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Ezra Cornell Tour Set for DC Area on September 20th

For the first time ever, the Cornell Club of Washington has organized a tour featuring Ezra Cornell's little-known, life-changing years in the nation's capital. Join fellow alumni and friends for a unique adventure tracing Cornell's footsteps in DC before he founded our university.

Registration for this unprecedented program, "Preparing for the Sesquicentennial: Tour of Ezra Cornell's Achievements in Washington and Vicinity 1843-1844," is now open to members of the Cornell Club of Washington. Sign up now! This bus tour will be fully booked soon.

What: Day-long bus tour from downtown DC and Capitol Hill to College Park along a major segment of the original Washington-Baltimore telegraph line built by Ezra Cornell.

When: Saturday, September 20, 2014, 8:15 AM until about 4:30 PM.

Where: Meet at the Hotel Monaco, F Street NW, between 7th and 8th Streets (Gallery Place Metro).

Why: CCW's kick-off to Cornell's 150th anniversary celebrations and a fascinating exposure to Ezra's new venture as an entrepreneur.

Completed in 1840 as the General Post Office for the nation's capital, the Hotel Monaco's historic building originally housed the first Telegraph Office in the United States. Coffee, tea and pastries will be served together with an expert briefing to launch the tour. Immediately across the street is the original U.S. Patent Office where Ezra obtained his patent for a telegraph-laying plow and frequented the Patent Office library.

Like a time machine, our bus will visit sites known to Ezra when he lived and worked here building the experimental telegraph line from Washington to Baltimore. Meet influential leaders in his circle of contacts who contributed significantly to his work and scientific research and technology in mid-19th century America.

Experience vicariously the intellectual ferment of Ezra's times. Various experts are expected to provide special briefings at some stops on the itinerary. Tour culminates at the Maryland Agricultural College founded in 1856 (now the University of Maryland) with a spotlight on mid-19th century reforms in agricultural education and research.

It all adds up to a prequel to the yet-to-be enacted Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862 and the subsequent founding of Cornell University in 1865.

To participate: Register online at <http://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-848776>, or to pay by check, make payable to Cornell Club of Washington and mail to Steve Piekarec at 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181.

Cost: \$50 per CCW member, includes initial coffee call and box lunch; limited to 50 participants.

Questions: Bob Day '56 at 301-438-7755 or Linda Jarschauer Johnson '60, '63 at 202-265-4763 or ljj1@cornell.edu.



Innovation!



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Former CCW president and American Technion Society board member Carol Epstein '61 and Lt. Col. Nataly Tavor, liaison officer for the Israel Missile Defense Organization, field questions during the club's "Innovation! Institute in NYC, Iron Dome in Israel" event on June 19 at The Somerset.

Potomac Paddle XXVII

August 30th, 8AM-12PM

Thompson's Boat Center, 2900 Virginia Ave NW, Washington

Join Cornell-in-Washington students, Cornell alumni and friends for a leisurely 3-hour canoe escapade on the Potomac River. Come alone or with a friend; it is not necessary to come with a boat-mate. We'll go upstream from Georgetown toward Chain Bridge and then reverse course to lunch on Roosevelt Island. Bring your own food/fluids, sunscreen, hat, etc. Swimmers only.

Dress: Sports/Outdoor

Metro: Foggy Bottom (Orange/Blue)

Transportation/Directions: Thompson Boat Center is located at the intersection of Rock Creek Parkway and Virginia Ave on the edge of Georgetown, on the Rock Creek Parkway bicycle path. Thompson's is about 6 blocks west of the Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, or about 3 blocks south of M Street Circulator and Metrobus stops.

Driving directions are available at:

<http://www.thompsonboatcenter.com/directions.htm>. Limited metered 3-hour parking is available (bring quarters).

Cost/RSVP: You must bring a credit card to rent a boat. The credit card serves as a deposit. Afterward, you may pay via credit card or cash. Canoe rental is \$35 (2 or 3 people), single kayak is \$35 (1 person), and double kayak is \$45 (2 people), paid at TBC. TBC does not take reservations, so we may not be able to guarantee you get your preferred kind of boat.

RSVP by Wednesday, August 27th to Clint Brass '90 at ctb14@cornell.edu. Please provide name, e-mail address, a telephone number where you can be reached shortly before the event in case of bad weather, and number of people coming (friends are welcome).

3rd Annual Cornell Club of Washington Scholarship Auction & Gala

The third CCW Celebration of Scholarship Auction and Gala will be held in February 2015! Money raised helps fund approximately 10 scholarships/stipends that the Club awards annually to local area students attending Cornell and participating in the Cornell-in-Washington program.

Help us surpass last year's fundraising total of over \$16,000 by becoming a sponsor or an auction item donor. Examples of popular auction items from past years are: a vacation home, tickets to the theatre, a museum, a concert or a sporting event, a private tour of a venue, a meal or 1:1 talk with a well known Cornellian and Cornell or sports memorabilia. If you are interested in being a sponsor or donating an item please contact Scholarship co-VPs Dorsy Yoffie '06 at yoffiei@hotmail.com or Mark Skerry '07 at mark.b.skerry@gmail.com.

Look for more information on the event in newsletters and on the CCW website in coming months!

SAVE THE DATE:

2nd Annual CCW Homecoming Tailgate

Join us in Ithaca as Cornell takes on Lehigh!

Saturday, October 18th

11:30 AM - 2:45 PM

Schoellkopf Field, Lower Crescent lot

Go Big Red!

