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## Tour of State Department's Diplomatic Reception Rooms Set for February 5

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Another of the Cornell Club's popular week-day tours of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms in the U.S. Department of State will take place on Thursday, February 5. The free tour, strictly limited to 25 participants, is already fully subscribed.

As in our two 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, beginning at 10:30 a.m., with an optional luncheon in one of State's executive dining rooms.

The portrait of Washington by Charles Wilson Peale, shown on the left, is displayed in the John Quincy Adams State Drawing Room, in which the Secretary of State receives guests at state luncheons and dinners.

The tours have been arranged as part of CCW's Urbanauts, arranging daytime activities open to all club members.

**Dragon Boat Race changed to May 22-23**

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## Young Alumni Events Scheduled

Are you an alumna or alumnus from the Classes of 1993-2003? Then come to the new, low-cost events being scheduled for you. And bring your classmates to join CCW.

**Mentoring:** A Mentoring Program for Young Alumni is underway and looking for volunteers. The CCW's Young Alumni Committee (CWA YA) seeks mentors and mentees for the CWA YA Mentoring Program. The kick-off event will be in April, featuring a career panel of young professionals in a variety of industries specific to the DC metro region. Have an opportunity to talk to them one on one in a social networking setting! We will help you get matched up with someone who has the DREAM JOB you WANT! If you're interested in participating as mentor or mentee, contact Lauren Hall at [Laurenhall123@aol.com](mailto:Laurenhall123@aol.com).

### Happy Hour on Tuesday, February 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at

McFadden's Restaurant & Saloon (upstairs)  
24th & Penn, NW (Foggy Bottom Metro)  
Free entry, with discount Drink and Food Specials available  
Check CCW website for details or changes at  
<http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu>

### Jazz on Ice--Thursday, February 26, 6-8:00 p.m. (Weather permitting)

Bring your skates or rent them (\$2.50) at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden Ice Rink while listening to a live Jazz band (performing inside the rink's Pavilion Cafe). Cost: Adults \$6; "Students" with Student ID \$5. Check CCW website at <http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu> for details or changes. National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden Ice Rink, Constitution Ave. between 3rd & 9th St, NW. Metro: Smithsonian (orange); Judiciary Square (red); Archives (yellow/green).

**Special pricing:** Many regular CCW events have reduced prices for Young Alums.

## Coming Events...

### February

Tues., Feb. 3- Young Alumni Happy Hour, McFadden's, 24th & Penn NW, 6-8 p.m. Contact Lauren Hall at [Laurenhall123@aol.com](mailto:Laurenhall123@aol.com)

Thurs., Feb. 5- Tour, State Department's Diplomatic Reception Rooms, 23rd St. entrance, 10:00 am. Pre-registered participants only. Contact: Bob Day at 301/438-7755.

Wed., Feb. 18- Therapy Hour, Topaz Bar, 5:30-8p.m., Topaz Bar, 1733 N St. NW. Contact Lauren Meyer at 202/246-4724 or [LM32@cornell.edu](mailto:LM32@cornell.edu).

Thursday, Feb. 26-Young Alumni Jazz on Ice, National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden Ice Rink, Constitution Ave. between 3rd and 9th St. NW, 6-8:00 p.m. Contact Lauren Hall at [Laurenhall123@aol.com](mailto:Laurenhall123@aol.com)

Fri., Feb. 27- ISSC, Saveur, 2218 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Mary Lou Savage at 301/681-5429 or Steve Piekarec at [piekare@compuserve.com](mailto:piekare@compuserve.com).

### March

Mon., Mar. 1- MDDG Discussion, Cafe Fiesta, 4910 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 6:30p.m. Contact Mark Gruenberg at 202/898-4825 or [gruenberg@footlightsdc.org](mailto:gruenberg@footlightsdc.org) to reserve.

Tues., Mar. 9- International Spy Museum, 800 F St. NW, 10 a.m. Contact Bob Day at [dayhaven@starpower.net](mailto:dayhaven@starpower.net) or 301/438-7755.

Sun., Mar. 14- MDDG, Miller's *The Crucible*, Clark St. Playhouse, Arlington, VA, 2:00 p.m. Contact Robin Larkin at 301/897-9314 or [rlarkin@footlightsdc.org](mailto:rlarkin@footlightsdc.org) for tickets.

