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Cornell Club of Washington Annual Dinner

Featuring

Keynote Speaker Robert Ramin AB '82, MBA '85
Director of the National Aquarium in Washington, DC

Tuesday, May 15th, 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm
Wildfire Restaurant
Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor
2001 International Drive
McLean, VA



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Enjoy an excellent meal and conversation with fellow Cornellians at our Annual Dinner. The evening's keynote speaker, Robert Ramin AB '82, MBA '85, is director of the National Aquarium in Washington, D.C. — the nation's longest continuously-operating aquarium. His responsibilities include renovation of the facilities' aquatic life-support system and increased public awareness of the aquarium.

Mr. Ramin previously served as senior director of development for the National Aquarium in Baltimore and also has held development positions with the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, the African Wildlife Foundation and the University of Maryland. A Cornell Club of Washington supporter and former board member, Mr. Ramin has remained very active as a Cornell alumnus. His volunteer accomplishments include service on the Cornell Annual Fund committee, membership in the Cornell University Council and chair of the Cornell Plantations Advisory Council.

Other evening events will include the club's annual report by President Nicole DeToro, presentation of the Bondareff and Best Program awards and election of board members.

Our venue, Wildfire Restaurant in McLean, offers the ambiance of a 1940's supper club. From the décor to the jazz music, Wildfire has the style and warmth that brings something special to the experience of dining out.

Dinner will consist of a four-course meal served family style. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options available—please specify special dietary requests when placing ticket order.

Program:

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm — Registration, cocktails & networking (Cash bar)
 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm — Dinner, dessert & program (Coffee, tea & soft drinks included)

Attire: Business/ Dressy Casual

Cost: Before May 1st — \$48 for CCW members and guests, \$58 non-member and guests.
 After May 1st — \$53 for CCW members and guests, \$63 non-member and guests.

To attend: Pay online at www.cornellclubdc.org/events/2012/05/15/cornell-club-washington-annual-dinner. Or if paying by check, please email A'ndrea Van Schoick at alv1@cornell.edu for instructions.

Metro: West Falls Church (Orange line), then take Metrobus route 3T (Pimmit Hills Line; 25 minutes) to Tysons Galleria. Rides available from West Falls Church metro.

Rides: Carpools are available from a variety of locations. Please email A'ndrea Van Schoick at alv1@cornell.edu if you are interested in carpooling or providing a ride for a fellow attendee.

Parking: Valet or free garage parking.

Questions: A'ndrea Van Schoick '96 at alv1@cornell.edu.

Save the Date

**The 9th Annual
Cornell
Mid-Atlantic Crab
Fest**

Sunday, June 24th
1:00 pm
Walnut Grove Farm
300 Walnut Grove Farm
Lane
Centreville, MD

Hosted by
Phyllis and Bill Eaton '61

For more information:
Contact Kurt Overton at
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Welcome New Cornell Club of Washington Members!

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Woods Robert Brown II '89 ENGR	Daniel Ronald Sherman GRAD '83, '85: I&LR
Gary Coke '94 A&LS	Miyun Sung '97 ARTS
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A Special Welcome to our New CCW Life Member

Gary Coke '94 A&LS

Events at a Glance...

May

- 3 NSO Pops featuring John Legend **SOLD OUT**
Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu
- 4 Slope Night
Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu
- 5 Philadelphia Phillies vs. Washington Nationals
Questions: Dorothy Kester Jackman at dlk730@gmail.com
- 8 Luncheon with David Silbey at DACOR-Bacon House
Questions: Bob Day at dayhaven1@verizon.net
- 8 CCW Board Meeting
Questions: Nicole DelToro at ndeltoro@andrewscole.com
- 8 CCW Programming Meeting
Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu
- 15 CCW Annual Dinner
Questions: A'ndrea Van Schoick at alv1@cornell.edu
- 19 Cornell Alumni Softball double header vs. Utah and Virginia
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 20 Mount Vernon Wine Festival
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net

