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**Save the Date!**

**Tuesday, May 19**  
 CCW Annual Dinner

Catch up with area alumni, hear the Club's annual report, recognize incoming and outgoing club leadership, and enjoy a presentation from a guest speaker.

**A Special Evening at the Finnish Embassy**

*Wednesday, April 15, 2009*  
 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
 Embassy of Finland  
 3301 Massachusetts Ave, NW  
 Washington, DC 20008  
<http://www.finland.org>

Join the Cornell Club of Washington and Cornell's Johnson School Club of DC for an exciting and interesting evening at the Finnish Embassy. Ranked as the second most economically competitive country in the world according to the World Economic Forum, Finland has many successes in science, trade, technology, design, culture and industry.



Diplomats and possibly the Ambassador himself will welcome you and introduce you to this Nordic country and discuss Finland's role in the international business arena. The evening includes a short movie and cocktail reception with hor d'oeuvres.

Experiencing the building, known as Embassy Row's green jewel, and its woodland view while tasting Finnish reception food prepared by the Embassy's outstanding chef may likely cause you to want to experience Finland first-hand. It is no surprise that the Embassy of Finland received a Green Building rating, the first among Washington's embassies.

Finland's parliamentary democracy thrives today with many values we Americans share with this beautiful Nordic country. Finland is also well known for its music, modern design and architecture, and high standards in food safety and environmentalism.

**Cost:** CCW and Johnson School Members and member guests pay \$50 by check or \$52 by PayPal. Non-members and non-member guests pay \$60 by check or PayPal.

**To attend:** Mail a check payable to Cornell Club of Washington to Mrs. G.L. Stifel, 9636 Old Spring Rd, Kensington, MD 20895, or register and pay online at [www.cornellclubdc.org](http://www.cornellclubdc.org).

**Deadline:** Please register and pay prior to Friday, April 10. This venue does not permit walk-ins.

**Dress:** Coat and tie and appropriate embassy reception attire.

**Metro/Parking:** From the Dupont Metro (Red Line) take bus line (N2, N3, N4, N6). Limited street parking available.

**Questions?** Contact Gladys L. Stifel '58, 301.933.0263, [gl23@cornell.edu](mailto:gl23@cornell.edu)

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# Club Announcements...

## CCW Monthly Board and Programming Meeting

**Tuesday, April 14, 2009** 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 6:30 pm (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

## Roving Reporter: Nicole Del Toro

### Cornell Skates Recap

On Saturday, February 28, more than 140 Cornellians, family and friends gathered at Cabin John Ice Rink in Bethesda for an afternoon of skating and snacks. The event was sponsored by the Classes of 1990-1999, DC ILR Alumni and the Cornell Club of Washington, so attendees ranged from a few months old to classes of the 50's. Many were expert skaters, but some were learning to skate for the first time. Our thanks go out to Glenn Strahs '74 for his hard work in planning this event, and to all of those who helped with registration.



Due to the event's success, we hope to make this an annual event.

If you have other family-friendly event ideas, email ndeltoro@andrewscole.com

### Register Now!

### Cornell in the Capital

On Friday, April 3, at 6:00 pm, President David J. Skorton will host Cornell in the Capital at The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The event's centerpiece is a faculty panel titled "A Meeting of the Minds: Shaping Policy in Changing Times." Skorton will lead five prominent Cornell professors in a conversation about some of today's most significant policy issues and academia's potential to address them. The panelists are:



- Joseph Fins: Medical ethics. Chief of the Division of Medical Ethics, professor of medicine, professor of public health, professor of medicine in psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College
- David Harris: Race and ethnicity, stratification, and public policy. Deputy provost, vice provost for social sciences, professor of sociology
- Sara Kreps: International relations, alliances, conflict, and weapons proliferation. Assistant professor of government and former senior fellow at Georgetown University's Institute for International Law and Politics
- Alice Pell: International rural and agricultural development. Vice provost for international relations, professor of animal science, director of the Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture, and Development
- Michael Waldman: Applied microeconomics. Charles H. Dyson Professor of Management, professor of economics, director of the Institute for the Advancement of Economics at Cornell

Registration is almost closed! To explore the event details and register, please visit [www.campaign.cornell.edu/events/capital](http://www.campaign.cornell.edu/events/capital) or call Casey Lucier at 607.254.8988.

## Volunteer General Counsel Needed

CCW is seeking a practicing member of the DC bar to serve as its volunteer General Counsel.

The time requirements are minimal. Tasks include submitting the biannual report to DC and keeping up on other District requirements, reviewing contracts as needed, registering as the club's agent to receive legal notices, responding to questions raised by the President and reviewing actions by the Board to address legal issues before they arise.

