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The Cornell Club of Washington wishes you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyous holiday season.



Cornell Glee Club at the Kennedy Center

*Saturday, January 9, 7:30 pm
 Kennedy Center Terrace Theatre
 2700 F Street, NW, Washington, DC*

The Cornell University Glee Club will perform in the Kennedy Center’s Terrace Theater as part of its 2010 Northeast Tour. The concert program will feature both classical and contemporary men’s choral music, including the Washington, DC premiere of a work commissioned by the Glee Club this year. The Glee Club’s a cappella subset, The Hangovers, will also perform a few pop favorites, and the program will close with your favorite Cornell Songs including the Evening Song and Alma Mater!

This is the Glee Club’s first solo appearance at the Kennedy Center, on a tour that also includes performances in New York’s Lincoln Center and Boston’s historic Old South Church. The tour will also cap a truly remarkable year in Glee Club history: last March, the Glee Club appeared at the prestigious American Choral Directors Association National Convention – the benchmark for choral excellence in America. The Glee Club also traveled to China for the first time in two decades, performing Brahms’ *A German Requiem* in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong in conjunction with the women’s Chorus.

The Washington Post referred to a past Glee Club performance in Washington as “Cornell night” and noted that the “audience was filled with enthusiastic alumni, who quickly joined in” Cornell songs. The Glee Club’s last area performance in 2006 sold out well in advance of the show, so order tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Cost: \$20.

To attend: Tickets can be purchased online at www.kennedy-center.org (use the calendar to find the performance), by telephone at (202)-467-4600, or in person at the Kennedy Center. A block of seats are also being held for concert sponsors. To obtain seats in this block, contact Gil Keteltas (gil@tonerangers.com or 301-706-2579).

Metro/Bus: A free Kennedy Center shuttle runs from Foggy Bottom Metro Station (Blue/Orange lines). Parking is available for a fee at the Kennedy Center garage.

Questions: Gil Keteltas, gil@tonerangers.com.

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With Special Appreciation for CCW's Newest Lifetime Members:

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Club Announcements...

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 8 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. Meetings take place at 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 (downstairs from the Cornell Center). The next Programming meeting will take place at 6:30pm just prior to the monthly board meeting.

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net (Board); A'ndrea VanSchoick, alvl1@cornell.edu (Programming).



Cornell Mosaic@DC

Health Care Reform: Cure for an ailing system?

Saturday, January 30, 4 -7 pm

Wardman Park Hotel

2660 Woodley Rd NW, Washington DC 20008

Join us for conversation, news from campus, performance, and friends, centered on this critically important topic. Hosted by Kosali Simon, professor of health economics, Policy Analysis and Management, this conference continues an important conversation on celebrating diversity and advancing inclusion that began in spring 2005 at Cornell Mosaic, a landmark conference for Cornell's Asian and Asian American, African American, Latino, and Native American alumni, faculty, students, and staff. Cornell Mosaic@DC is part of an ongoing series of regional conferences held since 2006: New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Boston. It's an afternoon you won't want to miss!

Panelists:

Cheryl Aldrich Backus '74, MD, MPH

Ruben King-Shaw, Jr. '83, MBA, MHA

Kosali Simon, PhD

Campus update:

Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94

Vice President, Student and Academic Services:

Health and well-being of the Cornell community

Performance:

Tapestry of Possibilities: Diversity at Cornell

by Ordinary People student theatre troupe

Spirited networking reception to follow!

Visit www.alumni.cornell.edu/mosaic for registration fee & details.

Roving Reporter: Bob Day

Honoring President Lincoln in D.C. and on Campus

Cornellians here in Washington and in Ithaca honored Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday in back-to-back events on October 20th and 21st. CCW members who were unable to participate in October can still join the celebration between now and Abe's birthday on February 12th, and even through the end of April 2010.

Tour at the Lincoln Cottage. The tour of Lincoln's Cottage on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home in Washington was a big success. Organized by the Cornell Club of Washington on October 21, the tour benefited from an outstanding and knowledgeable guide and great weather.

Our group of seventeen was surprised to learn that Lincoln actually commuted almost daily from this fine house outside the then edges of the city to the White House during the summer months. Insights into the President's family life and official life, and his conduct of the war were enlightening. Most of our group then walked across the street to an enjoyable luncheon at El Limeno Restaurant.

Rare Documents on Display on Campus. Cornell University's celebration of the Lincoln Bicentennial is highlighted by a special exhibition at the University Library. It opened on October 20th, and will remain on view until the end of April 2010. Entitled "The Lincoln Presidency: Last Full Measure of Devotion," it includes three seminal documents that are an important part of our American heritage. Cornell is fortunate to own original copies of the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment. Also on display are scarce and important photographs of Lincoln, memorabilia from both his election campaigns (1860 and 1864) and rare materials from the Lincoln and Civil War collections of Andrew Dickson White, Cornell's first president.

