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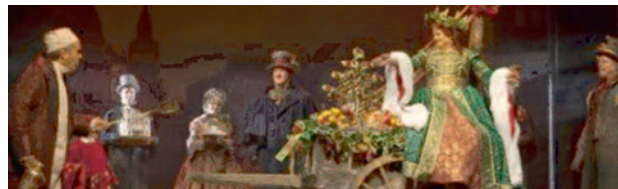
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Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* at Historic Ford's Theatre

Wednesday, December 7th, 6:00 pm

Ford's Theatre
511 10th Street NW
Washington, DC



Come enjoy a classic of the season, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, at historic Ford's Theatre. CCW has a block of tickets to this must-see holiday production, adapted by Michael Wilson and directed by Michael Baron. Join the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as they lead the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge on a journey of transformation and redemption. Originally conceived by Michael Baron, this music-infused production captures the magic and joy of Dickens's Yuletide classic. Acclaimed Washington stage actor Edward Gero returns to play Scrooge.

"Musically high-spirited! Infectiously jolly!"

-The Washington Post

Schedule:

6:00 pm - Meet at Gordon Biersch Brewery, 900 F St. NW - Courtyard Marriott
 7:00 pm - Group seating for show
 7:30 pm - Show begins

Cost: \$34 for members; \$40 for non-members. Pay online at the CCW website, www.cornellclubdc.org/events/2011/12/07/christmas-carol-fords-theatre or by sending a check, made out to the Cornell Club of Washington, to the following address by December 1st: Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181.

Metro: Metro Center (Red/Orange/Blue lines).

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

Save The Date
for

Cornell Now!
An Afternoon
with
President
David Skorton

January 28th, 2012
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park
Washington, DC

2011 Young Alumni Holiday Party

Saturday, December 3rd, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Lounge 201
201 Massachusetts Avenue NE #B1
Washington, DC



Join fellow young alumni at the 2011 Holiday Party. We will have passed hors d'oeuvres and display stations along with a 2.5-hour open bar, including liquor, house wine, beer, champagne and a specialty martini. DJ Deuce will be returning this year, getting everyone up on their feet to celebrate the holiday season. 2010's party sold out—be sure to get your ticket early to secure advance pricing and enjoy a night of drinks and fun!

Schedule:

6:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Registration
 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm - Hors d'oeuvres & Open Bar

Cost: \$45 in advance for members; \$50 in advance for non-members.

Attire: Cocktail

Metro: Union Station (Red line) or Capitol South (Orange line). Lounge 201 is at 2nd & D St NE.

Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu.

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Gail Hankin '11 ARTS

Sharon Ho '11 ARTS

Michael Marando '00 I&LR; '03 LAW

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

Club Announcements...

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

December 13th: 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: Nicole DelToro '91, ndeltoro@andrewscole.com (Board); Mike Canino MBA '99, mikeca9@gmail.com; Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net; or Lindsay Schattenstein, las368@cornell.edu (Programming)

*The Cornell Club of Washington
wishes you and your loved ones
a safe and happy holiday season
&*



warm wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2012!

U.S. Botanic Garden Tour A Success

by Gladys Stifel '58

A group of CCW members and guests arrived at the U.S. Botanic Garden Nov. 5 for a tour of the Conservatory, led by alumna Gladys Stifel '58. Not only did they experience the nine various plant houses in person, learning interesting facts about the foliage in each house, but they also got a sneak peek at the 12 models of National Mall buildings—made of all-natural materials—already in place for the annual Holiday Exhibition. The Seasons Greetings exhibit is open to the public, including the East Gallery featuring historic Presidents' homes and where creatures live as well as many models of moving trains. The building models were designed by Paul Buse, a renowned landscape architect whose work over some 30 years is seen annually in a number of cities, many of which feature miniature landmarks of the hosting city.

Not all who wished to take the November tour could be accommodated, so perhaps a weekend spring tour could be arranged. In the meantime, the holiday exhibition will run through Monday, January 2nd. The USBG is open from 10 am to 5 pm, 365 days of the year, including Christmas Day. There is no fee. Seven times during the exhibit, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, there will be extended evening hours until 8 pm. The Garden Court where visitors enter will feature a huge decorated Douglas Fir, surrounded by models of existing historic Capitol Hill houses and a B & O passenger train circling the tree. The rest of the USBG is open to visitors as usual while the holiday exhibition is on display.



