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**Old Rag LVII**

*April 12th, 7:30 AM - 7:00 PM  
Old Rag Mountain, Sperryville, VA*

Alumni and Cornell in Washington students will climb Old Rag Mountain, near Sperryville, VA, for the 57th time in our semiannual trek into the Blue Ridge. This is one of the Washington area's most popular excursions, and we expect a large turnout (25-40 people) each time we go.

The first 1/3 of the strenuous, 9-mile hike (summit 3268 ft.; elevation gain 2300 ft.) is on an uphill trail through the trees, while the upper part is open and rocky. Bring lunch and water in a day-pack, and be sure to wear a hat and sturdy shoes. The total time needed for climbing, enjoying the view, eating, and descending is about 6 hours. We usually get back to D.C. around 7:00 pm. The Park Service does not allow more hikers after the parking lot is full. Therefore, a prompt 7:45am start from the Cornell Center is needed for this full-day event.

Note: this is a very difficult hike; those who have not hiked a trail like Old Rag's are strongly encouraged to e-mail or call Clint Brass, using the contact information below, if you would like to get more information before RSVPing.

**Ed Berkowitz Commemoration**

In addition, at the beginning of the hike, we will take a moment to celebrate the life of our friend Ed Berkowitz '56, who passed on in December 2013. Ed was a long-time board member of the Cornell Club of Washington, advisory board member of Cornell Outdoor Education (COE), and veteran participant on our semi-annual Old Rag hike. COE's new director Marc Magnus-Sharpe will be participating in the hike this year and has extended an invitation to COE alums to join in as well. Honored guest Lois Berkowitz will be joining us in the parking lot to help launch our Spring 2014 hike. We hope you can join us!

**Rain Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014**

**Dress:** Sports/Outdoor

**Transportation/Directions:** <http://tinyurl.com/lt9kar8>

**Cost:** Pricing has changed since past hikes to a flat \$15/vehicle National Park Service fee. Bring your portion of the \$15 fee, payable on location before we begin. Please bring cash in small bills. Carpoolers should plan to pay a portion of the vehicle fee and contribution toward gas money (variable amount up to around \$10).

**RSVP** by Wednesday, April 9th, to Clint Brass '90. Please provide your name, email address, a telephone number where you can be reached shortly before the hike (in the event of bad weather), and the number of people coming. Friends and family are welcome. In addition, we try to carpool; please indicate if you can give anyone a ride (if so, how many people), if you need a ride, or if you will meet us there.

**Contact:** Clint Brass, 703-216-2035, [ctb14@cornell.edu](mailto:ctb14@cornell.edu)

**For more information please visit:** <http://tinyurl.com/lt9kar8>

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**Cornell Club  
Annual Dinner**

*Tuesday May 20th*



**Get Involved in CCW!**

What's your passion: Event Planning? Community Service? Finance? Membership? Fundraising? Technology? Social Media? Professional Networking? CCW is beginning the process of nominating a new Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 year and we are looking for new ideas and people. Only have a few hours/month to give? That's OK! We will work with your interests and schedule to find the right volunteer opportunity. If interested, email [alv1@cornell.edu](mailto:alv1@cornell.edu).

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## Welcome New Cornell Club of Washington Members!

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Christopher Atkins '13  
Spencer Roane '13  
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# Club Announcements...

## CCW Monthly Board Meeting

**April 8th:** All CCW members are invited to attend and participate in our monthly CCW Programming Meeting at 6:30pm and Board Meeting at 7:30 pm. If you plan to attend, please email A'ndrea Van Schoick, [alv1@cornell.edu](mailto:alv1@cornell.edu). Meetings take place at 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 (downstairs from the Cornell Center).

**Metro:** Dupont Circle (Red line)

**Questions:** A'ndrea Van Schoick '96, [alv1@cornell.edu](mailto:alv1@cornell.edu) (Board); Steve Piekarec '74, [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net) or Lindsay Schattenstein '09, [las368@cornell.edu](mailto:las368@cornell.edu). (Programming).