June

- 1 Ivy Singles Happy Hour
Questions: Robert Cole at Yaleclubdc@aol.com
- 3 CCW Book Club
Questions: Brandon Jonas at brandon.jonas@gmail.com
- 11 Smithsonian American Art Museum Private Tour
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
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Questions: Nicole DelToro at ndeltoro@andrewscole.com
- 15 Washington Nationals vs. New York Yankees
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 17 CCW Annual Father's Day Picnic
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 23 Cornell Alumni Softball double header vs. Syracuse and Georgia Tech
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 24 9th Annual Cornell Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast
Questions: Kurt Overton at kurt.m.overton@mssb.com
- 30 Ivy Summer Indoor Tennis
Questions: Kuni Matsuda at Stardust@smart.net

July

- 8 Ivy Small Dinner - Fairfax
Questions: Suzanne Heigh at smheigh@cox.net
- 14 Cornell Alumni Softball triple header vs. Yale, Penn & Carnegie Mellon
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net

Every Friday Throughout the Season

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

Club Announcements...

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

May 8th: 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 pm to 7:30 pm 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 '74, spiekare@verizon.net; or Lindsay Schattenstein, las368@cornell.edu (Programming)

The CCW Nominating Committee Presents the 2012-2013 Slate As of April 16, 2012

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At-Large Board Members

Term Ends June 2013:

Linda Johnson '60, '63
Elisabeth Boas '71
Jaclyn West Hamlin '03
Dorothy Kester Jackman '04
Katherine Rodgers '01

Term Ends June 2014:

Jen Collins '99
Jill Fields '88
Anthony Chang '00
Jim Schoonmaker '74
Sonia Thangavelu '10

A Celebration of Greek Life Recap

Cornell alumni representing 13 fraternity chapters and six sororities attended the Celebration of Greek Life at Cornell reception March 12 at the Arts Club of Washington. Travis Apgar, Associate Dean for Fraternities and Sororities, spoke about the University's new approach to Greek recruitment and the assimilation of new members.

- The academic year is now divided into four quarters, two per semester, with informal rush limited to the second quarter in the fall and off-limits to freshmen.
- Formal rush and new member education is held in the third quarter during the spring.
- All initiations will be completed by April 1st, well in advance of final exams, and all events involving freshmen will be alcohol-free.

There was some concern that the new restrictions, implemented for the first time this year, would diminish the number of students wanting to join Greek life, but the opposite seems to have occurred. While the big-time party students may have stayed away, a greater number of "serious" students seem to have applied, and the numbers affiliating in January showed a significant increase over last year. This first step to modify the expectations of students joining Greek organizations appears to be changing the prevailing campus culture involving excessive drinking and hazing.

Alumni are encouraged to stay involved with their undergraduate chapters so that the desired behavioral changes may be more likely to evolve.

The event was chaired by Gladys Stifel '58 (KD), assisted by Bob McKinless '48 (LXA) and by Eddie Rooker '10 (SAE), former IFC President and now with Alumni Affairs. Also assisting was Laurie Brogden (AKA) who is working with CCW in a new capacity.

HELPING HANDS — CORNELLIANS CLEAN UP THE ANACOSTIA



CCW members, friends and family gathered near RFK Stadium in Washington to volunteer for the Anacostia Watershed Society's (AWS) Earth Day cleanup

on April 21. With shovels and clippers in tow, the group removed invasive weeds, vines and honeysuckle bushes along the waterfront. The newly opened space will be used by the AWS to teach "living classroom courses" via the Watershed Stewards Academy, a 15-course class aimed at developing insight and skills in community leaders to help raise awareness and address watershed issues.



Luncheon with Cornell Faculty Member David Silbey

Tuesday, May 8th, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

DACOR-Bacon House

1801 F Street NW

Washington, DC

Our luncheon with Dr. David Silbey '90, the new associate director of the Cornell-in-Washington program, is drawing a strong response. So sign up now—deadline is May 3—for this event at the historic DACOR-Bacon House and garden. Silbey is an Ithaca native, has a great sense of humor and is a second-generation Cornell professor in the History Department. His remarks will deal with the War of 1812 with its regional schisms, secret diplomacy, hero-generals and partisan politics all playing a role.

The DACOR-Bacon House itself dates from the early 19th century and is located just one block from the Octagon House (18th Street and New York Avenue) where President James Madison and Secretary of State James Monroe ratified The Treaty of Ghent which ended the War of 1812.

The Octagon House is offering our luncheon participants a special rate of \$5 per person to view the Treaty of Ghent room and signing table immediately following the luncheon. This added highlight is optional, but we need to know if you are interested.

