# CORNELL CLUB



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# CCW Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Annual Dinner & Silent Auction.

The Annual Dinner is a great way to meet fellow alumni in Washington, and catch up will old friends.

Proceeds from the auction benefit the CCW Scholarship Fund.

For details, please see page 5.

# CCWNEWS

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Faculty Speaker 2007:

Professor Giuseppe Pezzotti '84, Hotel School "You be the Critic"

Thursday, May 10 2007, 6:30pm OST Inc 2001 M Street NW, 3rd Floor Washington, DC 20036

The Cornell Club of Washington invites all alumni and guests to the annual faculty speaker presentation featuring Giuseppe Pezzotti, Senior Lecturer in Cornell's School of Hotel Administration, speaking on "You Be the Critic" (a "crash course" in restaurant evaluation).

Ever wanted to know what the professionals look for when evaluating a restaurant? You'll find out as Mr. Pezzotti presents a new way to analyze and appreciate the dining experience. You'll walk away with the savvy of a professional without the burden of making reservations under an alias!

Giuseppe Pezzotti, a senior lecturer at the School of Hotel

Administration at Cornell University since 1984, teaches a variety of courses in food service management. After being awarded first prize at the Italian Hotel School, Pezzotti held food service positions on luxury liners of both the Italian Line and Swedish American Line, at several hotels and restaurants in Europe, and at the Rainbow Room atop Rockefeller Center in New York. He then continued his studies at Cornell and received his B.S. degree in Hotel Administration in 1984 and his M.P.S. degree in January 1996.

He has conducted numerous executive education seminars around the world and in the early '90s participated in a major project for American Express to evaluate restaurant service standards. He has also conducted training and evaluated restaurant service standards in major projects for AAA and Mobil.

OST is located on the third floor in the KPMG building, at the corner of 20th and M street. The main entrance is located on 20th street. The third floor is a secure floor. Once inside, please go to the front desk and provide meeting details. The guard will call upstairs and your contact will come down to receive and escort you to the third floor. IMPORTANT: Please bring identification. Business attire is suggested.

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members

To attend: RSVP Adriano Sabatelli, adriano.sabatelli@thomson.com, 202.719.7856.

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line); Farragut West (Orange/Blue Lines)



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# Events at a Glance...

### May

- 3 Songbird Journeys Book Signing & Lecture, 7:00 pm Questions: www.fonz.org/lectures.htm
- 5 RESCHEDULED: Old Rag Hike XLIII, 8:00 am
  Questions: Clint Brass, ctb14@cornell.edu, 703.516.0142
- 8 CCW Programming & Board Meeting, 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm Questions: Jonathan Simon, jxs@vnf.com
- 10 Faculty Speaker: Giuseppe Pezzotti of the Hotel School *Questions*: Adriano Sabatelli, adriano.sabatelli@thomson.com, 202.719.7856
- 14 Footlights Discussion: *Animal Farm*, 6:30 pm *Questions*: Mark Gruenberg, press\_associates@yahoo.com
- 18 ISSC: Lounge 201

  Questions: Leslie Klein, Leslie.Klein@gmail.com.
- 19 Mount Vernon Spring Wine Festival and Sunset Tour, 6:00 pm Questions: Steve Pikarec, spiekare@verizon.net, 703.281.4311

# 19-20 Dragonboat Festival Questions: Bob Day, dayhaven@comcast.net

22 CCW Annual Dinner & Silent Auction. 6:30 pm Questions: Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu, 571.275.3823

### June

- 4 Footlights Discussion: *Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, 6:30 pm *Questions*: Mark Gruenberg, press\_associates@yahoo.com
- 9 Footlights Performance: Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, 2:00 pm Questions: Robin Larkin, robinlarkin@comcast.net
- 12 CCW Programming & Board Meeting, 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm Questions: Jonathan Simon, jxs@vnf.com
- 17 Father's Day Picnic
  Watch CCW News & www.cornellclubdc.org for details.