## Is America in Retreat? Does it Matter?

*April 1st, 6:30 PM - 9 PM*

*Pavilion Room,*

*Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center,  
13th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC*

This program will feature: Gretchen Ritter '83 – the Harold Tanner Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Government at Cornell University, Stephen J. Hadley '69, National Security Advisor to President George W. Bush from 2005 to 2009 and member of the executive committee of the Atlantic Council's board of directors and Professor Fredrik Logevall, Vice Provost for International Affairs, Director of the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, and the Stephen and Madeline Anbinder Professor of History.

Event Details:

6:30 p.m. - Doors open

7:30 p.m. - Conversation begins

8:15 p.m. - Q&A

8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Reception

**Cost:** \$25 **Register here:** <http://tinyurl.com/l3u2srd>

**Metro:** Federal Triangle (Blue/Orange) **Directions and Parking:** <http://www.wilson-center.org/directions>.

**Contact:** Linda Jarschauer Johnson at [lj1@cornell.edu](mailto:lj1@cornell.edu)

## Capital Area Cornell Women's Network Breakfast

### Featuring Cathy Merrill Williams '91, President and Publisher, Washingtonian Media

Join a dynamic group of Cornell Alumnae for the CACWN Spring Networking Breakfast.

Our featured speaker will be Cornell alumna, Cathy Merrill Williams '91. In the six and a half years since she became President and Publisher, Cathy has grown her organization from one magazine to a true media company that includes multiple magazines (Washingtonian Mom, Washingtonian Bride and Groom) as well as a website with large traffic, an iPad edition, an events division and a custom media unit. Somehow she accomplished this with little direct media industry experience! Cathy will share her insights as a woman business owner, as well as her thoughts on the ever-changing media industry. (For a full bio, visit: <http://www.washingtonian.com/authorprofiles/catherine-merrill-williams.php>)

There will be an opportunity for questions, and of course, networking!

**When:** *Thursday, April 3rd*

8:00-8:30: Registration, networking, and continental breakfast

8:30-8:45: Open Mic introductions

8:45-9:15: Remarks and Q&A

9:15-9:30: Continued networking

**Where:** Akin Gump

1333 New Hampshire Ave, NW  
Washington, DC

**Metro:** Dupont Circle South

**Cost:** \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

**Questions:** Manar Morales '93 [manarmorales@yahoo.com](mailto:manarmorales@yahoo.com)

Special thanks to Karen Goldmeier Green and Abigail Kohlman of Akin Gump for hosting the event.

Co-Sponsored by the President's Council of Cornell Women and the Cornell Club of Washington

**Register here:** <http://tinyurl.com/kul6eju>

## Nationals versus the Atlanta Braves - Opening Home Series

*April 6th, 1 - 4 PM*

*Nationals Park, 1500 South Capitol Street, S.E*

Join CCW as the Nationals play last year's division champ, the Atlanta Braves, in the opening home series. Come join other Cornelians in a great spring afternoon at the ballpark. Nationals Website: [http://washington.nationals.mlb.com/index.jsp?c\\_id=was](http://washington.nationals.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=was)

**Tickets:** Outfield reserve \$24 members, \$28 non-members

**Questions:** Steve Piekarec, [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net)

**Register here:** <http://cornellclubdc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1415767&eventId=845900&EventViewMode=EventDetails>

## The Student Project Team Experience at Cornell

*April 4th, 6-9:30 PM  
Marriott Residence Inn DC/Capitol  
333 E Street SW Washington, DC 20024*

Meet the students and hear about the teams current endeavors and the benefits of participating in an outside of the classroom experience. From leadership to problem solving, management of finances to project deadlines, these students push to new heights and new depths!

The Cornell University Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (CUAUV) team is a multi-disciplined undergraduate student project team whose primary objective is AUVSI/ONR Underwater Vehicle Competition. The team provides the opportunity to apply knowledge gained in classes through the design and construction of mechanical structures, custom electronic boards, and novel software for image processing and mission planning. Throughout these pursuits, CUAUV is dedicated to providing students with a wide exposure to team-oriented design experiences, and constantly seeks novel ways to use their project in real-world applications. The underwater vehicle has also been used as a research tool in Cayuga Lake to assist in local environmental efforts.

