Happy New Year, everyone! I hope all of you can look back on a healthy and fulfilling 2014 and look forward to happy new adventures in 2015.

For the Campus Club Board, 2014 brought some challenging changes. Due to remodeling and construction projects, we lost our usual venues for our Fall Coffee and our programs. Nevertheless, we hosted a successful Fall Coffee at Moakley House, and have found a pleasant new program venue at the Homewood Suites. We even managed to build a program around local construction, as we sponsored a well-attended and very enlightening tour of Cornell’s new Gates Hall!

We lost our Club Secretary and Assistant Secretary, but Board minutes were written and our Newsletter is here. We expanded our membership base to the community outside of Cornell, and enjoyed an influx of new members who brought new interests and expertise to our Club. As a result, we now have 24 Activities Groups, including new groups like Geo-Caching and “Imagining Retirement.” We completed the process, begun by previous Boards, of obtaining reinstatement of the Club’s tax exempt status, which has already saved us hundreds of dollars in sales tax this year. We are “living within our means,” and our financial house is in good order. I thank our Board members for all of these successes.

Even while we evolve and adapt to a new environment, we do not forget our traditions and our ties with Cornell. The University is celebrating its sesquicentennial this year. Our Spring Luncheon will feature Glenn C. Altschuler and Isaac Kramnick, co-authors of Cornell: A History, 1940-2015, presenting a program entitled "The way we were and are: Reflections on students and Faculty at Cornell." Please plan to join us for their timely program, a delicious luncheon, and our annual membership meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you there on May 7th.

Warm regards,
Sandra Lowe
President
REPORTS FROM SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES GROUPS

Art & Architecture  *(New Activity in 2014!)*
The new Art and Architecture group had its first group outing on Wednesday October 8 to Cazenovia, NY, where we enjoyed a guided tour of the Lorenzo Mansion and a walking tour of historic properties in downtown Cazenovia. I think the highlight of the trip was a special insiders tour of the Stone Quarry Art Park and the home of founder Dorothy Riester, sculptor and feminist. We look forward to future tours in the area as the weather gets better in the spring.  *If you would like to join us, please contact Randi Kepecs (randi.kepecs@gmail.com) or Lisa Sahn (lisa.sahn@gmail.com).*

Bird Study
The Campus Club Bird Study Group made weekly field trips to local birding hot spots during the fall bird migration in September, October, and early November. High point of the season was seeing 42 bird species during a morning at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. *If you’d like to participate in our group, please contact Mary Berkelman (mberkelman@netscape.net).*
Bridge for Beginners and Intermediate Players
The Wednesday morning bridge group continues to be a popular activity. We are usually filled to capacity each week, although we do lose some in the winter months who prefer warmer places than Ithaca! Our Beginners/Refreshers group includes those who have never played bridge before, and those who have not played for several years and wish to brush up and learn some of the newer bridge conventions. Birgit Andersen has graciously continued to work with this group for several years now.

Our Intermediate group includes many of last year’s Beginners/Refreshers players along with several continuing intermediate players who rejoin year after year. Gail Leibovich continues to provide this group with guidance throughout the play, and instruction in the form of mini-reviews at the beginning of the game. Occasionally she actually gets to sit down and play with us!

If you enjoy a fun game of “social” bridge, this is an excellent activity in which to participate.

For more information, please contact Patty Apgar (kp.duty@frontier.com) or Nora Shang (nshang3@gmail.com).
**Monday Afternoon Book Group**

The Monday Afternoon book group continues to read a wide variety of books, fiction as well as nonfiction. This year we also tried a collection of short stories, and now we are about to try a really long novel (The Goldfinch). As always, members say the group has introduced them to new books and authors they would have not found on their own. Our meetings are lively and stimulating--a reflection of the diverse backgrounds and interests in the group. It is a privilege to be in a group that is both serious and enjoyable.

