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## Highlights from CCW's Annual Dinner

It's been another banner year for the Cornell Club of Washington. As we close out the 2012-2013 club year by spotlighting a few faces from last month's annual dinner, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank YOU, our dedicated members, for supporting CCW. We're looking forward to the 2013-2014 membership year and are already busy organizing events and activities. Have a restful and safe summer and C-U at CCW in the fall!

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### Don't Miss Out!

Renew your CCW membership today. Keep your status for the 2013-2014 membership year.

We have enclosed a membership application to fill in and return, or renew online at [www.cornellclubdc.org/joinccw](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/joinccw).

Not a member? Please join us today. Go to [www.cornellclubdc.org](http://www.cornellclubdc.org) to learn about your membership options and see why CCW is the best alumni organization in town.

For more info about CCW, go to [cornellclubdc.org](http://cornellclubdc.org).



PHOTO BY GRACE JEAN '00

Keynote speaker General John "Jay" Paxton BS '73 MEng '74, Assistant Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, addresses CCW members and friends during the annual dinner on May 21. The general gave an engaging talk on the US Marine Corps and entertained numerous questions.



PHOTOS BY LIZ HERMAN

Annual dinner attendees included Cornell President Emeritus Hunter R. Rawlings III, his wife, Liz, and daughter-in-law, Erin, standing next to Gen. Paxton and his wife, Debbie '75.



Left, former CCW president and current board member Carol Epstein '61 presents the Bondareff Award to Immediate Past President Steve Piekarec '74. The Bondareff award, named after Esther and Dan Bondareff from the classes of '37 and '36 respectively, is given annually to a CCW volunteer who has provided substantial and exceptional service to CCW over a period of years. It remains the club's most prestigious award.



PHOTO BY LIZ HERMAN '01

Left, Steve Piekarec gives CCW's Best Program Award to Bob Day '56, who helped to organize the CU Winds' inaugural tour to Washington DC as part of a service-learning and performance weekend in the nation's capital. In addition to arranging bus tours around the national capital region, to include a stop at Marine Barracks, Bob organized the wind ensemble's public concert at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School on April 13. Fittingly during the concert, Bob and his wife, Diana Day '56, were made honorary members of the CU Winds. Its director, Cynthia Johnston Turner, handed her baton to Bob, who then led the band in a rousing rendition of Sousa's "Washington Post" march.



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## Welcome New Cornell Club of Washington Members!

Ethan Balsam '02 I&LR

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Stephanie Omokaro '97 A&LS

James Oot '88 A&LS

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Terry Steinberg '81 HUEC

Marjorie Swirsky '81 HUEC

Jocelyn Turkel '93 ENGR

Charles York

## A Special Welcome to our New CCW Life Members

Jocelyn Turkel '93 ENGR (Life member #313)

Stephanie Omokaro '97 A&LS (Life member #314)

## Events at a Glance...

### June

- 1 Ivy Singles Social Club Reception  
*Questions:* Greg Howland at ghowland@gmail.com
- 2 Cornell Hotel Society Brunch at Lyon Hall Arlington  
*Questions:* Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu
- 2 Washington Men's Camerata  
*Questions:* Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 5 Cornell Alumni Softball v. GMU (Game 8 of 14)  
*Questions:* Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 6 Non-Reunion Reunion for the Classes of 2002, 2004, 2007 & 2009  
*Questions:* Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu
- 8 Weygandt Wines Tasting  
*Questions:* Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu
- 11 CCW Programming Meeting  
*Questions:* Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 11 CCW Board Meeting  
*Questions:* Nicole DelToro at ndeltoro@andrewscole.com
- 18 Cornell Faculty on Chemical Exposure in Everyday Life  
*Questions:* Laurie Brogdon at laurie.brogdon@cornell.edu
- 20 NFL Players Meet-and-Greet  
*Questions:* Gerald Fils at g\_fils@yahoo.com
- 23 10th Annual Cornell Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast  
*Questions:* Kurt Overton at kurt.m.overton@mssb.com
- 30 CCW Book Club: Shalom Auslander's *Hope: A Tragedy*  
*Questions:* Liz Pomper at lizpomper@gmail.com

### July

- 7 CCW Board summer planning meeting  
*Questions:* A'ndrea Van Schoick at alv1@cornell.edu
- 13 Cornell Alumni Softball doubleheader vs Syracuse & Georgia Tech  
*Questions:* Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 16 Book of Mormon **SOLD OUT**  
*Questions:* Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu
- 24 Cornell Alumni Software vs California (Game 14 of 14)  
*Questions:* Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net

### August

- 10 Cornell Alumni Softball Tournament (Weekend 1)  
*Questions:* Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 17 Cornell Alumni Softball Tournament (Weekend 2)  
*Questions:* Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net

### Every Friday Throughout the Season

Ivy Singles Over-50 Bridge

*Questions:* Carolyn Morgan at carolynmakins@aol.com

Have a good eye for graphic design and sharp editing skills?  
CCW is seeking a volunteer to manage the newsletter. If you'd like to help,  
email Nicole DelToro at ndeltoro@andrewscole.com.

