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## Professor Ross Brann to Lecture April 22: *Religion, Politics and Peace in the Middle East*

Save the date for the next Cornell Faculty Speaker event--Thursday, April 22nd! The Cornell Club of Washington is excited to announce that Professor Ross Brann, the M. R. Konvitz Professor of Judeo-Islamic Studies and Chair of Cornell's Near Eastern Studies Department, will be this Spring's faculty speaker. In this lecture entitled "Religion, Politics and Peace in the Middle East" Prof. Brann will offer some historically minded critical thoughts about the US and Iraq and the current state of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. He will also speak about how these issues have been addressed on the Cornell campus. Watch for more details to come.

## Bob McKinless '48 Receives Rhodes Award

On October 24, our CCW colleague Bob McKinless was one of eight distinguished alumni awarded the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award by Cornell Alumni Federation President Muriel Kuhs at a gala dinner at the Statler Hotel on the Cornell campus.

The Rhodes Award recognizes longtime volunteer service to the University. Many of Bob's contributions to the University were cited in the Awards program.



Left to right: Carolyn DeWilde Casswell '90 and Bill Casswell '89, Bob McKinless, Janice and Tim Rogan '81.

Bob has played an exemplary role in involving undergraduates in the Cornell-in-Washington program with alumni activities of the Cornell Club of Washington, leading them on canoe trips and all-day hikes for the past 17 years. On campus, his support of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the Alumni Inter Fraternity Council has achieved similar success in bringing students and alumni together.

Active in the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) for 35 years, he was the longtime general chair for the Washington, DC Area. Bob has held numerous positions of leadership with the 900-member Cornell Club of Washington, including president; he established its life member program in 1985 and has managed its office for 19 years. He has served as a director of the Federation of Cornell Clubs (three times), as an Alumnus in Residence and as a director of the Cornell Alumni Federation. He is also a life member of the University Council. Active with the Class of '48, he has been a regional vice president since 1993 and served as chair for his 45th Reunion. Bob was the first recipient in 1984 of the Cornell Club of Washington's Bondareff Award for extraordinary service and the first recipient of his fraternity chapter's Omicron Award for Alumni Service.

Several CCW members attended the awards dinner, including Bill '89 and Carolyn DeWilde Casswell '90, Jeff Goldstein '90 and his wife Samara, Tim Rogan '81 and his wife Janice, Jason Cho '98, Brad Spencer '79 and Terry Horner '92, '98; also former CIW student Gligor Tashkovich '87. The audience was surprised to learn, among other things, that new Cornell President Jeff Lehman '77 was on the first Old Rag Hike in September 1985.

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## CCW at the Corcoran

Thursday, December 11, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Marge Loory joins Renoir's Boating Party at Corcoran's "Impressionism Revisited"

You are invited to attend a delightful evening at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. The evening begins with a sitdown light-fare supper served in the museum's cafe, located on the first floor of the spacious atrium. There will be two seatings--at 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Then visit two related current exhibitions.

On the second level you will find an unusual exhibition of sculpture--"Beyond the Frame: Impressionism Revisited." You are welcome to bring your camera and inhabit familiar spaces.

Wander into famous impressionist paintings! Drool over Renoir's "Luncheon of the Boating Party," touch the nude body of Manet's "Olympia," and pose your friends in Van Gogh's bedroom. The second exhibit, "The Impressionist Tradition in America," is located on the first floor, with a docent-guided private tour for us at 8:00 p.m.

The fee for the evening is \$21 for paid-up members and \$26 for guests or non-members, including supper. You may order in advance one of the following main courses: Italian Vegetable Wrap, Albacore Tuna Salad Sandwich, or Curry Chicken Sandwich. Supper includes cheese-cake with fruit coulis, and your choice of iced tea, coffee, or hot tea. Wine may be ordered for an extra charge.

Mail your check, made out to CCW, along with your menu and seating choice (6:30 or 7:00 p.m.) to Marjorie Loory, 2724 34th St NW, Washington DC 20008. The deadline for receipt of reservations is Friday, December 5.

The Corcoran Gallery of Art is located at the corner of 17th St. and New York Avenue NW, one block from the White House. It can be reached by Metro, exiting at Farragut North (Red Line) or Farragut West (Orange and Blue Lines). Street parking is available after 6:30 p.m. For further information, call Marge Loory at 202/625-6312 or mloory@aol.com.

