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A Tribute to Major Richard Gannon II '95, with President Skorton, General John Paxton '73, Lt. General Robert Blackman '70

Sunday, March 30th 3-7 PM
National Museum of the Marine Corps,
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, VA 22172

Please join us at the dedication of Major Gannon's name on the Commandant's Circle at the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia on Sunday, March 30 for a tribute to Major Richard J. Gannon II '95, with President David Skorton, General John M. Paxton Jr. '73, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lt Gen Robert Blackman '70, President & CEO of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

Schedule:
3 - 4:30pm Registration and Docent tours available.
5 pm. Ceremony honoring Major Gannon with Generals Paxton and Blackman and Mrs. Sally Gannon.
5:30 - 7 pm Cocktail Reception with hors d'oeuvres.

Background: Major Richard Gannon '95 was one of two Cornellians who died in service to our country in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He was on his second combat tour in Iraq as a company commander and was relieving a besieged position in Anbar Province on April 17, 2004. He went to the aid of a mortally wounded Marine and died in the ensuing firefight. For his actions that day, he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star by the President of the United States. Major Gannon left behind his wife Sally and four children.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines, past, present and future. Situated on a 135 acres site adjacent to Marine Corps Base Quantico and I-95, the Museum's soaring design evokes the image of the flag-raisers of Iwo Jima and beckons visitors to this 120,000 square foot museum with world-class interactive museums.

Please join us as we remember Cornell and our military community.

Cost/RSVP: \$30 - Event and reception with hors d'oeuvres and open bar. \$50 - Tour bus from Union Station and Springfield Metro, plus event and reception.

Parking at the museum is free. *Please note: There is substantial highway construction on I-95 south of the Beltway, so please allow a little extra time, even on the weekend.

Questions: Bob Shaw at shawrw@gmail.com

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Save the Date:

Cornell Club
Annual Dinner
Tuesday May 20th



Get Involved in CCW!

What's your passion: Event Planning? Community Service? Finance? Membership? Fundraising? Technology? Social Media? Professional Networking? CCW is beginning the process of nominating a new Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 year and we are looking for new ideas and people. Only have a few hours/month to give? That's OK! We will work with your interests and schedule to find the right volunteer opportunity. If interested, email alv1@cornell.edu.

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Events at a Glance...

March

- 01 Ivy Winter Indoor Tennis at Four Seasons Tennis Club
Questions: Stardust@smart.net
- 02 Potomac Overlook Nature Hike
Questions: Cathy Broad, cathbroad@gmail.com
- 02 Ivy Over-Fifty Singles - Pizza Party
Questions: jlturek@aol.com
- 02 Food Bank Service Event (So Others Might Eat)
Questions: Gretchen Ruethling at gretchenruethling@gmail.com
- 08 Tone Rangers and Cornell's After Eight
Questions: <https://www.facebook.com/events/412630025549676/>
- 09 Washington Gridiron Club Sunday Show
- 10 Cornell Club Monthly Programming and Board Meeting
Questions: alv1@cornell.edu
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
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Questions: head@cornell.edu
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Questions: Phil Bradley at Philip.h.bradley@gmail.com
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- 30 The Chai Notes (**Free of Charge**)
Questions: alenak@washingtondcjjcc.org

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- 01 Panel Discussion on International Security
Questions: visit www.cornellclubdc.org
- 03 Capital Area Cornell Women's Network Breakfast Event
Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu
- 06 Nationals Play Atlanta
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net

Club Announcements...

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

March 10th: All CCW members are invited to attend and participate in our monthly CCW Programming Meeting at 6:30pm and Board Meeting at 7:30 pm. If you plan to attend, please email A'ndrea Van Schoick, alv1@cornell.edu. Meetings take place at 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 (downstairs from the Cornell Center).

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red line)

Questions: A'ndrea Van Schoick '96, alv1@cornell.edu (Board); Steve Piekarec '74, spiekare@verizon.net or Lindsay Schattenstein '09, las368@cornell.edu. (Programming).

Food Bank Service Event (So Others Might Eat)

Sunday, March 2nd, 10:45-1:45pm
71 O St NW, Washington, DC

Donate your time and help end hunger in the Washington, DC area! Join your fellow alumni to serve lunch at SOME, So Others Might Eat. This nonprofit serves food to homeless and destitute local residents.

