

# THE CORNELL CLUB

NEW YORK

Founded by Cornell University graduates in 1889, The Cornell Club-New York has been in existence in Manhattan for over a century. The Club is a place to dine with family and friends, host a meeting or social event in a private dining room, enjoy a restful stay in an overnight guest room, and foster intellectual, social, and cultural growth through networking and club programs.

In 1989, through the generosity of an alumnus anonymous donor and Member of The Club, our permanent home became 6 East 44<sup>th</sup> Street. Enriched in tradition of higher education, community service, and continual learning, The Club maintains its relationship with Cornell University along with Weill Cornell Medical Center and Cornell Tech, both of which are located in New York City.

Nestled on Club Row, The Cornell Club is a 14 story brownstone featuring 48 finely appointed overnight guest rooms on our upper floors. The Club's main floor reflects a warm and welcoming ambiance. Completing the first floor, The Club offers its Members a Tap & Grill Room and Business Center. The second floor is home to our formal Cayuga Dining Room and Cayuga Lounge. The A.D. White Library is located on the third floor and offers Members relaxation coupled with quiet work areas. On the fourth and fifth floors of The Club, one will find the perfect venues where Members have hosted family, friends, and colleagues throughout our club's history. These rooms are also utilized to accommodate The Club's many prominent speakers and private dining programs. Located on the entire sixth floor is the Health & Fitness Center, featuring state-of-the-art equipment, Peloton Bikes, private trainers, a massage therapist, and course instructors.

## Take a Look Inside!

[Click here for a Virtual Tour of The Club](#)



As The Club kicks off our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our 44<sup>th</sup> Street location, we will be celebrating our inaugural "1989" Members, and marking the new traditions that will be forged with our newest Members. Like we promised when we first opened our doors, we remain a haven of hospitality in the greatest city in the world!



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## UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION

- The Cornell Club, a Five Star Platinum Club of America, is located on 44<sup>th</sup> Street “Club Row” in Manhattan. The Club was a private gift to the University, and opened its doors on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1989.
- The Cornell Club upholds the finest standards set forth by Cornell University and its School of Hotel Administration, ranked number one in the world.
- Often serving as mentors to our younger members, leaders in the field of finance, philanthropy, science, and the arts are respected members of The Club.



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*“My list of things that keep me coming back to The Cornell Club could go on and on, but I think what really stands out above all else is the amazing people who work there. They seem to be genuinely happy to be there at The Cornell Club, and their energy and enthusiasm is transmitted from them directly to the guests. It feels a lot like one big happy family. Who could ask for more? The Cornell Club really is the classic ‘home-away-from-home.’ I consider myself very lucky to have found it!”*

## EXCELLENCE IN AMENITIES AND FACILITIES



- Membership includes a complimentary membership to our Health & Fitness Center.
  - Guests are greeted with a complimentary beverage bar located in the lobby. The welcoming feel is enhanced by the works of renowned artist and Cornell Artist in Residence, Muli Tang.
  - The Cayuga Dining Room and lounge offer Members a bright and polished atmosphere to dine and entertain guests.
  - Our kitchen, dining, and public areas consistently maintain an “A” grade per the New York City Department of Health.
- An overnight stay includes complimentary breakfast, LATHER amenities, plush Frette robes and bedding, and personalized turn down service.
  - The Business Center offers computers and printers with our library providing additional work and study opportunities.



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- State of the art upgrades include Smart TVs, energy efficient digital displayed computer controlled elevators, and ongoing upgrades to our cooking systems. The Club's fire alarm system is an EST 3 system with a digital panel display.
- The Cornell Club's commitment to the environment is ongoing with 100% LED Lighting, sustainable menus, and a robust recycling program.
- We partner with Clean the World to donate our gently used amenities.

*"After a commute into the city, I know I'll be ready for my day with a visit to the Health & Fitness Center.*

*Whether I'm getting in a workout, or just grabbing a quick shower and changing into my suit, I feel great!"*

## CALIBER OF STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LEVELS

- The Club's overnight guest survey allows us to act on feedback in a timely manner. Our commitment to detail and guest satisfaction comes through in the results with a 99% overall rating.
- More than half of our employees have been with The Club for over 25 years.
- The Club has two CMAA active Members, one of which has a CCM designation.
- The Director of Membership is a graduate of Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration.
- Our Executive Chef was trained under the famed Thomas Keller. He leads a culinary team with culinary training from around the world.
- Our management team continue to be active members and also serve in leadership roles of numerous professional organizations including Private Club Marketing Professionals (PCMP), NACE (National Association of Catering Executives), and Hospitality Financial Technology Professionals (HFTP).
- When not at The Club, our staff match their talents to array of national and community based volunteer organizations.



*"Your service, staff, and facilities have left a great impression on not only me and my colleagues, but also our guest over the course of our event."*

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*“It was a pleasure to see that the Cornell Club had a nice mix of members from various class years and everyone was very friendly. I live outside of manhattan, and joined primarily to participate in special club events like wine inclusive dinners featuring guest chefs, speakers, and wine makers. However, I soon found myself coming into the city for other club sponsored events like wine tasting, lectures, and holiday events.”*

## QUALITY AND COMMITMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

- Members hail from prestigious universities around the world, allowing endless opportunities to promote a spirit of camaraderie and philanthropy.
- The Club prides itself on members creating a club community: a willingness to mentor fellow members, share their skills and stories through member programming, form “clubs within the club” and maintain a long standing series of networking events.
- The professionalism of our Meetings & Events Department is trusted by the leadership of Cornell, our affiliate schools, and Fortune 500 companies to host meetings and corporate events.
- Club Members fondly look to The Club when celebrating family milestones, alumni reunions, and holiday celebrations.



