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CCW NEWS

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The International Spirit of Zinck's Night

Thursday, October 20th, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 Tap & Parlour
 2001 11th St. NW
 Washington, DC 20001

Come join your old Cornell friends of all classes—and make some new ones—at Zinck's Night in the nation's capital! This year's event is at the very cool Tap & Parlour club, on the U Street corridor. Happy hour pricing will be in effect...cash bar, \$1-\$3 draft beers and \$5 cocktails. They'll have catfish fingers and Buffalo wings available at no charge, too.

Theodore Zinck was a saloonkeeper in Ithaca and his pub, the Hotel Brunswick, was a popular gathering place for Cornellians in the 1890s. After his death in 1903, several bars using his name continued to provide a haven for students. When the last "Zinck's" closed in the mid-60s, celebrating the spirit of Zinck's became a favorite Thursday night College-town tradition of undergraduates. It wasn't long afterwards that Cornellians continued the tradition in their hometowns.



Sponsored in DC by the Cornell Club of Washington, Zinck's Night is the premier Cornell alumni event to catch up with friends and welcome new alumni to the area. As always, you can sign up for membership at the event to enjoy the discounted price! If you want to renew at the door you MUST have a check or cash to cover your dues. We'll have blank forms for you to fill out.

Cost: \$5 for CCW members, \$10 non-members (cash or check only). Cash bar.
To attend: No RSVP necessary.
Directions: Tap & Parlour is on the first floor of 2001 11th St. NW. It's two blocks east of the U Street Metro station.
Metro: U Street (Green/Yellow lines).
Questions: Do not call the Cornell Center—they're not affiliated with this event. Instead email Mike Canino at canino@cornell.edu.

Twin Ivy Small Dinner

Sunday, October 16th, 3:00 pm
 Vienna, Virginia

Princeton and Cornell alumni join, once again, for a series of potluck dinners. The host will offer one dish and guests, at the host's discretion, will bring the rest. If you're up for a fine meal and great conversation, this is for you. Space is VERY limited for this exclusive event so act fast! RSVP to the host of the event, Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net. The dinner will be held in Vienna and you will receive the exact address when you RSVP.
 Note: We are looking for hosts for future dinners. The host controls the format and timing of the event. If you're interested in hosting a small dinner, please contact Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net.

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Christine Papio '05 ARTS

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Diane Yates '11 ILR GRAD

A Special Welcome to Our New Life Member

Hannah Braunstein '01 ARTS

Events at a Glance...

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- 8-9 Flag Football, Cornell vs. Carnegie-Mellon, Harvard (games 5 and 6)
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- 15 All Ivy Weekly Run
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Questions: Barbara Osgood at btosgood@verizon.net

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Questions: A'ndrea Van Schoick at alvl1@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

October 11th: 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: Nicole DelToro '91, ndeltoro@andrewscole.com (Board); Mike Canino MBA '99, mikeca9@gmail.com or Steve Piekarec '74, spiekare@verizon.net or Lindsay Schattenschein '09, las368@cornell.edu (Programming).

Cornell Campus Trip for High School Seniors

Sunday to Monday, November 13th-14th
Montgomery Mall
Bethesda, MD

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 prospective students interested in visiting the Cornell campus, sponsored by the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network and the Cornell Club of Washington.

The trip includes transportation to and from Cornell, housing in a freshman dorm with a student host, a tour of the campus, Admissions Office presentations, opportunities to attend classes and free time to explore the university. What an efficient way to experience life at Cornell!

Details: The bus leaves from Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, Md., at 7:15 am sharp on Sunday, November 13 and returns the following evening, Monday, November 14 to Montgomery Mall around 8:30 pm. In past years, buses have filled quickly, so early reservations are strongly recommended. Students must fill out medical insurance and permission forms prior to the trip and have these signed by a parent or guardian in advance. Submit one copy to the trip coordinator on the day of departure and one copy must be kept in the student's possession at all times during his/her visit. Forms can be downloaded at: <http://admissions.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/MedicalAuthorization-Form.pdf>

Cost: \$100, includes bus to/from Cornell, on-campus housing and Sunday night dinner at Cornell.

To attend: Send check payable to "Cornell Club of Washington" to Jennifer Gershberg at 3808 Thornapple Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 as soon as possible.

Questions: Jennifer Gershberg at jgershberg@gmail.com or (301) 312-8142.

