



CORNELL SKATES at Cabin John

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Saturday, February 27th, 3:00-5:00pm

Cabin John Ice Rink, 10610 Westlake Drive, Rockville, MD 20852

*http://www.montgomeryparks.org/enterprise/ice/cabin_john/vicinity_map/cabinmap.shtm
301-785-8620*

Join fellow Cornell alumni, family, and friends for an afternoon of skating and socializing. We'll have a full sized NHL rink to ourselves! This is a perfect mid-Winter activity for both families and singles alike! If you've been wanting to share your love of ice skating with your children, this is a great time to start.

Light refreshments are included with the cost. The rink has items for purchase, as well.

Cabin John ice Rink is located right off of I270 in Bethesda and is convenient to Maryland, DC and Virginia.

Cost: \$5 per person payable via check or cash at the door (skate rentals additional).

To attend: RSVP (required) by 2/20/10 to Nicole DelToro '91 at ndel-toro@andrewscole.com or online at:
http://online.aad.cornell.edu/Content/event/calendar/event_window.cfm?ID=25074

Parking: Free.

Questions: Nicole DelToro '91 ndeltoro@andrewscole.com.

This event is SKATE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Coming in May: Dragon Boats!

Team Alert: Dragon Boat Festival! CCW's entry in Washington's Annual Dragon Boat Festival will start forming in March and hold just three one-hour practice sessions in April and May, traditionally on Sunday afternoons. Watch for full details in next month's edition of CCWNews. Festival dates are Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23, so save those dates. Known as the Big Red Dragons, our team is always a threat and medal winner, popular with festival fans. Plan on joining the fun and paddle with us--no previous experience necessary.



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With Special Appreciation for CCW's Newest Lifetime Members:

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Events at a Glance...

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5 Hockey Game Watch

Questions: Josh Novikoff, Joshua.novikoff@gmail.com

6 Mens Lacrosse at University of Maryland

Questions: Dan Schiff, das92@cornell.edu

6 Ivy Winter Indoor Mixed Doubles Tennis

Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net

13 Volunteer at DC Central Kitchen

Questions: Annie Ceccarini, aceccarini@gmail.com

19 Ivy Singles Happy Hour

Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net

20 CCW Winter Board Planning Meeting

Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net

20 Brunch & Games at A Wider Circle

Questions: Katie Reidy, volunteer@awidercircle.org

25 CEN DC: Social Entrepreneurship: Where Are We In 2010?

Questions: www.cen.cornell.edu

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Questions: Nicole DelToro, ndeltoro@andrewscole.com

28 First Annual Predictions Dinner, with Dick Gephardt

Questions: alumni@johnson.cornell.edu

March

13 Yoga Class

Questions: Kelly DiNardo, kelly@pasttensestudio.com

26 Ivy Singles Spring Event

Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net

28 Cherry Blossom Walk I

Questions: Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu

April

9-10 Cornell Crew Races

Questions: Bob Day (301) 438-7755

11 Cherry Blossom Walk II

Questions: Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu

25 Cherry Blossom Walk III

Questions: Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

February, 2010: There will not be a regular Board meeting for this February.

Louise M. Russell of Silver Spring, MD, long-time member of CCW, died on May 15, 2009 at the age of 104. Born on her family farm in Crown Point NY, she graduated from Cornell in 1926 with a B.S., followed a year later with a master's degree, and finished off her Cornell education with a Ph.D. She was a renowned entomologist for the United States Department of Agriculture, working from its Beltsville branch. After she retired at age 70 with 48 years of service, she continued to work with the USDA for more than 20 additional years, without pay. She was an expert on aphids and discovered more than 30 insects, many named after her. She wrote often of her research. Louise was the oldest surviving member of the CCW.

Cornell Sports Weekend!

Hockey Game Watch vs. Quinnipiac

Friday, February 5, 8pm

Penn Quarter Sports Tavern, 639 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Join your fellow Lynah Faithful in DC to watch hockey at our favorite sports bar. This is the last televised hockey game before the playoffs in March. \$11 pitchers of Bud Light, too.

Cost: Free!

Metro/Bus/Parking: Green or Yellow Line – Archives. Street parking is available.

Questions: Josh Novikoff '03, Joshua.novikoff@gmail.com.

Cornell Men's Lacrosse @ Maryland

Saturday, February 6, 12pm

University of Maryland's Byrd Stadium, College Park, MD

Catch the Big Red Lacrosse team in action in a scrimmage at the University of Maryland on their College Park campus. This is the first scheduled Cornell lacrosse game since their visit to the NCAA Championship game last Spring. Wear your red and bring your school spirit. Ticket information is not available on the University of Maryland website but the game will be inexpensive or free. For directions and parking information, visit <http://www.umterps.com>.

Questions: Dan Schiff '03, das92@cornell.edu.

