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### 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.

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### See CCW sports on page 5!

Whether you prefer to play in the game or watch Big Red and professional sports in the company of fellow Cornellians, CCW has something for everyone!

#### Community Service

#### Cornell Cares Day 2008

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.

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.

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## Events at a Glance...

### January

- 5 Cornell Cares Day: Volunteer at the Capital Area Food Bank, 1:00 pm  
*Questions:* Heather Schroeder '03, hrs9@cornell
- 7 CCW Program Committee Long Range Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm  
*Questions:* Amy C. Billing, amycbilling@gmail.com
- 8 CCW Board Meeting, 7:30 pm  
*Questions:* Kim Jones '98 MBA '02, knj2@cornell.edu
- 11 Hotel Society Annual Holiday Party, 7:00 pm  
*Questions:* RSVP to chswashingtondc@hotmail.com, 703.243.2811
- 12 Big Red Men's and Women's Swimming Meets, 12:00 pm  
*Questions:* Bob McKinless '48, rfm10@cornell.edu, 703.256.5451
- 20 Big Red Hockey Gamewatch, 5:00 pm  
*Questions:* Josh Novikoff '03, jbn6@cornell.edu
- 20 Big Red Gymnastics, 4:00 pm  
*Questions:* Paul Beckwith, Head Gymnastics Coach, pab12@cornell.edu, 607.255.7024 or Bob Day '56, 301.438.7755
- 25 Ivy Singles New Year Event, 6:30 pm  
*Questions:* Peter Meyer, pbmeyer@econterms.net, 703.413.0098
- 31 Evening with DC Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee, 6:30 pm  
*Questions:* Steve Piekarec '74, spiekare@verizon.net

### February

- 9 Ivy Tennis Round Robin Mixed Doubles, 6:45 pm  
*Questions:* David Federbush (Yale), 301.657.4691
- 13 CCW Board Meeting, 7:30 pm  
*Questions:* Kim Jones '98 MBA '02, knj2@cornell.edu
- 16 Volunteer at DC Central Kitchen, 8:45 am  
*Questions:* Heather Schroeder, hrs9@cornell.edu or Phil Collins, filosofr@yahoo.com
- 20 Washington Capitals vs. NY Islanders, 7:00 pm  
*Questions:* Josh Novikoff '03, jbn6@cornell.edu
- 23 CAAA 2008 Pan Asian Lunar New Year Banquet, 6:00 pm  
*Questions:* Cornell Alumni Office, 607.255.4173, caaa.alumni.cornell.edu
- 29 Urbanauts Luncheon and Tour at the Willard Intercontinental  
*Questions:* Bob Day, 301.438.7755, dayhaven@comcast.net

# Club Announcements...

## CCW Monthly Board and Programming Meeting

**Tuesday, January 8, 2008** 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. The CCW Program Committee will hold a long range planning meeting on Monday, January 7 at 6:30 pm in Arlington.

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

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

*An Evening with Chancellor Rhee continued from page 1*

Rhee's 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).

**Questions:** Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net.

## Community Service

### Join CCW in 2 upcoming community service projects!

*February 16, 2008  
8:45 am - 12:00 pm  
DC Central Kitchen  
425 Second St, NW  
Washington, DC*

Help prepare meals for the homeless at the DC Central Kitchen. Lunch will be provided to volunteers. Children 12 and over are welcome, but not under 12.

**To Attend:** Email Heather Schroeder, hrs9@cornell.edu or Phil Collins, filosofr@yahoo.com

*March 1, 2008  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Suited for Change  
1010 Vermont Ave, NW  
Washington, DC*

Help staff receive donated women's professional clothing for use training women for office professions. Limited to 10 volunteers due to small space.

**To Attend:** Email Heather Schroeder, hrs9@cornell.edu

## 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, 202.338.4506, or Anastasia Handy, anastasia@handy.tc.

## Seeking Volunteer to organize Cornell International Student Visit Alumni Activity

Up to 50 international students and scholars from Cornell University will be traveling on the annual spring trip to Washington, DC to visit and experience our Nation's Capital. They will be here from Sunday-Wednesday, March 16-19, staying at the DC Youth Hostel with a number of activities and tours planned for each day.

We are seeking a volunteer to organize an alumni activity in conjunction with the visit. This could include anything from a welcome reception to dinners hosted in alumni homes, with the purpose of allowing these students to meet local alumni and learn about their lives in Washington.

