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Clowns Do Cry: A Lifetime of Laughter and Tears **Judy Gleklen Kopff '68**

Wednesday, December 6, 2006, 6:30 pm
The Sumner School
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Washington, DC 20036

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This is the third in a series of lectures in 2006 by distinguished Cornell alumni in the DC metropolitan area. Judy Kopff has volunteered in one way or another all her life. In addition to a full career of more than 30 years with the Federal Government (Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Government Accountability Office, and the U.S. Department of Defense), Judy entertains children and adults alike with her humor, smiles, and -- more recently -- her balloon creations.



Season's Greetings



Vietnam - In 1999 she traveled on her own to orphanages, schools, and hospitals, where she was usually the first and only American who had ever entertained the children.

Elián González – In 2000, she and her husband hosted a party at their home in the Cleveland Park neighborhood of Washington, where she taught this famous six-year old Cuban and his friends how to make balloon hats.

North Pole, Mongolia, Masai Mara (Kenya), Botswana, Indonesia, Egypt - “Clown Judy” fashioned balloon creations for children and “children at heart” over the past decade on her vacations throughout the world.

Judy was the 2005 winner of the Cornell Club of Washington’s Bondareff Award for outstanding, significant, and continuous service to the Club for chairing for more than 30 years the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) #419, a committee of over 80 alumni responsible for contacting and meeting with applicants to Cornell from Washington, D.C. public and private schools.

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Please bring a check payable to “Cornell Club of Washington.” Profits go to the Cornell Club Scholarship Fund.

To attend: RSVP by 12/01/06 Adriano Sabatelli, Adriano.Sabatelli@gmail.com, 202.219.7856

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Events at a Glance...

December

- 6 Clowns Do Cry, 6:30 pm
Questions: Adriano Sabatelli, Adriano.Sabatelli@gmail.com
- 7 CCW Programming Meeting, 7:00 pm
Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@cs.com
- 12 CCW Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
Questions: Jonathan Simon, jxs@vnf.com
- 10 CBAA Holiday Party, 2:00 pm
Questions: Deborah Arrindell, darrinde@brmus.jnj.com
- 10, 16, 17 Washington Men's Camerata Concert
Questions: Bob McKinless, rfm10@cornell.edu
- 14 CCW Holiday Party, 7:00 pm
Questions: Jenn Malm, jennmalm@gmail.com

January

- 5 ISSC: New Year's Eve Gala, 6:30 pm
Questions: Laura Medinas, lmedinas@vetapp.gov
- 9 CCW Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
Questions: Jonathan Simon, jxs@vnf.com

February

- 9 Savion Glover at the Warner Theatre, 8:00 pm
Questions: Tomoko Morinaga, tm58@cornell.edu
- 13 CCW Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
Questions: Jonathan Simon, jxs@vnf.com

Stay connected, join the CCW Listservs!

Post useful information, ask questions, find apartments, and share job listings!

Email knj2@cornell.edu to join the
CU-ALUMS-DC-L@cornell.edu list to communicate with local alumni.

Email ccwprogramming@yahoo.com to join the
DCYOUNGALUMNI-L@cornell.edu list to connect with recent alumni in the area.

Email man29@cornell.edu to subscribe to the
Cornell Mid-Atlantic Alumni list to receive notifications of events.

Club Announcements...

Roving Reporter: Bob Day '56

CCW Monthly Board and Programming Meetings

All CCW members are invited to attend and participate in our monthly CCW Board Meeting and/or Programming Meeting. These meetings are a great way to get involved with the Club.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 7:30 pm

Cornell Center

1341 22nd Street NW

Washington, DC 20037

Questions: Jonathan Simon, jxs@vnf.com

Programming Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2006, 7:00 pm

Westin Arlington Gateway

801 North Glebe Road

Arlington, VA 22202

Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@cs.com

Looking for Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network Volunteers

Interested in joining CAAAN? CAAAN is the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network, a group of nearly 6,900 alumni volunteers who assist the Cornell admissions community in recruiting superior undergraduate applicants. CAAAN members are involved in a variety of activities, the biggest of which is contacting local candidates, who have submitted their application, to answer questions, provide a positive perspective on the University, and accumulate additional information about the applicant.

Involvement in CAAAN is a great way to stay connected to Cornell as well as your local community.

To learn more about CAAAN and what volunteers do, you can visit our website at caaan.admissions.cornell.edu. If you live in the DC area and would like to volunteer for CAAAN, we could use your help to meet with local applicants right away. Whether you have time to meet with only one applicant all year or a dozen, it is worth signing up; committee chairpersons are flexible and can accommodate your busy schedule.

To join CAAAN, please contact the representative for the area in which you would like to meet with applicants:

Maryland and D.C.:

Debbie Rutenberg

debbie@adsolution.com

Virginia:

Craig Lowenthal

CBL5@cornell.edu

*For Virginians, two new committees have been formed in Loudoun, Prince William, and Fauquier Counties. If you live in one of these areas, you can now conduct meeting with applicants close to home!