Cornell Club members interested in touring the Lincoln Cottage in Washington, either as a group or as individuals, or in viewing the exhibition at the University Library in Ithaca may contact CCW Programming Committee member Bob Day for further details and tips on arranging enriching visits. He can be reached by phone at 301-438-7755 or by e-mail: dayhaven@comcast.net.

2009 Cornell Trustee-Council Annual Meeting

Thanks to my involvement in CCW, I recently accepted an invitation to serve on Cornell Council. I returned to Ithaca from October 22-24 with over 300 other alumni to reconnect at the 2009 annual meeting, themed "Setting the Pace: 1865–2015; Engage. Examine. Embark."

The annual Hatfield Lecture was delivered by Fisk Johnson, one of two people in Cornell's history to earn 5 degrees. As the fifth-generation CEO of SC Johnson, a global packaged goods manufacturer, Fisk spoke about the challenges arising from the global consumption crisis. Provost Kent Fuchs then talked about the ongoing process of developing a new strategic plan for Cornell in an era of reduced resources, a message that was reinforced by President David Skorton's "State of the University" address.

I participated in campus tours, heading up to the Vet School to see a demo of the equine treadmill, used to run horses to diagnose health problems, and then meet the farrier who works hand-in-hand with the animal hospital to fit hooved animals with shoes to relieve ailments or provide protection following surgery. I also visited the Schwartz Center for Performing Arts and met student filmmakers, actors and dancers. Cornell recently created minors in each of these disciplines, so it was interesting that many of these students major in fields like engineering and mathematics.

At the scholarship reception, I met CCW scholarship recipient Fina-Dayó Jervis '10, an impressive senior preparing for a career in public health policy. I also attended the Student and Academic Services Committee Meeting which described how the University handled the H1N1 flu epidemic and featured a panel on the West Campus House System.

These are just a few highlights from my action-packed 3 days. I certainly returned to DC with a renewed passion for this incredible educational institution.

CCW Tutoring Continues at King Greenleaf

CCW is excited to continue its partnership with the DC Dept of Parks and Recreation for the 2009-2010 school year. Our volunteers are providing one-on-one tutoring and homework help services at the King Greenleaf Recreation Center in southwest DC on Monday and Thursday nights. If interested, please email Lenora Moragne at lmorange@verizon.net with the days and times you would be available.



CCW Community Service Event at Capital Area Food Bank on Cornell Cares Day

Saturday, January 9

Capital Area Food Bank

645 Taylor Street, NE (along south side of the Taylor Street Bridge)

Washington, DC 20017 (202) 526-5344

Help sort and bag food donations for the needy in the DC area, one of CCW's annual events to help those less fortunate. Thank you for your support this year when times are even tougher for more people. Visit <http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org> to learn more about this organization.

Between shifts, we have a lunch at Colonel Brook's Tavern at 901 Monroe St NE, Washington, DC, 20017-1759; (202) 529-4002. When registering, please note whether you want to buy lunch at the tavern. Please reserve your spot now; a few openings remain.

To attend: Register for either Shift One, 9am to 12pm (room for 40 people), or Shift Two, 1pm to 4pm (room for 20 people), by sending an email with your preference to: cornellservicedc@gmail.com.

Metro: This is a 10 minute walk from the Brookland – CUA Metro stop (Red line). Exit on the Brookland side with the bus depot.

Questions: Phil Collins, cornellservicedc@gmail.com.

Lunch & Clean-up at the Ronald McDonald House of Washington, DC

Sunday, December 13th, 11:00 - 3:00

1326 Quincy Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017

To kick off the holiday season with the spirit of giving, join fellow Big Red alumni at the Ronald McDonald House of Washington, DC for an afternoon of fun! We will prepare lunch for the residents of the house (usually 30-35 people) and help with light household cleaning and yard work. If you cannot attend but want to contribute to the cost that CCW incurs for preparing this lunch, contact Megan Weber or Ted Gumer at 301.761.1762 (tedgumer-cw@yahoo.com).

Cost: The House is always looking for non-perishable goods. Please bring a couple of cans or paper goods to support the residents.

To attend: Email Megan Weber (mweber06@sbcglobal.net) to sign-up; space is limited to the first 15 responders.

Metro/Bus: The House is accessible by Metro; however, it is a good 6-7 block walk from the CUA/ Brookland metro station (red line). The H6 bus drops-off/ picks-up at that metro station and stops directly in front of the House. There is also plenty of street parking on 13th Street that is not zoned.