**Interested?** Please contact Kim Jones, CCW President, knj2@cornell.edu.

### Ivy Singles New Year Event

Hosted by the Harvard Club of Washington DC

Friday, January 25, 2008  
6:30 - 9:30 pm  
The Arts Club  
2017 I St NW  
Washington, DC

We invite you to join us for a happy hour with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at this charming historic landmark, the James Monroe House, just off Pennsylvania Avenue. Monthly exhibits of paintings and photography line the walls. We have a light buffet, drinks, desserts, coffee, and tea deep into the evening, and walk through the two floors of spacious rooms in the company of sophisticated singles.

**Cost:** \$30 in advance, \$35 for walk-ins

**To Attend:** Send a check, payable to "The Harvard Club of Washington", to Peter Meyer, 1505 Crystal Drive #804, Arlington, VA 22202, by January 19. Note your college or university on the check.

Walk-ins are welcome. Please let us know by email or at the upcoming Evite site (to be broadcast to our email list) to expedite check-in on the day of the event.

**Metro/Parking:** From the Foggy Bottom metro station, walk three blocks east. From the Farragut West metro, exit at 18th and I Streets, and walk west three blocks. Street parking may be available and there are nearby garages, one of which is at 2000 Pennsylvania Ave.

**Questions:** Peter Meyer, pbmeyer@econ-terms.net, 703.413.0098.

*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 30's, 40's or 50's. All ages are welcome.*

For more information please see our website at <http://www.ivysinglesdc.com>.

### Leapin' ! Join CCW's Urbanauts for Luncheon and Tour at Willard Hotel

Friday, February 29, 2008  
Café du Parc  
Willard Intercontinental Hotel  
1401 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Make your reservations early for this specially arranged event at Lincoln's landmark. Being organized by CCW's Urbanauts, this luncheon is our way to begin celebrating Abraham Lincoln's life and legacy as the nation launches the Lincoln Bicentennial.

We will get together for lunch on Leap Year Friday at the hotel where the President-elect stayed with his family from February 23, 1861, until the inauguration on March 4. Lincoln held meetings here with his Cabinet nominees and staff in the days running up to his inauguration.

Following the lunch there will be a guided tour of the Willard, including some of its lore. Our focus will include Ezra Cornell's admiration of President Lincoln and Cornell University's own plans to observe the Lincoln Bicentennial. We know that Ezra came for the Inauguration in March 1861 and shook hands with the new President. Maybe at the Willard--who knows?

One part of Lincoln's legacy is, of course, the Morrill Act, which was signed into law in April 1862 and played a significant role in the founding of Cornell University 3 years later.

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial will kick off this February with two days of inaugural events in Kentucky, where President Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. This will formally launch the nation's two-year celebration of Lincoln's life and legacy.

**Cost:** To be announced, but in range of \$25-\$30. Early reservation suggested. Space is limited to 30 participants.

**Parking:** The Cafe Du Parc will validate your claim check.

**Metro:** Metro Center.

**To attend:** RSVP to Bob Day at 1717 Marymont Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20906 or by e-mail at [dayhaven@comcast.net](mailto:dayhaven@comcast.net). Include your name, class year, and name of your guest.

**Questions:** Bob Day, 301.438.7755, [dayhaven@comcast.net](mailto:dayhaven@comcast.net).

<p><b>Cornell Asian Alumni Association</b></p> <p><b>CAAA 2008 Pan Asian Lunar New Year Banquet</b></p> <p>Saturday, February 23, 6:00 pm Peking Park 100 Park Avenue New York, NY</p> <p>Come join Cornell alumni and officers to celebrate the lunar new year. The event will Honor CAAA founder, and Cornell Trustee, Dr. Marcus Loo '77 '81 MD. Dinner will feature a traditional 10-course Chinese banquet and entertainment.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> Friends tickets available for \$115. Please purchase your ticket(s) online at <a href="http://www.alumni.cornell.edu">www.alumni.cornell.edu</a> by February 17. Seating is limited, and tickets will not be available at the door.</p> <p>For additional information contact the Cornell University Alumni Office, 607.255.4173 or visit <a href="http://caaa.alumni.cornell.edu">caaa.alumni.cornell.edu</a>.</p>
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# Sports Page

## Cornell at Pro Hockey

Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 pm  
Washington Capitals vs. NY Islanders  
Verizon Center  
Washington, DC

Miss the action at Lynah Rink? Join dozens of displaced Lynah Faithful as we make our annual trip to the Verizon Center for NHL hockey. Catch Alex Ovechkin and the Caps, meet some old and new hockey fan friends, and enjoy the game with the Cornell group.

We'll gather starting at 5:30 pm at the District Chophouse (509 7th Street) for a pre-game happy hour and ticket distribution. Buy your tickets now! Our discounted seats are limited.