Many of us have been in the group for a number of years, but we always welcome new members and look forward to what they will add to the group. *If you would like to join us, please contact Marcia Jacobson (marcia.jacobson@gmail.com) or Barbara DiSalvo (bdisalvo@twcny.rr.com).*

**Monday Evening Book Group**

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, *Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio*, We all look forward to January when we have a dish-to-pass dinner themed to a book we read from a foreign land, this January it is *The Telling Room* and we'll enjoy food from Spain! Lots more good reading is in store for the winter and spring of 2015! *For additional information please contact, Laura Andolina (andolina@aol.com).*

**Thursday Afternoon Book Group**

Members of the Thursday Afternoon Book Group are always up for an adventure because they are willing to read all sorts of writing styles in fiction and non-fiction. Some of this year’s selections have been great; some have been OK. However, all of them had powerful messages, which has resulted in some lively discussions. Most of us devoted the summer to reading *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt as our September selection, (all 700 plus pages!!!), followed by the Cornell Summer 2014 Reading Initiative, *Clash of Civilizations* by Amara Lakhous. In November we reviewed *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan, which generated a wonderful sharing of personal experiences. Many members felt our November meeting was one of the best ones we've ever had. We've just finished *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh and are getting ready to read *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown.

The Thursday group is blessed with excellent reviewers, gracious hosts, terrific bakers, and members who enjoy reading. New members and/or guests are always welcome...come check us out any time. *For details, please contact Melanie Weymer (mweymer@twcny.rr.com).*
Canasta

The Canasta Group has had a very good year. We have lots of enthusiastic participants - all on rotating schedules so we average two tables each week. People travel, have other pressing activities but play enthusiastically when they can. We are meeting in the Cafe at Kendal from 9:30 to noon on Fridays. We are close to coffee or tea and Kendal's special rolls - but most of the time we are too engrossed in the games to go to get refreshments. Barbara Cowdrey brought beautiful Christmas treats to last week's event. We all felt so special and so glad Barbara comes when she is not traveling herself.

Do come and join us. We have taught and refreshed many people. The group is informal and fun. Just come on ahead on Friday morning, or contact Madeleine Hemmings (madeleine.hemmings@gmail.com).

Imagining Retirement  (New Activity in 2014!)

The women who are Imagining Retirement are gathering ideas, information and connections to enhance their transition into fulfilling retirement. Some are proactively checking options for their anticipated retirement, some are retired, and all 25-30 who gather monthly are exchanging energy and perspectives. Multiple community leaders are highlighting the networks of resources and possibilities specifically geared to retirees.

For more information contact activity leaders: Robin Dubovi (robinad@twcny.rr.com), Linda Story (linda@cleartheway.com), Paula Twomey (paulat@twcny.rr.com).
International Women’s Friendship Group

Women from all over the world gather together on the 1st Wednesday of each month (October thru June), 7:30 PM at member homes. We learn about each other while discussing a particular topic or engaging in an activity.

The topics and activities for this year -

• technology both old and new that we love
• special ingredients that make the cuisine of our home country unique
• Annual Potluck Dinner with spouses
• what my mother did (or did not do) that I do (or not do) now
• salsa dancing
• what April Fools prank have you done or wish you could do
• cooking demo
• End of Year Salad Lunch

The Friendship Group’s December meeting at Sarah’s included a discussion of the ingredients that make our home country’s cuisine unique – and a cookie exchange that was a HUGE hit!

First Row: Martha, Johary, Ines, Barbara, Hetty
Second Row: Ornita, Kumari, Sarah, Betty, Iwona, Florianna, Mia, Kaisa

If you would like to join the group please send an email to Raf (rafchew@yahoo.com).
Games

In a relaxing, friendly, and welcoming atmosphere, we learn about each other, sample homemade treats, and laugh a lot. Then we get around to playing games.

