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### Holiday Party

Cornell Club of Washington, Harvard Club of Washington

*Friday, December 14, 2007, 7:00 - 11:00 pm*  
*Woman's National Democratic Club*  
*1526 New Hampshire Avenue NW*  
*Washington, DC 20036*

Celebrate the holidays and Cornell spirit at the second CCW Ivy Holiday Party. This year, we will be joined by members of the Harvard Club of Washington.

The Cornell Club of Washington welcomes you to join friends and alumni of all ages for an elegant, festive evening at the Woman's National Democratic Club, located near Dupont Circle in one of Washington's most exquisite, historic mansions.

A cocktail hour with a classical music performance, open wine, champagne and beer bar, and light hors d'oeuvres will begin the evening. This will be followed by a three-course seated dinner, coffee service, and cash bar until 10:45 pm.

This event will also allow Cornell alumni to share their holiday spirit with others less fortunate. Each member who attends the event is encouraged to donate teddy bears for children, or non-perishable food and supplies to a local charity. The event gives CCW the opportunity to represent the charitable spirit of Cornell while enjoying an exquisite evening in a beautiful, historic home.

Cocktail or business attire requested.

**Cost:** \$65 all CCW members, \$75 non-members.

**To attend:** Please send reservation form and check payable to "Cornell Club of Washington" to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181.

**Metro:** Dupont Circle (Red Line).

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

Moved?

New email?

Send changes to:

[ccwchange@mac.com](mailto:ccwchange@mac.com)

**Cornell Club of Washington  
Holiday Party Reservation**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select choice of entrée: Bourbon Chicken  Roasted Salmon  Pasta Primavera

Number attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$65 CCW members = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 non-members = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Welcome New Cornell Club of Washington Members!

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Bonnie Glick '88 ARTS  
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Thomas J. O'Reilly '97 A&LS  
Ellen Ranard '80 ARTS  
Ellen Ranard '78 ARTS  
Justin Seo '05 ENGR  
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Andrew Wone '01 HUEC  
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No. 270 - Robert A. Ramin '82 ARTS, MBA '85  
No. 271 - Denise M. DeConcini '82 ARTS  
No. 272 - Elisabeth Kaplan Boas '71 ARTS  
No. 273 - Arthur B. Spitzer '71 I&LR  
No. 274 - Christopher Brown '86 ENGR/ARTS  
No. 275 - Denise Aranoff-Brown '87 ARTS

The Club's life membership program, established in 1985, is an excellent way to maintain your membership in the Club, and at the same time significantly benefit the Club's scholarship efforts. Life membership fees are invested, and the resulting income is added to the Club's operating budget in lieu of annual dues. When a life member leaves the area, the initial fee is transferred to the Club's Scholarship Fund. To become a life member, indicate this on your membership form found in this newsletter or at [www.cornellclubdc.org](http://www.cornellclubdc.org) under "Get Involved."

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## Events at a Glance...

### December

- 7 Ivy Singles Holiday Party, 6:30 pm  
*Questions:* Margaret New (Stanford), [margaret@middleburggroup.com](mailto:margaret@middleburggroup.com)
- 11 CCW Board Meeting, 7:30 pm  
*Questions:* Kim Jones '98 MBA '02, [knj2@cornell.edu](mailto:knj2@cornell.edu)
- 14 CCW Holiday Party, 6:45 pm  
*Questions:* Steve Piekarec '74, [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net)

### January

- 5 Cornell Cares Day: Volunteer at the Capital Area Food Bank, 1:00 pm  
*Questions:* Heather Schroeder '03, [hrs9@cornell](mailto:hrs9@cornell)
- 7 Long Range Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm  
*Questions:* Amy C. Billing, [amycbilling@gmail.com](mailto:amycbilling@gmail.com)
- 8 CCW Board Meeting, 7:30 pm  
*Questions:* Kim Jones '98 MBA '02, [knj2@cornell.edu](mailto:knj2@cornell.edu)
- 11 Hotel Society Annual Holiday Party, 7:00 pm  
*Questions:* RSVP to [chswashingtondc@hotmail.com](mailto:chswashingtondc@hotmail.com), 703.243.2811
- 31 Evening with DC Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee  
*Questions:* Steve Piekarec '74, [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net)

# Club Announcements...

## CCW Monthly Board Meeting

**Tuesday, December 11, 2007** 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) and are a great way to get involved in the Club.