**Cost:** \$20 CCW members and guests, \$25 non-members.

**To Attend:** Send a check, payable to the "Cornell Club of Washington", to Joshua Novikoff, 2562 University Place NW #4, Washington, DC 20009.

**Metro:** Gallery Place.

**Questions:** Josh Novikoff '03, jbn6@cornell.edu.

## Big Red Hockey Gamewatch!

Sunday, January 20, 5:00 pm  
Cornell vs. Clarkson  
Grand Slam Sports Bar @ The Grand Hyatt  
1000 H Street NW  
Washington, DC

Join a packed house of Lynah Faithful for the first hockey gaewatch party of the season. This is Cornell's only televised hockey game this winter (barring potential playoff games). Come be part of the camaraderie of DC alumni cheering on the Big Red. This event is free and open to all ages.

**Metro:** Metro Center.

**Questions:** Josh Novikoff '03, jbn6@cornell.edu.

## 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, amyc-billing@gmail.com.

## Swimming Meet between Cornell, Navy, and Yale

Saturday, January 12, 2008  
Men's meet - 12:00 pm  
Women's meet - 2:30 pm  
U.S. Naval Academy  
Annapolis, MD

The swimming meets will be held in Lejeune Hall, which is a short walk from the Main Gate. There is parking in the football stadium and a shuttle bus, which runs from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

**Questions:** Bob McKinless '48, rfm10@cornell.edu, 703.256.5451.

## Top-Flight Women's Gymnastic Team To Compete in DC

Sunday, January 20, 2008, 4:00 pm  
George Washington Invitational Meet  
Charles E. Smith Center  
600 22nd St, NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
www.gwsports.com  
www.cornellbigred.cstv.com/sports/w-gym/

Coming off one of its most successful seasons ever, the Big Red Gymnastics Team has high hopes for another record setting year and will start its season right here in Washington. Gymnasts from the University of North Carolina, Rutgers, Temple, and William & Mary will be competing, in addition to Cornell and GWU. The meet is expected to last about 2-3 hours.

Last year Cornell women earned the second highest score in team history at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship in Seattle, WA. An experienced team of sixteen is returning, including seven All Americans, one Ivy League champion, and two ECAC champions. To this already strong team has been added what Gymnastics Coach Paul Beckwith says is "arguably the best recruiting class in our program's history." With all that depth, the Big Red will be strong in every event: vaulting, uneven bars, balance beam, and the floor exercise.

Excitement is already mounting in anticipation of a great season which includes Cornell hosting the Ivy Classic, a trip to William & Mary for the ECAC championships on March 29, 2008, and a trip to Louisiana for the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship.

**Cost:** \$4 for adults, \$2 for high school students and children.

**Questions:** Paul Beckwith, Head Gymnastics Coach, pab12@cornell.edu, 607.255.7024 or Bob Day '56, 301.438.7755.

**13<sup>th</sup> Season ‘Ivy Tennis Party’  
Round-Robin Mixed Doubles  
Organized by the Yale and Harvard Clubs of DC**

*Saturday, February 9, 2008, 6:45 pm – 11:00 pm  
The Arlington Y Tennis & Squash Club  
3400 N. 13th Street  
Arlington, VA 22201*

**To Attend:** Mail reservation form and check payable to “Yale Club of Washington, DC”, to Sheila Summers, Recording Secretary, Yale Club of Washington DC, 4117 46th Street, NW, Washington DC 20016. For online payment by credit card, visit [www.yaleclubdc.org](http://www.yaleclubdc.org). To obtain the \$25 advance payment price, payment must be received by 02/08/08 regardless of the mode of registration.

**Cost:** \$25 per person, includes court rental, snacks, and tennis balls. \$30 walk-in admission, space permitting. \$10 non-playing guests.

**Questions:** David Federbush (Yale), 301.657.4691; Kuni Matsuda (Harvard), 703.765.1653, [stardust@smart.net](mailto:stardust@smart.net).

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**Ivy Tennis Party Reservation Form**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ players @ \$25/person, \_\_\_\_\_ non-playing guests @ \$10/person

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (M, F) School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (M, F) School: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-playing Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Level: Advanced / High Intermediate / Low Intermediate / Beginner

Please make checks payable to “**Yale Club of Washington, DC**”

**Mail to:** Sheila Summers, Recording Secretary, Yale Club of Washington DC,  
4117 46th Street, NW, Washington DC 20016.

For online payment visit [www.yaleclubdc.org](http://www.yaleclubdc.org)

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