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****New Venue****

Roving Mars: Spirit, Opportunity, and the Exploration of the Red Planet

A Special Evening with Steven Squyres, Goldwin Smith Professor of Astronomy

*Thursday, November 20, 2008, 7:00 pm
 The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC
www.itcdc.com/about.php*

Join capital-area Cornellians and friends for an academic lecture by Steven W. Squyres, the principal investigator for NASA on the Mars Rover Project. The talk will provide an up-to-date summary of the missions of Spirit and Opportunity, from their initial conception through their development, launch, landing, and operations on the surface of Mars.



In January 2004, twin robotic explorers named Spirit and Opportunity landed on Mars. Expected to last for 90 days, the two rovers have now been exploring the Martian surface for more than four years. Their objective is to search for evidence of past water on Mars, and to determine if Mars ever had conditions that would have been suitable for life. To develop Spirit and Opportunity, a team of more than 4,000 highly motivated engineers and scientists overcame a host of technical challenges. The challenges were multiplied by an extraordinarily tight schedule that was driven by the motions of the planets.

To attend: Register at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/events/dc>. Registration must be received by November 10.

Questions: Call 607.254.3908 or email rsvp@cornell.edu

Parking: An underground parking garage is open from 5:00 am – 2:00 am. Entrances are on 13½ Street (off Pennsylvania Avenue) and on 14th Street. All vehicles and guests are screened upon entry, so please allow extra time. Parking costs \$10 after 5:00 pm. For additional transportation information and other location details, visit www.itcdc.com/about.php or call 202-312-1300.

Please note that the venue for this event has changed to the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

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Jackie Stromberg '08 A&LS
Melanie Tu '07 I&LR
Kimberly A. Vertolli
Han-ching Wang GRAD: '81 ARCH
Madeline Wells '06 ARTS

Welcome New Life Member!

Jill Abrams Klein '80 ARTS

The Club's life membership program, established in 1985, is an excellent way to maintain your membership in the Club, and at the same time significantly benefit the Club's scholarship efforts. Life membership fees are invested, and the resulting income is added to the Club's operating budget in lieu of annual dues. When a life member leaves the area, the initial fee is transferred to the Club's Scholarship Fund.

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Club Announcements...

CCW Monthly Board and Programming Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 All CCW members are invited to attend and participate in our monthly CCW Board Meetings at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. The Programming Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30pm (before the board convenes). Meetings take place at 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 (downstairs from the Cornell Center).

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Questions: Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu

CCW Awards Conable Scholarship

CCW awarded Tracey Gaines of Buffalo, NY and Ashley Birietti of Norwalk, CT the Conable Scholarship. The Barber B. Conable Scholarship is awarded each semester (two per academic year) to a student enrolled in the Cornell-in-Washington Program. The scholarship honors Barber B. Conable '43, former Congressman and former President of the World Bank, for his contributions to our government and international relations. This stipend helps defray the cost of living in a major metropolitan area and the student's potential loss of income from being unable to hold a work-study job while living in DC and working in an internship.



Volunteer with CAAAN to Meet Prospective Students

The Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network is a group of thousands of alumni volunteers who assist admissions in recruiting superior undergraduate applicants. Volunteers help prospective students from the DC region discover more about university life and the rich opportunities Cornell offers. They attend college fairs for high school students, make individual outreach to applicants, and host receptions for prospective students. If you who would like to meet with students in Maryland or DC, contact Janet Cornfeld '72 at jlcornfeld@aol.com; in Virginia, contact Craig Lowenthal '03 at cbl5@cornell.edu.

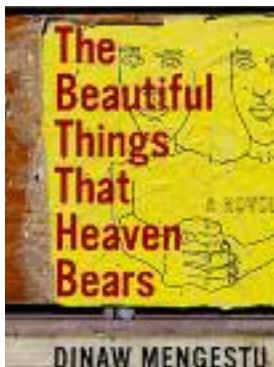
CCW Book Club:

The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears by Dinaw Mengestu

Sunday, December 7, 6:00 pm
Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant
1415 14th St NW
Washington, DC 20005

Join the CCW book club to enjoy dinner and discuss Dinaw Mengestu's *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears*, an account of an immigrant's life in Washington, DC.

Contact: Benjamin VanEvery, vanevery@gmail.com



Roving Reporter: Clint Brass '90

Gorgeous Day at Old Rag XLVI

SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK, VIRGINIA, October 11th - For the first time in the history of Cornell Club of Washington hikes to Old Rag, we postponed the hike twice. This factoid was confirmed by none other than hike creator Bob McKinless '48. For our third try, however, the weather cooperated spectacularly. In mid-70s temperatures and sunny skies, we embarked up the mountain with sunlight cascading through multi-colored leaves, both on trees and falling among us. With almost no haze, we could see for miles around. In total, 19 alums and 7 friends and family members converged in Sperryville and the Old Rag parking lot for our semiannual event. Many



thanks to George Rogers '79 for the bagels at the Emporium in Sperryville (served off a car hood!), Alyson Taylor MLA '00 and Christine Kennefick GRAD '91 for helping with carpooling (Alyson all the way from Baltimore!), many other alums who were willing to help with carpooling or who car-pooled with friends and family (Al Gore gives you a high five), and Nick Woodward '70 for helping once again to lead the hike and navigate first-time hikers through the infamous chimney scramble.

Interested in planning CCW programs or helping out at events?

Attend the next programming committee meeting on November 11 at 6:30pm, before the board meeting.

Questions? Contact Katherine Rogers, kkrogers@gmail.com.