In the past few months we have played:

- card games like Euchre, Golf, Oh Hell, Spades
- Catch Phrase (a favorite)
- Food Lover’s Trivia
- Pandemic (an excellent cooperative game)
- Qwirkle
- Rememory (great game to learn about each other)
- Imposter
- Salad Bowl (a fun party game good for large groups)

Standing: Kumari, Mary Lee, Raf, Pat, Delia
Seated: Sarah, Colleen, Masha

From Pat:
What to do on a Tuesday morning
Ponder not for very long
All kinds of games or bring your own gem
Whatever it is you can’t go wrong

Games meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 10 AM.

If you would like to join the group please send an email to Raf (rafchew@yahoo.com).
Gourmet
The Campus Club Gourmet Group is chaired by Nancy Ridenour and Linda Story. Following the Fall Coffee, we had a welcome Cocktail Party at Ayako Timmons home. We meet monthly and the menus are of a theme selected by those who developed the cookbook. October was French and November, Easy Elegance. The holiday brunch in December was held at Hope Horst’s home.

Spring meals will take place at various hosts, ending the year in June with a picnic in Myers Park. This is the only activity group that includes spouses/partners. The meals are festive and delicious.

If you would like more information on the Gourmet group contact Nancy Ridenour (nridenour@twcny.rr.com) or Linda Story (linda@cleartheway.com).
Performers’ Group
The Performers’ Group is an activity group for Campus Club members who play an instrument or sing, and who wish to share their music with others in an informal setting. Our membership includes listeners who do not perform but who enjoy the gathering of amateur musicians to hear interesting and often memorable programs of mostly classical music. We encourage performance on a variety of instruments and levels. Our first meeting this year (pictured here) included a wonderful and varied program of music by Bach, Handel, Schumann, and Rachmaninoff. We were treated to outstanding performances on piano, flute, and recorder, after which we enjoyed seasonal refreshments. We welcome new members, both performers and listeners.

If you would like more information or have questions, you may contact one of our activity leaders: Charette Wheelis (charette1042@gmail.com) or Jane Dieckmann (dickjane201@gmail.com).
Quilting

The Campus Club Quilting Group was delighted to welcome many new members into the group. We look forward to learning from them as they share their ideas and projects with us. In the New Year we will go to Quilters Corner to see what's new in the quilting world. Members of our group will be making presentations on color and crazy quilting. We will be working on four quilts to be given to the Hopes & Dreams Quilt Challenge for ALS and the Cayuga Medical Center's Comfort Carts. The time we spend working on our quilt projects makes the winter months very enjoyable.

For additional information please contact, Carol Halseth (carolhalseth@yahoo.com), Kelly Behan (kellybehan@aol.com), Connie Patterson (cpatter4@twcny.rr.com).

Wanderers

On October 30, the Wanderers took a trip to Geneva, New York. We toured Rose Hill Mansion, and Johnston House, both of which were working farms. We then had lunch at Nona's Italian restaurant, followed by a historic tour of the Row house district of Geneva. We completed our day with a visit to the beautiful Smith Opera House. If you want to learn more, contact Lisa Watkins (lisawatkins8@gmail.com), Nora Shang (nshang3@gmail.com).
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And finally, a word from the Campus Club Board:

It has been our pleasure to serve the members of the Campus Club at Cornell this year. We hope that all of you have enjoyed the events, activities and programs that the Club provides, and that you will consider becoming more involved in the leadership of the Club in years to come.

Thank you!

Seated: Susan Ainslie, Sandra Lowe, Gail Carruth, Lisa Sahn  Standing: Marge Kline, Susan Seaver, Barbara Stewart, Wendy Blanchard, Deborah Dawson, Julie Umbach, Melanie Weymer, Ellen Lane  Not present: Rhoda Janis, Mary Sue Schwarz

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We Look Forward to Seeing All of You at our  
Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting  
Ithaca Country Club  
Thursday, May 7th

Professors Glenn Altschuler and Isaac Kramnick will entertain us with stories, little known and well known, about the college “far above Cayuga’s waters”.

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