Roving Reporter: Bob Day '56

Casey Tree Planting in Crispus Attucks Park

WASHINGTON, November 11 -- Ten members of the Cornell Club, including several recent graduates, came by bike, car or Metro to Crispus Attucks Park in the North Capitol Street corridor to help plant 50 trees on Veterans Day. The weather was super, and CCW's teams planted two dogwoods and a Foster holly, while over 100 other volunteers were planting the remaining 47 trees.

This major Community Tree Planting, the first in which the Cornell Club of Washington has participated as a club, was organized and led by the professional staff and Citizen Foresters of the Casey Trees Endowment Fund. Our team leader at this planting was CCW member and Citizen Forester Diana Day '56. Other Cornellians included Mary Ann Borrelli, Victoria Lin, Sandra Paredes, Katrina Shum, Omari Davis, Rich Hung and Brian Ruhl. We were joined in our digging, planting and staking of the trees by various neighbors who will be caring for these trees, including some teenage boys.

Big Red Dragons Host Cornell in Washington Students

ANACOSTIA RIVER, October 22 -- In a pioneering first, members of CCW's Dragon Boat Team, the "Big Red Dragons", hosted an introduction to Chinese dragonboat racing for about a dozen undergrads from the Cornell in Washington Program's fall semester. Most students who accepted the invitation to "Dragonboating 101" and a picnic afterward at the Anacostia Community Boathouse, are majoring in China Asia Pacific Studies (CAPS). The camaraderie was great, and the students will be able to draw on this experience when they arrive in Beijing in the Fall of 2007 for their semester of study in China.

Our coaches from the world-class D.C. Dragons, including Patti Jette Handley '94, were impressed with the quick-learning by the novices and their teamwork, as well as their highly respectable racing time over the 500-meter race course. For the students this was the first of what we hope will be many, many enjoyable and rewarding experiences in dragonboating.

For the Club's Big Red Dragons and their leaders this was clearly an event worth repeating in the Fall of 2007, when the second contingent of CAPS majors arrives in Washington for their semester in the Cornell in Washington Program. Between now and then there will be another Dragon Boat Festival on the Potomac on May 19-20, when the Cornell Club will enter its Big Red Dragons for the 5th year in a row. CCW members can mark their calendars now, and those interested in joining the team should watch for the signups early in the Spring.

Casey Trees Seeks Future Tree Planting Sites

Mark Buscaino, Executive Director of Casey Trees, made a special request to the Cornell Club during the Veterans' Day Tree Planting. Namely, Casey Trees would like to benefit from CCW's far-reaching networks and connections throughout the city in order to establish contacts with neighborhood groups and organizations in the District of Columbia, including community associations, who will submit Requests For Plantings (RFP) early next year for plantings in the Fall of 2007.



www.caseytrees.org

Such partners can help mobilize their communities for plantings, and help maintain the young trees. Areas eligible for plantings, like Crispus Attucks Park, can be owned by non-profit organizations or other private groups. The trees are free, and volunteers will be ready to plant—but where are the sites?

Contact: Mark Buscaino, muscaino@caeytrees.org; Bob and Diana Day '56, dayhaven@comcast.net.

Cornell Club of Washington Holiday Party

Thursday, December 14, 2006, 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Woman's National Democratic Club
1526 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20036

Celebrate the holidays and Cornell spirit at the first CCW Holiday Party. The Cornell Club of Washington welcomes you to join friends and alumni of all ages for an elegant, festive evening at the Woman's National Democratic Club, located near Dupont Circle in one of Washington's most exquisite, historic mansions.

A cocktail hour with a classical piano performance, open wine, champagne and beer bar, and light hors d'oeuvres will begin the evening. This will be followed by a three-course seated dinner, coffee service, and cash bar until 10:45 pm.

This event will also allow Cornell alumni to share their holiday spirit with others less fortunate. Each member who attends the event is encouraged to donate scarves, hats, and gloves to the Dinner Program for Homeless Women. Please help CCW represent the charitable spirit of Cornell while enjoying an exquisite evening in a beautiful, historic home. Cocktail or business attire requested.

Cost: \$65 all CCW members, \$75 non-members.

To attend: Please send reservation form and check, payable to "Cornell Club of Washington" to Jenn Malm, 6479 Trillium House Lane, Centreville, VA 20120.

Contact: Jenn Malm, jennmalm@gmail.com; or Jane Terrell, janesterrell@hotmail.com .

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

If you are available to volunteer to help us deliver our donations to the organization, please let us know on your reservation form. Drivers needed!



holiday cheer

Christmas with the Camerata



Celebrate the holiday season by enjoying a concert of Christmas music by the 65-voice Washington Men's Camerata. The program will include a sing-along of traditional carols, some new arrangements of familiar songs and several new pieces. By special arrangement with the Cornell Club, the Camerata will donate \$5 to our Scholarship Fund for each ticket sold to a CCW member. You pay the regular price, but the Scholarship Fund gets a portion of the proceeds. Choose from 3 dates and 3 locations.