Both DACOR and Octagon House need our head count by May 4th.

Cost: \$25 per person.

To attend: Send your name, including guests, with check payable to Cornell Club of Washington to Bob Day at 1717 Marymont Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

Metro: Farragut West (Blue/Orange lines) or Farragut North (Red line).

Parking: Limited; two-hour metered spaces are available on the street.

Questions: Bob Day at 301-438-7755 or dayhaven1@verizon.net.

Mount Vernon Wine Festival

Sunday May 20th, 6:00 pm

Mount Vernon

3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway

Mount Vernon, VA

Join CCW and other Ivy Clubs at historic Mount Vernon for the annual rain-or-shine celebration of the Virginia wine industry on the lawn of George Washington's home. Mount Vernon's Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with candlelit tours of the Mansion — including the rarely-opened basement where Washington stored his wine — and live jazz on the east lawn overlooking the scenic Potomac River.

Guests sample wines from 16 Virginia wineries, learn about the successes and failures of our Founding Father's wine endeavors and meet George and Martha Washington on the Mansion's piazza. Concessions by the Mount Vernon Inn are available for purchase.

Dress: Casual

Cost: \$37 for CCW members and guests; \$42 non-members.

To attend: Pay online at www.cornellclubdc.org/events/2012/05/20/mount-vernon-wine-festival. Or mail a check payable to CCW to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Dr., Vienna VA 22181.

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

Slope Night

Friday, May 4th, 6:00 pm

Ozio Restaurant & Lounge (rooftop)

1813 M Street NW

Washington, DC

Whether Slope Day or Zinck's Night was the main attraction during your time at Cornell, join fellow alums in an off-campus celebration on Slope Night, also marking just over the halfway point to Zinck's.

We will gather on the roof of Ozio Restaurant & Lounge in Dupont Circle.

Drink specials include:

\$3 Domestic Beer

\$4 Imported Beer

\$5 House Martinis

\$4 House Wine

Cost: Free for CCW members; \$5 non-members.

Dress: Casual

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red line).

Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu.

Private Tour of Smithsonian American Art Museum with Curator Joanna Marsh

Monday, June 11th, 5:30 pm

Smithsonian American Art Museum

8th Street and G Street NW

Washington DC

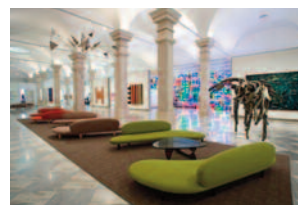
Join us for a private tour of the Smithsonian American Art Museum with Joanna Marsh '98, The James Dicke Curator of Contemporary Art. The tour starts at 5:30 pm.

A post-evening gathering following the conclusion of the tour at 7:00 pm will be held at McCormick and Schmick restaurant located at 901 F Street NW.

Cost: Free, but space is limited so RSVP early. Each person pays for their own food/drinks at the post-event gathering.

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

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



Play Ball! — Join CCW for Select Nats Games

May 5th, June 15th & August 19th
Nationals Stadium
1500 South Capitol Street SE
Washington, DC

Because last year's baseball event was such a success, we have arranged for three games this year. Buy your tickets NOW and save. The Nationals have gone to a dynamic pricing structure that changes upon availability of tickets. CCW tickets for some games are currently available on our website with Early Bird pricing.

GAMES

May 5: Nats vs. Phillies (12:00 pm - ticket pick up; 1:05 pm - first pitch)
June 15: Nats vs. Yankees (6:00 pm - ticket pick up; 7:05 pm - first pitch)
August 19: Nats vs. Mets (12:30 pm - ticket pick up; 1:35 pm - first pitch)

Cost:

PHILLIES – \$25 members; \$30 non-members.
*YANKEES – \$37 for Section 239; \$41 for Section 104
METS – Check website after May 1st for pricing details.
*CCW obtained a limited block of tickets that are available to members only. Due to ticket availability, we are limiting purchase to 4 tickets per person. If you need more than 4 tickets, please contact Dorothy Kester Jackman or Steve Piekarec before paying to discuss options.

To Purchase Tickets: Go to www.cornellclubdc.org/events. Select the date of your choice and as events open, you will be able to purchase online (Phillies tickets are currently available online).

Metro: Navy Yard (Green line).

Questions: Dorothy Kester Jackman at dlk730@gmail.com.



