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Old Rag 50 (L)

Saturday, September 11, 8:00 am  
Old Rag Mountain, Virginia

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Alumni and Cornell in Washington students will climb Old Rag Mountain, near Sperryville, VA, for the 50th 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 email 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.

**Commemorative t-shirts:** There will be a limited number of commemorative “Old Rag 50/Old Rag L” t-shirts for sale at the hike, in short and long-sleeves and sizes S/M/L/XL (sold to break even). If you want to guarantee that you get a t-shirt, contact Clint Brass (ctb14@cornell.edu) for further directions.

**To attend:** RSVP by Wednesday, September 8, to Clint Brass ‘90, ctb14@cornell.edu, 703-216-2035. Please 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 email in a PDF file. In the event of bad weather, our rain date is October 2.

**Meet at:** The Cornell Center, 2148 O Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

**Metro:** Dupont Circle (Red); Foggy Bottom (Blue/Orange)

**Questions:** Clint Brass ‘90, ctb14@cornell.edu, 703-216-2035.



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IF your label says PLEASE RENEW, please keep your membership current for the 2010 - 2011 membership year. Use the enclosed membership application or renew online at: [www.cornellclubdc.org/joinccw](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/joinccw).

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Yushu Zhou GRAD: '10 HOTL

### With special appreciation for our newest Life Member

Steven J. Karr '76 HUEC, '79 ARCH

## Events at a Glance...

### August

- 28 Potomac Paddle XXIII  
*Questions:* Clint Brass, ctb14@cornell.edu, 703-216-2035
- 28 Summer Indoor Mixed-Doubles Tennis  
*Questions:* Kuni Matsuda, 240 294 5736 (O) Kmatsuda@konterra.com  
or 703 765 1653 (H) stardust@smart.net

### September

- 11 Old Rag Hike 50  
*Questions:* Clint Brass, ctb14@cornell.edu, 703-216-2035
- 11 Hotel Society Welcome Party  
*Questions:* Liz Vorrasi, 202-222-5972, chswashingtondc@gmail.com
- 12 CCW Book Club – One Hundred Years of Solitude  
*Questions:* Brandon Jonas, brandon.jonas@gmail.com
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*Questions:* Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net, 703-281-4311

### October

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*Questions:* Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net, 703-281-4311
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*Questions:* <http://www.chscornell.com/chapters/DCBaltimore/news.html?id=943>
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*Questions:* Tomoko Morinaga, tm58cu@yahoo.com

### November

- 14 – 15 Cornell Campus Trip for High School Seniors  
*Questions:* Grace Morgenstein, gmm11@cornell.edu, 301.983.8552

### January 2011

- 28 – 30 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference  
*Questions:* Cornell University Office of Alumni Affairs, calc@cornell.edu,  
607-255-1988

# Club Announcements...

## CCW Monthly Board Meeting

**September 14, 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). The Programming meeting will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 immediately preceding the Board Meeting.

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

**Questions:** Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net (Board); Jaclyn West Hamlin '03, jlwest06@yahoo.com or Dorothy Kester Jackman '04, dlk730@gmail.com (Programming).

## Summer Indoor Mixed-Doubles Tennis

*Saturday, August 28, 6:45 pm*

**Contact:** Kuni Matsuda, 240 294 5736 (O)  
Kmatsuda@konterra.com or 703 765 1653 (H) stardust@smart.net



## Yo-Yo Ma at the Kennedy Center with Kathryn Scott, piano

*Thursday, October 21, 7:30 pm*  
Kennedy Center Concert Hall  
2700 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037

CCW has reserved blocks of seats for this special evening at the Kennedy Center's Concert Hall. Please note every year, tickets sell out quickly for Yo-Yo Ma concerts.

