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**Join CCW's 2011 Dragon Boat Team
Now Being Formed for May Festival**

The Cornell Club of Washington has just launched its drive to form another winning dragon boat team. Known as the BIG RED DRAGONS, the club's team will be our entry in this year's Tenth D.C. Dragon Boat Festival, to be held May 21-22 on the Potomac. Uncle Ezra Wants You on his team!



The event's sponsors, the Chinese Women's League, and all the organizers are promising to make this Tenth Anniversary Festival a memorable event. Our team's leadership is dedicating this year's recruiting to the memory of CCW-member Julia Shew ARTS '75 who was an enthusiastic mainstay of the team for the past several years. CCW's team will have at least four races during the two-day racing program. The Big Red Dragons have a winning tradition to keep alive and have always enjoyed strong popular support and cheering fans at this festival, not to mention the camaraderie among a team members.

To Participate: No previous experience is necessary. The team consists of 20 paddlers and a drummer plus substitutes to staff out two days of racing. Each paddler pays \$50 for a seat in the boat to cover three one-hour practice sessions and two days of racing. During just three training sessions the team enjoys learning basic strokes and racing technique, and successful racing starts. Family members over 17 and friends of Cornell are eligible.

Registration: Kate Bryant at kateb36@gmail.com.

Questions: Bob Day at 301-438-7755 or dayhaven@comcast.net, Dano Wilusz at d_wilusz@yahoo.com, or Richard Hung at rhung@verizon.net.

Big Red Crews to Race on Potomac April 9th

*Saturday, April 9th, morning and afternoon
Finish Line at Thompson Boat House
Rock Creek Parkway at Virginia Avenue, NW*

Cornell's Men's Heavyweight Crews will be racing on Saturday morning and again in the afternoon against other college crews participating in the George Washington Invitational Regatta. Todd Kennett, Class of 1957 Director of Rowing at Cornell, has advised us that his crews will not be able to stay over and race again on Sunday, when there will be additional college races on the regatta program.

So wear red and come down to the Georgetown Waterfront on Saturday to cheer for the Big Red. Look for the Cornell Club of Washington's red tent along the shoreline, and bring a brown bag or picnic if you wish. Additional details, including the preliminary race schedule when available, will be posted on CCW's website (www.cornellclubdc.org) and in the April edition of this newsletter.

Cost: Free.

Metro: Foggy Bottom (Blue and Orange lines)

Questions: Bob Day at dayhaven@comcast.net or 301-438-7755.

**Interested in CCW
Leadership This Year?**

We're always looking for Cornell alumni volunteers to get involved in the outstanding work of the club, and are beginning to identify officers and board members for the 2011 club year that starts in July. This is a great opportunity for you 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 more, contact CCW Nominations Committee Chair Kim Jones Gilliam at knj2@cornell.edu.

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Kelly Elizabeth Durkin '10 ARTS

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James Patrick Oot '88 A&LS

Pamela Jackson Sporborg '05 ARTS

Nicola Sroka '05 HUEC, '06 GRAD

A Special Welcome to Our New Life Member

James M. Prendergast '93 HUEC

Events at a Glance...

February

25 Hotel Society Networking Breakfast
Questions: David Shapiro at chswashingtondc@gmail.com

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Questions: Kate Bryant at kateb36@gmail.com

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Questions: Greg Merritt at 703-932-6114

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Questions: Glen Strahs at glennstrahs@yahoo.com

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Questions: Liz Mannis at liz.mannis@gmail.com

13 Annual Gridiron Club White-Tie Dinner
Questions: Dorothy Kester Jackman at dlk730@gmail.com

15 Tour of Arena Stage's Architecture & Lunch at Pier 7 **WAIT LIST**
Questions: Bob Day at 301-438-7755 or dayhaven@comcast.net