Sunday, December 10, 2006, 4:00 pm
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

Saturday, December 16, 2006, 8:00 pm
Fairlington United Methodist Church
3900 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

Sunday, December 17, 2006, 3:00 pm
Church of the Epiphany
1317 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

The Camerata was co-founded in 1984 by CCW Life Member Brad Spencer and is currently recording its 5th CD on the Gothic label. Ten Cornell alumni will be among the singers in this concert, including CCW members Mike Hurlbut '03, Carib Mendez '99, Dave Witkowski '97, Terry Horner '92, Mike Schrier '90, Brad Spencer '79 and Bob McKinless '48. The Camerata is led by Frank Albinder, formerly of Chanticleer, and currently also director of the Woodley Ensemble and the University of Virginia Men's Glee Club.

Cost: Tickets are \$25 (adult); \$15 (student); and \$60 (family, up to 6 people at same concert).

To attend: Send check payable to "Washington Men's Camerata" to Bob McKinless, 4203 Muir Place, Alexandria, VA 22312. Tickets will be mailed for orders received by 12/01/06. Orders received after that will be held at the door.

Contact: Bob McKinless,
rfm10@cornell.edu, 703.256.5451.

Cornell Club of Washington Holiday Party Reservation

Name _____ School/Year: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please select choice of entrée: Chicken Marsala Roasted Salmon Pasta Primavera

_____ x \$65 all CCW members = \$ _____

_____ x \$75 non-members = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

____ Yes! I would like to volunteer to help deliver donations. Please contact me via ____ phone or ____ email.

Please make check payable to "Cornell Club of Washington".
Mail to: Jenn Malm, 6479 Trillium House Lane, Centreville, VA 20120

Cornell Black Alumni Association Holiday Party

Sunday, December 10, 2006, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Home of Deborah Arrindell

The MD/DC/VA chapter of the Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA) will be holding its annual Holiday party at the home of Deborah Arrindel. A light meal and beverages will be served. Spouses, children, and significant others are welcome.

To attend: Please RSVP to Deborah Arrindell, darrinde@brmus.jnj.com, 301.643.7339.

Savion Glover at the Warner Theatre

Friday, February 9, 2006, 8:00 pm
Warner Theatre
513 13th Street, NW
Washington DC 20004
www.warnertheatre.com

“Creator and star of the Broadway smash *Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk*, Savion Glover single-handedly pushed percussive dance back to the forefront of American performance. In *Classical Savion*, Glover performs with an ensemble of classical musicians, reminding audiences that tap dancing has a fresh new look, sound, and king.”

—www.warnertheatre.com.



CCW reserved a block of seats for Savion Glover's performance. Please join us for a special evening. Seats are in the mid-balcony center section.

Cost: \$50 members, \$60 non-members.

To attend: Please contact Tomoko Morinaga, tm58@cornell.edu.

Ivy Singles Social Club

Ivy Singles Holiday Party Hosted by the Washington DC Stanford Association

Friday, December 8, 2006, 6:30 pm
DACOR-Bacon House
1801 F Street NW
Washington, DC 20006

The Washington DC Stanford Club invites you to an Ivy Singles Social Club holiday party. The venue is the elegant, historic DACOR-Bacon House, home to several Supreme Court Justices as well as a Maryland governor over its glorious past.

The house will be decorated for the holiday season and a fir tree will await our collective, talented skills of adding pretty bobbles and bows. Please bring an ornament for the tree or a small toy for a five-year-old child to put under the tree.

Cost: \$30 in advance, \$35 for phone or email reservations, and at the door.

To attend: Send check by 12/01/06, payable to, “Washington DC Stanford Association”, to Margaret New, The Middleburg Group, PO. Box 993, Middleburg, VA 20118, 703.298.2525. Please note your school on the check. Please RSVP if possible to the Evite site:

<http://www.evite.com/app/publicUrl/spiekare@cs.com/DACOR06>

New Year's Eve Gala Hosted by the University of Chicago Club & Dartmouth College

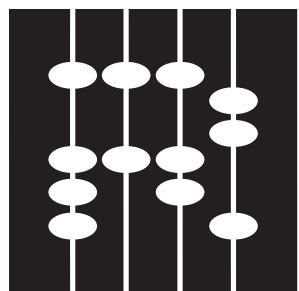
Friday, January 5, 2006, 6:30 pm
The Washington Club
15 Dupont Circle NW
Washington, DC 20036
www.thewashingtonclub.com

Each January, a couple hundred well-educated singles gather for Ivy Singles' most popular event, the Annual New Year's Gala at historic Patterson House, home of the The Washington Club. In a white marble mansion on Dupont Circle they toast the New Year and meet old friends and new. They eat, drink, and mingle in the grand rooms and winding stairwells of architect Stanford White's 1902 Beaux-Arts creation, at one time Calvin Coolidge's temporary White House, where guest Charles Lindbergh was honored for his transatlantic feat.

Cost: \$25 in advance, \$30 for phone or email reservations, and at the door.

To attend: Send check by 12/27/06, payable to “The University of Chicago Club of Washington”, to Laura Medinas, c/o USCAVC, 625 Indiana Ave. NW, Ste. 900, Washington, DC 20004-2950, lmedinas@vetapp.gov, 202.501.5993. Please note your school on the check.

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line).



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CCW Picture Gallery

*Casey Tree Planting
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