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President's Message

Dear Cornell Club of Washington alumni and friends,

As we begin the New Year and I continue my second term as President, I am beholden to you for your confidence in my leadership abilities. Our achievements in 2004 resulted from synergized efforts of our members and officers, and I thank each of you for your contribution. This organization is only as strong as its members—and as we near the 1,000 member mark our distinction and strength are indubitable.



The CCW Board of Directors works passionately to offer you opportunities to explore new ideas, develop connections, serve the common good, and embark on a new direction, intellectually or professionally. In this and subsequent newsletters, you will see that the Cornell Club of Washington continues to open doors for today's students and alumni. We yearn to touch your life positively and constantly seek ways to improve, so please call or email me suggestions anytime!

May the peaceful coexistence of people with one another and with our planet gradually begin to manifest with each passing day of the New Year. And may the New Year invigorate and inspire you to take a more active role in the alumni community and the life and extended family of the University.

Best,

Danielle Alsop

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Please forward all address, email, or phone updates to insure no delays in receiving your newsletter. Send all updates to ccwchange@mac.com. You may also use this email address for questions about your membership status.

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Be a Part of CCW's 2005 Cornell Cares Day!!

Cornell Cares Day marks an annual tradition of Cornell alumni and students gathering across the country to give back to their communities. CCW invites you to offer a helping hand to the DC community on **Monday, January 17**, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Volunteer with Food and Friends, a nonprofit organization that delivers meals to those with terminal illnesses, such as cancer and HIV/AIDS. We are hoping to have 4-6 volunteer drivers and 8-12 additional volunteers accompany them. Volunteers will meet at the Food and Friends Headquarters at 219 Riggs Road, NE, at 10 a.m. for a brief orientation. From 10:30am to 12noon, participants will deliver food to clients. At noon, the group will reconvene for lunch. Interested? Email Joyce Nicholas at JNCHLS202@aol.com to RSVP.

Attention Cornell Men's Hockey fans:

It has come to our attention that the January 8th Cornell Men's Hockey game against Harvard will not be televised.

We know that many of you were looking forward to a game watch event this year, so please stay tuned to our newsletter, website, and email lists for notification of future game watches during the regular season and the playoffs.

Coming Events...

January:

Tues., Jan. 11- CCW Board Meeting, 2148 O St., 7:30 p.m.; Programming Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Contact: Danielle Alsop, dalsop@verizon.net

Mon., Jan. 17- Cornell Cares, Food and Friends, 219 Riggs Road, NE, 10 a.m.-noon.
Contact: Joyce Nicholas, JNCHLS202@aol.com.

Wed., Jan. 26- Discussion, Churchill's *Cloud 9*, Alfio's, 4515 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase, MD, 6:30-9:00 p.m. RSVP: Charlotte Baer at 202/244-8203 or charlotte4103@yahoo.com

Fri., Jan. 28: Ivy Singles Social Club, The Washington Club, 15 DuPont Circle NW, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Contact: Steven Piekarec at spiekare@cs.com or 703/281-4311.

Sat., Jan. 29, Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. SE. Contact: Robin Larkin, 301/897-9314 or rlarkin@footlights-dc.org

February

Sat., Feb. 5- Ivy Tennis, Arlington Y Tennis and Squash, 3400 N. 13th St., Arlington, VA, 6:45-11p.m. Contact: David Federbush at 703/765-1653.

Tues., Feb. 8- CCW Board Meeting, 2148 O St., 7:30 p.m.; Programming Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social for new Cornell-in-Washington Students, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Danielle Alsop, dalsop@verizon.net

Thurs., Feb. 10- Techie Hour, 2500 Wilson Blvd., Arlington VA, 7 p.m.. Contact: Josh Ammons at 301/512-0634.

Sat., Feb. 12- CAAA Banquet, Peking Park, 100 Park Ave., NY. Contact: CAAA at 212/986-7202.

Wed., Feb. 16- ISSC, Botanic Gardens. Contact: Debbie Tate at dtate2001@aol.com.

Sat., Feb. 26- Footlights, Shaw's *Saint Joan*, Olney Theatre, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd., Olney, MD. Contact: Robin Larkin, 301/897-9314 or rlarkin@footlights-dc.org

Quick Club Announcements...

Community Service: Tutoring at Jefferson Junior High

Saturday mornings, 10:00-11:30 a.m., 801 7th St. SW

Join in the Saturday Academy tutoring program with the 7th, 8th, and 9th graders at Jefferson. Tutors are needed in all subjects, from Algebra and Reading to Spanish and Physics. Typical activities include helping students with homework assignments, test preparation or research. Volunteers need not commit to every weekend.