## Coming Events...

### December

Sun., 12/7- Ivy 50+ Singles reception, 6- 8:30 p.m., Westin Embassy Row Hotel, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue NW. Contact: Marjorie Loory at 202/625-6312 or mloory@aol.com.

Tues., 12/9-MDDG, *Jumpers* Discussion, 6:30p.m., Casa Fiesta, 4910 Wisconsin Ave. NW. Reservations required: Mark Gruenberg at 202/898-4825 or gruenberg@footlightsdc.org.

Thurs., 12/11- Corcoran Gallery Supper/Tour, 6:30 p.m., 17th St. and New York Avenue NW. Contact: Marjorie Loory at 202/625-6312 or mloory@aol.com.

Fri., 12/12- ISSG, Holiday Party, DACOR-Bacon House, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 1801 F Street NW, Washington DC 202/682-0500. Contact: Stanford@ivysinglesdc.com

Wed., 12/17- Group Therapy, 5:30-8p.m., Topaz Bar, 1733 N St. NW. Contact Lauren Myers at 202/246-4724 or LM32@cornell.edu.

Sat., 12/20- African American Authors Book Club, 12:30-2:00 p.m., 7911 Coriander Drive, Unit 103, Gaithersburg, MD. Contact Lauren Myers, '97 [LM32@cornell.edu](mailto:LM32@cornell.edu) or 202/246-4724

### January

Sun., Jan. 11- MDDG, *Jumpers*, 2:00 p.m., Washington Shakespeare Company, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington VA. Contact: Robin Larkin at 301/897-9314 or rlarkin@footlightsdc.org.

Thurs., Jan. 15- ISSC, Cosmos Club, 6:30-10:00 p.m., 2121 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

### February

Thurs., 2/5- Tour, State Dept.'s Diplomatic Reception Rooms, 23rd Street entrance, 10:00 a.m.; optional lunch. Contact: Bob Day, 301/438-7755 or [dayhaven@starpower.net](mailto:dayhaven@starpower.net).

# Quick Club Announcements...

## Community Service:

*Volunteers: Tutoring at Jefferson Junior High, Washington, D.C.*

Join in the Saturday Academy tutoring program with the 7th, 8th, and 9th graders at Jefferson. Tutors are needed in all subjects, from Algebra and Reading to Spanish and Physics. Typical activities include helping students with homework assignments, test preparation or research.

Tutoring is held on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No need to commit to every weekend. Jefferson is located at 801 7th Street, SW in D.C., near the intersection of 7th Street SW and Maine Avenue. There is plenty of free parking and the school is four blocks south of the L'Enfant Plaza Metro. For more information, contact Dan Lavanga '89 at [dlavanga@hotmail.com](mailto:dlavanga@hotmail.com) or 703/548-8349.

## Cornell Job Bank:

The Cornell name unites alumni to build a regional Job Bank. Employment areas include: management consulting, government, non-profit, public relations firms, engineering, and Capitol Hill opportunities.

The Job Bank is a clearinghouse for job leads; this resource provides a companion service to other benefits of membership with the Cornell Club. This referral service initially requires active membership with the Cornell Club of Washington. A candidate's qualifications are matched with openings posted by local alumni. Referrals for openings in non-technical fields are appreciated! Contact: [koko321@hotmail.com](mailto:koko321@hotmail.com).

## "Group Therapy" Wed., December 17, Topaz, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Take time off to relax, and have a drink or two with old friends, and make new ones. Drink specials available. Group Therapy Happy Hour is 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month. December Group Therapy is December 17 at Topaz, 1733 N St., NW in Washington, DC.

Topaz is Metro accessible on the Dupont Circle Station of the Red Line. Contact Lauren Myers at 202/246-4724 or [LM32@cornell.edu](mailto:LM32@cornell.edu) for additional information.

## Ivy League 50+ Singles Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

**Westin Embassy Row Hotel  
2100 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Sunday, December 7  
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

The Cornell Club of Washington is a co-sponsor of Ivy League Fifty-Plus Singles, who are meeting in December at the Westin Embassy Row Hotel, corner of Massachusetts and 21 St. NW in Washington, DC, two blocks west of Metro's Dupont Circle station (Red Line). Valet parking is available but street parking is also possible.