CCW Networking Series Launches With First Event

by Nicole DelToro '91

Earlier this month, 40 Cornellians met at the law offices of Dickinson Wright, PLLC to discuss the state of the government contracting industry. The event, sponsored by UBS Capital ESOP Group, featured prominent panelists Andrew Stifel '91, AVP and senior program manager at SAIC, and Krishna Collie '96, owner of Cipher One. Each provided a unique perspective of challenges and opportunities facing the industry and advice for people seeking careers in government contracting.

Congratulations to Gerald Fils '03 for organizing an amazing inaugural event. Our next event in the series will focus on the biotech/life sciences industry and will be held in January or February 2012. If your firm would like to provide space for this event or if you would like to be considered as a panelist, please contact Gerald at gerald.fils@yahoo.com or Nicole DelToro at ndeltoro@andrewscole.com.

In Memory of a Longtime CCW Member

Henry S. Thomassen, 92, on September 24, 2011 after declining health and a brief hospitalization, died at Greenspring Village in Springfield, VA. Hank was born in Port Jervis, NY, and grew up in Maplewood, NJ. He attended Columbia High School and was an Eagle Scout.

He graduated from Cornell University and subsequently enlisted in the Navy, serving as a Lieutenant. His war years were spent in the Pacific theater. For much of his career in the textbook industry, he was employed by McGraw Hill Book

Co. in New York City. He will always be remembered for his love of books and the printed word. While living in Towanda, IL, he took the lead in helping to build a community library. Hank was an enthusiastic pianist, gardener and woodworker.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Ruth Thomassen; a son Henry S. Thomassen, Jr. of Fairfax, VA; daughters Kathryn Horlacher of Austin, TX and Betsy Thomassen of Arlington, VA; a sister, Claire Burkelman of Evans, GA; and five grandchildren.

Save the Date!

**The Cornell Club of Washington Presents
A Celebration of Scholarship
Saturday, February 25, 2012
Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square**

Join us for an evening of cocktails, dinner, auction and entertainment with Cornell alumni, students, parents and friends to benefit the Cornell Club of Washington Scholarship Fund.

Details to follow in January.

To donate an item to be auctioned or for sponsorship opportunities, contact: Nicole DelToro '91 at ndeltoro@andrewscole.com or 240-497-1970 x104.

Small Ivy Dinner- SOLD OUT

Thursday, December 8th, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Historic F Street House - GWU
1925 F Street NW
Washington, DC

This small pot-luck dinner will be hosted by two graduates of Cornell's Nutritional Sciences program, Jean Gutierrez, PhD, RD and Diane Knapp, MA, BS. The event will take place at the historic F Street House (formerly The F Street Club), which is the residence of Ms. Knapp and GWU president Steven Knapp, PhD, MA. The hosts invite participants to bring their favorite healthful dish to the event to celebrate high-quality wholesome food.

There will be 20 spaces available for this dinner. Details and directions will be sent by the host after a spot is reserved. Please contact Jean Gutierrez to attend.

Dress: Business

Questions: Jean Gutierrez at (202) 994-5602 or jl_guti@gwu.edu.



Ivy Singles Social Club January Event

Friday, January 13th, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Woman's National Democratic Club
at the Whittemore House mansion
1526 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, DC

Join us for an evening of exceptional non-partisan company and conversation over hors d'oeuvres and cash bar drinks at the Whittemore House, home of the Woman's National Democratic Club. The Whittemore House is an elegant historic mansion centrally located in Washington's fashionable Dupont Circle. Built in the late 19th century as a private residence, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and pays tribute to the English Arts and Crafts movement and American "Shingle Style" architecture. Nine enchanting rooms of varying size make it an ideal setting for private parties, weddings and special events. Each is unique in character and beautifully furnished with antiques, art, and political memorabilia. The mansion is special in that none of its public rooms are square or rectangular.

Cost: Prepay \$30; \$40 for walk-ins.

To Register: Mail check for \$30 payable to "The Cornell Club of Washington," to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181, by Monday, January 8th. Note your school on the check. Online payment can be made on the Cornell Club Website (includes Paypal fee): www.cornellclubdc.org/events. To pay at the door, email Steve Piekarec at Spiekare@verizon.net.

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red line). The Whittemore House mansion is on New Hampshire Avenue, a half block Northeast off Dupont Circle.

Parking: There are three parking garages nearby. Street parking, while always limited, improves after 6:30 pm.