# Club Announcements...

## CCW Monthly Board Meeting

June 11th: 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](mailto:ndeltoro@andrewscole.com) (Board); Steve Piekarec '74, [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net); Lindsay Schattenstein '09, [las368@cornell.edu](mailto:las368@cornell.edu); or Gerald Fils '03, [gerald.fils@yahoo.com](mailto:gerald.fils@yahoo.com) (Programming)

## CCW's Newsletter is Going Green

Beginning September 2013, all members who graduated after 1965 will receive our monthly newsletter via email unless you opt in for a printed version. We encourage all members to receive their newsletter electronically, but you have the option to continue to receive a print version.

To update your newsletter preferences:

- Log on at [www.cornellclubdc.org](http://www.cornellclubdc.org)
- Sign in
- Go to View Profile; then Edit profile.
- Scan down to the bottom and make the election:
- Receive Printed Newsletter? Yes/No.
- Save

If unable to access the website, you can email Mike Canino, CCW's VP of Technology at [canino@cornell.edu](mailto:canino@cornell.edu). Or mail a letter with your request to:

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Attn: Database  
2148 O Street NW  
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## SMILE, BIG RED



PHOTO BY GRACE JEAN '00

CCW President Nicole DelToro '91, Carolyn Casswell '90, Debbie Paxton '75, Keynote Speaker Gen. John "Jay" Paxton '73 MEng '74, and CCW First Vice President A'ndrea Van Schoick '96 pose during the Annual Dinner on May 21. Congrats to A'ndrea for organizing another successful event! As she takes the helm, CCW wishes Nicole all the best as she concludes her two-year term and takes on responsibility as Cornell's newest Board of Trustees member.

## Hey Big Red!

### We are looking for CAAAN Volunteers!

Want to channel your Big Red spirit toward shaping the future of Cornell? Join CAAAN! CAAAN is the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network, a group of nearly 6,900 alumni volunteers who assist the Cornell admissions community in recruiting superior undergraduate applicants.

CAAAN members are involved in a variety of activities, primarily contacting local students who have applied to Cornell, occasionally staffing college fairs, and participating in applicant informational meetings. You can be the personal face of Cornell in an electronic world—answering questions and providing a positive perspective on the University. All this while gathering additional and helpful information about the applicant for Cornell Admissions! Involvement in CAAAN is a great way to stay connected to Cornell as well as your local community. To learn more about what volunteers do, you can visit our website at [caaan.admissions.cornell.edu](http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu).

Many hands make light work so we could use your help to meet with local applicants whether you live in DC, MD, or VA. Any amount of time volunteered to CAAAN is greatly appreciated and valued by both the University and our local students who apply there; committee chairpersons are flexible and can accommodate your busy schedules.

If you'd like to volunteer for CAAAN, you can register right away on the CAAAN website and you will be contacted in the fall when the next application season begins. Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the General CAAAN chair for the area in which you would like to meet with applicants:

Maryland and DC: Janet Cornfeld at [JLCornfeld@aol.com](mailto:JLCornfeld@aol.com)  
Virginia: Matt Nieman at [matthew.nieman@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.nieman@gmail.com)

## Save the Date

The second  
**Scholarship Auction and Dinner**  
supporting  
the Cornell Club of Washington  
Scholarship Fund

**November 2nd, 2013**

6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

**Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square**

*Come and enjoy an elegant dinner with your fellow alumni and bid on auction items to support local area students attending Cornell or participating in the Cornell-in-Washington program. All net-proceeds from the evening will go to the Cornell Club of Washington Scholarship Fund.*

If you are interested in sponsoring the event or donating an auction item, please contact Dorsy Yoffie at [yoffiei@hotmail.com](mailto:yoffiei@hotmail.com).

## Private Wine Tasting at Weygandt Wines

Saturday, June 8th, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
3519 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC

Join us for a private wine tasting event at Weygandt Wines! Our last events at this venue in Cleveland Park have sold out quickly and was enjoyed by all. This time, we'll be sampling French, Austrian, and Spanish wines, including: Domaine des Aubuisières Vouvray Brut Methode Traditionnelle NV, Birgit Eichinger Grüner Veltliner Hasel 2011; Domaine des Moirots Givry Blanc 2010; Juan Manuel Burgos Avana Ribera del Duero Nacimiento 2011; and Clos Bellane Côtes du Rhône Villages Les Échalas 2010.

