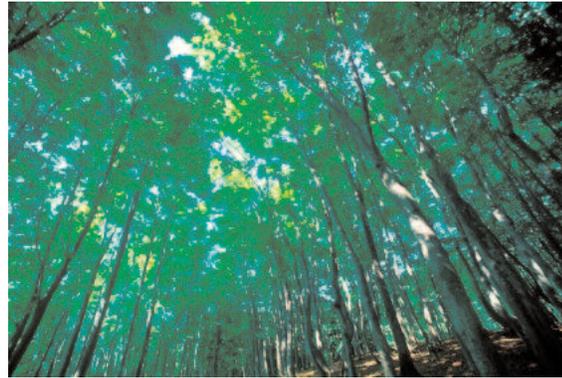




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### Community Tree Planting at Mayfair Mansions in Ward 7

*Saturday, April 24, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm*  
1744 Hayes Street, NE, Washington, DC 20019

Celebrate Earth Day 2010 by joining CCW's team at a Community Tree Planting being organized by Casey Trees. We will be helping to plant 20 trees, supplied through the generosity of the Casey Trees Endowment Fund, established to help restore the green canopy of Washington, DC. The size of our team is limited--first come, first served, so sign up early. Wear sturdy shoes. No previous experience necessary. Plan to arrive promptly. Knowledgeable Citizen Foresters will be working alongside each team to make sure trees are planted properly and get a good start.

**Cost:** Free. Tools and instruction provided.

**To attend:** The CCW team is limited to 8. Register early with Diana Day '56 at [dayhaven@comcast.net](mailto:dayhaven@comcast.net) or 301-438-7755. Deadline Wednesday, April 21.

**Metro:** Two blocks from Minnesota Avenue Station (Orange Line). Walk across foot-bridge over Kenilworth Avenue (I-295).

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

### Earth Day River Cleanups in Anacostia Watershed

*Saturday, April 24, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm*  
Multiple sites

If you can't join us for the Community Tree Planting and still want to get outdoors and honor the environment, consider bringing a friend or two to one of the 30 sites in the Anacostia River Watershed where the Anacostia Watershed Society and its partners will be conducting stream cleanups.

Check the Anacostia Watershed Society's website at [www.anacostiaws.org](http://www.anacostiaws.org) to find a site near you or near a Metro station. Dress in work clothes and wear sturdy shoes. Gloves and bags will be provided. Make a difference and strike a blow for planet earth.

**Questions:** Contact Bob Day, [dayhaven@comcast.net](mailto:dayhaven@comcast.net) or 401-438-7755.

#### Save the Date!

#### CCW Annual Dinner

Tuesday, May 25

*Featuring Vivian Schiller '83,  
President and CEO, NPR*

Join us for the Annual Dinner!  
Hear President Steve Piekarec deliver the Club's annual report, recognize outgoing and incoming Club leadership and listen to a media leader, Cornell's own Vivian Schiller '83.

Details to follow online and in next month's newsletter.

Contact: Nicole DelToro '91,  
[ndeltoro@andrewscole.com](mailto:ndeltoro@andrewscole.com).

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## Welcome New Cornell Club of Washington Members!

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Tara Lynn Zurawski '98 ARTS

### Interested in a CCW Leadership Opportunity?

The CCW Nominations Committee is in the process of selecting officers and board members for the 2010-11 club year, which offers alumni a great way to get involved in the outstanding work of the club. You get to work side-by-side with other dedicated volunteers, have fun meeting alumni in the region, and give back to the Cornell community.

To learn about open volunteer positions, please contact CCW Nominations Committee Chair Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu, or CCW President Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net.

### Events at a Glance...

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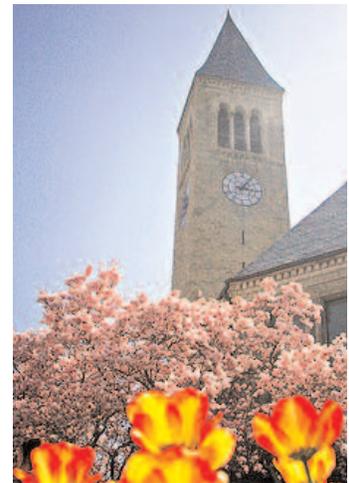


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# Club Announcements...

## CCW Monthly Board Meeting

**April 13, 2010:** 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).

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

**Questions:** Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net (Board);  
A'ndrea VanSchoick, alv1@cornell.edu (Programming).