Mar. 21-24: Cornell International Student Visits To volunteer to host, contact Jon Felder at 202/302-7222 or [felder8@yahoo.com](mailto:felder8@yahoo.com)

Mon., Mar. 22- Israeli Embassy, 3514 International Drive NW, 8 p.m. Contact Ed Berkowitz at 202/363-5534.

# Quick Club Announcements...

## Nominations for CCW Officers and Directors

CCW is looking for officers and directors for next year. This is a great opportunity to get involved and work with interesting and fun people. If you would like to volunteer or simply find out more about the positions listed in the masthead on page 2, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Chuck Schilke at [cns7@cornell.edu](mailto:cns7@cornell.edu) or 202/244-0150.

## 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. at 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.

## "Group Therapy" Wednesday, February 18, 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. February's Group Therapy will be at Topaz Bar, 1733 N St. NW. Topaz is Metro accessible from the Dupont Circle Station of the Red Line. Contact Lauren Meyer at 202/246-4724 or [LM32@cornell.edu](mailto:LM32@cornell.edu) for additional information.

## Cornell Job Bank

Those with jobs to post and those wishing to apply should contact the new coordinator Steven Oppenheimer using procedures listed at

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

All job listings - WITHOUT contact information included - will go out to all CCW job seekers. Job seekers will send their resumes and cover letters when their qualifications are appropriate for a job to the new coordinator, Steve Oppenheimer, and he will route them back to the job offerors.

## CCW SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

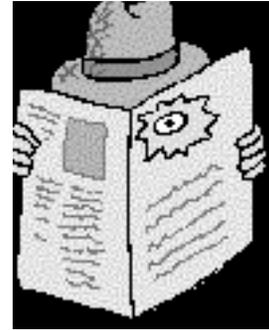
### Thank you to all 2003 donors!

Since July 1, 2003, the Cornell Club of Washington has raised \$2045 in support the three scholarships and one stipend it funds and administers. This money comes from alumni gifts that range from \$5 to \$200+. Many alumni make donations as they pay their membership dues, as part of year-end tax planning, or at a variety of events that the Club sponsors. Scholarship funds are also raised through lifetime memberships, as well as general club events.

The club sincerely thanks all of the 2003 donors, many of whom consistently give, year after year. These donations are crucial to allow the club to help DC area students attend Cornell. The recipients are extraordinarily motivated students who work, are involved in significant volunteer and extracurricular activities, and maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (often, higher).

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

## Reserve Now for Spy Museum Tour on March 9



Make your reservations now for an exciting weekday visit to DC's International Spy Museum starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9. We are arranging to have lunch together at the

Spy City Cafe at 11:45 a.m., and those who wish to return to the exhibits after lunch may do so. Since the exhibits are extensive and the spy shop fascinating, plan to stay on after the lunch break if you can.

Because of the popularity of the museum, we need to reserve early, so please sign-up by the spooky date of Friday, February 13th, with Bob Day '56 by e-mail [dayhaven@starpower.net](mailto:dayhaven@starpower.net) or phone 301/438-7755.

The cost for admission and lunch is \$20 for Young Alum members (classes of 1993-2003), \$23 for regular CCW members and \$25 for non-member guests. Send checks made out to the Cornell Club of Washington to Bob Day at 1717 Marymont Rd., Silver Spring MD 20906-1240.

The International Spy Museum, at 800 F Street NW, is located a short block from Metro's Gallery Place/Chinatown Station on the Red Line. We also hope to have an intriguing speaker, to be announced in next month's newsletter and on our website at <http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu>.

## CCW Alumni Listserv

CCW members are staying connected through a new listserv. Hear all the late-breaking news about CCW events and issues, conveniently delivered to you by email!

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 at  
[Kim.Jones@touchstone.com](mailto:Kim.Jones@touchstone.com)

# CCW Visit to Israeli Embassy

Monday, March 22, 8 p.m.

As part of this spring's series of events focusing on the Middle East, the Club will visit the Embassy of Israel at 8 p.m. on Monday evening, March 22 for a briefing by a senior official of the Embassy staff about current conditions in Israel and the region. Held in the beautiful Jerusalem Hall, the briefing will include a question and answer session with Embassy staff, followed by a dessert and coffee reception.

The cost of the evening will be \$20 for members of the Classes of 1999 - 2003, \$25 for all other members, and \$30 for non members, with net proceeds donated to the Club's Scholarship Fund.

The Embassy, located at 3514 International Drive, NW, is near the intersection of Van Ness St. and Reno Road, about 1 block west of Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness. The nearby Metro stop on the Red Line is Van Ness/UDC; parking is available on Van Ness Street or in the neighborhood.

