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Human Ecology Dean Patsy Brannon: The Genomics Revolution

The Cornell Club is delighted to announce a very special visit from the Dean of the Human Ecology School, Patsy Brannon. This unique discussion will center around the genomics revolution and our constantly changing understanding of individual dietary needs and chronic diseases. Perhaps the day will come when, at birth, we can assess genetic risks and variations in nutritional needs in order to develop an individually designed lifetime dietary plan.

CCW, along with sponsorship from the Human Ecology School, looks forward to hosting the Dean at LaColline Restaurant on **January 16, 2003 from 6:30 - 8 PM**. Light hors d'oeuvres and canapés will be served.

Space is extremely limited so the pleasure of your response is requested by January 3rd. Cost of admission is \$12 for members/\$15 for non-members; checks, payable to CCW, should be mailed to Sheyna Horowitz at 1860 North Scott Street Apt 637, Arlington VA 22209. For more information, please contact Sheyna at sqh2@cornell.edu or 202-777-5797. La Colline is located at 400 N. Capitol Street NW. Union Station Metro.

Bowling in Bethesda - Bring your Family

Come show off your bowling skills (or lack thereof) **Sunday, January 12, 2003 at 3 PM**, at the DC area's first and only upscale bowling alley, Strike Bethesda. Bring your kids if you've got 'em. Or don't. Either way, you're sure to have a good time. And while you bowl, you can watch the NFL playoffs on Strike Bethesda's large video screens. Please contact Jonathan Simon by Thursday, January 9, at jds35@cornell.edu or (202) 363-3027 (e-mail preferred) for additional information and to RSVP. Strike Bethesda is located at 5353 Westbard Avenue, in Bethesda, Maryland. Directions are available at <http://www.strike-bethesda.com/>

Evening of Political Humor

The Capitol Steps is a troupe of current and former Congressional staffers who monitor events and personalities on Capitol Hill and in the Oval Office. We have a reserved a block of 30 tickets for the 7:30 PM performance on **January 31st**. Topics just might include ballot counting, inauguration, presidential campaigns, and the latest heated congressional debates!

If interested in attending a hilarious night of comedy, please RSVP to Sheyna Horowitz (sqh2@cornell.edu/202-777-5797) by January 15th. Checks, payable to CCW, should be mailed to Sheyna 1860 North Scott Street Apt 637, Arlington VA 22209.

(The show is located in the Amphitheater of the Ronald Reagan Building, located on the concourse level of the building. Metro: Federal Triangle, Metro Center; Parking is available. For more information, review the website at <http://www.capsteps.com>)

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Letter from the President...

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Dear Club Members,

It is a new year, and we have a new Cornell University president! **We have just learned that Jeffrey S. Lehman, Dean of the University of Michigan Law School, will succeed Hunter S. Rawlings as the new president of Cornell University.** Lehman, 46, will be the first Cornell alumnus to serve as president of the university. He received an undergraduate degree in mathematics from Cornell in 1977. He also holds advanced degrees in law and in public policy from the University of Michigan. And, as our esteemed member Bob McKinless '48 pointed out, Jeffrey Lehman hiked Old Rag with CCW, when he lived in the Washington area -- making Lehman the first CCW member ever to serve as Cornell University president!

The New Year is the perfect time for new resolutions. Here are a few ideas:

1. Make new friends. Now is the time to come out with the Club -- this month, you can attend the **Hotel Society party on the 17th**, the **Ivy Singles party on the 24th** or mingle with Human Ecology alums and **Dean Patsy Brannon at a reception on the 16th.**
2. Get some exercise. Well, it is not the best cardio workout, but bowling is still a sport and we will be having fun on **Sunday, January 12, 2003.**
3. Get involved. CCW always welcomes new volunteers and on page 3, we list two opportunities to get involved.

Happy New Year!

Chuck Schilke, JD '88
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This Month...

January

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| 4 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Capital Food Bank Event |
| 12 | 3 PM, Bowling @ Strike Bethesda |
| 13 | 6:30 PM, MDDG discusses <i>The Last Seder</i> |
| 14 | 6:30 PM, CCW Programming Meeting @ Cornell Center 2148 O Street
7:30 PM, CCW Board Meeting @ Cornell Center
Pizza served - All welcome |
| 16 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Dean Patsy Brannon speaks at LaColline Restaurant |
| 17 | Deadline for CCWNews
7:00 - ?, Hotel Society Holiday Party @ The Four Seasons, Georgetown |
| 24 | Ivy Over 50 Social at the Washington Club |
| 24-25 | CACO Conference, NYC |
| 25 | CAAA Asian New Year Banquet in New York City |
| 26 | 3 PM, MDDG attends <i>The Last Seder</i> @ DCJCC |
| 31 | 7 PM, Capitol Steps Performance |