Details coming soon!

THANK YOU!

At a recent Board meeting, the Cornell Club of Washington voted to donate \$2,000 to the Cornell Outdoor Education program (COE) in memory of my husband, **Ed Berkowitz '56**.

This generous contribution connects and highlights two of Ed's greatest loves, Cornell and the outdoors. From his earliest Boy Scout days, Ed was an avid hiker and camper, an interest that remained with him throughout his life, often relieving the stress of being a Washington lawyer. An equally avid Cornell alum, he joined CCW soon after we moved to DC and served as an active Board member for many, many years, both before and after his term as CCW President (1969-71). The club's Old Rag hikes were highlights of each year for him. At the same time he engaged our family in rafting, tent camping and backpacking.

Bridging his interests, Ed was a long time member of COE's Advisory Board, working to help COE provide Cornell students with the finest possible outdoor experiences and leadership training. Advisory Board members also did adventure travel. Ed and I enjoyed glacier climbing in Alaska, shark diving in South Africa and cave canoeing in Thailand.

COE's programs are known to be some of the best in the country in terms of scope and safety records. They serve not only undergraduates, but also local business people who want to promote teamwork and alumni who love the outdoors.

My family and I are extremely grateful to CCW for remembering Ed in this very special way. I hope the gift will help local Cornellians become more familiar with COE's fine programs and grow their sense of adventure.

Lois Berkowitz '59



Events at a Glance...

September

- 09 Cornell-in-Washington Alumni-Student mixer
Questions: Linda Jarschauer Johnson at lj1@cornell.edu
- 13 Old Rag LVIII
Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu
- 14 Nationals Ballpark - Behind the Scenes Tour
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 20 Ezra Cornell in Washington bus tour
Questions: Linda Jarschauer Johnson at lj1@cornell.edu
- 27 Career Networking Event
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 30 National Capital Area Women's Network event
Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu

October

- 03 Evita at The Kennedy Center
Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58cu@yahoo.com
- 08 Executive Presence at Work: Commanding Results!
Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu
- 23 International Spirit of Zinck's Night - 2014
Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein, las368@cornell.edu
- 25 "Beyond Hollywood" Tour at National History Museum
Questions: Amy Shyr at amy.shyr@gmail.com

November

- 14 Cornell's 150th - Sesquicentennial Celebration in DC
Questions: www.cornellclubdc.org
- 29 Big Red Hockey at Madison Square Garden
Questions: A'ndrea Van Schoick at alv1@cornell.edu

December

- 13 Young Alumni Holiday Party
Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu

Help Us Go Green!

The Cornell Club of Washington is continuing its transition to all-electronic communications with its members.

If you are still receiving hardcopy newsletters, please help us reduce our paper consumption and printing costs by logging onto www.cornellclubdc.org and opting for electronic delivery.

While you are visiting, take a spin around our website and update your contact information so you can be sure to receive club updates and news.

Thank you very much for your help!

SAVE THE DATE Fall Service Weekend!

Join us in
late September - early October
2014
for multiple service events
in DC, Maryland and Virginia

More details coming soon
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Not a CCW member? Join Us!

When you join the Cornell Club of Washington, you join one of the most active alumni associations in Washington and one of the largest Cornell alumni organizations in the world. Joining CCW puts you in good company: more than 1,000 of the Washingtonians most loyal to Cornell are CCW members. And now it's easier than ever to enjoy the benefits of membership.

You may sign up online at the following link: <http://cornellclubdc.org/joinccw>. Annual dues are \$35 a year or \$80 for 3 years, with discounts for the Classes of '11, '12, and '13. We offer the Class of '14 a complimentary year, and Life Membership for \$350.

Paid membership in the Cornell Club of Washington gives you:

- Free or discounted admission to many events
- Priority registration at popular events
- A monthly newsletter highlighting Club activities, delivered via email
- Reciprocal discounts at selected One Ivy, Cornell Club of Maryland, and other partner-sponsored events

We rely exclusively on member dues and donations to serve, expand, and develop the Cornell community across the national capital area.

CCW is a 501(c)(3) organization. Membership dues and Scholarship Fund donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Volunteer with Us!

CCW is one of the premier alumni volunteer organizations in the country. We are expanding our volunteering network in the Washington, DC area. We hope you will join us as we work to embody Ezra Cornell's legacy of egalitarianism and service!

The CCW Volunteer Network pursues the following objectives:

- Providing all CCW members with a convenient way to volunteer their time
- Offering one-time events and developing ongoing programs
- Providing CCW members who wish to lead volunteer events an environment in which to thrive
- Building a dedicated and responsive team of highly motivated volunteers through a community service committee and dedicated mailing list

Some of our frequent partner organizations are: For Lands and Waters, Pet Rescue, Capital Area Food Bank, Arlington Food Assistance Center, Plot Against Hunger, Food for Others, DC Central Kitchen, and Casey Trees.

For further information, suggestions, or if you are interested in leading an event, please contact Laura Gonzales Meyers '04 at lmg38@cornell.edu.

ARE YOU IN?

**Cornell's
Sesquicentennial Celebration
in
Washington**

*Friday, November 14th, 2014
Warner Theatre
Washington, DC*

Join the Cornell Club of Washington and regional alumni as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the university's founding. This promises to be an engaging and memorable evening filled with special guests and presentations. Stay tuned for more details on the program, reception and pricing.

Visit www.cornellclubdc.org for more information.