The Cornell University Unmanned Air Systems (CUAir) team seeks to provide students of all disciplines the opportunity to design, build, and test an autonomous, unmanned air system capable of reconnaissance missions. Each year the team works toward the annual AUVSI Student Unmanned Air Systems Competition where they are judged amongst other universities. Students work on aeronautic design and construction, composites, robotics, electrical circuit design, high performance, wireless networking, distributed computing software, image processing, autopilot control systems, system documentation, and various system components.

**Cost:** \$30 Per Person, \$20 for Young Alumni (2003-2013) **Register here:** <http://tinyurl.com/lo4ya2u>

**Hosted Bar:** Hors d'oeuvres

**Be sure to stop by and show your Big Red support!**

**Support the teams!**

CUAUV and CUAir will be on display at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum during their Kick Off to National Robotics Week Event! (600 Independence Ave SW Washington, DC 20560)

Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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## Walking the Battle: Antietam

*April 27th, 8AM - 8PM  
Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD*

To honor the 151st anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, the Cornell and Columbia Clubs of Washington present an all-day guided bus trip to the Antietam National Battlefield.

Our guide will be Cornell Professor David Silbey, a Cornell alumnus and military historian who has published widely on modern warfare and has long experience walking the Antietam battlefield.

**Please note:** Seats are limited and tour of battlefield includes riding bus and substantial walking on uneven ground and climbing stairs.

**Pick-up Location:** Westfield Montgomery Mall 7101 Democracy Blvd Bethesda, MD 20817

**Tentative Prices:** CCW member - \$55, ColumbiaDC member - \$55, Current CIW Student Price (limited number available - invitation only) - \$25

Ticket includes:

- Roundtrip chartered coach from the DC area.
- Free all-day parking at pickup site.
- Complimentary cold drinks and snacks served aboard.
- Boxed Lunch (vegetarian option available).

**Contacts:** Jim Schoonmaker (Cornell), [js378@cornell.edu](mailto:js378@cornell.edu), Kambiz Rahnavardy (Columbia) [k.rahnavardy@gmail.com](mailto:k.rahnavardy@gmail.com)

## Earth Day Events - Anacostia Watershed

*April 5th, 8:30 AM - 2 PM*  
RFK Stadium, Parking Lot #7  
575 Oklahoma Ave, NE Washington, DC 20002

Join the Cornell Club of Washington and the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) on Saturday, April 5th to celebrate Earth Day!

Our goal is to have at least 30 CCW members roll up their sleeves, help clean-up the Anacostia River Watershed, and have a great time. Volunteer tasks will consist mainly of light manual labor, including plant care, removal of invasive species, mulching, and more. Volunteers should wear comfortable clothing. Gardening gloves will be provided by AWS, but you are to bring your favorite gloves with you! The more, the merrier - please feel free to bring family and friends. We will be working in Anacostia, DC and there will be a post-cleanup celebration with free food and drinks at the RFK Stadium Parking lot sponsored by AWS partner Seafarers' Yacht Club.

**Registration:** 8:30am - 9am

**Cleanup:** 9am - 12pm

**Celebration:** 12:00pm - 2:00pm (free food)

The Celebration will be held at RFK Stadium, the same location as the clean-up event. The celebration will feature notable speakers, live music by local bands, as well as local exhibitors. It promises to be a great time and a good chance to connect with other environmental initiatives in the DC metro area.

**Register here:** <http://tinyurl.com/mbbx3zr>

**Directions:** This event is Metro accessible via the Stadium-Armory stop on the Blue and Orange Lines. We will also help organize car pools. After you sign-up on the site, please expect to receive an email inquiring whether you need a ride or are able to provide a ride to others. Website and Map LINK: <http://www.anacostiaws.org/earthday2014>

**Contact:** Jing Jin at [jj356@cornell.edu](mailto:jj356@cornell.edu).

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### Small Dinner Series - Casa Luca

*April 10th, 6:30 PM*  
Casa Luca, 1099 New York Ave NW

Join fellow Cornellians for another restaurant outing in the small dinner series. New to the Washingtonian's 2014 Top 100 Restaurants list, the review includes the praise "Even the most straightforward compositions undefined an heirloom-tomato salad, a dish of prosciutto and corn undefined are imbued with exuberance."