Jefferson is located at the intersection of 7th Street SW and Maine Avenue. There's plenty of free parking, and the school is four blocks south of the L'Enfant Plaza Metro. For more information, contact Dan Lávanga '89 at dlavanga@hotmail.com or 703/548-8349.

Cornell Job Bank

Those with jobs to post and those wishing to apply should contact the new coordinator Steven Oppenheimer using procedures listed at

<http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu/career/career.html>

Job Offerers: Replies can either be sent directly to you, if you wish your contact information to be public (for CCW job seekers only, of course); or your reply information can be anonymous, and replies can be routed through the coordinator Steve Oppenheimer, as you prefer.

CCW Meetings

Tuesday, January 11: Members are invited to attend the monthly Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m., preceded by the Programming Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Club headquarters, 2148 O St. NW, Washington, D.C. Pizza for all attending. A good way to get involved! Metro: Dupont Circle, Red Line. Contact: Danielle Alsop at dalsop@verizon.net

Techie Hour, Release 6.0 presents:

Overseas Outsourcing, Backlash?

Blue Raster, LLC (corporate sponsor)
Electronic Industries Alliance Bldg.
2500 Wilson Blvd., 1st fl. Conference Room
Arlington, VA

Thursday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.

Hear a Techie Hour panel, sponsored by the Cornell Engineering Alumni Association, Blue Raster LLC (corporate sponsor), and the Cornell Club of Washington, on the pros and cons of Overseas Outsourcing. Techie Hour presents cutting edge ideas to technical professionals. Panel speakers will be Michael Bruce, Senior Manager at Accenture, and Antonio Gayoso, Professor, Thunderbird: American Graduate School of International Management. All Cornell and local university alumni are welcome.

Admission is \$8 cash, with pizza and refreshments served. Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 1st. Meeting place is two blocks from the Courthouse Metro.

Questions? Contact Josh Ammons at 301/512-0634 or Mohamad Darwish at 607/339-7863. For updates and White Papers, see www.techiehour.com.

Schedule for Big Red Sports Available Free

A free wallet-size calendar listing games and meets for all Big Red teams can be obtained simply by phoning the Athletics Department in Ithaca (607/255-3752) to place your name and address on their mailing list.

The winter edition, "2004-2005 Cornell Winter Sports Schedules", is now available. Schedules, including late-breaking changes, are also available on the Cornell Athletics website at www.CornellBigRed.com.

Cornell Asian Alumni Association Pan Asian New Year Banquet

Saturday, February 12

Peking Park, 100 Park Avenue (at East 40th Street) in New York City

Cash Bar: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00-10:00 p.m.

A traditional 10-course Chinese banquet and entertainment celebrate the Lunar Year of the Rooster 4703.



The guest of honor will be Ted Teng '79, President and Chief Operating Officer of Wyndham International, where he is responsible for overseeing all aspects of management of Wyndham International's branded and non Wyndham-branded assets. Mr. Teng has been instrumental in leading a re-engineering of both the business model and culture of Wyndham International though a focus on diversity, inclusion and personalization. Proceeds from this banquet will benefit the three existing CAAA Tradition Fellowships.

Please make checks payable to Cornell University. Friend Tickets are \$85 each. (Your contribution in excess of \$70 per ticket is tax-deductible.) Other levels of tickets are available. Please make checks payable to Cornell University. RSVPs, due by January 21, must be accompanied by full payment. Please send your name, class, address and telephone numbers (day and evening) along with your email.

Direct any inquiries to Cornell University Metro NY Regional Office at 212/986-7202 or see the CAAA website at <http://www.caaa.cornell.edu>.

10th Season Ivy Tennis Party Round Robin Mixed Doubles

Saturday, Feb. 5, 6:45-11p.m.
**Arlington Y Tennis & Squash
Club**
3400 N. 13th St., Arlington, VA

Join D.C.-area Ivy alums of all ages and tennis playing ability for a fun and healthy night out at this Arlington venue! To sign up, send a check for the appropriate amount payable to the Yale Club of Washington, D.C. and mail to Ms. Terry Watson, Recording Secretary, the Yale Club of Washington, D.C., 4323 Cathedral Ave., NW, Washington D.C. 20016. Please indicate Cornell as your school on the memo line of your check.

Costs: Players pay \$25 per person to cover court rental, snacks, and tennis balls; non-players are \$10. Only guests of players are permitted. Reservations are made only by sending a check or by credit card payment, which must be received by February 3. No telephone reservations will be accepted. Requests for refunds must be received by 3:00 p.m. on February 3. If space is available, the admission fee for players at the door will be \$30.

With your reservation check, please include the names of players, phone numbers at work and home, whether male or female, and level (Advanced, High Intermediate / Low Intermediate / Beginner). Also list names of guests.

Note: Each attendee is responsible for any damage to the facility, injuries or accidents in connection with this function.

