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President's Note

Dear Cornell Club of Washington members and friends,

Greetings to you on behalf of CCW and its Board of Directors – an extraordinary group of volunteers who help steer and organize club efforts to keep the Cornell connection strong in DC, Maryland and Virginia and the camaraderie ever present throughout the alumni base in the greater Washington area. Many thanks to you and our 1,000-strong membership for your continuing support of the club year after year. We could not exist without you!

This year CCW celebrating 50 years as a consolidated group derived from two separate university alumni chapters – The Cornell Club of Washington and the Cornell Women's Club. With this golden anniversary upon us, we have an exciting year planned with activities and joyous occasions that will help us celebrate how far we've come as an organization. I invite you to join us in the myriad events and programs we'll be offering around the region.

The Cornell Club of Washington is proud to be one of the largest – and one of the longest running - Cornell alumni organizations in the world. Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, CCW supports student scholarships awarded bi-annually to local Cornell undergraduates and Cornell-in-Washington students.

As I dive into my final term in office, I'd like to say a big thank you to my Board of Directors for their tireless hard work on the club's behalf. Their dedication and passion remind me daily of how lucky we are to have this awesome Cornell alumni network here in DC. I'd also like to thank our members for ongoing support and contributions to the club, which in turn will ensure that we continue to show our Big Red spirit en masse in the greater Washington metropolitan area for decades to come! I hope to C U at various CCW events throughout the year.

Best wishes and Let's Go Red,

Grace Jean '00
President
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Events at a Glance...

December

12 iHeartRadio Jingle Ball Concert - SOLD OUT
Questions: Kerry Kooi at programming@cornellclubdc.org

13 CCW Monthly Programming Meeting @6:30PM
Questions: email programming@cornellclubdc.org

13 CCW Monthly Board Meeting @7:30PM
Questions: Grace Jean at president@cornellclubdc.org

18 The Washington Ballet’s Nutcracker
Questions: Kerry Kooi at programming@cornellclubdc.org

Future CALC conference: February 03 - February 04, 2017 in Baltimore Maryland

* Register for events on the CCW website at: http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events *

New CCW Members

Sonaali Aggarwal ‘16
Azi Akpan ‘16
Emily Berman ‘16
Thomas Bishop ‘16
Blair Boyce ‘16
James Bradshaw ‘16
Daniela Cardenas ‘16
Rebekah Catalana ‘16
Paroma Chakravarty ‘16
Aimee Cho ‘16
Lauren Choi ‘16
Jacob Cohen ‘16
Chad Crowley ‘16
Pooja Desai ‘16
Tyler Dolen ‘06
Katrina Donahue ‘16
Daniel Donovan ‘16
Rachel Erlebacher ‘16
Alexander Fields ‘16
Clara Freeman ‘16
Hilary Gelfond ‘16
Brian George ‘16
Mary Gibbs ‘16
April Gillis ‘16
Isabella Greenberg ‘16
Christopher Gronberg ‘16
Andrew Gruseke ‘16
Esther Han ‘16
Linda He ‘16
Leigh Heidelberger ‘16
Christopher Hill ‘16
Emily Hoagland ‘16
Jessica Hubbard ‘16
Zoe Jackson ‘16
Eliana Jacobson ‘16
Michelle Juma ‘16
Zoe LaClair‘16
Michael Levy ‘16
Jixuan Li ‘16
Mark Luzzi ‘16
Rachel Margolis‘16
Kelly McDarby‘16
Sean McNeil ‘16
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Emily Miller ‘16
Theodora Misthos ‘16
Zane Mokhiber ‘16
Macarena Moreno ‘16
Cory Nissly ‘16
Constance Noziere ‘16
Kevin Palm ‘16
Zhiyin Pan ‘16
Meg Parker ‘16
Anitra Persaud ‘16
Samantha Primeaux ‘16
Olivera Radic ‘16
Joshua Reichler ‘16
Nicholas Ringelberg ‘16
Manuela Rios ‘16
John Roberts ‘16
Natalie Rosseau ‘16
Madeline Salinas ‘16
Wesley Schnapp ‘16
Kathryn Sheehan ‘16
Karen Shibuya ‘16
Danielle Sims ‘16
Jason Spencer ‘16
Kripa Sreepada ‘16
Megan Suarez ‘16
Derek Sung ‘16
Kamil Turkmani ‘16
Laly Vandenberghe ‘16
Amanda Vargo ‘16
Charlie Xu ‘16
Evan Yetter ‘16
Wenqing Zhu ‘16
Elizabeth (Betsy) Alley ‘91
Nancy Cutler ‘95
Tyler Dolen ‘06
Jennifer Dumas ‘93
Shawna Evers ‘06
Andrea Greene-Horace ‘92
Lisa Griffin ‘87
Joseph Henderson ‘81
Pamela Henderson ’76 ‘81
Luis Lopez-Calva ‘99
David Marshak ‘07
Ericka Taylor ‘95

Club Announcements...