The reception includes an elegant selection of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Credit cards are not accepted at the bar. Admission is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Advance reservations are required due to space limitations. Telephone RSVPs by Wednesday, December 3 to Betsy Hendrix at 703/356-6678. Make your check payable to the Yale Club Washington, mailed to Terry Watson c/o The Yale Club of Washington, 4323 Cathedral Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20016. Checks must be received by December 3.

## New Book Club African-American Authors

**Saturday, Dec. 20, 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

Join Alumni in kicking off a Book Club sponsored by CCW (Cornell Club of Washington) and CBAA (Cornell Black Alumni Association)! Food, drink and conversation. Each month the group will select a new book by an African-American author. Come every month (or as often as you can attend).

At the first meeting, we will decide how often to meet and what the first book will be. Please contact Lauren Myers '97 [LM32@cornell.edu](mailto:LM32@cornell.edu) or 202/246-4724 to RSVP or for more information. The first meeting will be at the home of Lauren Myers, 7911 Coriander Drive, Unit 103 in Gaithersburg, MD. Time: 12:30 - 2:00 pm.

## 2nd State Department Tour Set for Feb. 5

Thursday, February 5, 2004 has been set for another of the Cornell Club's popular weekday tours of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms in the U.S. Department of State. As in our previous tours during 2003, participating CCW members will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Department's 23rd Street entrance for a 45-minute tour which begins at 10:30 am.

Prompt sign-ups are advisable. The tour (free, but strictly limited to 25 participants) will be followed by an optional luncheon in one of State's executive dining rooms at a cost per person of approximately \$22. Contact Bob Day by phone 301-438-7755 or e-mail [dayhaven@starpower.net](mailto:dayhaven@starpower.net).

## CCW Alumni Listserv:

CCW members are staying connected through a new listserv.

To sign up, send an e-mail to:  
**[listproc@cornell.edu](mailto:listproc@cornell.edu)**  
and in the body of the message include  
**subscribe CU-ALUMS-DC-L <your name>**

Questions? Contact Listserv manager  
Kim Jones, MBA '02  
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# Ivy Singles Social Event for December

## Holiday Happy Hour

December 12, 2003, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

At the historic DACOR-Bacon House  
1801 F Street NW, Washington DC  
202/682-0500

The Washington alumni associations of Stanford, Harvard and Cornell are pleased to present a Holiday "Happy Hour" at the fabulous DACOR-Bacon House. Home to many Supreme Court Justices and a Maryland governor, the house has been restored to properly reflect its original grandeur, but with a few modern conveniences. Much history was made within these walls.

Join us for delicious appetizers and holiday desserts from Mattison Avenue Catering. This event should set a new standard for elegance with a home-cooked flavor.

Come help decorate for the holidays. For those who don't have the chance to indulge in their own traditions, we will be laying out ribbons and wreaths and trimming the tree.

### Prepaid Reservations:

\$25 by check to J. C. Hyde, 2758 Viking Drive, Oak Hill, VA 20171, by Tuesday December 9th. Make checks payable to the Washington, DC Stanford Association and note Cornell as your school on the check.

\$30 for walk-ins and for email reservations by December 10th to [Stanford@ivysinglesdc.com](mailto:Stanford@ivysinglesdc.com). Please RSVP so we can plan adequately.

For directions and further info, please visit our website at [www.ivysinglesdc.com](http://www.ivysinglesdc.com).

*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. The majority of our attendees are in their 30s, 40s and 50s.*

## Roving Reporter: First Techie Hour, October 28

From Oscar Echevarria:

Release 5.0 was a rippin' success with "overflow-attendance" (a good problem to have). The evening had the highest percent of engineers ever (over 75%) and was put on the radar for multiple headhunters and recruiters who asked to be invited. (Blackboard, a Cornell-formed firm, RSVPed for that evening.) The panel theme--"Information Overflow: How Are We Handling it?"-- turned out to be a magnet for techie and non-techie people, since everyone today has encountered problems with managing, backing up and securing data.

Strong interest came from the international community, with participants coming from the information tech department leads of the World Bank, as well as the Inter-American Development Bank.