Questions: Steve Piekarec at Spiekare@verizon.net.

Cornell vs. Maryland Basketball Tournament in College Park, Md.

Tuesday, January 3rd, 8:00 pm
Comcast Center
University of Maryland campus
College Park, MD



The Cornell Men's Basketball team is playing in the DC area for the first time in recent memory. Our Big Red will take on the University of Maryland Terrapins at the Comcast Center in College Park, Md. Join a large group from the Cornell Club of Washington as we cheer them on. We've reserved a block of 50 seats and can increase this based on demand. Please reserve your tickets early. The Comcast Center is not metro accessible. CCW will try to match those in need of rides with a driver, but attendees are responsible for their own transportation.

To buy a ticket, please visit the CCW website events page: <http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events/2012/01/03/maryland-cornell-basketball-game>

Cost: \$16 per person for members; \$21 per person for nonmembers. Prices include PayPal fee.

Questions: Josh Novikoff at joshua.novikoff@gmail.com



Microbrewery Tour at Mad Fox in Falls Church

Saturday, January 14th, 1:30 pm
Mad Fox Brewery
444 West Broad Street
Falls Church, VA



Everyone knows how wine is made—a few grapes, some stomping, then forget about it for a few years. But what about beer? What's in it? Why is it fizzy? Why are there different kinds and how are they made? Come find out how this mysterious yet completely satisfying and nutritious beverage is born: Join us at Mad Fox for a tour (samples provided!) to be followed by dining on site at the Brewery. Their delicious menu should provide ample opportunity to explore even more of what we've tasted on tour. Space is highly limited in order to assure everyone can see and hear the Brewmaster, so sign up soon. And come thirsty.

To attend: Only 10 spaces are available! Sign up at the event listing on the CCW website.

Cost: Tour is free; dining after will be each person's responsibility.

Parking: Free parking in the adjacent garage and on streets nearby.

Metro: East Falls Church or West Falls Church (Orange line), but note it is more than a mile's walk from either station.

Questions: Mike Canino at canino@cornell.edu.

Cornell Cares Day: January 7th & 8th

Join fellow Cornellians for a weekend of community service:



Saturday, January 7th
10:30 am to 1 pm
St. Stephen and the Incarnation
Episcopal Church
1525 Newton Street NW
Columbia Heights, MD
<http://www.loavesandfishesdc.org>

Washington DC currently has the highest rate of homelessness of any city in the country. In 2007, 11,762 people reported themselves as homeless. Of these individuals, it is estimated that children account for approximately 25 percent.

The Loaves and Fishes program at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church began during the 1960s, when many of the parishioners felt that feeding the hungry and the homeless in the St. Stephen's neighborhood was the only decent thing to do.

Over the years, many other congregations in the Diocese of Washington, other organizations and private individuals have helped to serve meals to those in need.

Metro: Columbia Heights (Red line).
RSVP: Alex Toegel at atoegel@gmail.com

Arlington Food Assistance Center

Saturday, January 7th
12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
2708 S. Nelson Street
Arlington, VA
<http://www.afac.org>



Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) is a community-based non-profit that provides supplemental groceries to our Arlington neighbors in need. AFAC is the community leader in providing and promoting dignified access to nutritious food for all Arlingtonians in need.

Now over 20 years after its founding, the Arlington Food Assistance Center remains dedicated to its simple but critical mission of obtaining and distributing groceries, directly and free of charge, to people living in Arlington who cannot afford to purchase enough food to meet their basic needs.

While hunger might not seem to be an issue in a wealthy county like Arlington, the high cost of living here, combined with our current economic situation, means that many families struggle to make ends meet. Supplemental groceries from AFAC mean that families can remain in their homes, workers can stay on the job, children are ready to learn, and mothers and babies have the nutrition they need. AFAC helps

relieve the food budgets of our clients, thereby allowing them to make other necessary purchases without sacrificing their health and nutrition needs.

Activities: Variety, package and sort food from holiday food drives, general maintenance
RSVP: Phil Bradley at philip.h.bradley@gmail.com



Sunday, January 8th
10 am to 1 pm
2114 14th Street NW
Washington, DC

Martha's Table finds solutions to poverty in the short term with food and clothing programs and in the long term by breaking the cycle of poverty with education and family strengthening programs.

Martha's Table's mission is to help at-risk children, youth, families and individuals in our community improve their lives by providing educational programs, food, clothing and enrichment opportunities.