Because of security requirements, we MUST provide the Embassy with the names of all attendees no later than 5 days before the event, together with each person's date and place of birth. In addition, all guests should bring a photo ID. Early arrival--around 7:30 p.m.--is advised to allow for security procedures at the entrance. If you wish to attend fill out the coupon below and send it, with your check made out to CCW, before March 15. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Ed Berkowitz at 202/363-5534.

## Israeli Embassy Reply Form

Required In Advance! Please fill in and mail to Ed Berkowitz, 3339 Legation St. NW, Washington DC 20015. Reservations must be received before March 15.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spaces for me and my guest(s) at the lecture to be held at the Embassy of Israel on March 22, 2004.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contacts: Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to the Cornell Club of Washington

Members from Classes 1993 - 2003	\$20 each
Club Member	\$25 each
Non member Guest	\$30 each

The following information is required for security purposes and must be **provided for EACH person wishing to attend this event:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Ed Berkowitz, 3339 Legation St. NW, Washington DC 20015 --so that it is received before March 15, 2004.

## CCW Spring Faculty Speaker on the Middle East

Thursday, April 22, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Plan now to attend the Spring Faculty Event--"Road Map to Middle East Conflict and Peace: A Historical Perspective" (location TBD)--presented by Professor Ross Brann, the M. R. Konvitz Professor of Judeo-Islamic Studies and Chair of the Near Eastern Studies Department at Cornell.

Dr. Brann will discuss the significance and unanticipated consequences of the events of 1967 and how they dominate the current state of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. He will talk about recent and current efforts at peace-making, including the American role, as well as how these issues have been addressed on the Cornell campus. Suggested reading for this event: David Shipler's "Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land."

## Hosts Needed for Cornell International Student Visits

The annual trip of Cornell International Students visiting Washington D.C. this Spring is fast approaching.

Hosts will pick up their guests on Sunday afternoon, March 21, and return them to catch their bus back to Ithaca on Wednesday, March 24.

During the day students are out enjoying sightseeing and all that Washington has to offer.

If you would like to participate in hosting students, couples and families, contact Jon Felder '00 at 202/302-7222 or felder8@yahoo.com

Late-breaking News!  
Event Updates!  
Membership Forms!  
Digital pictures of CCW events!

Find them all at our website at

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

## Ivy Singles Social Club February Event

Friday, February 27  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cash Bar and Hors d'Oeuvres



Still looking for that charming, compatible, and congenial companion (the "One")?

Then join us at Saveur, 2218 Wisconsin Avenue NW, on Friday, February 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (or later), to mix, mingle, and perhaps meet the One.

A cash bar and tasty treats will complement both the warmth and friendliness of Saveur and our delightful guests.

We will have a private upper room in this charming, classic, French country bistro and restaurant.

For advance reservations, send your check for \$20 to the Wellesley College host: Mary Lou Savage, 10255 Green Holly Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20902 (For questions, call 301/681-5429.) Tickets at the door - \$25

Saveur is on the west side of Wisconsin Avenue, next to the CVS, in the Glover Park area. There is valet parking for \$4.

Visit our website: [www.ivysinglesdc.com](http://www.ivysinglesdc.com) or contact Steve Piekarec '74 at [piekare@compuserve.com](mailto:piekare@compuserve.com) or 703/281-4311 for general questions.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL PICNIC

Be among the first DC area alumni to meet and welcome President Jeffrey Lehman '77 when he attends the Annual Father's Day Picnic on **Sunday, June 20, 2004** at the Kiplinger Farm in Poolesville, MD. In addition to the usual festivities, club members and guests will have an opportunity to hear first hand about the President's plans and initiatives for the University.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Nicole DelToro '91 at [ndeltoro@andrewscole.com](mailto:ndeltoro@andrewscole.com) (preferred) or 703-883-2005 x104.

## Modern Drama Discussion Group

Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*

CCW co-sponsors the Modern Drama Discussion Group known as "Footlights," along with the University of Chicago Club and other alumni groups. Each month, 35-50 Footlights members meet over dinner with playwrights, directors, and scholars to discuss modern drama. Participants read the plays on their own, meet at inexpensive restaurants near Washington-area Metro stations, and eventually attend performances of most of the plays discussed. You can attend dinner-discussions, join the theater trips, or both. Membership is free, although a \$5 donation is requested.