We thank our corporate sponsor, Barquin International, and our panelists from SwapDrive.com and Secure Elements. Be on the lookout for our next event early next year, executive paper (posted [www.TechieHour.com](http://www.TechieHour.com)), and if you missed this October evening, see the PowerPoints on our website. Contact us at: [Info@TechieHour.com](mailto:Info@TechieHour.com)



Panelists Ramon Barquin and c Scott Armstrong (left to right) listen to Marc W allace.

## CONABLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Each semester, the Cornell Club of Washington awards \$500 to a Cornell-in-Washington student, to help defray the costs of living in a more expensive urban area and the loss of work-study funding.

The Fall 2003 award has been given to **Meagan Stacey, A&S '05**. Meagan is an English major, from St Louis, MO, whose educational and career interests include foreign policy, civil and humanitarian issues, law and education. Meagan has been able to sustain an impressive GPA while working at the Law Library and raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training (in which she raises money by running marathons). During her semester in Washington, she is interning with the Democratic Policy Committee, learning more about the governmental process and how things work on the Hill.

The scholarship committee chose Meagan, not only because of her academic achievements, volunteer efforts, and commitment to work study, but also because of her communication skills, confidence, and maturity.

To make a donation to continue CCW's ability to support outstanding students, please contact: Nicole DelToro '91, 703/883-2005, [ndeltoro@andrewscole.com](mailto:ndeltoro@andrewscole.com)

## Congratulations to Our New Life Members!

#214: Scott Keenum '76

#215: Stuart Zuckermen GR '93

#216: Pat Levy Zuckerman '89

#217: Eve Machol Edwards '92

#218: Scott Edwards '92

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<http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu/membership/membership.html>

## Cornell Quiz

Everyone knows the man in the funny hat is our fellow alum--Jeffrey Lehman '77, now Cornell's eleventh president. But who is the bearded man behind him?



- a) Ezra Cornell
- b) the Commendatore from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*
- c) Goldwin Smith
- d) Andrew Dickson White

See answer at bottom of page

## Roving Reporter

### First Business Lunch 10/29

From: Nestor Enrique Cruz:

The Cornell Club of Washington, the Johnson School, and the Cornell Law School sponsored their first business-topic luncheon on October 29, 2003 at Sam & Harry's downtown. The speaker was James A. Rowan, Jr., Managing Director of Legg Mason Wood Walker, a full service investment banking firm.

Jim received his B.A. in economics from the School of Arts and Sciences, and his M.B.A. in finance from the Johnson School. Jim's fascinating talk discussed in detail the financing and operations of for-profit universities and schools, of which there are several in this area. To many of us who see Cornell as the only possible model for higher education, Jim's perspective was eye-opening, both from an educational and business point of view.

The attendees were quite pleased with the topic and content of Jim's talk. About two dozen Cornellians from different colleges were in attendance, as well as a contingent from Ithaca and the President of the Cornell Law Association, who came down from New York. If you are interested in speaking at a future lunch please contact Néstor Cruz, President of the Metropolitan Washington Johnson alumni club at stor.cruz@verizon.net or call him at 703-256-4109.

## Modern Drama Discussion Group:

### Tom Stoppard's *Jumpers*

What can you expect from a play by *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* author, Tom Stoppard? Murderous philosophers? Philosophical tumblers? Tumbling murderers? A missing turtle? How about a disillusioned torch singer and her absent-minded professor husband, who is preparing a lecture, "Is God?"

**Discussion: Tues., Dec. 9** Come to Casa Fiesta, 4910 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 6:30p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. guest panelists Kathleen Akerley, director of the Washington Shakespeare Company's production of *Jumpers*; actor David Bryan Jackson; and WSC artistic director Chris Henley. (202/244-8888). Casa Fiesta is one block south of Fessenden St. on Wisconsin Ave. and two and a half blocks south of the Jenifer St. exit (elevators only) from the Friendship Heights Metro stop. Reservations required; contact Mark Gruenberg at 202/898-4825 or [gruenberg@footlightsdc.org](mailto:gruenberg@footlightsdc.org)

**Performance: Sun., Jan. 11, 2 p.m.**, Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington, VA. Directions at 703/418-4808 or [www.washingtonshakespeare.org](http://www.washingtonshakespeare.org). Tickets and post-show discussion are \$17. Mail checks by Dec. 15, made out to Footlights, to Robin Larkin, 5403 Nibud Ct., Rockville MD 20852. For more information, call Robin at 301/897-9314 or [rlarkin@footlightsdc.org](mailto:rlarkin@footlightsdc.org).

