair, Nancy Ridenour/Immediate Past President and Norma Goldberg/Secretary.

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Not Pictured: Connie Patterson/Treasurer, Meredith Kusch/Membership Chair & Marsha Cox/Publicity Chair