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CCW Annual Dinner

Monday May 23rd, 6:30 pm
Clyde's of Gallery Place
707 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC

Consistently one of our best attended events, the annual dinner is a great time to get together with friends and fellow alumni and hear President Steve Piekarec deliver the Club's annual report and recognize outgoing and incoming Club leadership.

Held this year in the vibrant Chinatown neighborhood, the annual dinner promises to be a great late-Spring event. Check back next month for details on a fabulous speaker.

Dinner will include a three-course meal. Entree choices include:

- ◆ Pan Roasted Salmon with basmati and wild rice mix, seasonal vegetables and lemon butter sauce
- ◆ Roasted Pork with mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, crispy fried onions and caraway sauce
- ◆ Chef's Choice Vegetarian Pasta Entree



We will award a deserving Club member the Bondareff Award, named for Esther Schiff Bondareff '37 (pictured above toasting Cornell with Carol Epstein) and her late husband, Daniel Bondareff '36, in recognition of her years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Club.

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 at Edberko@aol.com.

Program:

6:30 to 7:30 pm: Registration, Cash Bar, and Networking.
 7:30 to 9:30 pm: Dinner, Annual Report, and Keynote Speaker.

Cost:

Early Bird: CCW Members and member guests on or before May 9th: \$45.
 Early Bird: Non members on or before May 9th: \$55.

To Attend: Send an email to: ndeltoro@andrewscole.com with "Annual Dinner" in the subject line to reserve your place and mail a check payable to Cornell Club of Washington to Nicole DelToro at Andrews & Cole, 4733 Bethesda Ave, Suite 540, Bethesda, MD 20814 or pay online at www.cornellclubdc.org.

Metro: Gallery Place/Chinatown (Red, Yellow, and Green lines).

Parking: Garage located on 6th Street, NW between G&H. Validated half price up to 4 hours.

Questions: Nicole DelToro at ndeltoro@andrewscole.com or 240-497-1970 x104.

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Events at a Glance...

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- 2 Old Rag LI Hike
Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu or 703-216-2035
- 7 Bulgarian Embassy
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net or 703-281-4311
- 9-10 CCW Community Service Earth Day
Questions: Susan Sperry at balancenz@yahoo.com or 443-791-7945, Jenny Moose at jenny.lee.moose@gmail.com or 571-484-1908, or Renelle Sagana at renelle@gmail.com or 732-841-6586
- 9 Cornell Crews Race on Potomac in GWU Invitational Regatta
Questions: Bob Day at 301-438-7755 or dayhaven@comcast.net
- 15-18 PowerShift 2011 (Housing needed for visiting students)
Questions: K.C. Alvey at kca27@cornell.edu or 516-592-7752
- 28 Ivy Singles at Casablanca
Questions: Laura Medinas at lmedinas@uscourts.cavc.gov or 202-501-5993
- 30 Volunteer with CCW for Hands on DC 2011 Work-a-Thon
Questions: Kim Gilliam at knj2@cornell.edu

May

- 7 University Row at Virginia Gold Cup
Questions: Jaclyn West Hamlin at jlwest06@yahoo.com
- 15 Mount Vernon Wine Festival
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net or 703-281-4311
- 21-22 Tenth D.C. Dragon Boat Festival—CCW's Team Races Both Days
Questions: Bob Day at 301-438-7755 or dayhaven@comcast.net

June

- 19 Father's Day Picnic
Questions: Kim Gilliam at knj2@cornell.edu

July

- 26 *Wicked* at the Kennedy Center
Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu

Every Friday Throughout the Season

Ivy Singles Over-50 Bridge
Questions: Carolyn Morgan at carolynmakins@aol.com



Happy skaters, left, at CCW's evening of ice skating at Mount Vernon's Recreation Center, March 12th.

Sign Up for Softball!

Join Cornell Alumni in the Capital Alumni Network (CAN) league for the 2011 season! Contact Steve Piekarec at spiekarec@verizon.net for more information.

Club Announcements...

Old Rag LI

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

April 12th: 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 Programming meeting will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 immediately preceding the Board Meeting.

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red line)

Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net (Board); Jaclyn West Hamlin '03, jlwest06@yahoo.com or Dorothy Kester Jackman '04, dlk730@gmail.com (Programming).

Embassy of Bulgaria Reception

Thursday, April 7th, 6:30 pm
Embassy of Bulgaria
1621 22nd Street Northwest
Washington, DC

Join us for a reception at the Embassy of Bulgaria. We will be the guests of Ambassador Elena Poptodorov, who will meet with guests and give a short presentation about Bulgaria.

The format for the evening will be a reception with generous appetizers and an open bar. Attendance is limited to 70 people. On August 10th, 2010, Elena Poptodorova presented her Letters of Credence to President Obama, accrediting her as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United States of America. She was also ambassador to the US from 2002 to 2008, when Bulgaria became member of NATO and the EU.