CCW's 'Welcome to DC' Happy Hour A Success

On September 15th, 28 Cornellians new to the DC area met at the Cornell-in-Washington building for a happy hour was hosted by current CCW President Nicole DelToro '91 and immediate past president Steve Piekarec '74. It was a great chance for networking and to learn more about what the CCW has to offer Washington-area Cornellians. We hope to see you all at future events.

Career and Professional Networking Series: Government Contracting Industry

Thursday, November 3rd, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Dickinson Wright Law Firm
1875 Eye Street, NW
Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20006

Our inaugural event in the newly created Career and Professional Networking Series will focus on the government contracting industry and will include discussions on careers as well as challenges and opportunities facing the industry.

This session is geared towards all levels of professionals, from recent graduates to executives, providing an opportunity to network in a comfortable setting.

Several Cornell panelists will discuss the local market, their experience, contract acquisition, career development and succession planning. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

The event is graciously co-sponsored by Dickinson Wright, LLP and UBS Capital ESOP Group.

Program:

6:30 pm to 7 pm: Check in and Networking
7 pm to 8 pm: Panel discussion and Q&A
8 pm to 8:30 pm: Open mic and networking

RSVP (required): Gerald Fils '03 at gerald.fils@yahoo.com or 202-415-8155

Red Hot Hockey 2011: Cornell vs. BU

Saturday, November 26th
Madison Square Garden
New York, NY
Puck drops at 8 pm

It's hockey time again!! Join fellow Cornell Club of Washington members as the Big Red Men's Ice Hockey team takes on the Boston University Terriers in newly renovated Madison Square Garden. This event is expected to sell out, as it has for the teams' previous meetings in 2007 and 2009. Cornell and BU have collectively sent more than 90 former players forward to the National Hockey League, including Douglas Murray, Ken Dryden and Joe Nieuwendyk. Come enjoy the game in block seating available exclusively to CCW members in sections 326, 331 and 333. View the seating chart online at: <http://www.thegarden.com/media/content/concerts/groban-seating-msg-2011-lg.gif>

Cost: CCW-member exclusive!! Sections 326 and 333 (\$29 per ticket); Section 331 (\$17 per ticket)

Payment: Paypal (\$2 additional fee applies)

<http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events/2011/11/26/big-red-hockey-madison-square-garden> or send check, made out to the "Cornell Club of Washington," to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, VA 22181.

Check deadline: November 15.

Train: Penn Station, New York City

Questions: Andrea Van Schoick '96 at alv1@cornell.edu

Distinguished Alumni: A Conversation with U.S. Congressman Kurt Schrader, Class of '73

Reported by Mike Canino, JGSM '99

I recently caught up with U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-Ore., 5th District) when he made time for a chat about some topics of interest to us here in the area and as Cornell alumni generally. Kurt studied at Cornell during a tumultuous period in American history. He got his BA in Government, afterward going on to a doctorate in veterinary medicine from Illinois. (He's the only practicing vet in Congress.) Besides his veterinary practice, Kurt is also a farmer and has been active in Oregon politics for decades. His staff worked hard to coordinate our meeting on a busy day—the afternoon of President Obama's address to the joint session of Congress. Here's a recap of our conversation:

MC: Quality education is important to Cornelliens, and many continue to be concerned and involved after graduation. What can the U.S. do to improve access to educational opportunity for all citizens, even when budgets are tight?

KS: Our educational system needs to change dramatically. We still have the same postwar system where it was largely the middle class and above that got scholarships and went to college. Since then the social dynamic has changed, but the system hasn't. There's a lot more we can be doing; for example, rural areas, like everyone else, have to contend with less money and fewer teachers. We can address that through better use of information technology. The philosophy of teaching needs to change: Teachers can now use computing as not just a teaching tool, but also to assess gaps in student learning and achievement. We can also be pooling resources better.

MC: You're describing a push to leverage decreasing IT costs, and economies of scale, to improve educational access.

KS: That's right, and we can do more still. I'd like to see us doing more to leverage public-private partnerships between schools and business and labor communities.

Back home in Oregon we have a program where the plumbers' union partners with schools to share some pretty advanced facilities—space, computers, things like that. This is a real benefit to the school as well as the kids, who also get exposed to trades. Those are solid jobs.

And we need to emphasize early childhood education, and sustain that momentum all the way through Pell Grants, and the government can, and should, act as the backstop there. Charter schools and increased educator accountability are being discussed right now across the hall.