**Metro:** Dupont Circle (Red Line).

**Questions:** Kim Jones, CCW President, knj2@cornell.edu.

*Roving Reporter: Amy C. Billing '04*

## Cornellians Celebrate the Spirit of Zinck's

ARLINGTON, October 18 - Over one hundred Cornell alumni came out to celebrate the international spirit of Zinck's. Ireland's Four Courts of Arlington was bustling with familiar faces and friendly new comers. Cornellians shared good conversations over a beer or two and the evening was completed with a joyful singing of the alma mater.

Theodore Zinck was a saloonkeeper in Ithaca and his pub, the Hotel Brunswick, was a popular gathering place for Cornellians in the 1890s. After his death in 1903, several bars using his name continued to provide a haven for students. When the last "Zinck's" closed in the mid-60s, celebrating the spirit of Zinck's became a popular Thursday night Collegetown tradition. The Cornell Club of Washington certainly kept the spirit alive again this year!



*Photos courtesy of John McShane*

*Roving Reporter: Bob Day '56*

## Big Turnout for Tree Planting

WASHINGTON, November 10 - At least 15 Cornell alumni volunteers, mostly young alums, turned out on Saturday morning to plant trees near the Takoma Park Metro Station with the Casey Trees organization--enough to form three teams and plant a linden tree, a shadbush and a redbud. It was, as one volunteer said as she was leaving the site, a "meaningful" way to spend a part of the Veteran's Day Weekend.

With such a large turnout, led by Community Service Chair Heather Schroeder, participants finished their task two hours early, with plenty of time to enjoy a free lunch prepared by neighborhood residents. One of them even turned out to be a Cornellian, clearly identified by his red Cornell sweatshirt.



*Photo courtesy of Liang Che*

The strong CCW turnout was much appreciated by Casey Trees staff members who would welcome similar turnouts by more alumni clubs. Cornellians who would like to become involved in the great work of the Casey Trees Endowment Fund as volunteers, can get further information from CCW member Diana Day '56 by e-mail at [dayhaven@comcast.net](mailto:dayhaven@comcast.net), or by phone at 301.438.7755.

## The 5 Year Plan for DC Public Schools: An Evening with Chancellor Michelle Rhee

Thursday, January 31, 2008

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Sumner School Great Hall

1201 17th St NW

Washington DC 20036

<http://www.sumner.wednet.edu/>

The Cornell Club is pleased to host an evening with Washington, DC Public Schools Chancellor, Michelle Rhee '92. The evening will commence with a reception at 6:30 pm prior to the 7:00 pm start of Chancellor Rhee's presentation. She will discuss the 5 Year Plan that has been outlined for DC Public Schools, noting how DC residents and organizations like ours can get involved. This will be followed by some time for questions and answers.

Appointed by Mayor Fenty in June of 2007, Rhee has more than a decade of innovative education experience, serving most recently as Chief Executive Officer and President of The New Teacher Project (TNTP), which she founded in 1997 to achieve a greater impact on systemic education reform. Under her leadership, TNTP has grown into a national organization that has worked to recruit more than 23,000 new teachers for hard-to-staff public schools across the country.

Her commitment to excellence in education started in 1992 when she joined Teach For America and began a teaching career at Harlem Park Community School in Baltimore, Md. Her outstanding success in the classroom earned her acclaim in the national media. Specifically, Rhee worked with 2nd and 3rd graders scoring at the 13th percentile on nationally recognized standardized tests. By the end of her second year with the same students, 90 percent of them were scoring at the 90th percentile.

Rhee earned her bachelor's degree in government from Cornell University and a master's degree in education policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. We hope you will join us for what promises to be an exciting event!

**Cost:** \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members

**To Attend:** Send a check payable to "Cornell Club of Washington" to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, VA 22181. Include registrant name(s), school and grad year as it should appear on the name badge.

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



### Seeking CCW News Editor

Do you enjoy editing and proofreading?

Interested in learning about desktop publishing?

Volunteer to be the next CCW News Editor.

CCW News is a great way to get involved with the Cornell Club of Washington.

Issues are published once a month, ten times a year, plus a special summer issue.

Training and software will be provided.

CCW News is looking for a newsletter editor to start training as soon as possible.

**Interested?** Contact Sandra L. Paredes, [slp22@cornell.edu](mailto:slp22@cornell.edu), 202.338.4506, or Anastasia Handy, [anastasia@handy.tc](mailto:anastasia@handy.tc).

