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UPCOMING EVENTS

**President Elizabeth Garrett's
 First Alumni Visit as Part of
 CU's Presidential Roll Out**
 Tuesday, November 10th
 Location TBD

**International Spirit of
 Zinck's Night: 2015**
 Thursday, October 15th
 DC and Montgomery County
 Locations TBD

**Fall Service Weekend:
 October 2015**
 Locations TBD

2015 Freshman Send-Off Dinner Party

The Cornell Club of Washington, Judy Gleklen Kopff '68 and Gary Kopff MPA '71 held the annual student send-off dinner party on August 16th for new Cornell freshmen and transfer students from suburban Maryland, Washington, DC, and Northern Virginia. One-third of the 139 matriculating freshmen and 2 of the 13 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. Jessica Powell, CAAAN Chair for Prince George's, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties, provided insight into the undergraduate experience. Judy Kopff is the CAAAN Chair for Washington, DC.

A panel of six 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 2015 panelists were Rena Mazur, rising junior in Engineering; Macrina Wilkins, rising junior in Human Ecology; Rachel Chuang, rising senior in Arts and Sciences; Luke Grosvenor '14; Tom Wasko '14; and Aaron Schifrin '14.

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

The freshmen send-off party panelists and alumni present shown from left to right (top row): Grace Jean, Luke Grosvenor, Tom Wasko, Aaron Schifrin, Rena Mazur, and Gary Kopff. Bottom row left to right: Jessica Powell, Rachel Chuang, Judy Gleklen Kopff, Janet Cornfeld, and Macrina Wilkins.



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Events at a Glance...

September

- 08 CCW Monthly Programming and Board Meetings
Questions: Grace Jean at gvj1@cornell.edu
- 08 Cornell-in-Washington Student-Alumni Mixer
Questions: Linda Jarschauer Johnson at ljj1@cornell.edu
- 10 Small Dinner Series- Rasika (Penn Quarter)
Questions: Sara Keller at sarakimkeller@gmail.com
- 12 Old Rag LX Hike
Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu
- 15 Book Club- All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Questions: Liz Pomper at ehp3@cornell.edu
- 18 Cornell Homecoming
Questions: Grace Jean at gvj1@cornell.edu
- 18 Ivy Singles September Event- The Arts Club of Washington
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 19 Old Rag LX Hike- *Rain date*
Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu
- 19 All Ivy Night: DC United v Columbus Crew SC
Questions: Sara Keller at sarakimkeller@gmail.com
- 24 Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Questions: Linda Jarschauer Johnson at ljj1@cornell.edu
- 24 Welcome to DC Happy Hour
Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu
- 27 Small Dining Series: China Bistro Rockville
Questions: Sara Keller at sarakimkeller@gmail.com

October

- 02 Mount Vernon Wine Festival
Questions: Grace Jean at gvj1@cornell.edu
- 04 Nationals Ballpark: Behind the Scenes Tour
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 04 Harlem Renaissance in Washington: A Literary Walking Tour
Questions: Linda Jarschauer Johnson at ljj1@cornell.edu
- 13 CCW Monthly Programming and Board Meetings
Questions: Grace Jean at gvj1@cornell.edu
- 15 International Spirit of Zinck's Night - 2015
Questions: MD- Sara Keller at sarakimkeller@gmail.com
DC/VA- Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 18 HE Elena Poptodorova, The Ambassador of Bulgaria, Awaits Us at the Embassy
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net
- 18 Ivy Singles- Hike, Pizza, and Light, Melvin C Hazen Park
Questions: Sally Elsadek at selsadek@gmail.com



On May 30, 2015, the Cornell and Columbia Clubs of Washington honored the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War through an all-day guided bus trip to Petersburg/Richmond and other sites of the last days of the Civil War. The Cornell Club of Washington looks forward to hosting additional events this year for alumni, family and friends.

Club Announcements...

President's Note

Welcome back Cornell Club of Washington members, and a special welcome aboard to the alumni, families, friends and fans who have joined the club for its 49th year! I am thrilled to extend greetings to you on behalf of CCW and its Board of Directors – a dedicated group of volunteers that steers and organizes club efforts to keep the Cornell spirit vibrant and the camaraderie strong throughout the alumni base in DC, Maryland and Virginia. We have an exciting year planned and I invite you all to join us in the myriad events and activities around the national capital region.

The Cornell Club of Washington takes pride in being 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. Few clubs can say that they program more than 200 events a year – and CCW can! Here are just a few upcoming programs you won't want to miss:

- A members-only event: Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- A Welcome to DC Happy Hour, and Zinck's Night in October
- All-Ivy gathering for the DC United game
- A literary walking tour of U Street, plus outings to Wolf Trap, Kennedy Center
- Canoeing on the Potomac, hiking Shenandoah National Park's Old Rag Mountain
- and much, much more!

We're always looking for more ideas and more volunteers to help plan and organize our club endeavors. If you'd like to get more involved, please drop me an email (gvj1@cornell.edu) or contact any of the officers listed on page 2 directly. We'd love to hear from you, and I encourage you to also join us for our monthly board meetings at the Cornell Center, held on the second Tuesday of every month from September through June.