Harvest Season Soiree

Hosted by the Dartmouth Club and the Cornell Club of Washington DC

Thursday, November 13, 2008

6:30 to 9:00 pm

The Great Hall of The City Tavern Club

3206 M Street NW

Washington DC 20007

Our November venue ranks as the second oldest building in the District of Columbia. It was built in 1796 when Georgetown was well established from colonial times and the City of Washington merely comprised a vast construction site. A focal point for Georgetown elections and civic events, the City Tavern has associations with Presidents Washington, Jefferson, and Adams. The building and its furnishings were restored in 1962 and present a fine example of the American Federal Style. For views of the City Tavern please see <http://www.citytavernclubdc.org>.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Attire is business or cocktail. Guests are welcome.

Cost: \$30 in advance, \$35 walk ins.

To attend: To register in advance, send a check payable to "The Dartmouth Club of Washington DC" to Dan Crowley, 1440 N St NW #202, Washington DC 20005 by Saturday, November 8. Please note your school.

Questions: Dan Crowley, DanielFCrowley@Compuserve.com, 202.234.6676.

Ivy Singles Holiday Party

Friday, December 5, 2008

6:30 to 9:00 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 (built 1824-25), home to several Supreme Court Justices as well as a Maryland governor. Congressman Bacon and his wife lived in the house. Upon her death, Bacon's widow, Virginia Murray Bacon, bequeathed the historic building to the Foundation as a memorial to husband, U.S. Representative Robert Low Bacon of New York. The House now serves as headquarters and meeting place for members of the Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR) and the DACOR Bacon House Foundation.

The DACOR-Bacon House will be decorated for the holiday season and a fir tree will await our collective, talented 'bobble and bow adding skills'. In keeping with the holiday spirit of goodwill, we hope you will bring an inexpensive gift to put under the tree for Toys for Tots.

Enjoy scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, live music and libations from a cash bar.

Cost: \$30 in advance, \$35 walk ins.

To attend: Send a \$30 check payable to the "WDCSA" or Washington DC Stanford Association to Margaret New, The Middleburg Group, P.O. Box 933, Middleburg, VA 20118 by December 1, 2008. Please note your school on the check.

Questions: Margaret New, Margaret@middleburggroup.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.

www.ivysinglesdc.com

Join fellow Cornellians at the Young Alumni Holiday Party

Friday, December 19

9:30 pm -12:00 midnight

Lounge 201

201 Massachusetts Ave, NE

Washington, DC

Cost: \$41 for members, \$48 for non-members (includes open bar and hor d'oeuvres)

Dress Code: Cocktail Attire

Questions: Taylor van der Mandele, aylorvdm@gmail.com

Moved?

New email?

Send changes to:
ccwchange@mac.com

Restaurant Series

Wednesday, November 12, 7:00pm

Hard Times Cafe

3028 Wilson Blvd

Arlington, VA 22201

The Restaurant Series event this month will be an outing to Hard Times Chili in Clarendon. We'll meet at the restaurant at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 12. The average entree costs about \$10; dinner cost is on an individual basis. If you can join us, RSVP to Katherine Rogers, kkrogers@gmail.com. Space in this outing is limited.



Celebrate Black History Month - African Art Museum Tour

Tuesday, February 10, 11:45am
National Museum for African Art
950 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20560

SAVE THE DATE and visit the celebrated Disney-Tishman Exhibit at the National Museum for African Art on Tuesday, February 10, 11:45 AM.

The event is co-sponsored by Cornell Club of Washington and Cornell Black Alumni Association.

- Highlights of the collection amassed by the Tishman Family, admired and purchased by Walt Disney, and subsequently donated by the Disney Organization to the museum for all of us to enjoy.

- Magnificent examples of classic African art forms that inspired Picasso and other European artists.



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Museum is located on The Mall adjacent to the Smithsonian Castle, and the tour is free.

While this event will appeal to all age groups, museum staff understands that this docent-led tour is for adults.

Further details to be announced including plans for lunch afterwards (optional).

Questions: Contact Bob Day, 301.438.7755, dayhaven@comcast.net.

**Ivy Holiday Party
Cornell Club of Washington, Pennsylvania Alumni Club of Washington**

Friday, December 14, 2007, 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 third Ivy Holiday Party. This year, the DC Penn Club will help us host the event. The event is open to all local Ivy Clubs and their current members get the member prices.

We welcome 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 music 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 alumni to share their holiday spirit with others less fortunate. Each member who attends the event is encouraged to donate teddy bears or other toys for children for donation to a local charity.

Cocktail or business attire requested.

Cost: Early price (before 11/20) \$65 all CCW and Ivy Club members, \$75 non-members. Full price (after 11/20) \$70 members, \$80 non-members

To attend: Please send reservation form and check, payable to "Cornell Club of Washington" to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181. You can also pay online at www.cornellclubdc.org.

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Contact: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net

Cornell Club of Washington Holiday Party Reservation

Name _____
School/Year: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please select choice of entrée: Lemon turkey cutlet with butternut squash ravioli, Pan seared Orange Roughy with mango salsa, or Pasta Primavera.

Number attending:
CCW and Ivy Clubs (before 11/20)
members _____ x \$65 all members = \$ _____
non-members _____ x \$75 non-members = \$ _____
CCW and Ivy Clubs (after 11/20)
members _____ x \$70 all members = \$ _____
non-members _____ x \$80 non-members = \$ _____
Total = \$ _____

Please make check payable to "Cornell Club of Washington".
Mail to: Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181



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