## Dragon Boat Festival: Dates Changed Again; Big Red Dragons Drop Out

Organizers of this year's Dragon Boat Festival in Washington, DC have again changed the dates and venue of the event, due to factors beyond their control. The new dates are May 15-16 on the Potomac, with launching from Thompson Boat Center, as in 2008.

The Cornell Club's team, known as the Big Red Dragons, finds it necessary to drop out of this year's festival. We hope to return again in 2011. There is just not enough time to publicize the new and earlier dates and line up enough paddlers to justify and cover the \$1000 entry fee. Meanwhile, CCWDC appreciates the efforts of Bob Day and everyone else who worked, up until the last minute, to ensure Cornell's participation.

## CCW Volunteers Return to Ronald McDonald House of Washington DC

*Saturday, April 24, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm*  
1326 Quincy Street NE, Washington, DC 20017

We have established a relationship with the Ronald McDonald House and are happy to volunteer on a monthly basis. We will be returning to help with light household cleaning and yard work (as weather permits). If you cannot attend but want to contribute toward purchasing non-perishable goods, contact Megan Weber or Ted Gumer at (301) 761.1762 or tedgumerccw@yahoo.com.

**Cost:** The House is always looking for non-perishable goods. Please bring paper goods (e.g., kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper), toilet brushes, or (especially) Clorox wipes.

**To attend:** Email Megan Weber (mweber06@sbcglobal.net) to sign up; space is limited to the first 15 responders.

**Metro/Bus:** The House is accessible by Metro; however, it is a good 6-7 block walk from the CUA/ Brookland metro station (red line). The H6 bus drops-off/ picks-up at that metro station and stops directly in front of the House. There is also plenty of unzoned street parking on 13th Street.

**Questions:** Megan Weber, mweber06@sbcglobal.net; (714) 656-5316.

**Save the Dates:** Next cleanups: Saturday, May 22nd and Sunday, June 13th.

## Classes of the 0s and 5s: Pre-Reunion Gathering

*April 22, 6:30 - 8:30pm*

*Kiplinger Editors Building, 1729 H Street NW, Washington, DC.*

Started by journalist W.M. Kiplinger more than 80 years ago, the Kiplinger Washington Collection is one of the largest private holdings of Washingtoniana. The extensive collection includes prints, photographs, and paintings with a focus on Washington history and the city's built environment. Located in the Editors Building in downtown's Lafayette Square neighborhood, you will see over 5,000 items, including prints, paintings, and photographs, most of which feature Washington architecture. You will also find maps and period, political portraits.

All Reunion Classes are invited to attend. Space is limited by the venue, so we need you to register in advance. First come, first served until we hit the maximum number which the venue can accommodate.

**Cost:** \$5/per person for each member of a Reunion Class and a guest. The charge is \$10 for anyone from a non-Reunion Class who wishes to attend, for any guest after the first, and for walk-ins (accepted up to our maximum capacity).

**To attend:** Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/preuniondc>. All guests MUST be over 21 years of age.

## Cornell Softball Commences 2010 Capital Alumni Network Season

Springtime coming...time for softball! The Cornell Alumni softball team has been in the Capital Alumni Network (CAN) league since the very beginning, over a dozen years ago, with some very good years. The 14 game season runs from April to August and concludes with a 68 teams double elimination tournament in August.

**PLAYERS NEEDED!** We have a number of players returning from last year's team, but always need more experienced players, male and female.

If you are interested in joining the team or have any questions, please contact Meg Fontaine at [megfontaine@hotmail.com](mailto:megfontaine@hotmail.com).

## Nationals vs. Mets Baseball

*Wednesday, May 19, 7 pm*

*Nationals Park, 1500 South Capitol Street SE, Washington, D.C.*

Come out and see the new and improved Washington Nationals take on the New York Mets in our first baseball outing of the spring! The Cornell Club will be securing a block of tickets, so visit <http://cornellclubdc.org/events/2010/05/19/nationals-v-mets> to see payment information. Reserve your spot early! A perfect event for singles and families, young and old.