## Ivy Singles Social Club Special January Event

### The Cosmos Club

2121 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.

Thursday, January 15, 2004

6:30pm-10:00pm

Join us for a special evening in one of Washington's most elite clubs, The Cosmos Club. Nestled in a beautiful mansion on Embassy Row, the Club boasts 27 Nobel Prize winners, 56 Pulitzer prize winners, several former U.S. presidents, vice presidents, and supreme court justices among its members.

The evening begins with a reception in one of the club's sumptuously decorated lounges. Dinner follows in the Gold Room, where a delicious three-course dinner will be served. The menu includes soup of the day, roasted ginger breast of chicken with a barley lentil risotto, sauteed spinach and ginger sauce, hot popovers, key lime coconut mousse cake, and coffee and tea. A half of bottle of wine per person is included. After dinner, Charna, the Penn rep, hostess for the evening, and a Club member since 1992, will give an insider's view, including amusing anecdotes about the Club. The evening concludes with a tour of the facility. Each attendee will be given a color brochure of the Club as a souvenir of the evening. The price is all-inclusive.

Only advanced pre-paid reservations will be accepted: \$85 by check payable to "The DC University of Pennsylvania Club" to Charna Lynn, P.O.B. 40103, Palisades Station, Washington, DC 20016, by Friday, January 2, 2004. (Please allow extra days for legal holidays when sending your check.) Space is limited to the first 30 paid reservations. All sales are final. Confirmation of reservation will be sent. Please include telephone, e-mail address, and your affiliation with Cornell.

**Directions:** The Cosmos Club is located on Massachusetts Avenue NW between 20th and 21st Streets. It is 2 blocks from the Dupont Circle Metro. Free valet parking is included in the price. Valet parking entrance is on 21st Street NW.

**Questions:** Contact Charna Lynn at [Abfall4u2@aol.com](mailto:Abfall4u2@aol.com) or see [www.ivysinglesdc.com](http://www.ivysinglesdc.com).

## Lehman '77 Inaugurated as Cornell's 11th President



Jeffrey Lehman '77 was inaugurated as the eleventh President of Cornell University on October 16, 2003 before a packed Barton Hall audience which included members of all of Cornell's Ithaca faculties, the Board of Trustees, the Alumni Council, students and anyone else who could squeeze in.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 introduced President Lehman and traced the accomplishments of all of Cornell's previous Presidents. She concluded saying that she is confident that, under Lehman, Cornell "will continue to thrive and reach new heights in pursuit of knowledge and educational excellence, welcoming men and women of every color and creed, whatever their social standing or pecuniary position."

In his address, President Lehman expressed his desire that Cornell remain committed to current projects while seriously considering fundamental questions of who we are and what we should be. Of particular interest was his belief that Cornell should consider the role of being a "transnational" institution as a logical extension of the originally revolutionary, and now traditional, Ezra Cornell vision of an "institution where any person can find instruction in any study".

As if to illustrate President Lehman's commitment to Cornell's international role, the Barton Hall ceremony came as the conclusion of a week long inauguration tour with stops at major Cornell facilities in Doha, Qatar and New York City.

President Lehman is the first Cornell graduate to serve as President of Cornell. Among his other accomplishments, President Lehman was Dean of the University of Michigan Law School and, while an undergrad at Cornell, co-authored a book on how to win at Monopoly. In addition, he has special connections to the Washington area having grown up in Bethesda, Maryland, clerked for Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court and worked as an associate in a Washington law firm. According to Bob McKinless, who knows all of these things, Lehman participated in one of the CCW's earliest hikes up Old Rag Mountain. His father, Leonard, is a member of Cornell's Class of 1949 and still lives in Potomac, MD. His son, Jacob, is a member of Cornell's Class of 2006.

Many past and present members of the Cornell Club of Washington were part of the Barton Hall crowd including Austin Kiplinger '39, Esther Bondareff '37, Joe and Marlene Stregac '63 and '70, Eliot Greenwald '73, Jeff Goldstein '90, Knight Kiplinger '69, Peter Knight '73, Bob Ladd '43, Glenn and Maddy Dallas '58 and '58, Gladys Stifel '58, Linda Johnson '59, Pete Stifel '58, Donna Forsman '63 and Ed Berkowitz '56.

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