February

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| 10 | 10:30 AM, CCW Urbanauts take tour of Diplomatic Reception Rooms |
| 11 | 6:30 PM, CCW Programming Meeting @ Cornell Center 2148 O Street
7:30 PM, CCW Board Meeting @ Cornell Center
Pizza served - All welcome |
| 14 | Deadline for CCWNews |
| 15 | 7:00 PM, "Beantown Beat-down" - Cornell vs. Harvard Hockey game in Boston |
| 26 | Cornell Real Estate Council Regional Luncheon |

Quick Club Announcements...

● CCW JobBank:

The Cornell Club of Washington brings together Cornell alumni and other professionals to establish a regional JobBank in the D.C. area. Employment areas include management consulting, high technology companies, Federal Government, non-profit, public relations firms, and Capitol Hill opportunities.

CCW JobBank is a clearinghouse for job leads, and the information base is a companion service to membership with the Cornell Club. The JobBank is a referral service to match a candidate's qualifications with openings posted by regional alumni. The listing is a localized pool that is distinct from what Career Services in Ithaca offers.

Your help is especially needed for alumni who desire work in the non-technical fields. (We have a shortage of these opportunities). Contact H. Shimbo at hks2@cornell.edu for JobBank assistance.

● Ed Cabic '03 Honored

Former CCW Secretary and Board member Ed Cabic '64 sent us a recent *Cornell Daily Sun* article which listed his son, Ed, Jr. as one of the 25 most influential undergrads of 2002. Ed, Jr. is President and General Manager of the student-owned and managed radio station WVBR. He is also a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He first learned of WVBR during his visit to Cornell on the Club-sponsored bus trip during his senior year of high school. Longtime members may remember when Ed, Sr. organized the Club's beer-tasting events for seven years at the Brickskeller.

● Ruth Bleyler Elected to New Hampshire Legislature

Former CCW CAAAN Chair Ruth Bleyler '62 has been elected to the NH State Legislature. With 400 members, the NH House is the 3rd largest governing body in the English-speaking world, after the US Congress and the British Parliament. They have 317 representatives per 1 million population, while NY has about 9.

In 1809, New Hampshire decided that people who serve the State should receive a "living wage" or \$100 per year, and it's never been updated.

● Volunteers Needed:

Assistant Treasurer: Melani Schultz will be completing her two-year term as CCW Treasurer this coming June. We are looking for an Assistant Treasurer who is willing to learn the job and serve a two-year term as Treasurer starting in July of 2003.

Assistant Database Chair: Eli Savada will be completing his term as CCW Database Chair this coming June. We are looking for an Assistant Database Chair to learn the job and serve as Database Chair starting in July of 2003.

If you are interested in any of the positions please contact CCW President Chuck Schilke at cns7@cornell.edu or call him at his office at 202-639-3279 or contact CCW Immediate Past President Eliot Greenwald at ejg14@cornell.edu or call him at his office at 202-424-7809 or at his home at 301-320-5750.

● CCW Alumni Listserv:

Announce your events, ask questions, find apartments and share job listings! CCW members are staying connected through a new listserv. To sign up, send an e-mail to:

listproc@cornell.edu

and in the body of the message include

subscribe CU-Alums-DC-L YOUR NAME

Questions? Contact Listserv manager Amanda Stevenson '99 at amanda_stevenson@yahoo.com.

Big Red Dragons Needed

Join the fun and learn a new sport! Welcome the end of winter by paddling with the Cornell Club's Dragonboat team, now being recruited.

Washington's second annual Chinese Dragonboat Festival will take place on the Potomac on May 24th and 25th. A team consists of 20 paddlers, a drum beater and a helmsman. The paddle itself is a specially designed version of the traditional canoeing paddle you already know.

Eight new and colorful Dragonboats now call Washington "home", thanks to the generosity of several Chinese corporations from Taiwan. Scores of teams to "power" these boats over the 500-meter race course are now being formed in schools, law firms, churches and other places of work and study throughout the region, including the D.C. police.

To be a "Big Red Dragon" you must be available for three one-hour training sessions in April/May (yet to be scheduled, once the team is formed) and two days of racing on the Memorial Day Weekend.

For further information and to sign up, contact Bob Day by e-mail or phone: dayhaven@starpower.net or 301-438-7755.