# Club Announcements...

# **CCW Monthly Board and Programming Meetings**

Tuesday, May 8, 2007 All CCW members are invited to attend and participate in our monthly CCW Board Meetings at 7:30 pm, and/or Programming Meetings at 6:30 pm. Meetings take place at 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 (downstairs from the Cornell Center). These meetings are a great way to get involved with the Club. Questions: Jonathan Simon, jxs@vnf.com.

# Old Rag XLIII Rescheduled

Saturday, May 5, 2006, 8:00 am Old Rag Mountain, Virginia

Due to inclement weather, the Old Rag Hike has been rescheduled.

Questions: Clint Brass, ctb14@cornell.edu, 703.516.0142.

# **CCW Seeking Board Members**

The Club is looking for volunteers to serve as an officer or a board member. It's a great way to give back to the University, meet new people, and gain valuable experience while helping the Cornell community.

The Nominating Committee is still searching for one more board member, a Secretary, and someone to transition into membership with the current Vice President of Membership.

**Interested?** Contact Danielle Alsop, dalsop@verizon.net, 703.863.1683.

# Virginia Gold Cup Races

Saturday, May 5, 2007

Cornellians at Virginia Gold Cup.

Cost: \$105
To attend: Purchase tickets at www.universityrow.org.
Questions? Amy Billing, amycbilling@gmail.com

# Annual Father's Day Picnic Features Cornell President David J. Skorton

Sunday, June 17, 2007 Kiplinger Farm 16801 River Road Poolesville, MD 20837

In the CCW tradition, Cornell President Skorton will join the CCW at the annual picnic. Be among the first to meet and welcome him, and hear first hand about his plans and initiatives for Cornell.

Watch for details in CCW News or at www.cornellclubdc.org

# Roving Reporter: Lauren Hall '02 Community Service: Anacostia River Clean up

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 21, 2007 -About 20 Cornellians, friends, and colleagues awoke at the crack of dawn to join the Anacostia Watershed Society and other D.C. community groups to clean up the Anacostia River. Our group worked at the Kennilworth Park site in Northeast D.C. It was positively a fulfilling - and disgusting experience. The river seemed to be calling to us as it glowed red in the morning light, and as we rowed our way through the 20-year-old soda bottles and sewage overflow. We thought about where our own patterns of use may end up someday. Half of the clean up team was tasked with the muck under the railroad bridge, while the rest of us were awed by the co-existence of wildlife (nesting Canadian Geese, a turtle clinging to life) among the rubbage in the marshland. Members of the Cornell crew were interviewed by the Washington Post and quoted in the Sunday edition, an article that brought attention to local efforts on Earth Day. After we returned to fill a dumpster with our collected trash, we joined other volunteers for a Bar-B-Que and rally in nearby Bladensburg, and talked about future efforts. Stay tuned ... another cleanup is already in the works for fall.

# **CCW Nominating Committee Presents the 2007-2008 Slate**

As of April 10, 2007

President: Kim Jones '98 MBA '02

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Term ends in June 2008:

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Claudia Segura MBA '95

Vacant

Term ends in June 2009:
Elisabeth Boas '71
Sandra L. Paredes '02
Eli Savada '72
Heather Schroeder '03
Katherine Stifel '87

# Songbird Journeys Book Signing & Lecture

Thursday, May 3, 2007, 7:00 pm National Zoo 3001 Connecticut Avenue NW Washington, DC 20008

As part of the Zoo's celebration of International Migratory Bird Day, Miyoko Chu, ornithologist and staff writer at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology will sign copies of her book and talk about the scientific quest to answer age-old questions about songbirds.

To attend: RSVP at www.fonz.org/lectures.htm



Martha Washington and Wine Series

# Mount Vernon Wine Festival and Sunset Tour

Saturday May 19, 2007, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Historic Mount Vernon 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Mount Vernon, VA 22121

Join us for an extraordinary event of wine and entertainment at Mount Vernon, featuring 16 Virginia Wineries, blues music, candlelight Mansion tours. Bring a folding chair or a blanket to picnic on the lawn.



**Cost**: \$32 for members, and \$37 for non-members.

**To attend:** Send a check, by 05/10/07 payable to "Cornell Club of Washington", to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, VA 22181.