LET'S GO RED

CCW members Bob Day '56 and his wife Diana Day '56 arranged the Cornell Club's snack table along the Potomac River providing refreshments for CU rowers and their fans on April 7 when the Cornell Men's Heavyweight Crews swept all six of their races in the GWU Invitational Regatta. It was a great tune-up for a Big Red sweep of all their races against Yale and Princeton at the Carnegie Cup regatta on April 21.

CCW's Annual Father's Day Picnic

Sunday, June 17th, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Kiplinger Farm
16801 River Road
Poolesville, MD

Celebrate Dad and join fellow alumni and friends for a day in the country. Our sincerest thanks go to Austin "Kip" Kiplinger '39, as always, for hosting us at his beautiful farm, Montevideo. If you've never been, this is one of the best events for families and singles alike and it's a great way to meet other alumni in a casual setting.

Bring your swimsuit, blankets, tennis rackets and a picnic lunch. We'll supply the drinks and watermelon. There will be games and activities for kids of all ages.

Cost:

CCW Members and their guests, and Class of 2012: \$7
Non-members and their guests: \$12
Children 12 and under: free

Directions:

Take River Road heading outside the Beltway/I-495. Pass Potomac Village and continue on River Road until you reach a "T" intersection. Make a left to continue onto River Road. After you pass Montevideo Road, look for Cornell signs indicating the entrance to the Kiplinger Farm on the right. Take this entrance to the driveway and follow signs to the designated parking area.

Alternative Directions:

Instead of the Beltway/I-495, take Route 270 to the Rockville exit, taking Route 28 West toward Darnestown for 8 miles. Take a left on Seneca Road and follow this 4 miles to where it becomes River Road; Kiplinger Farm will be on the right.

Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net.

Renew Your Membership

The Cornell Club of Washington last year introduced a new schedule for dues, with lots of great ways for becoming and staying a member! In addition to annual memberships, there is 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.

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 receive membership for the next two months as well as for the full 2012-2013 membership year. Rates for 2012-2013 membership year:

Regular Membership: 1 year – \$35; 3 years – \$80

Couple membership: 1 year – \$40; 3 years – \$100

Recent Grad membership (Classes of 2009-2011):

1 Year – \$20; 3 Years – \$40 (available only to 2011 graduates)

Class of 2012: 1 Year – Free membership (email newsletter delivery only)

Associate members: 1 year – \$25; 3 years – \$60

For details and to sign up online: www.cornellclubdc.org/membership.

Ivy Singles Social Club June Happy Hour

*Friday, June 1st, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Aria Trattoria (on the Reagan Building plaza)
13th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC*

The Yale Club of DC invites you to meet alumni at the Ivy Singles Social Club Happy Hour at Aria Pizzeria and its outdoor covered fresco bar and nightly live music. We will have hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar with happy hour prices. Our space is outside with cover and we will have the option to move inside if weather requires.

Cost: \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door.

Payment: Please mail your check payable to the "YCWDC" or "Yale Club of Washington DC" to Robert Cole, 5008 Sangamore Rd, Bethesda, MD 20816. Checks need to be received by Wednesday, May 30th. Please note your school on the memo line of the check. The \$20 online payment is required by 12 pm on Thursday, May 31st. Proceeds from the event are donated to participating schools based on attendance.

After 12 pm on Thursday, May 31st, the fee is \$30 and maybe paid online until 6:00 pm the day of the event, June 1st. Advance reservations are strongly encouraged for quick check-in.

Metro: Federal Triangle (Orange/Blue lines). Take the exit toward the Reagan Building.

Parking: Street parking is available and there is parking in the building for \$8 per hour or \$10 for the evening after 5:00 pm. Check with any nearby garages for their closing time before parking.

Questions: Email Robert Cole at Yaleclubdc@aol.com with Ivy Aria Happy Hour in the subject line.

The Ivy Singles Social Club (www.ivysinglesdc.com) 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 and their guests. The majority of our attendees are in their 30's, 40's or 50's, but all ages are welcome.

CCW Book Club

Sunday, June 3rd, 4:00 pm

We will be reading *The Art of Fielding*, by Chad Harbach.

Location: TBD

RSVP and Questions: Brandon Jonas at brandon.jonas@gmail.com.

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