Higher education has become too expensive. I'm pleased that the President and Congress are keeping Pell Grants as elevated as possible. That's not an area we should cut to balance our budget.

MC: Speaking of business and government involvement, a recent New York Times piece described some perceived barriers to

entrepreneurship here on Capitol Hill. Do you think government should be doing more to help?

KS: I don't necessarily agree with the article's perspective. We have a lot of resources available to small businesses. The USDA [U.S. Department of Agriculture] and SBA [Small Business Administration] have many loan programs. Now, I would like to see us apply more effort to businesses in the intermediate stage, pre-commercial. In Oregon and lots of other states, we're looking at incubators as ways to nurture small businesses to grow. Here, too, we should be open to public-private partnering.

MC: If I may observe, that's a theme that's come up twice now in our conversation.

KS: True. Look, take infrastructure. The days of big federal money are over. We should be looking to private sector expertise for infrastructure ventures and we should be open to leasing, co-developing, and other ways of working with businesses and communities. How about an idea for an infrastructure bank? Suppose we created a fund for these kinds of projects and gave it \$5 billion a year for five years, with matching money from the private sector, who would benefit from tolls or user fees for the projects.

MC: So in time it could become self-funding.

KS: Exactly. And this way the business community and the local communities have a big say in the deliverables, which is as it should be.

MC: Changing subjects. In what ways did your experience at Cornell influence your political career?

KS: I was there at a pretty interesting time. Willard Straight had just been occupied. We had Vietnam going on, of course, and the students killed at Kent State. From Cornell it was easy to hitchhike to DC and see what was happening here, how the government was handling the times.

On campus, I remember being challenged in ways I didn't expect. We had an English professor who would say the most outrageous things just to get us thinking in different ways. I remember Gerald Fink, who taught Genetics, and how hard that was: sink or swim. I thought, if I can make it here, I can make it anywhere.

I was initially interested in pre-law, and in the first class, the instructor told us, "If you're interested in justice and equality...you're in the wrong room. This is about the law." I switched.

Another big influence was an American history class with Wally LaFeber. He really personalized history and showed me how much revolves around ordinary men and women making extraordinary decisions.

In searching for my life's work I took a microbiology course from a professor that reignited my excitement for the biological sciences, which ultimately lead to my profession in veterinary medicine.



Rep. Kurt Schrader
(D-Ore., 5th District)

Make Your Own Protein Bar Workshop

Saturday, October 22nd, 2:00 pm
George Washington University
Mitchell Hall Room 102
514 19th St. NW
Washington, DC

Do you spend big bucks on packaged protein bars, sometimes with ingredients you can't name and odd flavor profiles? Well, you have other choices! Jean Gutierrez, registered dietitian and Assistant Professor of Exercise Science at George Washington University, is hosting a class on how to make your own. Expect a casual and hands-on environment for learning how to craft at least two different protein convenience products with nutrition comparable to a Balance Bar and a Kind Bar. You might learn to make a protein Rice Krispie treat, originally developed for the Baylor women's basketball team, or an oatmeal-type protein cookie. Jean will also provide a handout with tips for modifying baked good recipes to improve their nutritional profile. Class size is limited to eight people, so RSVP quickly to ensure you get into this very cool and fun workshop!

Cost: \$10

Directions: Mitchell Hall is near the southwest corner of 19th St. and F St. From either of the Farragut Metro stops, walk south on 17th or 18th St. and take a right once you get to F St. Walk toward 19th St. and cross to the west side of 19th St. Mitchell Hall is an older brick building with a small porch in the front. Jean will give you her cell number so you can call her to be let into the residence hall.

Parking: Metered street parking in front of the building and on adjacent streets.

Metro: Farragut West (Blue/Orange lines) and Farragut North (Red line).

RSVP and questions: Jean Gutierrez at jl_guti@gwu.edu.

A Window Into One of Our Scholarship Recipients

Dear Cornell Club of Washington,
Thank you so much for awarding me the Epstein Scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year. I knew when I decided on Cornell that I would have to work hard to make it work financially, and scholarships like yours really make my amazing experience here at Cornell so much more enjoyable and less stressful. This award makes me even more proud to call myself a Cornellian and I look forward to continuing my involvement and success on campus to show my appreciation and commitment. Thanks again!