25 Ivy Singles at SoBe's in Clarendon
Questions: Nancy Tate at Nancy.Tate@hotmail.com

27 NHK Symphony Orchestra of Japan at the Strathmore
Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu

27 CCW Book Club
Questions: Brandon Jonas at brandon.jonas@gmail.com

April

2 Old Rag LI Hike
Questions: Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu or 703-216-2035

9-10 CCW Community Service Earth Day
Questions: Susan Sperry at balancenz@yahoo.com or 443-791-7945,
Jenny Moose at jenny.lee.moose@gmail.com or 571-484-1908, or
Renelle Sagana at renelle@gmail.com or 732-841-6586

9 Cornell Crews Race on Potomac in GWU Invitational Regatta
Questions: Bob Day at 301-438-7755 or dayhaven@comcast.net

22-24 Alumni Art Gallery Event: Come sell YOUR artwork
Questions: Dorothy Kester Jackman at dlk730@gmail.com

May

15 Mount Vernon Wine Festival
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net

21-22 Tenth D.C. Dragon Boat Festival--CCW's Team Races Both Days
Questions: Bob Day 301-438-7755 or dayhaven@comcast.net

July

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Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu

Every Friday Throughout the Season

Ivy Singles Over-50 Bridge
Questions: Carolyn Morgan at carolynmakins@aol.com

Club Announcements...

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

March 8: 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).

Annual Gridiron Club White-Tie Dinner

Sunday, March 13th, 3:00 pm
Washington Renaissance Hotel
999 Ninth Street NW
Washington, DC

For 126 years, the Gridiron Club has regaled an annual white-tie dinner with satire and songs that skewer Presidents and congressional leaders, lobbyists and sacred cows. Saturday night's Spring Dinner sponsored by the Gridiron, Washington's oldest organization of journalists, is attended by 600 people invited by the Club's membership, which is limited to 65 of the capital's most respected reporters and columnists.

CCW invites you to see the Gridiron's Sunday Reprise. You'll see Gridiron members—including such well-known faces as David Broder of the *Washington Post*, John Dickerson of Slate, Al Hunt of Bloomberg, John King of CNN, Mara Liaison of NPR, Andrea Mitchell of NBC, Bob Schieffer of CBS, Chuck Todd of NBC, and Judy Woodruff of PBS—performing songs and skits in costume. Columnist Mark Shields outlines the speeches delivered the night before, which typically include remarks by the President and a leading Democrat and leading Republican. Running the musical performance is the director of the Maine Band, Col. Michael Colburn, the Club's musical director.

The reception, which includes an open bar, begins at 3:00 pm, with the show beginning at 4:00 pm.

Dress: Dressy/Smart Casual

Metro: Metro Center (Red/Blue/Orange lines)

Cost & RSVP: Tickets cost \$80 and must be paid in advance.

Questions: Dorothy Kester Jackman at dlk730@gmail.com.

CCW Book Club

Sunday, March 27, 4:00 pm - Location TBD

We will be reading Philip K. Dick's *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*, which was Cornell's 2010 New Student Reading Project book. The location is TBD.

Questions: Brandon Jonas at brandon.jonas@gmail.com

Ice Skating Party at Mount Vernon Rec Center

Saturday, March 12th, 5:00 to 7:00 pm
2017 Belle View Boulevard
Alexandria, VA

Join the Cornell Club for the third annual Ice Skating Party, this year in Virginia at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center's Ice Arena. Bring or rent skates (\$2.75) and enjoy Saturday evening on the ice with your fellow alums and their families. We'll have the whole ice to ourselves for two hours. It's a great way to get the young ones comfortable on the ice, in preparation for those times at Lynah Rink when they're students, to re-connect with old friends, and meet new ones. We'll also have refreshments and our own room to leave shoes and other belongings while on the ice.

Cost: Members = \$10 adults/\$5 children, Non-Members = \$12 adults/\$6 children, payable at the door.

RSVP & Questions: Glenn Strahs at glennstrahs@yahoo.com, 301-518-8682 (cell), or 301-312-6929 (home).