Activities: Preparing food
Metro: U Street (Yellow/Green lines).
RSVP: Anne-Lise Cossart at annelise.cossart@gmail.com



Sunday, January 8th
1 pm to 4 pm
7690 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA
<http://www.lostdogrescue.org>

The Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation (LDCRF) rescues abandoned or displaced dogs and cats from the threat of euthanasia in over-crowded shelters or other at-risk situations and places them for adoption into loving homes. It places about 2,000 dogs and cats each year into adoptive homes, for a total of more than 15,000 since 2001! All animals in the care of LDCRF are spayed or neutered and fully vaccinated prior to adoption and any special medical needs are addressed.

While most dogs and cats await adoption at the 61-acre Lost Dog & Cat Ranch in Sumerduck, Virginia, each weekend, an army of volunteers (YOU!) mobilizes to run eight adoption events in the Metro-DC area at PetSmart and PetCo stores. This entails walking the animals around the store, speaking to potential adopters and assisting them in the adoption process.

Activities: Each volunteer will be assigned a dog to watch over at a pet adoption event
RSVP: Contact Ross George at rbg63@cornell.edu



CCW Volleyball Team Needs You!

Calling all volleyball players! There is still time left to sign up for the CCW Volleyball team for the upcoming season in January. Thank you to everyone who has signed up and expressed interest so far. We have joined the CAN league due to popular demand. Regular season games begin on January 7th and will continue through the end of March.

Games will be played on Saturdays at The National Cathedral School, 3609 Woodley Road NW in Washington, D.C. Each team will play 10 games in the regular season with the best-of-3 matches lasting for 50 minutes.

If you are interested please contact Sonia Thangavelu '10 at sgt33@cornell.edu for more information. Details to follow soon!

Save the date!

Cornell Asian Alumni Association 21st Annual Banquet

Saturday, January 21st, 6:00 pm
Grand Harmony Palace
98 Mott Street
New York City

The Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) will honor Bethesda, Md.-resident Dr. Irene So '61 at its 21st Annual Banquet. Dr. So received the Frank Rhodes Alumni Service Award in 2004. She is a past president of CAAA and has spent decades reaching out to Cornell's Asian students & alumni to involve them in alumni affairs, networking, reunion and event development. She has also been very involved with the Cornell Club of Northern NJ. Look for more information in January's newsletter.

Cost: Tickets start at \$100.
Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu.

Ivy Singles Social Club Holiday Party

Friday, December 2nd, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
DACOR-Bacon House
1801 F Street, NW (at 18th Street)
Washington, DC

The Stanford Club of Washington D.C. invites you to the Ivy Singles Social Club Holiday Party! Our venue is once again the elegant and historic DACOR-Bacon House (built 1824-25), home to several Supreme Court Justices and a Maryland governor. Congressman Robert Low Bacon (N.Y.) and his wife, Virginia Murray Bacon, lived in the house until 1980. Upon her death Virginia bequeathed the building and furnishings as a memorial to her husband. The DACOR-Bacon House and Foundation now serve as a "place to facilitate international peace and understanding" as well as a conference and meeting place for Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR).

Each floor of the DACOR-Bacon House will be festively decorated for the holiday season. We will feast on hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and enjoy a fine selection of wine, cocktails and non-alcoholic drinks from a cash bar. Consistent with our elegant surroundings, please come dressed in holiday, cocktail or business attire.

Cost: Registration is \$35. Walk-ins are welcome at \$40, however advance reservations are encouraged as space is limited.

To register: To register by mail, send a check for \$35 payable to "WDCSA" or "Washington DC Stanford Association" to Phebe Greenwood, 504 Gaslight Drive, Richmond, VA 23229. Please note your school on the memo line of the check. Or register online for \$35, which includes a \$2 processing fee, at <http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events/2011/12/02/ivy-singles-holiday-event>. Checks must be received by Monday, November 28th.

Parking: Street parking is available after 6:30 pm. Please be aware that most nearby parking garages close early. Check with the garage attendant.

Metro: Farragut West (Orange/Blue lines). Walk three blocks south on 18th St.

Attire: Dressy/ Smart Casual.

Questions: Phebe Greenwood at phebegp@yahoo.com or Charlotte Perry at charmperry@aol.com.

CCW Book Club

Sunday, December 4th, 4:00 pm

Location TBD

We will be reading *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga
RSVP and Questions: Brandon Jonas at brandon.jonas@gmail.com.

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