Questions: Megan Weber, mweber06@sbcglobal.net.

Success for Cornell Club of Washington's 1st Annual Homecoming Tailgate

Ithaca, NY
October 16-18

On the drive up to Ithaca, snow covered forest floors in view of the road began in Pennsylvania. Julie Grimaldi, currently matriculated in the Cornell in Washington Program, and I completed culinary errands and set up the red CCW tent in two adjacent parking spots on the Crescent in view of Schoellkopf.

Tina Gourley, Sr. Alumni Officer and a colleague from the Alumni Affairs Office, made an almost immediate appearance as soon as our tent was set up. We had old favorite visitors like Bob McKinless and current Board Member Jason Cho. We

also had visits from Bob Metcalf of the Cornell Club of Rochester, and his wife. In the list of strange but true, we also had a visit from a red lycra body suit clad mime. The Big Red Band marched by in its usual glory and sun finally broke through the October sky. The Big Red Team lost to Fordham but the Band performed a piece including the dramatic story of Zorro, and spelled out of Ezra's famous "I would found an institution..." with the Cornell fans. Other Big Red Teams were honored for their excellence at halftime as well.

The CCW Tailgate served Chesapeake Bay grilled oysters and bacon as well as Maryland blue crab cakes and NY local fare: warmed Cornell Orchards Cider; apples and Concord grapes; Cornell Dairy Cheese curds; NY State Cheddar and fresh plums. Maple cream cookies rounded out the spread.

We gained a new member and enjoyed visits from new and old friends. Many who came by said how great it was to see our CCW presence at Homecoming.



Middle School Mentoring: Starting Strong

The Jefferson University tutoring program at Jefferson Middle School in DC is off to a strong start. Student attendance has been averaging 20 students a weekend. New tutors are always needed to try to keep class sizes as small as possible.

The CCW has been running this program in conjunction with the Dartmouth Alumni Club for about 10 years. Volunteers are needed to tutor students in grades 6, 7, and 8 on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11:30 am.

Students are paired with tutors each week based on the subject matter the student wants to review. We tutor a variety of subjects: math, English, Spanish, life science, introductory physics, reading, etc. Tutors do not need to make a long term commitment; you are welcome to attend as your schedule dictates. We are anticipating 20 students per weekend.

Jefferson is located at 801 7th Street SW in DC, about five blocks south of the L'Enfant Plaza metro. There is also on street parking available.

If you have any questions, contact Dan Lavanga at: dlavanga@hotmail.com.

CCW Knitting Group Scarf Drive a Huge Success

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the CCW Knitting Group's scarf collection this year! The group collected 25 hand-knit scarves which will be distributed at a holiday dinner for the homeless in December. Scarves were donated by group members and nonmembers alike, and even some non-Cornellians got in on the action.

The group expects to organize another drive sometime this winter to build on the success and momentum this effort generated. If you're interested in joining the knitting group or in donating an item to a future effort like this one, please email ccwknitting@gmail.com.

The CCW Knitting Group is an informal, but fun!, group of knitters of all different skill levels and interests. The group meets monthly at members' homes and meets next on December 5 at 10 am. Email ccwknitting@gmail.com for more information or find us on Facebook!



Ivy Singles Social Club Holiday Party

Friday, December 4, 2009

6:30 to 9:00 PM

DACOR-Bacon House

1801 F Street, NW (at 18th Street)

Washington, DC 20006

The Stanford Club of Washington D.C. invites you to the Ivy Singles Social Club Holiday Party! Our venue is the elegant, historic DACOR- Bacon House (built 1824-25), home to several Supreme Court Justices and a Maryland governor. The DACOR- Bacon House and Foundation now serve as a conference and meeting place for Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR).

Wear your festive party apparel! Each floor of the DACOR-Bacon House will be beautifully decorated for the holiday season. We will feast on scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and will serve libations from a cash bar. In the spirit of the season, we also ask that guests bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Stanford will deliver the collected food to a local D.C. food pantry.

To attend: Please mail \$30 by check payable to the "WDCSA" or "Washington DC Stanford Association" to Phebe Greenwood, 504 Gaslight Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23229. Checks need to be received by Monday, November 30th. Please note your school on the memo line of the check. Proceeds from the event are donated to participating schools based on attendance. Email reservations and walk-ins: \$35 at the door. E-mail reservations by November 30th to Charlotte Perry at charmperry@aol.com with Ivy Party in the subject line. Walk-ins are welcome, however advance reservations are strongly encouraged as space is limited.

Metro/Parking: Take the Orange/Blue Line to Farragut West. Walk 3 blocks south on 18th St NW. Street parking is available after 6:30 pm. Please be aware that most nearby parking garages close early. Check with the garage attendant.

Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net.

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