**Cost:** TBD.

**To attend:** Pay online and RSVP to Dan at [das92@cornell.edu](mailto:das92@cornell.edu).

**Metro:** Navy Yard (Green Line).

**Questions:** Dan Schiff, [das92@cornell.edu](mailto:das92@cornell.edu).

## Cornell Crews in George Washington Invitational Regatta

*Friday afternoon, April 9, and Saturday, April 10, morning & afternoon sessions*  
*Finish Line just upstream from Thompson Boat Center*  
*Rock Creek Parkway & Virginia Ave. NW, Washington D.C.*

Cornell's Heavyweight Crews will have plenty of competition in the George Washington Invitational Regatta along the Georgetown Waterfront. Representing the Big Red will be the Men's Varsity Eight, Second Varsity Eight and First Freshman Eight. Others racing in the Men's events will be: M.I.T.; Holy Cross from Worcester, Massachusetts; Boston College; U.S. Naval Academy; Gonzaga U. from Spokane, WA; Georgetown U.; University of California at San Diego; and the host, George Washington University. The full race program will be sent out by e-mail when available. Wear red and join fellow Cornellians, families of the Cornell team members, and Big Red rowing alumni at the Finish Line at Washington Harbor! You will find us around the Cornell Club's red tent on the lawn near the Swedish Embassy.

**Cost:** Free. Refreshments will be served, but pack a picnic lunch and bring a folding chair if you plan to stay for all the races on Saturday.

**To attend:** Obtain additional details and race schedules by contacting Bob Day.

**Metro/Parking:** Foggy Bottom/GWU (Orange and Blue) Street parking limited and actively enforced. Circulator Bus also serves Georgetown waterfront.

**Questions:** Bob Day, 301-438-7755 or [dayhaven@comcast.net](mailto:dayhaven@comcast.net).

### Old Rag XLIX

### Tour of Bureau of Printing and Engraving

*Monday, June 28, 12:00pm*  
*Bureau of Printing and Engraving*  
*14th and C Streets SW, Washington, DC*

Learn about the money-making process as you watch millions of dollars being printed from the gallery above the production floor! Tours last about 50 minutes. You MUST arrive at least 15 minutes early or you will lose your ticket. This tour is limited to Cornell Club of Washington members and their guests ONLY. Membership will be verified before your ticket is confirmed. To join the club, visit <http://www.cornellclubdc.org/join/membership>. Cameras may not be used in the gallery and strollers may not be taken on the tour.

**Cost:** This event is FREE but you must be a Cornell Club of Washington member.

**To attend:** To sign up for this event, send an email with the following information: 1. Name of CCW club member and class year and 2. Total number of tickets requested. Send this email to [ccwtickets@yahoo.com](mailto:ccwtickets@yahoo.com). You receive an automated response stating that your request has been received. After your club membership has been verified, you will receive a confirmation stating that you are on the list for the tour, on the waitlist, or that you have not received tickets.

**Metro/Bus:** Metro: Blue or Orange Line to the Smithsonian Station. Leave through the Independence Avenue/Bureau of Engraving and Printing Exit. As you step off the escalator go straight ahead on Independence Avenue towards 14th Street. Cross and turn left on 14th Street and the BEP is one block away. During peak season, please make your way to the rear of the building on Raoul Wallenberg Place (formerly 15th Street), where you will find the ticket booth. When it is time to take your tour, or if it is non-peak season, please proceed to the entrance on 14th Street.

**Metrobus:** The BEP is served by Metrobus routes 52, V4 and V6 in DC and 13 from Virginia. Call (202) 637-7000 for information and schedules.

**Questions:** [ccwtickets@yahoo.com](mailto:ccwtickets@yahoo.com)

*Saturday, April 10, 8:00 am*  
*Old Rag Mountain, Virginia*  
*Meet at: The Cornell Center*  
*2148 O Street NW, Washington, DC 20037*  
*Metro: Dupont Circle (Red); Foggy Bottom (Blue/Orange, longer)*

Alumni and Cornell in Washington students will climb Old Rag Mountain, near Sperryville, VA, for the 49th time in our semiannual trek into the Blue Ridge. This is one of the Washington area's most popular excursions, and we expect a large turnout (25-40 people) each time we go.

The first 1/3 of the strenuous, 9-mile hike (summit 3268 ft.; elevation gain 2300 ft.) is on an uphill trail through the trees, while the upper part is open and rocky. Bring lunch and water in a day-pack, and be sure to wear a hat and sturdy shoes. The total time needed for climbing, enjoying the view, eating, and descending is about 6 hours. We usually get back to DC around 7:00 pm. The Park Service does not allow more hikers after the parking lot is full. Therefore, a prompt 8:00 am start from the Cornell Center is needed for this full-day event. (Note: this is a very difficult hike; those who have not hiked a trail like Old Rag's are strongly encouraged to e-mail or call Clint Brass, using the contact information below, if you would like to get more information before RSVPing.) To comply with University policy, participants will be asked to sign a standard release form.