**Interested?** Contact Ed Berkowitz, Edberko@aol.com.

## Dragon Boat Team Sets Three Practice Dates, Has Openings

CCW has just a few more seats to fill to compete in this year's Washington's Dragon Boat Festival on the weekend of May 16-17, 2009 on the Potomac near the Kennedy Center.

There will be three practice sessions, so prior experience is not necessary and you don't have to be alumni! The Cornell Big Red Dragons have always done well in this Festival and always with newcomers on board. The three training sessions will be held from 1:00 – 2:30 pm at the Anacostia Community Boathouse on: Saturday, April 18; Saturday, April 25; and Sunday, May 3.

**To participate:** Contact Co-Captain Kate Bryant at [kateb36@gmail.com](mailto:kateb36@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$45-\$50 per seat in the boat, including lessons and two days of racing. For more information, go to [www.dcdragonboat.com](http://www.dcdragonboat.com).

**Questions?** Kate Bryant, 202.276.5282, [kateb36@gmail.com](mailto:kateb36@gmail.com), or Bob Day, 301.438.7755, [dayhaven@comcast.net](mailto:dayhaven@comcast.net).

## Players Needed for Cornell Softball

The Cornell Alumni softball team has been in the Capital Alumni Network (CAN) league almost since the beginning with some very good years. The team has had 9 straight seasons with a .500 or better winning percentage, with a 7-7 in 2008.

We have a number of players returning from last year's team, but always need more experienced players, male and female.

**Interested?** Contact Artie Mabbett, [amabbett@yahoo.com](mailto:amabbett@yahoo.com).

## Experts Discuss Cornell's Approach to Sustainability

Tuesday, April 28, 6:00 – 9:00 pm , followed by coffee  
Keck Center of the National Academies  
500 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
[www.sustainablefuture.cornell.edu](http://www.sustainablefuture.cornell.edu)

The Cornell Club of Washington (CCW) and the Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future (CCSF) invite you to attend an outstanding evening program featuring the CCSF Director and a panel of distinguished Cornell faculty members. They will address pressing global and local issues and will describe Cornell's new initiatives to deal with those issues. Panelists include:

- Frank DiSalvo, J.A. Newman Professor of Physical Science and Director of CCSF, and a member of the National Academy of Sciences;
- Jeff Tester, Croll Professor of Sustainable Energy Systems, and CCSF's Associate Director, Energy Programs;
- Anurag Agrawal, Associate Professor, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, and CCSF's Associate Director for Environment Programs; and
- Michael Hoffmann, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Director of the Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station

CCSF emerged in 2008 following an extended campus dialogue on sustainable development. Energy, the environment, and economic development are linked in ways that require interdisciplinary approaches to solutions. Visit the Center's website ([www.ccsf.edu](http://www.ccsf.edu)) for a flavor of the partnerships being forged by CCSF. The evening program, supported by a Cornell Alumni Federation grant, will begin with a welcome reception.

**Metro:** Judiciary Square (Red Line)

**Cost:** \$18 per person for Cornell alumni and their guests; \$10 for current Cornell students and Cornell graduates in the Classes of '06, '07, and '08.

**To attend:** Register by April 21 on the CCW website and pay by credit card. Attendance is limited and registration will be cut off when maximum capacity is reached. Payment by check can also be arranged, but online registration is preferred. Include your Cornell Class and the name of each guest. A participant list must be submitted in advance.

**Questions?** Contact Bob Day '56, 301.438.7755, [dayhaven@comcast.net](mailto:dayhaven@comcast.net).

## Cornell Crews in 9 Races Here on the Potomac

Friday & Saturday, April 10-11  
Thompson Boat Center/Washington Harbor  
Rock Creek Parkway & Virginia Ave., NW  
Washington, DC

Join Cornellians on the banks of the Potomac to cheer on Cornell's Heavyweight Crews as they compete in this year's George Washington Invitational Regatta, the largest collegiate rowing competition in the Washington metropolitan area. Look for the Cornell Club's red canopy and the Big Red Crew's tent, near the Thompson Boat Center. Free Admission.

For the third straight year, each team will enter all its boats in three separate Dual Meets on the 2000-meter, Potomac River racecourse. On Friday afternoon, Cornell will compete against GWU; On Saturday Cornell will race Gonzaga University in the morning, and Georgetown University in the afternoon. Times will be announced at [www.gwir.org](http://www.gwir.org).