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Community Service

Saturday January 4, 2003

Cornell Cares Day of DC

Join alumni and local Cornell students as we volunteer at the Capital Area Food Bank from 1:00-4:00 PM This event is part of a national effort by Cornell to have a day of community service over winter break in which alumni and local students work together on a project. This year we will be sorting through food at the Capital Area Food Bank, which is located at 645 Taylor Street NE, Washington DC 20017. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Michelle Johnson at 703-795-2864 or mjohndc@yahoo.com.

February State Department Tour Attracts Big Response; Repeat Event Planned for March

The February 10th tour of the State Department's Diplomatic Reception Rooms, being organized for Cornell Club members by the Club's Urbanauts, already promises to be oversubscribed. Announcement of this event in last month's Newsletter resulted in such a significant and immediate response that we are planning to repeat the event in March, probably during the week of March 10th.

This is a rare opportunity to tour the Diplomatic Reception Rooms in the U. S. Department of State, where the Secretary of State receives and entertains leading figures of the world. The President, Vice President, Chief Justice and members of the President's Cabinet also use these rooms.

Those who have already signed up for the February 10th edition of this tour will be having lunch in the Daniel Webster Dining Room, also located on the Eighth Floor, adjacent to the Diplomatic Reception areas. Total cost of the luncheon will be \$20.00, including coffee or tea and gratuity. There will be no charge for the tour. Checks are to be made out to the Cornell Club of Washington and sent to Bob Day at 1717 Marymont Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906-1240.

Those who want to be included in the repeat version of this event during the week of March 10th need to move quickly. All who are already on the waiting list for February 10th and for whom we already have the required data are being contacted personally. They will enjoy first priority for the March tour.

The size of our group in March will again be strictly limited to 25 participants, in accordance with new security procedures, of whom only 22 can be accommodated at the luncheon. Club members need to check their calendars early and commit themselves sooner than they usually do.

The suggested deadline for CCW members to sign up for the March event, including their Social Security Numbers and Dates of Birth, is Friday, January 24th. However, we expect the March version also to fill up quickly. The State Department of State requires that a list of tour participants be submitted by fax containing first and last name, date of birth and Social Security Number for each participant well in advance of the actual tour date. Please submit the requested data as soon as possible by e-mail to Bob Day '56: dayhaven@star-power.net or by telephone if you do not have e-mail (301-438-7755).

MDDG attends *The Last Seder*

On **Monday, January 13**, the MDDG will discuss a "funny" and "touching" play by a "rising-star playwright" (Chicago Sun-Times), Cornell alumna Jennifer Maisel (BA 1987). In Maisel's *The Last Seder* (2002), four sisters return home for a final family holiday before their father moves to a nursing home. The MDDG will discuss *The Last Seder* with playwright Jennifer Maisel herself.

The meeting starts with an inexpensive dinner (from a menu) at 6:30 PM, and the discussion takes place 7:30-9:30, both at Pan Asian Noodles, 2020 P St., NW (Dupont Circle metro). Reservations are required; call 202-898-4825 or e-mail gruenberg@footlightsdc.org. For copies of *The Last Seder* call 301-443-8005 or e-mail browse@samhsa.gov. Participation (except dinner) is free (contributions encouraged). Dinner is optional.

On **Sunday, January 26, 3 PM**, the MDDG will attend a performance of *The Last Seder* at Theater J, DC JCC, 1529 16th St., NW (Dupont Circle metro). Tickets are \$22, which includes a post-show discussion. Dinner will follow at a nearby restaurant. Mail your check, payable to "Footlights," to Robin Larkin, 5403 Nibud Ct., Rockville, MD 20852 (301-897-9314 & rlarkin@footlightsdc.org). People can attend just the dinner-discussion, just the performance, or both. The Modern Drama Discussion Group is a joint project of the Cornell, Chicago, Harvard, and Stanford alumni clubs. For regular updates e-mail join@footlightsdc.org; for general information go to www.footlightsdc.org or call 202-898-4825.

The Ivy Singles Social Club January Event

Friday, January 24, 2003
6:30 to 9:30 P.M. (Note extended hours)
The Washington Club
15 DuPont Circle NW
Washington, DC

Hors d'oeuvres and a Cash Bar every year it gets bigger and better and remains the largest event of the year!

The Ivy Singles Social Club January event will again make it easy to start the New Year right by getting out more. We had over 200 attend in 2002 and are hoping for 250 in 2003.

Please join us in the Grand Ballroom of this marvelous winter wonderland complete with high ceilings, winding staircases and large windows. You'll see why Calvin Coolidge used the mansion as a temporary White House. This event has been so well enjoyed that we are extending the time.