**Cost:** \$8 National Park Service fee, payable on location before we begin. Please bring exact change.

**To attend:** RSVP by 04/07 to Clint Brass '90, [ctb14@cornell.edu](mailto:ctb14@cornell.edu), 703-216-2035. Provide your name, email address, a telephone number where you can be reached shortly before the hike (in the event of bad weather), and the number of people coming (friends are welcome). In addition, we try to carpool; please indicate if you can give anyone a ride (if so, how many people), if you need a ride, or if you will meet us there. Directions are available that morning at the Cornell Center or via e-mail in a PDF file. In the event of bad weather, our rain date is 04/17/10.

**Questions:** Clint Brass '90, [ctb14@cornell.edu](mailto:ctb14@cornell.edu), 703-216-2035.

## Two Sunday Walks in April Among the Cherry Blossoms

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

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. 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. 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)

**To attend:** Register and pay online at [www.cornellclubdc.org](http://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](mailto:knj2@cornell.edu).



## The Washington National Opera Presents *Hamlet*

*Friday, June 4th, 7:30 pm*

*Kennedy Center Opera House, 2700 F Street, NW, Washington D.C.*

Ambrose Thomas' musically and dramatically virtuosic adaptation of the classic story follows Hamlet in his pursuit to avenge his father's murder. Known for Ophelia's hauntingly beautiful mad scene, "Et maintenant écoutez ma chanson," this dazzling production by Thaddeus Strassberger brings Shakespeare's famous play to life. The opera is conducted by WNO's General Director Plácido Domingo. (In French with English supertitles.)

**Cost:** Tickets from \$75. 10% discount applies. (This is the last performance of the season, tickets are limited.)

**To attend:** CCW doesn't have a block of seats for this event. Tickets must be purchased online at [www.dc-opera.org](http://www.dc-opera.org). Create an account at this site and enter the source code, CORNELL to receive 10% discount. If you are planning on going with friends, you must purchase the tickets in one transaction. (Limit 4 tickets) Tickets must be purchased by June 4 at 4pm. If you have problems purchasing tickets online, please contact the Opera at 202-295-2400.

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

**Questions:** Please contact Tomoko Morinaga '89 MPS at [tm58@cornell.edu](mailto:tm58@cornell.edu).

## THE IVY SINGLES SOCIAL CLUB'S APRIL 2010 MIXER

*Thursday, April 29, 6:30 - 9:30  
Casablanca Restaurant  
1504 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314*

The University of Chicago Club of Washington, D.C., invites you to an Ivy Singles Social Club (ISSC) mixer on Thursday, April 29, at Casablanca Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria for drinks, appetizers, a cash bar, and the charm of Old Town in April. Casablanca is a Moroccan restaurant that offers Moorish decor, "Casablanca" movie memorabilia, and a great location two blocks from the King Street Metro, on Old Town's busy King Street. For those who would like to continue the party after they leave Casablanca, just steps away they will find King Street's dozens of restaurants and bars.

The cost includes one drink (wine, beer, or a soft drink) and a selection of appetizers (hummus, grape leaves, spinach pie, and mini chicken kabobs). A cash bar will be available for additional drinks. (See details below if you would like to prepay). We encourage reservations, but walk-ins are welcome, as are your guests.

If you plan to drive, there are garages in the area, but free street parking is available in the neighborhood.

**Cost:** \$25 if you prepay; \$35 at the door.

**To attend:** Please send a check for \$25 to Laura Medinas, c/o USCAVC, 625 Indiana Ave. N.W., Ste. 900, Washington, D.C. 20004-2950. Please make your check payable to "University of Chicago Club of D.C." and note your school on the check. Checks must be received by Monday, April 26. E-Mail & Phone Reservations: Please direct your e-mail to [Imedinas@vetapp.gov](mailto:Imedinas@vetapp.gov) or your phone reservation to 202-501-5993. Please note that with an e-mail or phone reservation you must still pay \$35 at the door.

**Metro:** take the Yellow or Blue Line to King Street Metro. Walk two blocks east. Casablanca is on your right at 1504 King Street.

**Driving:** From Maryland, take 495 South toward 95 North. Take 95 North to exit 1B (Route 1 North). Turn left on King Street. Continue for six blocks. Casablanca is located on your left at 1504 King Street. From Virginia: take 395 North to King Street exit East. Continue on King Street for about 10 minutes. Casablanca is located on your right at 1504 King Street.

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