Cornell v. UVA in Men's Lacrosse Face-Off Classic

Saturday, March 12th, 11:00 am
M&T Bank Stadium
1101 Russell Street
Baltimore, MD

Come support the Big Red as the Men's Lacrosse team takes on UVA in the Face-Off Classic at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore! The Men's Lacrosse Face-Off Classic is a full day of games:

- Game 1: Syracuse v. Georgetown 11:00 am
- Game 2: Cornell (#4) v. UVA (#2) 1:30 pm
- Game 3: Johns Hopkins v. UMBC 4:00 pm

Just one ticket will get you into all three games! For more information, visit www.faceoffclassic.com.

Cost & RSVP: \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers. Visit the CCW website (www.cornellclubdc.org/onlinepayment) to pay online.

Questions: Liz Mannis at Liz.Mannis@gmail.com

Cornell Power Shift 2011 Student Delegation—Housing Needed!

In 2009, regional Cornell alumni helped provide free housing for the over 90 Cornell students that participated in Power Shift, a convergence of young environmental and social justice activists featuring the largest lobby day in history! This support helped Cornell have one of the largest delegations from any university—they need our help again!

Climate action is more critical than ever before and Cornell is uniquely positioned to be a leader in creating a more sustainable future, as President David Skorton remarked in light of the \$80 million donation from the Atkinsons to the Center for a Sustainable Future. Your support in arranging housing for Cornell students will help ensure Power Shift 2011 is a success.

To volunteer student housing for the nights of April 15th through 18th, please email Cornell junior K.C. Alvey at kca27@cornell.edu. **3**

CCW Community Service Earth Day

Sign up to volunteer Saturday April 9th for the CCW Community Service Earth Day! Do something good for your neighbor and your planet! We have three clean-up sites for you to choose from so please join in, help out, get some fresh air and exercise and meet new people!

Four Mile Run Stream Watershed Cleanup

Saturday, April 9th, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Four Mile Run Park

3700 Commonwealth Avenue

Alexandria, VA

CCW Community Service is partnering with the City of Alexandria and the Alice Ferguson Foundation's 23rd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. This is a City organized site and CCW has committed to providing 15 volunteers to the city's overall volunteer team. Susan Sperry will be coordinating all details with the City of Alexandria so all you need to do is RSVP to Susan and she will organize the rest with our partner organizations. *Please note this event on the 9th replaces the originally posted April 16/17th days. We are not having any environmental service days on that later weekend.*

Project: Remove litter from our community to help inform others on its negative impacts. The city records and analyzes what we clean up and uses that data to develop solutions for litter problems.

Number of Spots: 15

To Register: Susan Sperry at balancenz@yahoo.com or 443-791-7945. If you leave a message pronounce name/ number clearly.

Metro: Nearest Metro is Braddock Road (Blue or Yellow lines). Site is about 2 miles from station.

Parking: Parking available on left side by park ball fields. From parking short walk to Commonwealth Ave by Four Mile Run.

On the day: We'll start promptly at 9:00 am so arrive on time. Sign in at City of Alexandria volunteer table There will be a brief safety meeting and instructions session prior to start of clean-up.

Dress: Wear comfortable shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and other attire as appropriate to weather on the day. Cleanup will take place along the creek shoreline where it is rocky and possibly wet. Sunscreen is always a good idea. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

Fairfax ReLeaf Tree Planting

Sunday, April 10th, time to be determined

Location to be determined

Fairfax ReLeaf, Inc. is an independent, non-profit organization of volunteers who plant and preserve trees, improve community appearance and restore habitat on public and commons lands in Northern Virginia. Fairfax ReLeaf serves as a practical laboratory for assessing techniques to lessen the impact of development on the environment in one of the most rapidly changing forest/urban interface areas in the country. Their goals are to restore large numbers of native trees on public and commons land where funding for landscaping is lacking and nothing would otherwise be planted and to educate government and the public about the values and benefits of the urban forest.