*“Thank you so much for making our daughter’s graduation party so memorable. Your attention to detail was outstanding... we actually felt as if we were in someone’s home. You and your team were able to maintain a high standard from arrival to the last bite! The service was attentive and gracious. We look forward to our next event at The Cornell Club.”*

## GOVERNANCE AND PRUDENT FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- The Club has the lowest dues structure (in comparison to peer clubs).
- The Cornell Club maintains a hybrid model of governance since The Club is owned by Cornell University. There is clear separation between governance and Management and also clear separation between University and Club Governance.



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- The General Manager reports to the Chairman of the Board.
- The General Manager and staff provide the day-to-day management of The Club.
- The Program Committee is chaired by a board member who oversees an active group of club volunteers.
- The recently formed Young Alumni Committee offer a robust calendar of social and networking events.

*“I live in NYC and wanted to have a place to work outside of my apartment. What started as a place to focus on work has turned into a welcoming place to work and play! I break from my zoom meetings to enjoy the in-person company of fellow members for lunch or after work drinks in the Tap!”*

## ADAPTING TO CHANGING TIMES

- The Club has always taken pride in not only adapting to changing times, but being active in change as opposed to reactive.
- We have previously noted our commitment to the environment and sustainability and always explore new opportunities to enhance our efforts.
- We offer state of the art internet, fiber optic infrastructure, and a redundant system with two providers for all telecommunications and internet access.
- The Club’s Program Committee hosts over 120 events per year. We maintain a calendar of hybrid events to engage our Members outside of the Metro NY area. We host an array of events here at The Club and throughout the city.

*“The Club is my favorite place to stay. It is perfectly located, expertly managed and reliably comforting.”*



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*"I love having use of the reciprocal clubs. I interviewed in three cities right after college and it was a huge plus to know I could secure an overnight room and prep for my interviews in a private club setting. And, it impressed my future boss when I told her I would be staying in one of her cities most exclusive clubs!"*



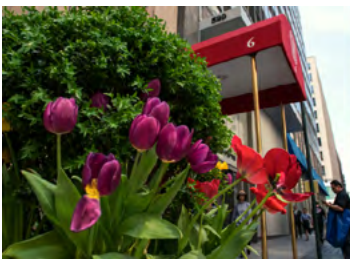
## OVERALL EXPERIENCE

- On a daily basis, The Club's staff strives to provide our Members with a club experience that makes them proud to be a Member and eager for their next visit.
- A Club membership is a personal one in that while one Member receives the most satisfaction from a lively meal with friends, another finds happiness in the tranquil setting of the library. It is with this in mind that we hope all our Members will come to The Club to *Reconnect. Reminisce. Relax.*
- Whether it is a day at The Club or the extended stay of our business travelers, one thing we often hear is "everything I need to right here at The Club". This can be the convenience of our complimentary coffee bar, dry cleaning and laundry service, or grab and go dining.
- Membership extends beyond The Club. Management and our Program Committee have forged a partnership with our peer Ivy League Clubs; Penn, Yale, Harvard and the Princeton Club (until its closure in 2020) sharing best practices, joint programming, and general camaraderie.

*"I think we are all eager to find new ways to connect, settle into hybrid work and increased travel. I have found a new home in NYC and it's The Cornell Club-New York. The staff is so attentive, the bartenders feel like old friends, and I have met so many new people. Even the Fitness Center is a place to socialize and meet new people. I'm so happy that I joined The Club!"*

## Learn More About The Cornell Club-New York

View our Member Info Guide



# The Cornell Club-New York History

- ◆ **1889** A small group of Alumni formed The Cornell Club of New York.
- ◆ **1900** The Club rented rooms at the Royalton Apartment Hotel on West 44<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ◆ **1900~1939** The Club moved from the Royalton Apartment Hotel to 65 Park Avenue and then to Madison Avenue at 38<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ◆ **1939** On its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, The Club moved uptown to the Hotel Barclay (now the InterContinental) at 48<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ◆ **1962** The Club moved further uptown to 50<sup>th</sup> Street at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- ◆ **1982** The Club started searching for a permanent home while temporarily relocating to first the Women's National Headquarters and then to NYU's Town Hall facility.
- ◆ **1985~1989** The Club found its current home at 6 East 44<sup>th</sup> Street in midtown Manhattan, between Fifth & Madison Avenues. Formerly the offices of the Chicago Pneumatic Tube Corporation, the building was a gift to Cornell University. After the University acquired the building in 1986, a three year renovation was undertaken. The firm of Gensler & Associates of San Francisco, CA completed the renovation.
- ◆ **1989** The Clubhouse opened its doors to Cornell Club Members on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1989.
- ◆ **2009** The Club celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at its current clubhouse.
- ◆ **2014** The Club celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at its current clubhouse and its recognition as A Five Star Club - A Platinum Club of America.
- ◆ **2019** The Club celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary along with renovations to The Club's first floor, Cayuga Dining Room and Cayuga Lounge!
- ◆ **2024** Preparations are underway to mark The Club's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on December 1<sup>st</sup>!



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