She is a founding member and member of the Boards of Bulgarian nongovernmental organizations, including The Atlantic Club of Bulgaria, The Centre for Regional and Geopolitical Research, and The Bulgarian Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, which she currently chairs. Since 1995, Ambassador Poptodorova has served as a trustee of the Board of Directors of the American University in Bulgaria.

Dress: Dressy/Smart Casual.

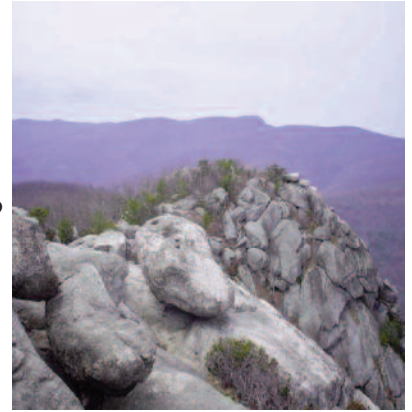
Metro: Dupont Circle (Red line).

Cost & RSVP: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members. The price includes food and an open bar (beer, wine, soft drinks). Send checks payable to "Cornell Club of Washington" to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna 22181 by Monday, April 3rd or pay online at www.cornellclubdc.org/onlinepay (\$2 PayPal fee applies).

Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net or 703-281-4311.

Saturday April 2nd, 8:00 am
Old Rag Mountain
Sperryville, VA

Alumni and Cornell in Washington students will climb Old Rag Mountain, near Sperryville, VA, for the 51st 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 1/3 of the strenuous, 9-mile hike (summit 3268 ft.; elevation gain 2300 ft.) is on an uphill 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 very difficult hike; those who have not hiked a trail like Old Rag's are strongly encouraged to email or call Clint Brass 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.

To attend: RSVP to Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu or 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 email in a PDF file. In the event of bad weather, our rain date is April 9th.

Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu or 703-216-2035.

An Evening of A Cappella Music and Comedy— Cornell Style

Saturday, April 9th, 7:30 pm
Holton-Arms School, 7303 River Road
Bethesda, MD

The Tone Rangers—an award-winning Washington a cappella group started by Cornell Hangovers alumni 25 years ago—will host "Stampede 2011," an evening of a cappella music and comedy featuring a guest performance by the Cornell Hangovers. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Cornell Club of Washington Scholarship Fund. Given attendance at past concerts, we highly recommend purchasing tickets in advance. You can do so by visiting www.tonerangers.com/tickets.

Cost: \$15 (\$10 for students).

Questions: Gil Keteltas '86 at gil@tonerangers.com.

Big Red Crews Race on Potomac in GW Invitational

Saturday, April 9th, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Finish Line at the Thompson Boat Center Rock Creek Parkway
and Virginia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Cornell's 1st Varsity, 2nd Varsity, and Freshmen Eights will participate in three races against Gonzaga University in the morning (10:00 – 11:30 am) and against Georgetown's Hoyas in the afternoon (2:00 – 4:00 pm).

Todd Kennett '57, Director of Rowing at Cornell, has advised us that his crews will then return to Ithaca to prepare for and host the prestigious Goes Cup Regatta against Syracuse and Navy just one week later.

Look for our Cornell Bear Flag along the shoreline at Thompson Boat Center. The Swedish Emassy is a good landmark for finding us. (Due to recent changes in National Park Service rule)s, we will no longer have a CCW tent.

Cost: Free.

Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (Blue or Orange lines).

Parking: On the street around GWU or paid at Kennedy Center and along K Street.

Contact and Questions: Bob Day at dayhaven@comcast.net or 301-438-7755.



Metropolitan Branch Trail 5K Race –Racers & Volunteers Welcome!

Saturday May 14th, 8:30 am (race begins at 9:00 am)
Metropolitan Branch Trail S Street
(NE entrance at NE and 4th Street)
Washington, DC

The Metropolitan Branch Trail is an 8-mile trail that runs from Union Station in the District of Columbia to Silver Spring in Maryland. Following the Metropolitan Branch Line of the B&O Railroad, the trail passes through numerous vibrant and historic neighborhoods and is an important transportation route providing connections to home, work and play. To raise money for improvements (such as making it all off-street), a 5K race is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th and volunteers are needed to support the runners. If you RSVP with me, I will register us to volunteer as a group. Or if you're interested in running, register yourself at the race info website below.

Questions & RSVP: Jenny Moose at jenny.lee.moose@gmail.com or 571-484-1908.

General Info: <http://www.metbranchtrail.com/> (general info)
<http://www.gometbranch.com/info> (race info)

Metro: New York Avenue (Red line). As you exit out of the Florida Avenue Exit, you will see a stairwell on your right. There is also an elevator next to the Au Bon Pain entrance. Take the stairs or elevator up to the Metropolitan Branch Trail and turn left on the trail. Just follow the trail and walk about 10 minutes to the race start!