Volunteers should be 13+ years old and will be asked to adhere to a dress code that includes hats, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes. More details available upon registration.

Metro: Red Line (NY Ave) or Green Line (Mount Vernon Square).

Contact: Gretchen Ruethling at gretchenruethling@gmail.com.

Tone Rangers Host Stampede 2014, with Special Guests: Cornell University's After Eight

Saturday, March 8th, 7:30-9:30 PM (Doors open at 6:45 p.m.)
Holton-Arms School, 7303 River Road, Bethesda, MD

The Tone Rangers host Stampede 2014, an evening of a *cappella* music and comedy, with special guests Cornell University's After Eight.

This concert also marks the Tone Rangers' farewell to tenor Joel Malina. But the Tone Rangers' loss is Cornell's gain as Joel was recently named Vice President for University Relations at Cornell.

Tickets are general admission: \$15 (\$10 for students). Tickets can be purchased at tonerangers.simplertix.com and additional information about the event is available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/412630025549676/>

Washington Gridiron Club - Reprise 2014 - Exclusive Sunday Show

Sunday March 9th, 2-5 PM
Washington Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, DC

For 126 years, Washington's Gridiron Club has regaled an annual white-tie dinner on Saturday night with satire and songs that skewer Presidents and congressional leaders, lobbyists and sacred cows. Now our Sunday afternoon performance, traditionally given for friends and family, is open to a wider audience including Washington-based college alumni groups and State Societies.

What you will see is Gridiron members -- including well-known faces that might include Al Hunt of Bloomberg, John King of CNN, Andrea Mitchell of NBC, Bob Schieffer of CBS and Judy Woodruff of PBS -- performing songs and skits in costume. Syndicated columnist Mark Shields relays the speeches that were delivered the night before, which typically include remarks by the President and a leading Democrat and leading Republican. Running the musical performance is the director of the President's Own, the Marine Band, Col. Michael Colburn, who serves as the Club's musical director.

Tickets: \$75 (tickets are non-refundable after February 24th) - because the Gridiron Club is a 501(c)(3) organization, about \$56 of the ticket is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution. **Dress:** business casual.

Neighborhood: Chinatown / Penn Quarter, Metro to Gallery Place-Chinatown (Red/Green/Yellow) Parking available in the hotel and the Renaissance is close to both the Gallery Place-Chinatown Metro and Metro Center. You are encouraged to arrive early.

Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net

Ivy Singles - Potomac Overlook Nature Hike

Sunday, March 2nd, 11am-2pm
2845 N. Marcey Rd, Arlington

Join Ivy Singles for a free local nature awareness hike lead by Bruce McBarnette of Princeton and Cathy Broad from Johns Hopkins.

Park at tennis courts, meet at entrance gate.

Bring good boots and water.

For questions and to RSVP contact: Cathy Broad, cathbroad@gmail.com

Food Bank Service Event at AFAC

Saturday, March 15th, 12:30-2:30 PM
2708 S Nelson St, Arlington

Join fellow alumni in sorting and bagging produce at frequent partner location Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). AFAC has been working to end hunger in Northern Virginia for over 25 years.

Volunteers should be 12+ years old and are asked to adhere to a dress code, including wearing closed-toe shoes. Tasks will include sorting, bagging, and boxing produce and dry goods, as well as other light labor. <http://www.afac.org/volunteer/>.

Contact: Phil Bradley at Philip.h.bradley@gmail.com.

Are We All Sexually and Romantically Fluid?

Thursday, March 13th, 6-9 PM

1307 New York Ave., N.W., Washington DC

A discussion about sexuality with Professor Ritch Savin-Williams sponsored by the College of Human Ecology, the Cornell Club of Washington, and the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (CUGALA).

Following an opening reception, Professor Savin-Williams will lead a dialog about human sexuality. He will focus on changing definitions and identities, new developments on topics such as being "romantically hooked," "mostly straight/a little bit of gay," positive attributes of gay youth, bullying, straight "jokesters" pretending to be gay, and "types" of bisexual guys. The evening concludes with an optional dessert reception so you can continue the discussion and network with fellow Cornellians.