Contact Steve Piekarec,

4 spiekare@verizon.net, 703.281.4311.

Ivy Singles Social Club

# Happy Hour

Hosted by the Northwestern University Alumni Club of Washington, DC

Friday, May 18, 2007, 6: 30 pm Lounge 201 201 Massachusetts Avenue NE Washington, DC 20002

Northwestern University and the Ivy Singles Social Club are pleased to invite you to a happy hour party at Loungé 201, the District's premier cocktail lounge, located just minutes from Union Station. The Washington Post describes Lounge 201 as "a swanky Senate-side hideaway with fishbowl-sized martinis, pool tables, a sweeping bar and large leather booths."

This event will feature a full cash bar with specials including a \$7.50 "Ivy-tini," \$5 Van Gogh vodka drinks, and \$3 Miller Lite bottles. There will also be passed appetizers including artesian flat breads, mini crab cakes, and artichoke and goat cheese croquets. We will have two contiguous private rooms for the event. Please bring identification to ensure admission.



Cost: \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door.

To attend: Send check by 05/14/07, payable to "Leslie Klein" to, Leslie Klein, 2601 Woodley Pl, NW, Apt. 411, Washington, DC 20008. Please note your school on the check. Please RSVP to the Evite, <a href="http://www.evite.com/app/publicUrl/spiekare@verizon.net/201lounge">http://www.evite.com/app/publicUrl/spiekare@verizon.net/201lounge</a>.

Questions: Leslie Klein, leslie.klein@gmail.com, 847.372.3131.

Metro: Union Station (Red Line), Capitol South (Orange Line).

The Ivy Singles Social Club (ISSC) 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.

www.ivysinglesdc.com

# Washington Dragon Boat Festival 2007

Dragon Boat Festival: Saturday & Sunday, May 19 - 20, 2007 Thompson Boathouse 2900 Virginia Avenue Washington, DC 20037 www.dragonboatdc.com

Dragon Boat Practices: Sunday, April 29, 2007, 1:30 pm -2:30 pm Sunday, May 6, 2007, 1:30 pm -2:30 pm Saturday, May 12, 2007, time TBD

For the 5th year in a row the Big Red Dragons will compete in Washington's annual Dragon Boat Festival. The Cornell Team always represents the university and all alumni with pride, and our teams have performed magnificently over the past few years. The event is a colorful treat for spectators, held on the Potomac River along the riverfront side of the Kennedy Center. It is a great day of fun for the whole family. It is also great fun and exercise for participating paddlers--20 in each boat. The boat is filling up quickly, so sign up soon! Practices are held at the Anacostia Community Boathouse, home of the DC Dragons and their dragon boat fleet.



For spectators: Free of charge. Best viewing is from lawn adjacent to the Thompson Boathouse, Virginia Avenue and Rock Creek Parkway.

**Cost**: \$45 per person to race. Fee includes instruction, three practice sessions and two days of racing.

**To race**: Send check, payable to "Cornell Club of Washington", to Kate Bryant, 1327 South Carolina Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003.

Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (Blue/Orange Lines); Circulator: Georgetown-Union Station Route

Questions: Kate Bryant,

kateb36@gmail.com; 202.546.9184, Bob Day, dayhaven@comcast.net; Jack Chiu, jackwc56@hotmail.com.

# Footlights Modern Drama Discussion Group

CCW co-sponsors the Modern Drama Discussion Group known as "Footlights". Each month, 35-50 Footlights members meet over dinner with playwrights, directors, and scholars to discuss modern drama. We read the plays on our own, meet at inexpensive restaurants near Washington-area metro stations, and eventually attend performances of most of the plays we've discussed. You can attend our dinner-discussions, join our theater trips, or both.

Membership is free. We do ask that you read the plays for discussion in advance. A \$5 donation at dinner-discussions to cover expenses is suggested. You pay for dinner and theater tickets. Footlights always gets group rates at local theaters. Contributions to Footlights are tax-deductible.

Discussion: Animal Farm
Monday, May 14, 2007, 6:30 pm
Alfio's
4515 Willard Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD
Cost: Dinner \$12 (includes tax and tip).
To attend: RSVP to Mark Gruenberg,
press\_associates@yahoo.com.