Project: Tree planting

To Register: Jenny Moose at jenny.lee.moose@gmail.com or 571-484-1908

Additional Information:

<http://www.fairfaxreleaf.org/FFR/index.html>

Potomac River Watershed Cleanup - Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

Saturday, April 9th, 9 am to 12 pm

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

1550 Anacostia Avenue, NE

Washington, DC

Project: Stream cleanup

Number of Spots: Up to 40 people

To Register: Renelle Sagana at renelle@gmail.com or 732-841-6586

Metro: For the Aquatic Gardens, use Deanwood (Orange line) and exit through the lower Polk Street Exit. Take the pedestrian overpass across Kenilworth Avenue and go left on Douglas Street. Go right on Anacostia Avenue and enter any open gate on your left.

For Kenilworth Park use the Minnesota Avenue (Orange line), and after exiting, turn left on Minnesota Avenue to Nannie Helen Burroughs and go left to the athletic fields.

Directions: Take Route 295 southbound if you are coming from north of Route 50 or Route 50, to the Eastern Avenue Exit. Go straight up the ramp to the second street on the right, Douglas Street. Make a right onto Douglas Street. At the end of Douglas Street, make another right onto Anacostia Avenue to get to Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. Go left to get to Kenilworth Recreation Park.

If you are coming from south of Route 50, take Route 295 north to the Burroughs Street Exit. At the bottom of the ramp go left. Go straight to Kenilworth Recreation Park. To get to Aquatic Gardens, go to the right of the athletic field entrance to follow Lee Street to 40th around a curve to Anacostia Avenue. Pass a hand ball court and wooded area to the gardens. An alternate to the Aquatic Gardens is to continue north on Route 295 to the Eastern Avenue Exit. Make a U turn to the left at the light at the top of the ramp and go down two streets to Douglas Street. Make a right on Douglas. At the end of Douglas make a right on Anacostia and continue a block and a half to the park on the left.

Parking: There is a parking lot at the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens.

Additional Information: The Alice Ferguson Foundation is providing trash bags and gloves, but feel free to bring your own gloves. Please be prepared to get muddy.

CCW Welcomes Cornell International Students to DC!

Each March, 50 or more Cornell international students and their families visit Washington, DC as part of the International Students and Scholars Office Spring Break Trip. CCW is pleased to welcome them this year, as in year's past, by presenting them with gift bags when they arrive at Hostelling International on March 19th. Each bag includes greetings from the CCW President, on behalf of the Club, along with an assortment of goodies. What a nice way for alumni to welcome students from all over the world to the nation's capital! For more information, contact Kim Jones Gilliam at knj2@cornell.edu.

NHK Symphony Orchestra of Japan

Wednesday, March 16th, 8:00 pm
The Music Center at Strathmore
5301 Tuckerman Lane
North Bethesda, MD

Are you interested in half price orchestra tickets at The Music Center at Strathmore? You always wanted to go to The Music Center at Strathmore, but haven't had a chance to visit? Here is your chance. The Cornell Club of Washington reserved a block of seats in center section of orchestra seats at half the usual price!

NHK Symphony Orchestra of Japan was founded over 80 years ago and has associated conductors such as Charles Dutoit, Vladimir Ashkenazy, and Wolfgang Sawallish. Principal Guest Conductor, André Previn will conduct the program, which will include Takemitsu's *Green*, Elgar's *Cello Concerto* joined by Daniel Müller-Schott, and Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 5*. Visit <http://www.nhks.or.jp/en/> for information about the orchestra.

Metro: Grosvenor-Strathmore (Red line)

Parking: Free in lot with ticket

Cost: CCW members and guests \$23 (regular price \$45) and non-CCW members \$28

RSVP & Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu.

The Virginia Tech Alumni Association's National Capital Region Job Fair

Tuesday, March 8th, 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Northern Virginia Center
7054 Haycock Road
Falls Church, VA

Don't sit around waiting for that perfect job to land in your lap! Come to the 20th Annual National Capital Region Job Fair at the Northern Virginia Center. More than 70 professional and high tech companies from Virginia, Maryland and DC will be recruiting for all levels and disciplines. It's FREE and all job seekers are welcome!

View a complete list of participating companies, register to attend and submit your resume by March 7 by visiting <http://www.ncrjobfair.org>

Professional dress is required. Come early to enjoy the best opportunities to speak with recruiters! Sponsored by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association - National Capital Region Chapter.