Sincerely yours,
Nitesh Donti '14

Nitesh is a sophomore in the College of Engineering, studying computer science and minoring in business. He participates in the Association of Computer Science Undergraduates (ACSU) and currently runs his own business, Perfect Score SAT Tutoring, from campus via online Skype tutoring sessions. He is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, where he is the Historian and holds the Philanthropy Chair. Nitesh wrestles for the club sports team and is a board member of Hindu Student Council (HSC).

The Mistorical Hystery of Henry (I) V

Sunday, November 19th, 12:30 pm
Artisphere
1101 Wilson Boulevard
Rosslyn, VA

Join us for a fun-filled matinee in which Sir John Falstaff and Prince Hal's antics fill the stage in "The Mistorical Hystery of Henry (IV)." Tom Mallan, adapter and director, combines Henry IV, Parts I and II, into a fast-paced new look at Shakespeare's famous history plays. Don't delay. Tickets at this favorable group price include a lecture before the performance and a chance to lunch together in the Artisphere's exciting new cafe. The play begins at 2 pm.

Cost: \$20 for CCW members; \$25 for non-members.

Metro: Rosslyn (Orange/Blue lines).

Questions: Valerie Shubik at vshubik@verizon.net.

Freshmen Send-Off Dinner Party 2011

The Cornell Club of Washington, Judy Gleklen Kopff (Arts '68), and Gary Kopff (Johnson School '71) held the annual student send-off dinner party August 14 for new Cornell frosh and transfer students from suburban Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern Virginia. Almost half of the 106 matriculating freshmen from our area attended the event and, by all counts, enjoyed the evening immensely.

A panel of five current undergraduates described their experiences at Cornell and discussed Greek life and alternatives, housing and meal plans, academics, extracurriculars and miscellaneous information relevant to incoming students. The 2011 panelists were Dan Lu, rising senior in Engineering; Kim Jackson, rising senior in Human Ecology; Dennis Shiraev, rising senior in Arts; Joey Pantoga, rising senior in Engineering; and Casey Ebner, rising sophomore in Arts.

Judy is the Chair of the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) for Washington, DC.



CCW 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 more than 30 years.

CCW Co-ed Volleyball Team:

Calling all volleyball players! The Cornell Club of Washington is excited to participate in the Social Sports of Bethesda volleyball team for the very first time right in our backyard. We are looking for enthusiastic and interested alumni to join our team. All skill sets are welcome.

Games will take place on Thursdays beginning in January at the Silver Spring International Middle School in downtown Silver Spring, Md., with playoffs in early March. After every game, teams will relax with food and drinks at the Fire Station 1 brewery, a former firehouse in downtown.

Sign up for our team roster takes place November 18, but we need a final tally of all those interested by October 30. If you don't want to play but would like to coach our team on the side, we'd be more than happy for you to be there too! Cost to play is \$70, which includes a league T-shirt, court equipment and food. All interested players should contact Sonia Thangavelu GRAD '10 at sgt33@cornell.edu, or check out: http://www.socialsportsofbethesda.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=41&Itemid=42.

Ivy Singles Social Club October Reception

*Friday, October 28th, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
The University Club of Washington DC
1135 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC*

The Ivy Singles Social Club invites you to join us at the historic University Club for an evening in its elegant library in the company of sophisticated singles. We invite you to wear Halloween costumes! But it is entirely optional. The reception, featuring light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, is organized by the representatives of the Harvard and Vassar Clubs of Washington DC.

The Ivy Social Club is a coalition of Ivy League, Seven Sister and other prestigious schools' regional alumni associations that sponsors social activities. Our events are open to single alumni of member schools and their guests. Most attendees are in their 30s, 40s or 50s. All ages are welcome.

For more information please see our website at www.ivysinglesdc.com

Cost: \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door.

To Prepay by Mail: Send check payable to Harvard Club of Washington to Peter Meyer, 1505 Crystal Dr. #804, Arlington, VA 22202. Note alumni club affiliation in the memo line.

Metro: McPherson Square (Orange line) or Farragut North (Red line).



CCW Salutes Our Fall Service Weekend Volunteers

Fourteen Cornellians, family and friends helped the Lost Dog Foundation find homes for stray and abandoned puppies and dogs Sept. 25 as part of CCW's Fall Service Weekend. Thanks to Ross George and Mike Pezone for organizing!

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