**Metro:** Foggy Bottom Station/GWU (Blue/Orange Lines)

**Questions?** Contact Bob Day '56, 301.438.7755, [dayhaven@comcast.net](mailto:dayhaven@comcast.net).

## Cornell Hockey Happy Hour at the Frozen Four

Friday, April 10, 5:00 – 8:00 pm  
Penn Quarter Sports Tavern  
639 Indiana Avenue NW  
Washington, DC

The Frozen Four, college hockey's championship weekend, will be held in Washington, DC this month at the Verizon Center! The semifinals will occur on Thursday, April 9 with the championship on Saturday, April 1. There is a possibility that Cornell will be in the Frozen Four (unknown at time of press). Regardless, the Cornell Club of Washington will host a Cornell Hockey Happy Hour for DC locals and all Big Red fans in town for the event. We expect a large contingent of Lynah Faithful in DC for the weekend and look forward to welcoming them! Happy Hour begins at 5:00 pm, enabling fans to attend official "Friday Night at the Frozen Four" events in the evening. Drink and food specials will be available.

It's not too late to go to the games! The Frozen Four is sold out. However, after the NCAA Tournament field is set and up until faceoff for the championship game, it is usually not difficult to buy resold tickets at or below face value. Ticket information should be available on the ELynah Forum at <http://elf.elynah.com/list.php?1>.

**Metro:** Archives/Navy War Memorial

**Questions?** Josh Novikoff,  
[joshua.novikoff@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.novikoff@gmail.com)

## Ivy Singles

### April Mixer

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 – 10:00 pm  
Casablanca Restaurant  
1504 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

The University of Chicago Club of DC invites you to an Ivy Singles mixer for drinks, appetizers, and a cash bar, at Casablanca, a Moroccan restaurant with Moorish decor, Casablanca movie memorabilia, and a great location, on Old Town's King Street.

**Cost:** \$25 in advance; \$35 at the door.

**To attend:** Send a check for \$25 to Laura Medinas, c/o USCAVC, 625 Indiana Ave. NW, Ste 900, Washington, DC 20004. Make your check payable to "University of Chicago Club of DC". Checks must be received by Monday, April 20. Email [lmedinas@vetapp.gov](mailto:lmedinas@vetapp.gov) or call 202.501.5993 and pay \$35 at the door.

**Metro/Parking:** King Street (Blue/Yellow Line). Street parking or garages nearby.

## Space Day

*Saturday, May 2, 12:00 pm*  
National Air and Space Museum  
6th Street at Independence Ave, SW, National Mall  
Washington, DC  
<http://www.nasm.si.edu/events/>

Join Cornell alumni and their families for a great day of fun activities for parents and kids at the National Air and Space Museum's annual Space Day! There will be plenty of hands-on activities, demonstrations, and performances taking place from 10am to 3pm. Cornell alumni will meet for a picnic lunch on the National Mall outside the museum at noon – bring your favorite lunch and look for the red Cornell banners!

**To attend:** Email Christine Moon Angeles with names of all attendees and your Cornell class year at [christine.moon.angeles@gmail.com](mailto:christine.moon.angeles@gmail.com) by Monday, April 27.

**Metro/Parking:** L'Enfant Plaza (Yellow/Green Line) or Smithsonian (Blue/Orange Lines). Limited on-street parking is available.

**Questions?** Contact Christine Moon Angeles at [christine.moon.angeles@gmail.com](mailto:christine.moon.angeles@gmail.com).

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## Korean Kite Family Event

*Sunday, May 17, 1:30 pm*  
Freer Gallery of Art Entrance  
Jefferson Drive at 12th Street, SW., National Mall  
Washington, DC  
<http://www.asia.si.edu/events/>

Join other Cornell alumni and their families for this special session provided by the Freer Gallery. Attendees will have an opportunity to study Korean art in the museum galleries and then make a Korean kite to take home. This is a free event, open to children ages 8-14 accompanied by an adult. The session begins promptly at 2pm, so please arrive at Freer Gallery entrance at 1:30pm to meet up with the rest of the Cornell group.



**To attend:** Email Christine Moon Angeles with names of all attendees and your Cornell affiliation at [christine.moon.angeles@gmail.com](mailto:christine.moon.angeles@gmail.com) by Tuesday, May 12th.

**Metro/Parking:** Located steps from the Smithsonian metro stop on the Orange and Blue lines. Limited on-street parking is available.

**Questions?** Contact Christine Moon Angeles at [christine.moon.angeles@gmail.com](mailto:christine.moon.angeles@gmail.com).

## Community Service

### Volunteer with CCW for Hands on DC 2009 Work-a-thon

*Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm*  
Tubman Elementary School  
3101 13th St NW  
Washington, DC

Join fellow Cornell alumni in cleaning up a DC school as part of the Hands on DC 2009 Work-a-thon. During this annual event, more than 2,000 volunteers spend the day at DC public schools. The work typically involves painting, cleaning, or landscaping.