For more information, call David Federbush (Yale) at 301/657-4691 (w), 301/657-4680 (h) or Kuni Matsuda (Harvard) at 301/953-9870 (w) and 703/765-1653 (h).

New Lifetime Club Members

#233 - Mary Quillian '93

#234 - Marge Loory '55

CCW AWARDS CONABLE SCHOLARSHIP

This is the first of a series announcing recipients of scholarships the Cornell Club of Washington (CCW) awards each year, showing the kinds of qualities we look for in our award recipients and honoring those after whom the scholarships are named.



The Barber B. Conable Scholarship: Each semester, the Cornell Club of Washington awards a stipend to a Cornell-in-Washington (CIW) student to help defray the costs of living in an expensive urban area and the loss of work-study funding. The scholarship honors Barber B. Conable '43, former Congressman and former President of the World Bank (shown left), for his contributions to our government and international relations.

Winner of the Fall 2004 scholarship was **Rebecca Liu**, Class of 2006. A Dean's List Student and Cornell Presidential Research Scholar, Rebecca majors in City and Regional Planning in the College of Architecture, Art and Planning and has pursued a wide-range of academic and extracurricular interests.

Growing up in Chicago inspired Rebecca to study and work in urban planning. As she puts it, "The devastating inequities I saw shaped my decision to be an Urban and Regional Studies major. Determined to pursue a career path that works to ameliorate urban dilemmas, I resolved to obtain an education where I could begin assessing social problems and their possible solutions."

In addition to her studies, Rebecca has translated her passion for urban planning into on-the-ground experience. While in Ithaca, Rebecca has volunteered for the Titus Towers Public Housing Project, the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, and the Southside Community Initiative Program—organizations that all work to better the lives of Ithacans. In Washington, DC, Rebecca spent this fall semester interning with the National Organization for Women (NOW), where she planned events and organized action coalitions.

Cornell Tradition Scholarship: The Cornell Tradition Scholarship is awarded to a local area student who is actively involved in community service at Cornell, holds at least a part-time job, and maintains a high GPA. This year, the Cornell Tradition selection committee awarded the **Mubdial Ali Imtiaz**, class of 2006. Mubdial moved to the United States, from Bangladesh in 2000, entered high school and became a National Honor Society student, all while working a part-time job. When the Scholarship Committee met him last summer, he was volunteering at Inova Hospital while working two jobs. A truly committed individual, Mubdial hopes to attend medical school after graduating from Cornell, but will take some time off first perform research at the National Institute of Health and work directly with hospital patients.

Your donation can help CCW continue supporting outstanding Cornellians. To donate, please contact Drew Warshaw, '03 at drew.warshaw@gmail.com or 917/359-4171 or simply write a check to: Cornell Club of Washington (write "scholarship" in the memo line) and send it to: Cornell Club of Washington; 2148 O Street, NW; Washington, DC 20037.

Co-ed Volleyball Sign-ups!

Sign-ups for co-ed volleyball are still going on. Matches will be during the week, starting in January and going through the end of March.

This is a recreational league, so whether you've ever wanted to play or have played your whole life, come out and join us. The cost is only \$10 per player, for the entire season! Contact Clint Brass '90 at Clint.Brass@earthlink.net if you're interested in signing up.

Cornell's Legislative Advocacy Network

The Office of Government and Community Relations at Cornell welcomes alumni help in communicating how proposed legislation would impact Cornell and other institutions of higher education. Please join our Legislative Advocacy Network and contact your elected state and federal representatives to urge them to preserve core state and federal support for Cornell and higher education. See www.govrelations.cornell.edu for more information.

Modern Drama Discussion Group

CCW co-sponsors the Modern Drama Discussion Group known as "Footlights." Each month, 35-50 Footlights members



meet over dinner with playwrights, directors, and scholars to discuss modern drama.

Participants read the plays on their own (available at Backstage Books, Politics and Prose and Olsson's), meet at inexpensive restaurants near Washington-area Metro stations, and usually attend performances. Membership is free, although a \$5 donation is requested.

Discussion, Wednesday, January 26: Caryl Churchill's *Cloud 9* presents a lacerating, but funny look at the cruelty and absurdity of convention. Discussants include Halo Wines, director of Catalyst Theater's upcoming production, and Maya Roth, drama professor at Georgetown University.

Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. at Alfio's, 4515 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase, MD, in the Willoughby Apartments, two blocks from the Red Line's Friendship Heights Metro. Street parking is limited; Alfio's offers complimentary valet parking. Fixed price dinner, including tax and service, is \$12. Reserve with Charlotte Baer at 202/244-8203 or charlotte4103@yahoo.com. Arrive at 7:30 p.m. for the discussion only.