I am excited and humbled to be leading this amazing, energetic network of Cornellians whose passion for the university glows ever brightly in the heart of our nation's capital. Thank you all for your continuing support of the club! I hope to C U at many CCW events throughout the year. Let's Go Big Red!

Best wishes,

Grace Jean '00
President
Cornell Club of Washington

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

September 8th: 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 gvj1@cornell.edu. Meetings take place at 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 (downstairs from the Cornell Center).

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Questions: Grace Jean at gvj1@cornell.edu (Board); Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net or Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net (Programming)

Cornell in Washington Event: CCW Reception for Fall 2015 Students

*Tuesday, September 8th, 9:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Cornell Center, first floor, 2148 O Street NW, Washington, DC*

Join us at the Cornell Center for cookies and networking with Cornell in Washington students. The reception will follow the monthly CCW Board Meeting. All alumni are welcome, but we hope that as many CIW alums as possible can attend to provide informal advice and networking for students currently in the program.

Cost: Free

Transportation: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Questions: Linda Jarschauer Johnson at ljj1@cornell.edu

Club Celebrates 26 Years of Recognizing High School Juniors

By William F. Newell, ALS'68, Chair, Junior HS Book Award Program

In the Spring 2015, the CCW's Book Award Program recognized 18 high school juniors in the greater Washington area. The recipients were nominated by each school's faculty identifying students with high academic achievement and demonstrated leadership in community service.

The program was initiated in 1989 by CCW with the same criteria. More than 500 awards have been made by the program over the years. Different reasons are used to select which high schools are invited to participate each year. The award is made where Cornell has a strong presence to foster that relationship. Alternately, it is used where a recent drop in interest has occurred. New schools are added to help establish a Cornell presence. Cornell admissions office also identifies those schools where Cornell wishes to increase its awareness. The Club's CAAAN chairs also recommend which schools to include each year.

The book awarded is *The Elements of Style*, by Strunk and White. A Cornell University book plate and a certificate, suitable for framing, are included. A letter of congratulations describing the Club and the basis for the award is given to the recipient. Some schools encourage a Cornell alumnus/alumna to present the award.

In 2015 the participating schools and the respective recipients were: In the District of Columbia: Benjamin Banneker Senior- to be named and awarded in November, St. Albans - Hugh Ford; in Maryland: Bethesda-Chevy Chase-Benjamin Weinstein, Eleanor Roosevelt-Taylor Nichole Roar, Montgomery Blair-Bati Alazare, Richard Montgomery-William Andrew Green, Walter Johnson-Victoria Gregorio, Winston Churchill-Anthony Ratinov; in Virginia: Centreville-Britton Lee, Chantilly-Elaine Haeyon Chun, George Mason-Mareana Allen Lewis, James Madison-Brianne Bell, Langley-Kerry Megan McConnaughay, Stonewall Jackson-Elisabeth Brendle, T. C. Williams-Tuba Hamid, Washington-Lee-David Inyangson, Westfield-Sara Marie Berrios, and W.T. Woodson-Taissa Alexandrovna Gladkova. Schools participating in recent years, but not in 2015, were (in DC) Woodrow Wilson Senior, (in Maryland) Thomas Wootton, (in Virginia) C.D. Hylton, Fairfax, James Robinson Secondary, Lake Braddock Secondary, McLean, Oakton, Osbourn Park, and West Springfield.

Please contact the CCW's CAAAN chairs to recommend additional high schools to participate in the program. If you have a contact at a non-participating school or if you wish to participate in a school's recognition program and make the presentation, contact William Newell at wfn2@cornell.edu or wfnewell@aol.com.

William Newell has chaired the program for 25 years. The Club awarded him the 2008 Bondareff Award for his long time service to the Club.

Ivy Singles September Event- The Arts Club of Washington

*Tuesday, September 18th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
The Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street NW, Washington, DC*

The Cornell Club of Washington is pleased to host the Ivy Singles Happy Hour Fall Kick-Off! We invite you to join us at this charming historic landmark, the James Monroe House, just off Pennsylvania Avenue.

When Timothy Caldwell, a wealthy businessman from Philadelphia, decided in 1806 to build "the handsomest house in the Capital City," little did he dream that it would one day serve as home for President James Monroe, ambassadors foreign and domestic, the nation's first weatherman, and the city's oldest club devoted to the arts.

Inspired by London's Chelsea Arts Club and the National Arts Club in Manhattan, Washington artists created their own club in May 1916 and purchased the Monroe House as its home. With a focus on painting, sculpture, music, and drama, the Arts Club provided a contrast to Washington's more traditional clubs. It was also the first club in the city to admit women as charter members.

Explore two floors of spacious rooms where monthly exhibits of paintings and photography line the walls. Relax with old friends and meet new ones. A good selection of appetizers will be served, and happy hour drink prices will be available for the duration of our party at the cash bar.