CCW's 2011 Dragon Boat Team Sets Practice Dates, Seeks Paddlers

Saturday, April 16th, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Saturday April 30th, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Saturday May 7th, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Anacostia Community Boathouse
1900 M Street, SE
Festival: Saturday and Sunday, May 21st-22nd, all day

The Cornell Big Red Dragons invite you to join the team and enjoy both the fun and racing at this year's Tenth D.C. Dragon Boat Festival. The event's sponsors, the Chinese Women's League, and all the organizers are promising to make the 2011 Festival a memorable event. We have scheduled three practice sessions at the impressive new Anacostia Community Boathouse, located at 1900 M Street, SE. During just three training sessions, the team learns basic strokes and racing techniques, and successful racing starts.

Thanks to Karl Rogge, husband of Julia Shew, ARTS '75, and another donor, we are able to offer four half-price seats on the team to Young Alums from the Classes of 2010 and 2009—first come, first served.

To participate: No previous experience is necessary. The team consists of 20 paddlers and a drummer plus substitutes to staff out two days of racing.

Cost: Each paddler pays \$50 for a seat in the boat to cover three practice sessions, two days of racing, and an entry fee.

RSVP: Kate Bryant at kateb36@gmail.com, or in her absence Rich Hung at rhung@verizon.net.

Questions: Kate Bryant, Bob Day at 301-438-7755 or dayhaven@comcast.net, and Dano Wilusz at d_wilusz@yahoo.com.



Volunteer with CCW for Hands on DC 2011 Work-a-Thon

Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Elementary school TBD
Washington, DC
<http://handsondc.kintera.org>

Join alumni from other DC-area Ivy alumni clubs—including University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, and Dartmouth—in cleaning up a DC school as part of the 17th Annual Hands on DC Work-a-Thon! This year's work-a-thon, taking place Saturday, April 30th (school to be assigned in mid-April), will motivate more than 2,000 volunteers to spend the day in 30 DC public schools working on projects such as painting, cleaning, or landscaping. Volunteers arrive at their assigned school at 9:00 am wearing comfortable clothes and shoes that they don't mind getting dirty. After a brief explanation of the day, they are assigned to specific projects and begin their work. Following a break for lunch around noon, volunteers complete their projects and help clean up before departing their school.

To attend: Go to <http://handsondc.kintera.org> and click on "Register Here" to join the "Ivy Clubs of DC" team. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Note that you are invited to make a donation, but this is not required in order to volunteer.

Questions: Kim Gilliam '98, MBA '02 at knj2@cornell.edu.

NEW Membership Options & Rates

The Cornell Club of Washington has announced a new schedule for dues beginning with the 2011-2012 membership year (July-June), with lots of great options for becoming and staying a member!

We are introducing a three-year payment option at discounted rates for most membership categories. This will help people stay current, limit the number of reminder messages and reduce the amount of paperwork. Lifetime memberships are still available.

Another change is a free first year for the graduating class (2011 this year).

Each membership year starts July 1st and ends June 30th. As before, we continue to offer a new member bonus sign-up period. Anyone joining will get membership for the next 3 months as well as the 2011-2012 membership year.

The following ctg'rates for the 2011-2012 membership year0

Regular Membership:

1 year - \$35
3 years - \$80

Couple membership:

1 year - \$40
3 years - \$100

Classes of 2008-2010 (recent graduate rate, 2-4 years out):

1 Year - \$20
3 Years - \$40 (available only to 2010 graduates)

Class of 2011:

1 Year - Free membership
(email newsletter delivery only)

Associate members:

1 year - \$25
3 years - \$60

See the enclosed membership form for details or sign up online at www.cornellclubdc.org/membership.

Questions: Contact Bonni Schulman Dutcher '74 Vice President, Membership membership@cornellclubdc.org.

Barber S. Conable Scholarship Recipients Announced

The CCW Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 2011 recipients of the Barber S. Conable Scholarship. After a selective interview process, we awarded Dustin VanDenBerg CALS '11 and Thu-Huong T. Nguyen AAP/A&S '11 scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year. Dustin is a Microbiology major, Cornell Tradition Program scholar, and member of the University Wind Ensemble who hails from Maryland, NY. Thu-Huong is a dual degree major in Urban and Regional Studies and Africana Studies with a Minor in Asian American Studies. He has interned for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing, and he hails from Seattle, WA. Both of the students were able to meet and greet members of the Cornell Club of Washington at the February board meeting. Congratulations to the awardees, and we hope you keep us informed of how your Cornell careers are progressing!