Volunteers arrive at 9am. After a brief orientation, they are assigned to a project and begin work. Following a lunch break, volunteers complete their projects, clean up and depart around 2-3pm. That night at 8pm, a celebration will occur at a location to be announced.

**To attend:** Register at <http://handsondc.kintera.org> and join the "Cornell Cares" team.

**Metro:** Columbia Heights (Green/Yellow)

**Questions?** Contact Phil Collins '74 at [ccwservice@yahoo.com](mailto:ccwservice@yahoo.com).

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### Potomac River Cleanup Organized by the Alice Ferguson Foundation

*Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am to noon*  
Fletcher's Boathouse  
Canal Road  
2 miles north of Key Bridge in Washington DC

There are picnic tables at the site, so bring food for a picnic after the cleanup. Restrooms are available on site. 2 large parking lots on site, one on each side of the canal.

**To attend:** Email Bryan Seipp, [seipp@potomac.org](mailto:seipp@potomac.org)

*Pre-Broadway Engagement!*

## CCW at Arena Stage Looped starring Valerie Harper

*Saturday, May 30, 8:00 pm*  
Lincoln Theatre  
1215 U St NW  
Washington, DC

Join us for an evening of great theater as four-time Emmy Award winner Valerie Harper (Rhoda from The Mary Tyler Moore Show) plays Tallulah Bankhead in Matthew Lombardo's "riveting" new play (Hollywood Reporter).

Per Arena Stage: "Tallulah Bankhead, the original celebrity bad girl, enters a studio to re-record (or 'loop') one line of dialogue for her final film. What ensues is a showdown between an uptight sound editor and the outrageous legend."

**Cost:** \$30, CCW members and guests only! CCW has obtained a specially priced block of twenty tickets (regularly \$60) to this performance and is making them available exclusively to members. If you're not a member, join or renew now! CCW membership will be verified before payment instructions are provided.

**Metro/Parking:** U Street/Cardozo (Yellow/Green lines). Limited street parking.

**To attend (or Questions):** Contact Paul Coelus, [pjc23@cornell.edu](mailto:pjc23@cornell.edu), 703.307.2478.

**Special Note:** Looped contains adult language and content. Not appropriate for children.



## Old Rag XLVII

*Saturday, April 18, 2009, 8:00 am  
Old Rag Mountain, Virginia  
Meet at: The Cornell Center  
2148 O Street NW  
Washington, DC 20037*

Alumni and Cornell in Washington students will climb Old Rag Mountain, near Sperryville, VA, for the 47th time in our semiannual trek into the Blue Ridge. This is one of the Washington area's most popular excursions, and we expect a large turnout (25-40 people) each time we go.

The first 2/3 of the strenuous, 9-mile hike (summit 3268 ft.; elevation gain 2300 ft.) is on a trail through the trees, while the upper part is open and rocky. Bring lunch and water in a day-pack, and be sure to wear a hat and sturdy shoes. The total time needed for climbing, enjoying the view, eating, and descending is about 6 hours. We usually get back to DC around 7:00 pm. The Park Service does not allow more hikers after the parking lot is full. Therefore, a prompt 8:00 am start from the Cornell Center is needed for this full-day event. (Note: this is a difficult hike; those who have not hiked a trail like Old Rag's are strongly encouraged to e-mail or call Clint Brass, using the contact information below, if you would like to get more information before RSVPing.) To comply with University policy, participants will be asked to sign a standard release form.



**Cost:** \$8 National Park Service fee, payable on location before we begin. Please bring exact change. Commemorative t-shirts (from a previous hike, showing "Spring 2008") will also be available at cost (approx. \$9 for short-sleeved and \$11 for long-sleeved).

**To attend:** RSVP by Wednesday, April 15 to Clint Brass '90, [ctb14@cornell.edu](mailto:ctb14@cornell.edu), 703.216.2035. Please provide your name, email address, a telephone number where you can be reached shortly before the hike (in the event of bad weather), and the number of people coming (friends are welcome). In addition, we try to carpool; please indicate if you can give anyone a ride (if so, how many people), if you need a ride, or if you will meet us there. Directions are available that morning at the Cornell Center or via e-mail in a PDF file. In the event of bad weather, our rain date is April 25.

**Metro:** Dupont Circle (Red Line); Foggy Bottom (Blue/Orange Lines), longer walk.

**Questions:** Clint Brass '90, [ctb14@cornell.edu](mailto:ctb14@cornell.edu), 703.216.2035.

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