**Discussion: Monday, March 1, 6:30 p.m., Cafe Fiesta, 4910 Wisconsin Ave NW.**

Discussion, starting at 7:30 p.m., will focus on Arthur Miller's classic *The Crucible*. Ostensibly about the public hysteria surrounding charges of witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts, a Puritan community in colonial America, the play was published during the time of McCarthy's House Unamerican Activities Committee meetings. Betty Byrne will moderate the discussion. Guest speakers include the director of the Keegan Theatre production, Susan Marie Rhea, Helen Hayes nominee, and Keegan Theatre Artistic Director, Mark Rhea (who plays John Proctor). Here is a chance to hear a new perspective on the award-winning classic. For a reservation, contact Mark Gruenberg at 202/898-4825 or [gruenberg@footlightsdc.org](mailto:gruenberg@footlightsdc.org). If you have a reservation and find you cannot come, please contact Mark to cancel, so someone else can attend.

Location: 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 (Red Line).

**Performance: Sunday, March 14, 2:00 p.m., Clark St. Playhouse**

Footlights will attend the performance of *The Crucible* at the Clark St Playhouse with post-show discussion included. For theater tickets, contact Robin Larkin at 301/897-9314 or [rlarkin@footlightsdc.org](mailto:rlarkin@footlightsdc.org). Send your check for the amount of the ticket, payable to Footlights, to Robin Larkin, 5403 Nibud Ct., Rockville, MD 20852. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Tickets are distributed by Robin at the theater just before the performance.

Location: Directions by Metro and car are available at <http://www.keegantheatre.com/>. Note: Mapquest directions are not reliable.

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### Cornell Club of Washington Quiz

1. Choose the correct venue for this photo of a recent CCW Event:



- a. Exam week at Mann Library
- b. Impressionism Revisited at the Corcoran Gallery
- c. Zinck's Night, 2003
- d. Sit in at President Lehman's office

2. Can you identify these movers and shakers in CCW?



- a. The Three Graces
- b. Secretary Anne Law, President Danielle Alsop, Young Alum impresario Lauren Hall
- c. The Mikado's "Three Little Maids from School Are We"
- d. None of the above.

Answers to CCW Quiz: 1. Zinck's Night 2003, 2. Law, Alsop and Hall

# Sign Up for the Big Red Dragons in DC's Dragon Boat Festival

Latest--and Final!--Date: May 22-23

This is the first call for Cornell Alumni and friends to join the 2004 edition of the Big Red Dragons and participate in Washington's Third Annual Dragon Boat Festival on the Potomac River at Georgetown.

The Dragon Boat Festival is a joint venture of the Cornell Club of Washington and the Cornell Asian Alumni Association. Cornellians of all ages--Class of 1948 through Class of 2003--participated last spring in Washington's exciting new and growing Dragon Boat Festival and even wound up with silver medals! No previous experience is necessary, but we do need to know soon how many Cornellians and their buddies would like to share the fun and camaraderie, the physical workout and the teamwork, the time on the water together, and the new friends and contacts that come with being a part of the Big Red Dragons.

Mark your calendars now! The festival itself will be held throughout the morning and afternoon on both Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and May 23, on the Georgetown Waterfront. The finish line for both the 500-meter and 250-meter races will be at Washington Harbor and the Thompson Boat Center. Each team races at least twice, and we hope this year to have two boatloads of Cornell alumni (20 paddlers per boat). Win and advance! Which is exactly what happened on our way to silver medals in 2003, when our Big Red Dragons wound up competing in four races during the two-day festival.

Lessons on paddling and winning, dragon-boat style (well within your capabilities and lack of conditioning!) will be scheduled on one or two dates in the second half of April or early May, along with practice sessions. All training sessions will be held at the easily accessible Anacostia Community Boathouse, next door to the Washington Navy Yard near the Eastern Market Metro station and next-door (upstream) to the Washington Navy Yard's Gate at 11th and "O" Streets, S.E. Dates and times being offered to us, beginning April 1, are any Tuesday or Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and most Saturday and Sunday afternoons throughout April and early May.

Please e-mail or phone your interest, even if tentative, and queries to Big Red Dragon co-captains Jack Chiu '99 (JChiu@arionsys.com) and/or Bob Day '56 (dayhaven@dayhaven.net or 301/438-7755).

The Big Red Dragons' participation fee, covering lessons, use of the festive boats, racing and medals (if we win!) will be in the range of \$30-\$49 per person, depending on whether we have one or two boats and whether we have a sponsor.

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