Registration: \$20 includes reception with wine, beer, warm hors d'oeuvres, and dessert/networking reception with Professor Savin-Williams (RSVP by Friday, March 7)

Ritch C. Savin-Williams is a Professor of Developmental and Clinical Psychology in the Department of Human Development and the Director of the Sex & Gender Lab at Cornell University. Dr. Savin-Williams has written seven books on adolescent development, is a licensed clinical psychologist and has served as an expert witness on same-sex marriage, gay adoption, and Boy Scout court cases. He has served as a consultant for MTV, 20/20, the Oprah Winfrey Show, and CNN, and his work has been cited on National Public Radio and in Newsweek, Time, Rolling Stone, Utne Reader, Fortune, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, USA Today, and Chicago Sun Times.

More information, please contact Human Ecology Alumni Affairs & Development at either 800-453-7703 or head@cornell.edu.

Los Angeles Philharmonic with Gustavo Dudamel returns to the Kennedy Center!

Los Angeles Philharmonic's East Coast tour in spring includes a stop in Washington D.C. Gustavo Dudamel is in his fifth season as Music Director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, where his contract has already been extended through 2018-19, the orchestra's 100th season. This will be his second appearance in Washington D.C. as the Music Director for the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Cornell Club of Washington has reserved a block of seats for this concert.

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 18th, at 8 pm

Place: John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts - Concert Hall

2700 F Street, N.W. Washington, DC (**Metro:** Blue/Orange Foggy Bottom - GWU). (Shuttle service between Foggy Bottom and Kennedy Center available.)

Program: CORIGLIANO: Symphony No. 1 and TCHAIKOVSKY: Symphony No. 5

Cost: 2nd Tier center CCW members and guest - \$72, non-CCW members - \$82

Contact: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu.

Nationals Play Atlanta

Join CCW and other Cornellians at Nationals Ballpark as they play last year's division champions, the Atlanta Braves, on Sunday, April 6th. We will have a limited supply of tickets so sign up early. See the website for more details. Contact Dorothy Kester (dlk730@gmail.com) or Steve Piekarec (spiekare@verizon.net)

Yale/Georgetown/Cornell Young Alum Happy Hour **RESCHEDULED** Colonial Virginia Themed Dinner - Alexandria

Tuesday, March 18th, 6:30-9 PM

Jackpot Bar 726 7th Street NW, Washington DC

NEW DATE: This event was originally scheduled on February 13th, but postponed because of weather.

Join DC Young Alumni from Cornell, Georgetown and Yale for Happy Hour at the new Jackpot Bar! Enjoy themed drink specials and great company!

Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown

Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu.

Sunday, March 23rd 6-9 PM

Alexandria, Virginia

The meal will be served buffet style, mostly in keeping with the time period ("French Service," or single-course meal service). Guests do not need to bring anything to the dinner.

Please see event webpage for menu: <http://tinyurl.com/mejrggg>

Please RSVP soon, as spots are limited to 12 people.

You will receive the exact address when you RSVP.

Contact Laura Gonzales Meyers at lmg38@cornell.edu for more information.

Ivy Singles March Event - Macedonian Embassy

Friday, March 21st, 6:30-9 PM

Macedonian Embassy, 2129 Wyoming, Avenue N.W. Washington DC

The Cornell Club of Washington is pleased to host the Ivy Singles Social Club March Event at the Embassy of the Republic of Macedonia. We will be the guests of Ambassador Zoran Jolevski. Please join us for an evening of exceptional company and conversation. Reception will offer heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

The Embassy is located in the historic Sheridan-Kalorama Area in a building known as the Moses House. This historic property began the transformation of Sheridan-Kalorama from a rural forest to one of the elite residential areas of the U.S. Capital.

The Ivy Singles Social Club (www.ivysinglesdc.com) is a coalition of Ivy League, Seven Sister and other prestigious schools' regional alumni associations that sponsors social activities. Our events are open to all single alumni of member schools and their guests.

Dress: Business

Metro: Dupont Circle and Woodley Park (Red) For those driving, there is street parking which, while always limited, improves after 6:30pm.

Reservations: Prepay \$32 - by check to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181, by Monday, March 17th. Make checks payable to "The Cornell Club of Washington" and note your school on the check. You can also pay online (Paypal fee included) up to Thursday, March 20th. Pay at the door: \$40 - for walk-ins, email, or phone reservations.

Contact: Steve Piekarec at 703-281-4311 or spiekare@verizon.net.

Capital Area Cornell Women's Network Breakfast Featuring Cathy Merrill Williams '91, President and Publisher, Washingtonian Media

Join a dynamic group of Cornell Alumnae for the CACWN Spring Networking Breakfast.