### Online Career Resources for Cornell Alumni

Did you know that many career resources are made available to Cornell alumni by the University and its individual colleges?

Find these all in one place at [www.cornellclubdc.org/resources/career](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/resources/career).

### CAN Volleyball League Starts January 2008

Do you enjoy a good game of volleyball? Interested in meeting other alumni in the area?

Then join CCW in January as we compete again in the Capital Alumni Network (CAN) volleyball league against other alumni chapters in the area. We need players for both a social and competitive team.

**Interested?** Contact Amy Billing, [amycbilling@gmail.com](mailto:amycbilling@gmail.com).



**CORNELL CLUB OF WASHINGTON**  
**ALUMNI OPINION, VOLUNTEER SKILLS, AND RESOURCES SURVEY**  
**2007- 2008**

The greatest strength of the Cornell Club of Washington is our members and their ongoing commitment to Cornell. CCW seeks to solicit the views of DC-area alumni as to the general direction and specific programs of the Club. In addition, to build the Big Red community in Greater Washington, CCW is interested in learning about the volunteer skills, and available resources, that Club members are potentially interested in offering in the service of Cornell. So that CCW may better understand the views and capabilities of its members, please complete this form, feeling free to omit any portions that you prefer not to answer.

*Mail to Sandra Paredes at 1601 Argonne Place NW, Washington, DC 20009 or complete online at [www.cornellclubdc.org/survey](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/survey).*

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Information**

**Profession:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Very Unsatisfied</b> <b>Moderately Unsatisfied</b> <b>Neutral</b> <b>Moderately Satisfied</b> <b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>1</b> <b>2</b> <b>3</b> <b>4</b> <b>5</b>	<p><i>Please give us your opinion about the Cornell Club of Washington's current work.</i></p> <p><i>My feeling about the Cornell Club of Washington's ...(please circle one)</i></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 ... overall activities</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 ... social programming</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 ... arts and culture programming</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 ... career-related programming</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 ... science and technology programming</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 ... athletic programming</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 ... communications and marketing</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 ... education and training</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 ... management and administration .</p>
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**Please feel free to comment on any or all of the above responses:**

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<b>Talents</b>	<b>Please check the tasks you have experience in through your professional or volunteer work. Also check if you would like to volunteer with CCW in a similar capacity.</b>
<b>Volunteer</b>	

**Social Programming**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... developing social programming related to my profession for other nonprofit groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... organizing volunteers to develop social programming related for other nonprofit groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... I have contacts that would be particularly helpful for social programming

**Arts & Communications**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... organizing volunteers to develop and present arts and cultural programming
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... leading arts and culture discussion groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... speaking to an audience on arts and cultural issues
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... I have contacts that would be particularly helpful for arts and cultural programming

**Education & Training**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... developing educational curricula and course materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... one-on-one tutoring and mentoring
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... leading discussion groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... meeting with potential Cornell students
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... speaking before an audience
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... being an educator
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... I have contacts that would be particularly helpful for education and training

**Management & Administration**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... professional management and organizational background
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... experience in management functions
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... leadership experience on nonprofit boards
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... I have contacts that would be particularly helpful for management and administration

**Career Related Programming**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... developing career-related programming
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... one-on-one career coaching and mentoring
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... leading career-related discussion groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... speaking to an audience on career-related issues
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... active in professional groups and trade associations in my profession
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... I have contacts that would be particularly helpful for career related programming

**Science & Technology**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... I have contacts that would be particular helpful for science and technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... I have contacts in the environmental engineering industry

**Communications & Marketing**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	... I have contacts that would be particularly helpful for communications and marketing
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I am currently involved with the following Cornell organizations:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am friendly with the following notable Cornellians in Washington:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have contacts with the following Members of Congress:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have contacts with the following notable members of the Executive Branch:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have other resources that I would like to share with CCW:  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Community Service

### Volunteer at the Capital Area Food Bank in Washington, DC!

Saturday, January 5, 2008

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Capital Area Food Bank

645 Taylor Street, NE

Washington, DC 20017

<http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/>

As part of Cornell Cares Day on January 5, 2008, join Cornellians from the greater Washington, DC area for a hands-on afternoon of volunteering at the Capital Area Food Bank. Help sort bulk donations of canned, boxed, and frozen foods from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Please arrive by 1:00 pm for a brief training session. Wear closed-toe shoes and warm clothing (the warehouse is unheated) that you don't mind getting dirty.