Advance Reservations: Send \$25 check payable to "The Bryn Mawr Club of Washington, DC" to Debby Prigal, 1625 Q St. NW #207, Washington, DC 20009, by Monday January 20th, 2003. Note your school on check. \$30 for ALL email or phone reservations and walk-ins. No exceptions.

Pre-register and avoid the long check-in lines. Please note new prices and extended hours. To ask questions or reserve a spot, e-mail Debby dprigal@aol.com or call (202) 265-3145.

Directions: Dupont Circle metro, either exit, and look for the white marble building between New Hampshire and P on the northeast part of the circle. Metro is recommended. Street parking is difficult; paid parking is next door on the side of Books-a-Million.

Cornell Club's Book Award Committee Completes 13th Year of Recognizing Outstanding Juniors at Area High Schools

by William F. Newell

During the Spring Semester of 2002, the Cornell Club of Washington presented awards to 19 outstanding juniors at high schools in the greater Washington area. The basis of the award continues as it was when it was established in 1989: To be awarded to a junior student of high academic achievement who has demonstrated leadership in the area of community service.

Schools are invited to participate by nominating a member of the current junior class who has demonstrated the attributes of the award. Different criteria are used to select which high schools are invited. The award is used where Cornell has a strong presence to foster that relationship. Alternatively, it is used where a recent drop in interest has occurred. The book award has been used at new high schools to help establish a Cornell presence.

The high schools participating in recent years are: in the District of Columbia, Banneker, St. Albans, and Wilson Senior; in Maryland, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, The Holton-Arms, Walter Johnson, Eleanor Roosevelt, Laurel, Winston Churchill, Richard Montgomery, Thomas S. Wooten, and Montgomery Blair; and in Virginia, T. C. Williams, Lake Braddock, Centreville, W. T. Woodson, Langley, McLean, South Lakes, and West Springfield.

The book awarded to each student is the American Heritage Dictionary, Third College Edition, thumb-indexed, with the Cornell University seal embossed on the front cover. A certificate is presented, suitable for framing, and a bookplate is given. CAAAN members are encouraged to present the awards at the schools' award celebrations in the spring. If you wish to recommend additional schools or are interested in participating in presenting the awards, contact Debbie Rutenberg and Samantha A. W. Peele, the Vice Presidents of CAAAN for DC/MD and for VA, respectively

More than 225 books have been awarded in the thirteen years the program has been active. William Newell, ALS '68, has served as Chair for the past 12 years.



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Hotel Society Holiday Party

The Washington, DC/Baltimore Chapter of the Cornell Hotel Society cordially invites you to celebrate the New Year! Join us for a special evening of great food, dancing, and holiday cheer on **Friday, 17 January 2003** at the Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC (2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW). Cocktails are from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, followed by dinner and dancing until midnight (black tie optional). Tickets are \$90 for Cornell Hotel Society Members, \$95 for non-members, and \$60 for current students and the Class of 2002.

The incomparable Giuseppe Pezzotti will be there to update us on the exciting developments ongoing at the Hotel School. Please note that the Four Seasons has extended a special weekend rate of \$199 to our group. If you'd like to reserve a room for Friday evening, call the hotel directly at 202-342-0444. Let them know you're attending the Cornell Hotel Society event to receive the special rate. Valet parking is available at the hotel for \$10.

Please RSVP by Friday, 10 January 2003 to 240-744-5625 or chswashingtondc@hotmail.com. Be sure to include your telephone number and/or e-mail address. Make checks payable to "Cornell Hotel Society" and mail to the following address:

Trey Conkling
Treasurer, Cornell Hotel Society
1701 16th Street, NW Apt 434
Washington, DC 20009

Hope to see you there!

Phonathon a Huge Success!

Nicole DelToro '91, Phonathon Chair

19 alumni came out to Bethesda on the night of November 14th to volunteer their time to call and thank previous donors and raise additional gifts for the current Cornell Fund year! Some arrived in time for dinner; others came by after working until 7pm at their day jobs; but universally, everyone had a great time and helped Cornell in this crucial area .

By the time the totals were tallied (which took a few days), we had contacted over 400 Cornell alumni in the area and raised over \$26,000 in specified gifts alone.

Once again, the DC area phonathon was hosted by JGSM grad, Jon Rutenberg, a Partner at the accounting and business consulting firm Reznick, Fedder, & Silverman. The RFS staff was both gracious and helpful.

Janet Heinis, Director of the Mid Atlantic region for Cornell, commented that this was one of the best groups of phoners she's worked with! The energy, camaraderie, and creativity of the volunteers contributed to not only a successful phonathon, but also a fun one.

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