Tasting notes, explanations of the wines, varietals, regions, vignerons, techniques, etc., will be provided - some want more info, some less. We will provide as much info as needed. This event is limited to 24 people, so RSVP today to secure your spot!

**Cost:** \$22 for CCW members, \$27 non-members.

**To Attend:** Sign up online at [www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=683993&EventViewMode=EventDetails](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=683993&EventViewMode=EventDetails).

**Metro:** Cleveland Park (Red Line).

**Parking:** Paid lot in front of the store, or street parking.

**Questions:** Lindsay Schattenstein at [las368@cornell.edu](mailto:las368@cornell.edu).



## NFL Players Meet-and-Greet

Thursday, June 20, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
1501 K Street NW  
Washington, DC

Please join us for a meet-and-greet of NFL players, including:  
Chris Wilson (Redskins)  
Lorenzo Alexander (Redskins, Cardinals)  
Arrielus Benn (Eagles)  
Ben Tate (Texans)

This event is being held to raise funds for an organization that promotes academic excellence among young students. Your donation includes a buffet and finger food. (No autographs please).

**Cost:** \$21 for CCW members and guests; \$25 for non-members.

**To Attend:** Register online at [www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=693106&EventViewMode=EventDetails](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=693106&EventViewMode=EventDetails).

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

**Questions:** Gerald Fils at [g\\_fils@yahoo.com](mailto:g_fils@yahoo.com).



## Cornell Hotel Society Brunch at Lyon Hall Arlington

Sunday June 2nd, 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm  
Lyon Hall  
3100 Washington Boulevard  
Arlington, VA

Come celebrate spring and enjoy brunch with your fellow Hotelies at this cool Clarendon brasserie. We will be in a private room on the mezzanine level. Appetizers will be served giving you the opportunity to socialize before sitting down to a plated brunch. All food and non-alcoholic beverages (excluding coffee) are included in the price.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**To Attend:** Register online at [www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=690802&EventViewMode=EventDetails](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=690802&EventViewMode=EventDetails).

**Metro:** Clarendon (Orange line).

**Parking:** Street parking.

**Questions:** Lindsay Schattenstein at [las368@cornell.edu](mailto:las368@cornell.edu).



## 10th Annual Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast

Sunday, June 23rd, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Walnut Grove Farm  
300 Walnut Grove Farm Lane  
Centreville, MD

Phyllis and Bill Eaton '61 cordially invite you to the Cornell event of the summer!

The 10th Annual Cornell Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast is the perfect summer kick-off for the whole family! Join hundreds of Cornellians for the Maryland crab tradition at the Eaton's idyllic Eastern Shore estate, which boasts one of the oldest houses in Maryland, built in 1683. Bring your favorite dish-to-share, and enjoy summer barbeque fare and lawn games while catching up with fellow alums and friends.

**Cost:** \$25 per person; kids 10 and under are free. (Includes crabs, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages).

**To Attend:** Go to [www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=652947&EventViewMode=EventDetails](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=652947&EventViewMode=EventDetails).

**Questions:** Kurt Overton at [kurt.m.overton@mssb.com](mailto:kurt.m.overton@mssb.com).



Save the Dates  
for  
CCW's Upcoming Events



**Picnic at the Kiplinger Farm**  
Date TBA - late summer/early fall

**CCW Board  
Summer Planning Meeting**  
July 7th

**Potomac Paddle XXVI**  
September 7th

**CCW Board Meeting**  
September 10th

**Old Rag LVI**  
September 21st

**Yo-Yo Ma at the Kennedy Center**  
September 29th

**Cornell-in-Washington  
Student/Alumni Mixer**  
October 8th

**CCW Board Meeting**  
October 8th

**International Spirit of Zinck's Night 2013**  
October 17th

**Gettysburg Battlefield Tour  
with Prof. David Silbey**  
October 20th

**A Celebration of Scholarship  
Gala and Dinner**  
November 2nd

**CCW Board Meeting**  
November 12th

**Big Red Hockey  
at Madison Square Garden**  
November 30th



Sign up for these events and more at:  
[www.cornellclubdc.org](http://www.cornellclubdc.org).