**Restaurant website:** <http://www.casalucadc.com/>

**Full review:** <http://www.washingtonian.com/restaurantreviews/100-very-best-restaurants-2014-casa-luca.php>

Participants pay for own food and drink. Starters \$8 to \$30, entrées \$18 to \$34.

2 Blocks from Metro Center (red/blue/orange lines) or McPherson Square (orange/blue lines) On Street Parking available.

**Register here:** <http://tinyurl.com/kthapwn>

### Macon Bistro & Larder Pre-Opening Private Dinner

*April 30th, 7PM - 10PM*  
Macon Bistro & Larder, 5520 Connecticut Avenue

Join us for a private pre-opening dinner at Macon Bistro -- owned by a Cornellian!

On-Street Parking; MetroBus -- take the L2 towards Chevy Chase Circle

Menu and beverages are TBD -- check back after April 1st

<http://maconbistro.com/>

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### Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey: Built To Amaze

*April 20th, 1PM*  
Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle Fairfax, Va. 22030

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Presents Built To Amaze!, the 143rd edition of the Greatest Show On Earth. Surprise and wonder delights audiences with over the top feats of strength, agility and courage. As the momentum builds so does the anticipation, anything can happen when Ringling Bros. Presents Built To Amaze!

Bring the whole family and join the Cornell Club at the circus!

**Cost:** \$30 - members and guest, \$35 - non-member

**Ringling Brothers Website:** <http://tinyurl.com/qgmvk8y>

**Register here:** <http://tinyurl.com/kxuvrqm>

**Questions:** Steve Piekarec, [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net)

## Springtime Softball

The Cornell alumni co-ed softball team has been in the Capital Alumni Network (CAN) league almost since the beginning, over a dozen years ago, with some very good years. The league consists of about 70 teams from other DC-area alumni associations.

The 14-game regular season runs April through July and culminates in the region's largest post-season tournament in August.

We have been practicing through March, but could still use a few more experienced players. Big bat? Flashy glove? Fun-loving?

Check out the league at <http://www.dcalum.org/Sport.aspx?id=2d>

If you are interested in checking out the team or have any questions, please contact Josh Novikoff ([jbn6@cornell.edu](mailto:jbn6@cornell.edu)).

## Cornell LGBT Alumni, Families and Allies Reunion June 5-8, 2014

<http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/groups/2014/cugala.cfm>

**Join us** as the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (CUGALA) presents the first-ever, all-class LGBT Alumni, Families, and Allies Reunion on June 5-8, 2014. Held as part of Cornell Reunion Weekend, this gathering includes an expert panel discussing the Supreme Court's decision to overturn parts of the Defense of Marriage Act; the Human Sexuality Collection's 25th anniversary and its new exhibit, Speaking of Sex; a wedding and vow renewal ceremony officiated by Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick; forums; breakfasts, cocktail receptions and dinners; a Saturday night party; and opportunities to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones and strengthen ties to Cornell.

**EVERYONE** is invited. To register, go to <https://reunion-registration.alumni.cornell.edu/>. The early bird deadline is May 10th and registration closes on June 3rd at noon. We hope to see you in June for a very special reunion for LGBT Cornellians and their families and allies.

**Questions?** E-mail us at [lgbtreunion@cornell.edu](mailto:lgbtreunion@cornell.edu).

## All Ivy Clubs of DC go Dragon Boat Racing

The Dartmouth Club of DC and the Cornell Club of DC are proud to be the co-sponsors for this year's All Ivy DC Alumni team. The Washington DC Dragon Boat Festival, now in its 13th year, is a two day festival held along the Potomac River complete with cultural exhibitions, craft demonstrations, and of course... dragon boat racing. For more information please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/lu95svx>

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