The program will include Morricone "Gabriel's Oboe" from The Mission, Gershwin Prelude No.2, Brahms Sonata No. 1 in E minor, Rachmaninov Sonata in G minor

### Cost:

Second tier center  
CCW members and guests: \$72  
Non-CCW members: \$82  
First tier side  
CCW members and guests: \$60  
Non-CCW members: \$70

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

**To attend and questions:** Tomoko Morinaga '89 MPS at tm58@cornell.edu to reserve ticket and to ask questions.

## Cornell Club of Washington Volunteer Network

CCW is embarking on an initiative to develop the premier volunteering network in Washington DC. Would you like to be a part of this? We sure hope so!

Ted Gumer has joined with the board to focus on the following objectives:

- Provide all CCW members with a way to volunteer their time;
- One-time events as well as ongoing programs;
- Provide CCW members wishing to lead volunteers an environment to thrive; and
- Build a dedicated and responsive team of highly motivated volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, leading a team, or if you have suggestions or ideas, please contact Ted Gumer at tedgumerCCW@yahoo.com.

## CCW Book Club

*Sunday, September 12, 4 pm*

The book club discussion for September is One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez. It is September 12th at 4 pm at Brandon's apartment in Capitol Hill. Please email Brandon for the address at brandon.jonas@gmail.com.

## 2010 Mid-Atlantic Hotel Real Estate Outlook

*Tuesday, Oct 12, 7:30 am*  
Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center  
8120 Wisconsin Ave  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Save the date for the Cornell Hotel Society Washington, D.C./Baltimore Chapter's 1st Mid-Atlantic Hotel Real Estate Outlook.

### Confirmed Panelists:

- Mike Barnello, La Salle Hotel Properties
- Jin Lee, Thayer Lodging
- Kate Henrison, RJI Hotels
- Ray Martz, Pebblebrook Hotel Trust

**Sponsored by:** Cornell Hotel Society, Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter

**Metro:** Bethesda (Red)

**Cost/RSVP:** Please visit

<http://www.chscornell.com/chapters/DCBaltimore/news.html?id=943> for details and registration information.



## Big Red Scores Again! A Successful Softball Season Winds Down

The Cornell Alumni Softball team is finishing up another fun and exciting season in the College Alumni Network (CAN) softball league. Coaches Artie Mabbett '99, Steve Piekarec '74, Shayne Geneva '02, Josh Novikoff '03, and Meg Fontaine '01 led the Big Red to another 7-7 season with a 1-1 record thus far in the CAN end-of-season tournament. With the season winding down the team is always looking for new, enthusiastic players next year and as always anyone is more than welcome to come on out and cheer the Big Red!



## Cornell Campus Trip for High School Seniors

*Sunday-Monday, November 14-15*

Do you know a high school senior who is thinking of applying to Cornell? Then help spread the word about a two-day field trip for high school seniors interested in visiting the Cornell campus, sponsored by the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network of the Cornell Club of Washington. Included in the agenda is a tour of the campus admissions office, presentations, classes and free time to explore.

The bus leaves from Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, Maryland at 7:15 am on Sunday and returns the following evening to the same place around 8:30 pm on Monday. Cornell will provide housing in a freshman dorm at no additional charge.

In past years, buses have filled quickly, so early reservations are recommended. Students must fill out a medical insurance and permission form and have it signed by a parent or guardian. (Required forms <http://admissions.cornell.edu/downloads/MedicalAuthorizationForm.pdf>)

**Cost:** \$100.00, includes bus and Sunday night dinner.

**To attend:** Send check, payable to "Cornell Club of Washington" to Grace Morgenstein, 11201 Tack House Court, Potomac, MD 20854.

**Questions:** Grace Morgenstein, [gmm11@cornell.edu](mailto:gmm11@cornell.edu), 301.983.8552. For information on past bus trips, please contact Helen Shimbo, [hks2@cornell.edu](mailto:hks2@cornell.edu).

## Cornell Hotel Society Welcome Party!

*Saturday, September 11, 1:00 - 3:00 pm*

*Lucky Strike Lanes*

*701 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001*

New to the DC area? Just graduated from The Hotel School (or another Cornell college)? Join the Cornell Hotel Society for some fun and bowling!