Rave Reviews, Supreme Court Justices Greet Cornell Glee Club Performances

The Cornell University Glee Club kicked off its Northeast tour in Washington D.C. with a sold-out performance at the Kennedy Center on Saturday, January 9. The Washington Post, in a rave review which appeared the following Monday, praised the "virtuosic choral sound" of the 142-year-old ensemble. In describing a concert repertoire "as diverse as it was challenging," the Post was particularly complimentary of "masterful readings" of two new works commissioned for the Glee Club from American composer Daniel Kellogg, "Innisfree" and "Winter Lullaby." The Hangovers, the a cappella subset of the Glee Club, also performed a few popular arrangements with "tightly choreographed moves." The concert concluded with more than thirty alumni of the Glee Club joining the current members on stage to sing some traditional songs of Cornell.

After a performance at the Newseum on Sunday, the Glee Club sang with students at Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda on Monday afternoon and performed a concert at Holton-Arms School that evening. In addition, on Tuesday, at the invitation of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54, the Glee Club performed a private concert at the Supreme Court of the United States. Justice Ginsburg graciously greeted the students before the concert and was clearly beaming with pride in her alma mater as she introduced the group to a distinguished audience including Justices Samuel Alito and Sonia Sotomayor. Following the performance, Justice Ginsburg talked with the singers about the history of the Supreme Court.

Thank you to the Cornell Club of Washington for helping to publicize the concert at the Kennedy Center, and to so many of you for attending and for sponsoring the Glee Club's visit to Washington. Special recognition also goes to Austin Kiplinger '39 and the Kiplinger Foundation, Joe Manelsky '56 and Dale Lazar '74. Without all of your support, these ambitious, high-profile performances would not have been possible.

Los Angeles Philharmonic

Monday, May 17th, 8 pm
Kennedy Center Concert Hall
2700 F Street, NW, Washington D.C.

At the age of 28, Gustavo Dudamel began his tenure as the Music Director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic in the fall of 2009. His inaugural 2009-2010 season includes a performance in Washington D.C., and Cornell Club of Washington has reserved a block of seats for members and their guests. The program will include Bernstein's Symphony No. 2, The Age of Anxiety, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, Pathétique.

Cost: First tier side: CCW members and guests: \$45; non-CCW members: \$50. Second tier center: CCW members and guests: \$70; non-CCW members: \$75.

To attend: Please contact Tomoko Morinaga '89 MPS at tm58@cornell.edu to reserve tickets.

Metro: Foggy Bottom – GWU (Orange and Blue) free shuttle bus between the metro and Kennedy Center is available.

Questions: Tomoko Morinaga '89 MPS, tm58@cornell.edu.



Cornell Crews To Race Here April 9-10

The men's Varsity Eight, undefeated all last year (11-0), and other Cornell heavyweight crews will compete in the George Washington Invitational Regatta on the Potomac again this year. Dates are Friday afternoon, April 9, and all day Saturday, April 10. Racing program is not yet available, but men's events on Friday will begin in mid-afternoon, according to the GWU Coaching Staff.

CCW will be there with its red tent. Join us - alumni, crew fans, families of the rowers and friends. Finish Line is at Washington Harbor on the Georgetown Waterfront. Look for us near the Swedish Embassy. Plan now to wear red, bring a folding chair, pack a picnic lunch for a day at the races on Saturday. Full details will be in next month's edition of CCWNews. Contact Bob Day (301-438-7755) if you want to help with this event.



Working at the Food Bank. Photo: Ted Gumer.

Recap: Cornell Cares Day at the Capital Area Food Bank

Cornell Cares Day is a world-wide Cornell service event in early January. Our tradition for the day is to volunteer at the Capital Area Food Bank, cafb.org, which needs a large number of volunteers in converting donated dry packaged foods into useful portions for senior citizens in need. 17 volunteers from our Cornell Club of Washington worked, with some others, to prepare a total of 1120 bags of groceries in the morning session in the cool warehouse. After lunch at the nearby Colonel Brook's Tavern, 12 Cornell volunteers worked to prepare about 250 freezer sized boxes of a variety of frozen foods for families. The work at CAFB requires a lot of mild exertion and coordinated efforts for a good cause - which is fun.

Yoga Class

Saturday, March 13, 1:30pm

Past Tense

3253 Mt. Pleasant St., NW, Washington, DC

Cornell alumna Kelly DiNardo welcomes DC Cornellians to her yoga studio, Past Tense, for a special Cornell-only yoga class. Past Tense yoga studio in the Mt. Pleasant/Columbia Heights neighborhood is offering a special, discounted class for Cornellians. Join us at 1:30 p.m. on March 13 for a vinyasa style class that offers a flowing, dynamic form of yoga connecting the breath or pranayama to the movement. This is an open level, one-hour class. Please arrive at least ten minutes before class starts.

Cost: \$10, pre-registration required. Class is limited to 25 people.

To attend: Visit

<http://clients.mindbodyonline.com/ws.asp?studioid=6512&stype=-7&sDate=3/13/2010>. Create an account, then at check out, click on classes -- single class -- add item. In the promotion box, type in BigRed for \$5 off. You should then be able to add the class to your account. If you have any trouble with registration, please contact kelly@pasttensestudio.com.