Scholarship support opens Cornell's doors to bright and deserving area students, regardless of their financial circumstances. Your support makes it possible for Cornell to remain within reach for students whose potential is without limits. Providing scholarship money is the most direct infusion of goodwill you can put into the university. Like a shot in the arm, your money will go directly to a student and meet an important need immediately.

Two Ways to Give –

Online: You can give any amount at any time by making a donation online at cornellclubdc.org by clicking on the "Support Scholarships" link. There is also a choice to donate when signing up for memberships.

By Check via Mail: All checks should be made out to "Cornell Club of Washington" with some indication on the check that it is for scholarship. Please mail checks to: 2148 O Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.



Celebrate Spring with a Weekend of Community Service!

Our April 9th and 10th Service Weekend is fast approaching. Welcome Spring to the DC area by volunteering outdoors! The events below are family friendly, with kids welcome (age 8 and older). Please contact the leaders below today to reserve your spot, as these will fill up quickly. Visit the Cornell Club of DC for details for each event at www.cornellclubdc.org.

Plant trees with Fairfax ReLeaf

Sunday, April 10th, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Pine Spring Elementary School

7607 Willow Lane

Falls Church, VA

www.fairfaxreleaf.org/FFR/index.html

Questions & RSVP: Jenny Moose at jenny.lee.moose@gmail.com or 571-484-1908.

Four Mile Run Stream Watershed Cleanup

Saturday, April 9th, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Four Mile Run Park 3700 Commonwealth Avenue

Alexandria, VA

To Register: Susan Sperry at balancenz@yahoo.com or 443-791-7945. If you leave a message pronounce name & number clearly.

Potomac River Watershed Cleanup - Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

Saturday, April 9th, 9 am to 12 noon

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

1550 Anacostia Avenue, NE

Washington, DC

To Register: Renelle Sagana at renelle@gmail.com or 732-841-6586.

Ivy Singles Social Club's April Mixer at Casablanca

*Casablanca in Old Town Alexandria
Thursday, April 28th, 6:30 to 9:30 pm
1504 King Street
Alexandria, VA*

The University of Chicago Club of Washington, DC, invites you to an Ivy Singles Social Club (ISSC) mixer on Thursday, April 28th, at Casablanca Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria for appetizers, a cash bar, and the charm of Old Town in April. Casablanca is a Moroccan restaurant that offers Moorish decor, *Casablanca* movie memorabilia, and a convenient location two blocks from the King Street Metro Station, on Old Town's busy King Street. The cost includes a selection of appetizers (hummus, grape leaves, spinach pie, and mini chicken kabobs), a cash bar for wine, beer, and soft drinks. For those who would like to continue the party after they leave Casablanca, just steps away they will find King Street's dozens of restaurants and bars.

If you plan to drive to Casablanca, there are garages in the area, but note that there is plenty of free street parking in the neighborhood. Guests are welcome.

Cost: \$25 if you prepay by Monday, April 25th; \$35 at the door.

To Prepay (and avoid lines at check-in): Please send a check for \$25 to Laura Medinas, c/o USCAVC, 625 Indiana Ave. NW, Ste. 900, Washington, DC 20004-2950. Please make your check payable to "University of Chicago Club of D.C." and note your school on the check. Checks must be received by Monday, April 25th.

Email & Phone Reservations: Please direct your email to lmedinas@uscourts.cavc.gov or your phone reservation to 202-501-5993. Please note that with an email or phone reservation only (i.e., reservation without prepayment) you must pay \$35 at the door.

Metro: King Street (Yellow or Blue lines). Walk two blocks east on King Street. Casablanca is on your right at 1504 King Street.

Directions:

From Maryland: Take 495 South toward 95 North. Take 95 North to exit 1B (Route 1 North). Turn left on King Street. Continue for six blocks. Casablanca is located on your left at 1504 King Street.

From Virginia: Take 395 North to the King Street exit east. Continue on King Street for about 10 minutes. Casablanca is located on your right at 1504 King Street.

Questions: Laura Medinas at lmedinas@uscourts.cavc.gov or 202-501-5993.

Housing Needed for Cornell Student Delegation to PowerShift 2011

Cornell students are organizing a delegation to Power Shift 2011, a national conference for the youth climate movement promoting clean energy, green jobs, and environmental justice, being held at the DC Convention Center April 15th to 18th. The estimated 75-100 students set to attend would make Cornell one of the largest delegations, certain to play a key role. To ensure that as many students as possible can attend, they are hoping to secure as much free housing as possible. That's here the alumni come in! We looking for people who can host at least 2 (or more) students in their homes, or who can help defray transportation costs, or who can suggest larger free or low-cost housing options. If you live in the DC area, preferably within a 25-minute walk of public transport, or can help in other ways, please volunteer by contacting Kathleen (K.C.) Alvey, CALS '12 at kca27@cornell.edu or 516-592-7752.

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