Our featured speaker will be Cornell alumna, Cathy Merrill Williams '91. In the six and a half years since she became President and Publisher, Cathy has grown her organization from one magazine to a true media company that includes multiple magazines (Washingtonian Mom, Washingtonian Bride and Groom) as well as a website with large traffic, an iPad edition, an events division and a custom media unit. Somehow she accomplished this with little direct media industry experience! Cathy will share her insights as a woman business owner, as well as her thoughts on the ever-changing media industry. (For a full bio, visit: <http://www.washingtonian.com/authorprofiles/catherine-merrill-williams.php>)

There will be an opportunity for questions, and of course, networking!

When: Thursday, April 3rd
8:00-8:30: Registration, networking, and continental breakfast
8:30-8:45: Open Mic introductions
8:45-9:15: Remarks and Q&A
9:15-9:30: Continued networking

Where: Akin Gump
1333 New Hampshire Ave, NW
Washington, DC

Metro: Dupont Circle South

Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Questions: Manar Morales '93 manarmorales@yahoo.com

Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/kul6eju>

Panel Discussion on International Security

Tuesday, April 1st, 6:30-9 PM
Ronald Reagan Building
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Join us for a panel discussion sponsored by the Cornell Club of Washington, the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, and the Woodrow Wilson Center.

- Moderated by Gretchen Ritter '83, Harold Tanner Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Government at Cornell.
- Stephen Hadley '69, former National Security Advisor under President George W. Bush and currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute for Peace.
- Professor Fredrik Logevall, Vice Provost for International Affairs, Director of the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, and Professor of History at Cornell, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Embers of War."

Visit www.cornellclubdc.org for more details.

Special thanks to Karen Goldmeier Green and Abigail Kohlman of Akin Gump for hosting the event.
Co-Sponsored by the President's Council of Cornell Women and the Cornell Club of Washington

March 2014

Nationals Ballpark - Behind the Scenes Tour

*Sunday, March 23rd, 1:30-3:30 PM
Nationals Park, 1500 South Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, DC*

Join CCW for a special tour of Nationals Ballpark and visit places not accessible to the daily fan. The Ballpark will be ours as the Nationals are playing on the road that evening.

Over the course of an hour and fifteen minutes you will visit: the PNC Diamond Club, the Lexus Presidents Club and the Stars & Stripes Club, a luxury suite, the Shirley Povich Media Center, Nationals' Dugout, Visiting Team Clubhouse, Nationals' Bullpen, and much more!

*Please keep in mind, the Nationals retain the right to modify the tour at any time due to unexpected events at the ballpark

Tours embark from the Center Field Gate, at the intersection of Half and N Streets, SE, and will take place rain or shine. The tour requires a lot of walking but is both wheelchair- and stroller-accessible. Please arrive ten minutes early and schedule yourself approximately two hours to be at the park.

Nationals Park provides accommodations for guests with disabilities. If you require special accommodations in order to participate in the tour, please contact Steve Piekarec

Tickets: \$13 members, \$17 non-members (CCW has 25 tickets for this walking tour)

Dress: Casual

Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekarec@verizon.net.

CCW Scholarship Update

The CCW Scholarship Committee is delighted to announce that Mingming Koh '15 and Gwendolyn Anderson '16 are this year's Spring Semester Barber B. Conable Scholarship recipients. The Scholarship is awarded each semester to two students participating in the Cornell-in-Washington Program and honors Barber B. Conable '43, former Congressman and President of the World Bank, for his contributions to our government and international relations. The Scholarship Committee interviewed an extraordinarily strong applicant pool before selecting the final awardees. Gwendolyn is an Animal Science and Communications double major from Atlantic, PA, and is currently interning with the American Red Cross's government relations department. Mingming is a Government and Economics double major from Singapore, and is currently interning with Public Citizen as an advocate for campaign finance reform. Both Mingming and Gwendolyn were able to meet and greet CCW members at the February board meeting. Congratulations to you both!

CCW scholarships help bright and deserving area students pursue the many opportunities at Cornell University. As with all of CCW's scholarships, the Conable Scholarship is funded through contributions from alumni such as yourself. Please consider giving a tax-deductible contribution today to CCW's scholarship fund online at <http://cornellclubdc.org/donate>.



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