Of course, alumni who already live in the area are encouraged to come!

**Metro:** Red line Gallery Place/Chinatown

**Cost:** \$4.95/person per game; \$3.95/shoe rental

### **Dress Code Strictly Enforced at Lucky Strike:**

Neat, Casual Fitted Attire

For example the following items are not permitted:

- Athletic wear, sweats or sports jerseys\*
- Excessively baggy clothing (Tuck-ins not permitted)
- MC Colors
- Sleeveless t-shirts
- Plain white t-shirts (short or long sleeve)
- Construction boots\*\*
- Ripped or soiled clothing
- Head Gear

Hats and stylish caps are permitted

**Contact:** Liz Vorrasi, 202-222-5972, [chswashingtondc@gmail.com](mailto:chswashingtondc@gmail.com)





### **Freshmen Send-Off Dinner Party 2010**

On Sunday, August 15, the Cornell Club of Washington, Judy Gleklen Kopff (Arts '68), and Gary Kopff (Johnson School '71) hosted the annual student send-off dinner for new Cornell frosh and transfer students from suburban Maryland, Washington, DC, and Northern Virginia. More than half of matriculating freshmen from our area attended the event and, by all counts, enjoyed the evening immensely. A panel of five current and recent graduates described their experiences at Cornell and discussed Greek life and alternatives, housing and meal plans, academics, extracurriculars, and miscellaneous information relevant to incoming students. 2010 panelists included Matt Morgante, rising junior in ILR; Nat Green, rising sophomore in Hotel; Dennis Shiraev, rising junior in Arts; Liza Rubenstein, Arts '10, and Audrey Boochever, rising sophomore in A&LS. Other CAAAN and Cornell Club members in attendance included: Janet Cornfeld, Regional CAAAN Chair for DC/Maryland; Susan Ebner, CAAAN Co-Chair for Rockville/Potomac (and mother of frosh Casey Ebner), and Steve Piekaric, President of the CCW.

The Cornell Club of Washington commends Judy and Gary Kopff for their continued commitment to Cornell. They have graciously supported the CAAAN program by hosting the Frosh Send-off for almost thirty years.



*Panelists are (from left to right): Matt Morgante, Dennis Shiraev, Nat Green, Liza Rubenstein, and Audrey Boochever.*

## Mount Vernon Wine Festival and Sunset Tour

*Sunday, October 3, 2010, 6:00 - 9:00 pm*  
*3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway*  
*Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121*  
*<http://www.mountvernon.org>*

Join us for an extraordinary event of wine and entertainment at Mount Vernon, featuring 16 Virginia Wineries, blues music, candlelight Mansion tours including the rarely visited Mansion cellars. Martha and George Washington may appear. Bring your own folding chair or a blanket to picnic on the lawn (seating not provided).

A variety of hot and cold food and desserts will be available on site from the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. Outside food is not allowed. Designated drivers will receive free Coca-Cola soft drinks. In addition, The Shops at Mount Vernon will be open until 9:30 pm.

15 vineyards/wineries will participate in the Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour. See Mount Vernon's website for detailed list at <http://www.mountvernon.org>.

The Wine Festival occurs rain or shine, and all ticket purchases are final. The Mansion, wine cellar, and outbuildings are open during the Wine Festival. The gardens, the George Washington: Pioneer Farmer Site, Wharf, Tomb, and the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center will be closed.

Our supply of tickets is limited, so reserve early. The overall event sells out quickly. Tickets are \$32 for members and \$37 for non-members.

**Reservations (Prepaid Only):** Send a check in the correct amount payable to "The Cornell Club of Washington". Note your school on the check and send to Steve Piekarec, at 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181. Tickets must be paid for by September 25. You can also pay online at [www.cornellclubdc.org/events](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events).

**Questions or RSVPs:** Steve Piekarec at [spiekarec@verizon.net](mailto:spiekarec@verizon.net) or call 703-281-4311.



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