**Metro:** Brookland Station/CUA (Red line).

**To Attend:** Email Heather Schroeder '03, [hrs9@cornell.edu](mailto:hrs9@cornell.edu). Please specify your T-shirt size for a free Cornell Cares Day T-shirt.

## Ivy Singles Social Club

### View Art Exhibitions with Ivy Singles Plus

Saturday, December 8, 2007

9:30 am (rain or shine)

National Gallery of Art, East Wing

Washington, DC

Join Ivy Singles Plus (ISP) (formerly Ivy Over-50 Singles) for two fabulous National Gallery exhibitions - Edward Hopper and J.M.W. Turner - plus private tour guide. The Hopper, a stunning collection, is the first comprehensive exhibition of the artist's works presented outside New York in 25 years; the exhibition will be seen elsewhere only in Boston and Chicago. The Turner is the most comprehensive exhibition of the work of the artist, heir to the old masters and heralded as "the Shakespeare of landscape," ever presented in the U.S. The exhibition will be seen elsewhere only in Dallas and at the Met. An art scholar will provide commentary on the Hopper and a guided tour of the Turner. Dutch-treat lunch to follow.

For reservations contact Elaine Talbott, [ektalbott@hotmail.com](mailto:ektalbott@hotmail.com), 703.644.1595.

## Ivy Singles Social Club

### Ivy Singles Holiday Party

Friday, December 7, 2007, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

DACOR-Bacon House

1801 F Street NW

Washington, DC 20006

The Washington, DC Stanford Club invites you to an Ivy Singles Social Club holiday party. The venue is the elegant, historic DACOR- Bacon House (built 1824-25), home to several Supreme Court Justices as well as a Maryland governor. Congressman Bacon and his wife lived in the house. Upon her death, Bacon's widow, Virginia Murray Bacon, bequeathed the historic building to the Foundation as a memorial to husband, U.S. Representative Robert Low Bacon of New York. The House now serves as headquarters and meeting place for members of the Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR) and the DACOR Bacon House Foundation.



holiday cheer

The DACOR-Bacon House will be decorated for the holiday season and a fir tree will await our collective, talented 'bobble and bow adding skills'. Please bring an ornament to put on the tree or an inexpensive item to put under the tree for our toy drive. Wrapped gifts should note suggested age of child for the gift.

We will feast on scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and enjoy live music. Libations will be available from a cash bar. Wear your festive party apparel.

**Reservations:** Please send a \$30 check payable to the "WDCSA" or Washington DC Stanford Association to Margaret New, The Middleburg Group, P.O. Box 933, Middleburg, VA 20118 so that it is received by 12/01/07. Please note your school on the check.

**Email reservations and walk-ins:** \$35 at the door. E-mail reservations (by December 1 please). Walk-ins are welcome, however advance reservations are strongly encouraged as space is limited.

**Metro:** Farragut West (Orange/Blue Line). Walk 3 blocks south on 18th St NW.

**Parking:** Street parking is available after 6:30 pm. Please be aware that most nearby parking garages close early. Check with the garage attendant.

**Questions:** Margaret New, [Margaret@middleburggroup.com](mailto:Margaret@middleburggroup.com), 703.298.2525.

### Stay Connected through Cornell Alumni Listservs!

Connect with regional alumni! Sign up for our listservs to hear about events, post useful information, and ask for advice!

To sign up for the general DC alumni list, send an email to [listproc@cornell.edu](mailto:listproc@cornell.edu), leave the subject blank, and in the body of the message include: subscribe CU-ALUMS-DC-L "firstname" "lastname".

To sign up for the DC young alumni list, targeting graduates from the last 10 years, do the same, but replace the list name with DCYOUNGALUMNI-L.

**CCW Picture Gallery**

***U.S.-China Relations: Building Cornell's Connections***  
***November 8, 2007***



**Panelists Jonathan Ray, Dr. Richard Bush, Dr. Frances Li, Prof. Chen Jian with organizers Bob Day & Kim Jones**



**Over 120 alumni and guests attended**



**Panelist Congressman Mark Kirk**



**Cornell's China and Asia-Pacific Studies program students**

*Photos courtesy of John McShane*

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