The Washington Ballet's Nutcracker

Sunday, December 18th, 2016
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Warner Theater
The Washington Ballet's Nutcracker is DC's perennial favorite! This celebrated production is set in historic Georgetown with George Washington and King George III among other historical figures. Join the Cornell Club of Washington, family, and friends for this holiday performance.

Go to Peet's Coffee before the performance to meet other Cornellians and pick up your ticket.

Ticket Pick-Up (12:30-1PM): Peet's Coffee, 601 13th St NW, Washington, DC 20005

Performance (1-3 PM): Warner Theater, 513 13th St, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Contact: Kerry Kooi at programming@cornellclubdc.org

DC Cornell Hotel Society Chapter's Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Radiator, Mason & Rook Hotel
1430 Rhode Island Ave NW
Washington, DC 20005

Join us in January to ring in the New Year and celebrate the conclusion of the holiday season at one of DC's coolest new venues. Hotelies will be taking over the restaurant for a fun and festive evening.

We are excicted to have Dean Kate Walsh as an honored guest at this event, as well as a number of Hotel School professors.

Cocktail Attire / Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and an open bar for the first half of the event will be provided.

Early Bird (by 12.25) - $75
Young Alumni ('12 - '16) - $50
Late Registration/Walk-in - $90

*All attendees must be registered. We ask that you register in advance on EventBrite, but tickets will also be available at the door for purchases done with a credit card.

Questions? chswashingtondc@gmail.com

Gettysburg Tour 2016 Photos 11/19/16

Zinck's Night 2016 Photos 10/20/16

CCW celebrated the International Spirit of Zinck's night with friends, family and fellow alumni at Irish Whiskey Public House in DC.

Freshman Send-Off Dinner Party 2016

The Cornell Club of Washington, Judy Gleklen Kopff '68, and Gary Kopff MPA '71 held the annual student send-off dinner party on August 14 for new Cornell frosh and transfer students from Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Washington, DC. About 50 matriculating freshmen and 6 new transfer students from our area attended the event and, by all counts, they enjoyed the evening immensely.

Grace Jean, CCW President, spoke briefly about the club's activities, and Janet Cornfeld, Regional Chair for Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) for DC/Maryland, welcomed students, offering them some advice about their transition to college. Janine Peyser Lossing, CAAAN Chair for Bethesda/Chevy Chase, also provided insight into the undergraduate experience. Judy Kopff is the CAAAN Chair for Washington, DC.

A panel of seven current undergraduates and recent grads described life at Cornell and discussed housing and meal plans, Greek life and alternatives, academics, extracurriculars, and miscellaneous information relevant to incoming students. The 2016 panelists were Irvin McCullough '17, rising junior in Industrial and Labor Relations; Natalie Rosseau '16, Kelly McDarby '16, Kate Donatiello '15, Teresa Danso-Danquah '15, Joe Nelson '14, and Kai Keane '14.

CCW commends Judy and Gary Kopff for their continued commitment to Cornell. They have graciously supported the CAAAN program by hosting the Frosh Send-off party for more than 40 years.

The freshmen send-off party panelists and alumni present are shown from left to right (top row): Janine Peyser Lossing, Judy Gleklen Kopff, and Janet Cornfeld. Second row from top (left to right): Kate Donatiello, Kai Keane, and Irvin McCullough. Second row from bottom (left to right): Natalie Rosseau '16, Teresa Danso-Danquah '15, and Joe Nelson '14. Bottom row (left to right): Grace Jean and Kelly McDarby '16. (Missing from photo: Gary Kopff)

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 10, 2017

All CCW members are invited to participate in our monthly CCW Programming Meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please email Grace Jean at president@cornellclubdc.org.

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red line)
Questions: Grace Jean at president@cornellclubdc.org or Jim Schoonmaker or Kerry Kooi at Programming@cornellclubdc.org

This year, the CCW newsletter we will be featuring alumni in the DC proper area on there entrepreneurial ventures in each edition. For this first issue, we decided to choose the DC Darlings due to the blog's niche in lifestyle and fashion.

The DC Darlings

Interview with Co - Founder Katie Kolbe '15

Q: Tell us about yourself and how you got to where you are today?