Cost: Pre-paid reservations: Online or send \$35 check payable to Cornell Club of Washington to: Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181. Checks must be postmarked by Tuesday, September 8th. Please note your school on the check.

Walk-ins are \$40 at the door (cash or check)

Please RSVP: Contact Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net even if you're planning to pay at the door so we can order enough food

Transportation: Foggy Bottom (Blue, Orange, and Silver Lines)

Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net

Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Thursday, September 24th, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Courtroom, Supreme Court Building, 1 1st Street NE, Washington, DC

Join the Cornell Club of Washington for a conversation with Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 3:00 pm. You must be a current member of the Cornell Club of Washington to register. Each member may bring only one guest. The event will be held in the Courtroom and attendance is limited to 250.

Registration is required and the names of all attendees must be included for nametags, which will be passed out upon check-in and will be required for admittance.

Please arrive no later than 2:30 pm in order to receive your nametag and go through security. Use the north door underneath the left side of the front steps of the Supreme Court building. Supreme Court Police will be on hand to direct the group upstairs and where to queue for entering the Courtroom.

Photography is not permitted in the Courtroom. Cell phones/tablets/other electronics must be turned off, or silenced and not in use during the event. Supreme Court Police will escort anyone violating this rule out of the Courtroom.

Cost: Free

Transportation: Capitol South (Blue, Orange, and Silver Lines) or Union Station (Red Line)

Questions: Linda Jarschauer Johnson at lj1@cornell.edu

Welcome to DC Happy Hour

Thursday, September 24th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

James Hoban's Irish Restaurant, 1 Dupont Circle NW, Washington, DC

Join fellow alumni for a Welcome to DC happy hour at James Hoban's Irish Restaurant and Bar! Come out for drinks to catch up with old friends and meet new Cornellians in the DC area.

We will have a private bar at James Hoban's -- and Happy Hour will run from 6 - 7PM with \$4 rail drinks, select wines, and domestic drafts. They also offer \$5 classic mojitos and Irish imports. On Thursdays from 7PM-close Hoban's Craft Cocktails are \$9! Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Cost: Free

Transportation: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Questions: Lindsay Schattenstein at las368@cornell.edu



On August 5th, Cornellians attended a guided tour of the American University Museum, Washington, DC, Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibition, and afterwards, participated in an event commemorating the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings.



On June 19th, Cornellians went to Wolf Trap to view "Back to the Future" and hear the National Symphony Orchestra. Before the movie, attendees enjoyed a discussion with Actress Lea Thompson and a picnic with fellow Cornellians and friends.

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Welcome New Cornell Club of Washington Members

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Anika Alam '15
Keith Allen '86
Sophie Allen
Gail Allen '86
Maamie Asamoah-Mensah '15
Jessica Barragan '15
Amanda Bartelme '98
Katie Brown '06
Anthony Brown '90
Ralph Buglass '75
Elizabeth Carpenter-Israel '15
Aileen Chang '15
Matthew Clauson '15
Tregel Cockburn '88
Dahlia Coopersmith '15
Nathaniel Cordova '15
Katherine Cosntas '15
David Cosson '63
Mike Crovetto '15
Leon Cruz '04
Teresa Danso-Danquah '15
Sam Doemberg '15
Deborah Egbo '14
Carolyn Falvey '15
Caroline Flax '15
Mark Freedman
Suzann Gallagher '97
Chadrick Gaskey
Nishtha Ghosh '14
Sophia Giaquinto '15
Ethan Gilbert '11
Jennifer Gonzales
David Groberg '91
Robert Guber '15
Parasto Hamed
Vesna Harasic '12
Chelsea Hart '12
Heidi Hirsh '75
Marianne Holmes
Kevin Hsu '15
Rosanne Hurwitz '77
Natalie Hymmer
Alyson Intihar '10
Iryna Ivasyk
Rebecca Jakubson '15
Alysa James '15
Suzanne Kalfus '80
Catherine Klapheke '15
Hannah Kondolf '15
Kerry Kooi '08
Stephanie Lalos '15
Alexandre Langlois
Justin Lee '15
Timothy Liddell '10
Audra Lifson '01
William Locke '74
Linda Lowson
Rachel Mamiloff '15
Erica Masler '15
WilliamMcMorris '08
Teresa McMorris '08
Robert Molofsky '72
Leigh Morehouse '11
Joseph Nelson '15
Thu Nguyen '11
Andrew O'Connor '15
Chimelo Onyilofofor '15
Debbie Paxton (McCoy) '75
Carl Pechman '76
Monica Pham '04
Carol Resch
Nathan Rider
Deborah Rose '15
Jacob Ross '15
Stephen Ryan '77
Jeanne Sander '66
Andrew Schatz '05
Henry Schiffman
Eric Schwartz '15
Katherine Scott '15
Rachael Singer '15
Jessica Skrebes '04
Kevin Tatum '15
Tari Teme
Adam Turkle '15
Olivia Valentine
Audrey Wessel '15
Katherine Worden '15
Cindy Zhou '15