**Non-Reunion Reunion  
for the Classes of 2002, 2004, 2007, 2009  
at Dirty Martini**

*Tuesday, June 6th, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm*  
*Dirty Martini*  
*1223 Connecticut Avenue, NW*  
*Washington, DC*

Hey Young Alumni! It's that time of year! Join your former classmates from Cornell in Washington for the annual Class of 2002 Non-Reunion Reunion! "NRR" is an opportunity for recent graduates to get together and celebrate during the week of Cornell Reunion every year - not just our reunion years. This tradition was started by the Class of 2002 and has spread to multiple classes participating in cities around the world - including Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, San Francisco, Washington, DC and even Amsterdam!

All of the events are FREE to attend and include complimentary appetizers (and in some locations, free drinks)! In many of the cities we will also be partnering with other class years.

Register online and view complete details using the link below! You can also let us know you're coming on Facebook and help spread the word to all your friends. LGR NRR!!!

**Cost:** Free.

**To Attend:** Register online at  
[www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=690542&EventViewMode=EventDetails](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=690542&EventViewMode=EventDetails).

**Questions:** Lindsay Schattenstein at [las368@cornell.edu](mailto:las368@cornell.edu).



**Washington Men's Camerata**

*Sunday, June 2nd, 7:30 pm*  
*Kennedy Center Terrace Theater*  
*2700 F Street, NW*  
*Washington, DC*

A mainstay of Cornell's presence in the nation's capital is the Washington Men's Camerata, which has been keeping the tradition of male choruses thriving in the area for 29 years. In 1984, five young attorneys at a D.C. law firm discovered that they had all sung in glee clubs and missed making music. Some of them joined an existing mixed chorus on Capitol Hill but really wanted to be part of a men's chorus.

Brad Spencer, a 1979 Cornell grad, and Audi Peale of Harvard were the prime organizers of the Camerata in 1984. In the ensuing years, they recruited fellow alumni, and at one point 13 Cornell alums sang with the chorus. Singing with the Camerata now are Scott Spencer '71, Ned Goldberg '75, Bob Harris '80, Bob McKinless '48 and Brad Spencer, a long-time member of the Cornell Glee Club's Advisory Board.

You can see your fellow alums and the rest of the Camerata on Sunday, June 2nd, at 7:30 pm at the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater. Directed by Frank Albinder, the chorus will sing "The Great American Songbook," which will include music by Gershwin, Rodgers, Kern, Porter and more, with special guests soprano Rosa Lamoreaux and the Rock Creek Singers. For details, see [www.camerata.com](http://www.camerata.com).

CCW is seeking Programming volunteers! Help us create fun new events.  
If interested, email Steve Piekarec at [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net).

JUNE 2013

**Ivy Singles Social Club  
Reception Pot Luck & BYOB**

*Saturday, June 1st, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Hillyer Art Gallery (in the alley behind the Phillips Collection)  
9 Hillyer Court NW  
Washington, DC*

Join us for another potluck affair. This event will be on a Saturday, potluck, and BYOB (white wine, beer, or hard liquor is fine, but red wine is not allowed at this venue). We'll be at the Hillyer Art Space, a contemporary gallery in an historic renovated carriage house. It hosts a dual series of international and local contemporary art exhibitions.

**Cost:** \$5 Prepaid - If you bring a dish; \$10 Prepaid - without a dish. \$5 more if you pay at the door.

**To Attend:** Register online at [www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=670570&EventView-Mode=EventDetails](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=670570&EventView-Mode=EventDetails). (A 25-cent per person transaction fee will be added for online registration) Register by mail by sending a check payable to MIT Club of Washington to Greg Howland, 6312 Carnegie Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817. Please write the name of your school on the check.

**Metro:** Dupont Circle (Red line). The Hillyer Art Gallery is located in the alley behind the Phillips Collection. From the 21st Street Phillips Collection entrance, walk into the alley under the overpass between the Phillips Collection buildings and take a right. The Hillyer Art Gallery is at the end of the alley.

**Parking:** Street parking.

**Questions:** Greg Howland at [gghowland@gmail.com](mailto:gghowland@gmail.com).

Moved? New email? Update your record at [www.cornellclubdc.org](http://www.cornellclubdc.org)

**CCW Book Club**

*Sunday, June 30th, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm*

*Location: (tentative) TBD at a Metro-accessible location. RSVP for details.*

The CCW Book Club invites you to join us to discuss *Hope: A Tragedy*. A *New York Times* Notable Book of 2012, the first novel from Shalom Auslander (author of critically-acclaimed memoir *A Foreskin's Lament*) is a hilarious and haunting examination of the burdens and abuse of history, propelled with unstoppable rhythm and filled with existential musings and mordant wit. It is a comic and compelling story of the hopeless longing to be free of those pasts that haunt our every present.

**To Attend:** RSVP at our Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/131023853761243/>

**Questions:** Liz Pomper at [lizpomper@gmail.com](mailto:lizpomper@gmail.com).