Metro/Bus: Columbia Heights (Yellow/Green)

Questions: Kelly DiNardo, kelly@pasttensestudio.com

Three Sunday Walks Among the Cherry Blossoms

Delivered by Author and Professor
Joel L. Swerdlow, Ph.D. '74



Walk #1: Looking for What Abraham Lincoln Called “The Better Angels of Our Nature”

Sunday, March 28, 1:00-3:00 pm

Meet at base of the Lincoln Memorial

Route: Lincoln Memorial to FDR Memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial site

We will re-create a major speech from dedication of the Lincoln Memorial in 1922 (the uncensored version). Learn why Lincoln wanted to enshrine slavery in the U.S. Constitution until the beginning of the 20th century, and examine how Hollywood and television have done so much to change our feelings about the Lincoln Memorial. We will then take the short walk to the FDR Memorial, where we will look for evidence of FDR’s greatest failing, which most of his critics still fail to recognize, and his vision of an Economic Bill of Rights. Ending at the site of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, we will discuss how his views about economic justice and war still challenge us. We will also discuss the untruths (or misleading statements) upon which the creators of each memorial relied.

Walk #2: Looking for Power in the U.S. and Finding Public Opinion

Sunday, April 11, 1:00-3:00 pm

Meet in front of the National Archives

Route: National Archives to Constitution Gardens to where Supreme Court should be

On display at the National Archives—and treated as equal in importance to the Magna Carta, Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights—are briefs from *Marbury v. Madison*. We will explore how this case has become one of America’s most important conceptual exports to other democracies (hint: central to this story is the death of major civil rights legislation). We will also discuss what the Founders believed about war-making, and why we have not formally declared war since June 5, 1942. Finally, we will try to figure out why, at his confirmation hearings in 2006, now-Chief Justice Roberts refused to say whether Congress can end a war by cutting off funds.

Walk #3: In Search of Peace

Sunday, April 25, 1:00-3:00 pm

Meet near the east end of the Vietnam Memorial

Route: Vietnam, Korea, World Wars I and II memorials to the “Peace Statue” and the site of the future Disabled Veterans Memorial

Thanks in large part to the success of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, war memorials now dominate a large and growing portion of the nation’s most respected landscape. How and why this has happened teaches us much about how our democracy works. We will discuss how Maya Lin’s undergraduate sketches became one of Washington, D.C.’s most popular sites; why Americans still do not want to know the full story of Iwo Jima; whether the road to peace lies in promoting democracy, and more. At the conclusion of this, the final walk, we will weave all three weeks together in a discussion that seeks ideas and insights.

Cost: \$20 per walk (\$25 non-member) or \$50 for the 3 walk series (\$60 non-member).

To attend: Register and pay online at www.cornellclubdc.org. Limited to 20 people per walk. Pre-and post-walk reading materials will be provided.

Questions: Email Kim Jones at knj2@cornell.edu.

February:

**The Columbia Club of Washington Hosts an Ivy Singles Social Club
HAPPY HOUR**

*Friday, February 19, 6:30-9:00pm
Pines of Florence
3811 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington, VA*

Come in from the cold to the warm atmosphere of this neighborhood favorite. Enjoy good conversation over hearty Italian fare. Cash bar. Pines of Florence will be closed to the public for the duration of our private party. Located a block from the Virginia Square Metro on the Orange line. Free parking on the street after 6pm.

Cost: \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door.

To attend: Send your check, payable to CUCDC, to Nancy Tate, 901 N. Monroe Street, Apt. 705, Arlington, VA, 22201, postmarked by Monday, February 12. Please note your school on the check.

Questions: e-mail nancy.tate@hotmail.com.

**March: The Cornell Club of Washington is Pleased to Host
The Ivy Singles Social Club Beginning of Spring Event**

*Friday, March 26, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Kiplinger Gallery, Editors Building
1729 H Street NW, Washington, DC. 202-887-6400*

To begin spring, we again return to the Kiplinger Gallery, the longest running venue of all our events. The Gallery includes selections from the Kiplinger collection shown in changing exhibitions. This collection comprises over 5,000 items, including prints, paintings, and photographs, most of which feature Washington architecture. You will also find maps and period, political portraits. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Cost: \$25 prepaid by check; \$35 prepaid by e-mail or phone, or at the door.

To attend: Send your check to Steve Pickarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181, by Monday, March 22nd. Make checks payable to "The Cornell Club of Washington" and note your school. \$35 for email (Spiekare@verizon.net) or phone reservations (703-281-4311) and walk-ins. Online pre-payment is also available on the Cornell Club website. Please RSVP if possible to the e-mail address or the E-vite site. **Metro/Parking:** Farragut North (Red Line) and Farragut West (Orange/Blue) are nearest. Street parking is available, but be aware of the new DC parking rules. There are also parking garages nearby.

Questions: Steve Pickarec, Spiekare@verizon.net, or (703) 281-4311.

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