Discussion: Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern are Dead

Monday, June 4, 2007, 6:30 pm Alfio's 4515 Willard Avenue Chevy Chase, MD

Cost: Dinner \$12 (includes tax and tip). To attend: RSVP to Mark Gruenberg, press\_associates@yahoo.com.



Performance: Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern are Dead Saturday, June 9, 2007, 2:00 pm Studio Theatre 1501 14th St, NW Washington, DC Cost: \$36. To attend: Contact Robin Larkin,

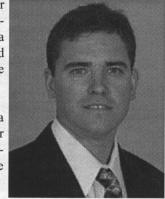
robinlarkin@comcast.net.

# Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Invited Keynote Speaker: Bill Lazor '94 Redskins Quarterbacks Coach

Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 6:30 pm Maggiano's Little Italy 5333 Wisconsin Avenue NW Washington, DC 20015 www.maggianos.com 202.966.5500

Join us for the Annual Dinner to catch up with area alumni, hear Club President Jonathan Simon deliver the annual report, recognize the outgoing and incoming club leadership, and enjoy a presentation from a local Cornell celebrity. A silent auction and cocktail hour will start the evening, followed by dinner and the keynote speaker.

This year we return to Maggiano's, where we had a great time a few years back. There we will enjoy family-style dining of their top rated menu items bruschetta, fried calamari, lasagna, fettucine alfredo, chicken parmesan, salmon, and of course cheescake and tiramisu for dessert.



Bill Lazor '84 has been invited to be the keynote speaker. He joined the Redskins in 2004 as offensive assistant, and was promoted last year to his current position of quarterbacks coach. Lazor is in his third year with the offensive staff, formerly serving as offensive assistant. Prior to his tenure with Washington, Lazor spent his first season (2003) in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons as their offensive quality control coach.

Cost: \$45 members and their guests, \$55 non-members

**To attend**: Send reservation form and check by 05/17/07, payable to "Cornell Club of Washington", to Kim Jones, 2701 Connecticut Avenue NW, #304, Washington, DC 20008. Please be sure to include all names and class years of alumni in your party's reservation.

Metro: Friendship Heights Metro (Red Line)
Parking: \$2 validated garage parking

Questions: Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu (preferred), 571.275.3823

# **Cornell Club of Washington Annual Dinner Reservation**

Please postmark by Friday, May 19, 2007.

Name:	School/Year:	
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Please make check payable to "Cornell Club of Washington".

Mail to: Kim Jones, 2701 Connecticut Ave. NW, #304, Washington, DC 20008.

# Silent Auction Items Needed for Annual Dinner Help support the CCW Scholarship Fund!

Please help support Cornell Club of Washington's (CCW) local scholarship initiatives donating an item or service to this year's Silent Auction, coming up on May 22nd as part CCW's Annual Dinner. Items and donors will be listed in the event program and the CC newsletter. CCW is a 501(c)(3) organization and all contributions are tax deductib Deadline for donations is Friday, May 11th.

# Suggested donations:

Tangible items like clothing and artwork--especially Cornell memorabilia

- Tickets to cultural or sporting events (e.g. Kennedy Center, Wolftrap, Nationals)
- Gift certificates for local restaurants
- Travel deals or discounts (e.g. weekend at private beach house, free hotel stays)

The Silent Auction is the largest fundraiser for the CCW Scholarship Fund, which hel finance the club's four annual scholarships for Cornell students hailing from the D.C. area the past 10 years, CCW's Silent Auction has raised over \$20,000 for the Scholarship Fund

Please send donated items (or a description of donated services), with an estimate of each item's value, to:

Kim Jones 2701 Connecticut Avenue NW, Apt 304 Washington, DC 20008

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In addition, if you would like to contribute to the scholarship fundraising effort but do have auction items to donate, we are grateful for monetary donations. Please make checks

to Cornell Club of Washington and designate the memo line for "Scholarship."

Contact: Heather Schroeder, hrs9@cornell.edu, 202.641.0438

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