Performance, Saturday, Jan. 29, 2:00 p.m. of Churchill's *Cloud Nine*: Performances take place at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. SE, 2 blocks from the Eastern Market Metro station. Tickets cost \$16 and include a post-show discussion.

Performance, Sat., Feb. 26, 2 p.m. of Shaw's *Saint Joan*, at the Olney Theatre Center at 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road in Olney, MD. Tickets are \$27.

For tickets, send your check, payable to Footlights, to Robin Larkin, 5403 Nibud Ct., Rockville, MD 20852. For questions, contact Robin at 301/897-9314 or rlarkin@footlights-dc.org.

Special Offer: If you're 30 or under, Footlights offers you half-price tickets to a play if you attend the prior dinner-discussion meeting.

Ivy Singles Social Club

Friday, January 28, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
The Washington Club
15 DuPont Circle, NW

Light Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

Come to our most popular event and meet 200 other Ivy-educated singles! The Ivy Singles Social Club will again make it easy (and enjoyable) to fulfill a New Year's resolution to get out more. Please join us in the Grand Ballroom of this marvelous (handicapped accessible) winter wonderland complete with high ceilings, winding staircases and large windows - Calvin Coolidge used the mansion as a temporary White House. This event has been so well enjoyed that we are continuing with the longer time. Business, business casual or cocktail attire.

Reservations: Send \$25 check payable to "The University of Chicago Club of Washington, DC" to Debby Prigal, 1625 Q St. NW #207, Washington, DC 20009, by Monday January 26th. Note Cornell on the memo. Email Reservations and Walk-ins: \$30 at the door. Email reservations to dprigal@aol.com or call Debby at 202/265-3145. Pre-register and avoid the lines at check-in.

Directions: Metro is recommended. DuPont Circle Metro, either exit, and look for the white marble building between New Hampshire and P on the northeast part of the circle. Street parking is difficult; paid parking is available next door on the side of Super Crown.

Save the Date: Feb. 16: ISSC event at the Botanic Gardens. Contact: Debbie Tate at dte2001@aol.com.

The Ivy Singles Social Club (ISSC) 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. For more information please see our website at www.ivysinglesdc.com.

CAAAN Report for Northern Virginia

The Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) in the Northern Virginia area has been actively engaged in the recruiting process for the Cornell Class of 2009! Alumni meet with area high school applicants from October through March in the hope of improving the percentage of students who enroll at Cornell from those who are offered admission. Of 104 applicants, 60 have been matched to a local alum and 36 meetings have already occurred and been reported to Ithaca.

The early decision process has come to a close for this admissions cycle and these results were mailed to local students on December 10. If you met with a student who has been offered admission - please call to congratulate him or her with a welcome to the DC Cornell community.

Early decision statistics for Northern Virginia report that we attempted to contact 34 early decision applicants resulting in 23 meeting reports submitted to the Undergraduate Admissions Office (68%). While we always strive for 100% - this is a strong return from our volunteers. Why not 100%? Sometimes the students decline the interviews or they are unable to meet before deadlines arrive. This represents a huge effort on behalf of our committee members.

In order to achieve our goal of 100% going forward, we need more volunteers to meet with students. For those interested, please contact Jill Fields '88 (General Chair for Northern Virginia) at jaf53@cornell.edu or 703/812-9034.

Thank you to the four committee chairs (Samantha Peele, Craig Lowenthal, Gary & Laurie Markin and Laura Bandini) and all of the committee members for their tireless enthusiasm about and dedication to Cornell.

Big Red Swimmers, Gymnasts Compete Here in Coming Weeks

Some of Cornell's finest athletes will be competing in our vicinity in January.

Swimming: Both swimming teams will compete in Annapolis on Saturday, January 15. Men's double dual meet with Navy and Yale begins at 12:00 noon. Women's double dual meet with Navy and Yale begins at 3:00 p.m. Both meets will be held at the U.S. Naval Academy's Lejeune Hall. Last year's men's meet was high drama, with the Big Red edging out Navy by just one point, decided in the final relay of the day. Coach Lucia expects this year's meet to be equally exciting. Cornell's Women will be swimming against the Naval Academy's team for the first time. Men's Coach: Joe Lucia, 607/255-7255, and Women's Coach: John Holohan, 607/255-8794.

Gymnastics: The Women's gymnastics team will be in Washington on Sunday, January 16, participating in the George Washington Invitational, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in GWU's Smith Center, 600 22nd Street, NW (Foggy Bottom Metro Station). General admission tickets are \$4.00 at the door for non-students. Contact GWU's Athletic Department, at 202/994-6650. Cornell's Coach is Paul Beckwith, 607/255-7024.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend some of these events. If you have questions, call CCW Board Member Bob Day '56 at 301/438-7755.

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