Parking: Parking is very limited.

Metro: West Falls Church-VT/UVA (Orange line)

Cost & RSVP: Register and submit your resume by March 7th at <http://ncrjobfair.org>.

Questions: Greg Merritt at 703- 932-6114.



Tour of Architecture at Arena Stage's New Mead Center for American Theater

Tuesday, March 15th, 12:00 pm
Arena Stage at the Mead Center
1101 Sixth Street, SW
Washington, DC
www.arenastage.org

Optional lunch afterward across the street at
Pier 7 Restaurant in the Channel Inn
650 Water Street SW

The response to our initial announcement of this event has been so strong that it has become necessary to establish a waiting list. If you are not yet on the waiting list and would still like to join us for the tour, run to the nearest computer and submit your name, class and contact data. With sign-ups having already been received five to seven weeks in advance, we are prepared for a few cancellations.

If you were among those first 25 to sign up and have to change your plans, please notify Bob Day promptly as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Club members who have paid their dues will be given top priority on the waiting list.

As announced last month, CCW reserved all 25 of the available slots for participating in a special guided tour of the dazzling architecture of the Arena Stage's newly opened Mead Center for American Theater. This daytime event during the week promises to be memorable, due in part to the refreshing new approaches by Architect Bing Thom of Vancouver, British Columbia. His dramatic and sweeping cantilevered roof is already an architectural landmark for Southwest D.C.'s revitalization.

The tour lasts less than an hour and will be followed by an optional lunch together at the attractive Pier 7 Restaurant in the Channel Inn on the Southwest Waterfront.

To Participate: Make your reservations with Bob Day. If staying for lunch, so indicate.

Cost: Tour free, lunch from menu with separate checks (prices are reasonable).

Metro: Waterfront (Green line)

Parking: Two hours free with dining. Rate thereafter same as meters on street.

Questions: Bob Day at dayhaven@comcast.net or 301-438-7755.

Cornell Softball Commences 2010 Capital Alumni Network Season

Springtime is coming... it's 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, Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net

Ivy Singles March Event—SoBe’s in Clarendon

*Friday, March 25th, 6:30 pm
3100 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, VA*

The Columbia Club of Washington and the Washington Wellesley Club are pleased to host an Ivy Singles Social Club spring kick-off happy hour at SoBe’s.

Join us for a relaxing evening of good company in one of the trendiest neighborhoods in the Washington area—Clarendon. Enjoy a buffet of hearty hors d’oeuvres and linger over drinks at the cash bar.

Dress: Business or casual attire.

Metro: Clarendon (Orange line)

Transportation/Directions: Take orange line metro to Clarendon station, cross Clarendon Blvd. Entrance is off the street, in the courtyard. Free parking after 6 pm on the street or at the Department of Human Services Garage on Highland Street a few blocks away.

Cost & RSVP: Prepaid reservations: Send \$25 check, payable to CUUCDC, to Nancy Tate, 901 N. Monroe St., Apt. 705, Arlington, VA 22201 by Monday, March 21. Please note your school on the check.

Non-pre-paid RSVPs and walk-ins are \$35.

Questions: Nancy Tate at Nancy.Tate@hotmail.com.



Embassy of Bulgaria Reception

*Thursday, April 7th, 6:30 pm
Embassy of Bulgaria
1621 22nd Street Northwest
Washington, DC*

Join us for a reception at the Embassy of Bulgaria. We will be the guests of Ambassador Elena Poptodorov, who will meet with guests and give a short presentation about Bulgaria.. The format for the evening will be a reception with generous appetizers and an open bar. Attendance is limited to 70 people.

Dress: Dressy/Smart Casual

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red line)

Cost & RSVP: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members. The price includes food and an open bar (beer, wine, soft drinks). Send checks payable to “Cornell Club of Washington” to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna 22181 by Monday, April 3rd or pay online at www.cornellclubdc.org/onlinepay (\$2 PayPal fee applies.)
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net or 703-281-4311.

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