A: I was born in DC and I went to the Cornell University for my undergraduate degree in Hotel Administration. After 1 year of working in Boston, I decided to leave and move back to the district. Then I met up with a good friend from high school and discussed about starting a lifestyle blog. We started working on creating the website and before we knew it, the DC Darlings was live on the Internet!

Q: Why did you start the DC Darlings?

A: We saw an opportunity in the blogging space. Specifically speaking, there are not that many blogs in DC that focus on fashion, travel and food. Most DC bloggers are covering the current election race, so we thought it would be great to start an all-encompassing lifestyle blog for local millennials.

Q: What advice do you have for future graduate entrepreneurs?

A: Definitely do something risky while you are young. Me and my co-founder are both 23 and we would have regretted not doing this opportunity now as opposed to later when we are deep in either careers or family life. Any new venture will seem scary and at first, so be brave.

Q: What is your strategy to posting on Instagram?

A: We usually post at noon when people are on their lunch break or at around dinner time.

Q: Are there other social media outlets you are posting with? If so, name them.

A: We used word press to get our website started. We have used Pinterest to help supplement our material, but we do not tweet or snapchat. As much as we would like to be on YouTube and have our own channel, we are simply not ready for it yet.

Q: What is your future vision of the DC Darlings?

A: Hopefully to take over the blogging world one day! Our vision is to have satellite blogs in different cities so that we can partner with local brands there to show their material on our Instagram account, Facebook page and website.

Q: Is there anything else you would like your readers to know about you or your business?

A: We love getting our name out there, so if there is an event you would like to co-sponsor with us, please contact us. We love meeting new people and are excited to get to 10k followers by early 2017.

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CCW Alumna Spolight: Esther Bondereff ’37

We are celebrating the 50th year of the consolidated CCW by highlighting a series of alumni members who helped to shape the club over the years. We couldn’t think of a better person to feature first than Esther Bondareff ’37. Esther became the club’s first woman president serving from 1971-1972. During her presidency, she provided the club with a meeting space and worked tirelessly to propel the club to one that would be more than just a sleepy social club. She helped to shape the club into one of distinction. She served the club in several different aspects before relocating to Florida where she now hosts the Cornell Club of Eastern Florida. Since 1984, CCW has conferred the Bondareff Award annually on a Club member who has given outstanding, significant, and continuous service to the Club. This award was created and named after Esther Schiff Bondareff ’37 and her late husband, Daniel Bondareff ’36. Esther has received numerous awards from Cornell University including the prestigious Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. She is also the only alum to have received a lifetime award from CCW. At the 2016 Annual Dinner, Esther was awarded the first Club Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to a Cornell Club of Washington member who has actively promoted and supported the club over the course of a lifetime. Esther embodies the letter and spirit of the award, and so it seemed appropriate to honor her contributions in perpetuity, by naming the award for her and by making her the first recipient.

CCW Conable Stipends Awarded

The scholarship committee is pleased to introduce the Fall 2016 Barber S. Conable Stipend Awardees. The Conable Stipends are awarded to Cornell-in-Washington students in order to foster participation by CIW students at CCW events and to allow students to maximize access to all that the DC community has to offer.
The first awardee is Camille Edwards ’18 in Arts and Sciences. Camille is a College Scholar and comes to DC from San Anselmo, CA. Camille is studying intellectual property law in the fashion industry and will be an intern at the Supreme Court during her time in Washington DC. Prior to coming to DC, Camille participated in the Cornell in Turin Program, worked at the Cornell Fashion Management Research Lab on campus and became a member in the Cornell Careers in the Fashion Industry Club. Camille also works as a tour guide while in Ithaca and is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Our second awardee is Emma Billmyer ’18 in Arts and Sciences. Emma is studying statistics with a minor in policy analysis and management and comes to DC from Fayetteville, NY. Emma’s passion for her major was evident and she described loving the “idea that statistics and data analysis can help make informed policy decisions”. Emma also plays the Cello in the Cornell Symphony Orchestra where she also serves as its Librarian and is a member of Alpha Phi Omega Co-Ed Service Fraternity. This gives her an opportunity to spend 18 hours a month volunteering in the Ithaca community. When on campus, Emma works at the Pharmaceutical and Advertising Lab and will be interning at the Brookings Institutions in its economic studies department this fall.

Please join the Scholarship Committee in congratulating Camille and Emma on their deserved recognition and our thanks goes to all of the amazing students who applied for the award! We would also like to thank our committee members (Carol Epstein, Bob McKinless and Dale Lazar) for their input and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Fields and Dorothy Jackman, Co-VPs, Scholarship