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Tuesday, March 22nd, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dirty Martini's, 1223 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Haven't seen some of your local Cornell friends recently or new to town? Curious as to the various opportunities CCW offers to the Cornell community? Join us for good conversation with fellow local Cornellians of all ages for libation and appetizers while learning about CCW, or test your CCW knowledge while partaking in trivia.

Calling all local Cornellians: We want your ideas for our inaugural CCW Fair and Social. Help us make our CCW Fair a great one. If you have something of CCW (or local CU) historic or current interest that we could display, we'd love to borrow it or have you tell the story behind it at one of our many booths and displays. Alternatively, if you are interested in learning more about CCW and its various initiatives, mark your calendars!

Current members, non-members, family and friends are welcome.

Cost: Registration is free on the CCW website. The event will have complimentary appetizers and a cash bar

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Questions or Ideas: Katherine Stifel at 917-846-4990 or kgs6@cornell.edu

Want to get more involved with the Cornell Club of Washington?

We are seeking volunteers to join our board for the 2016-2017 membership year. Please contact A'ndrea Van Schoick alv1@cornell.edu or Grace Jean gvj1@cornell.edu for more details.

Congratulations Conable Recipients



Pictured Above: Stipend recipient Aya Abuosbeh '17 and Vice President Scholarship, Mark Skerry.

CCW's Scholarship Committee is delighted to announce that Aya Abuosbeh '17 and Lisset Pino-Ros '17 are this semester's Barbara B. Conable stipend recipients. Aya is a Government and Economics double major, with a minor in Law & Society. She hails from Amman, Jordan and has worked for Jordan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She is currently serving as an intern for the Jordanian Embassy. Lisset is a Government major, with minors in English and Law and Society, who has assisted the Cornell Death Penalty Project and conducted research on poverty and welfare services issues while at Cornell. She is currently serving as an intern with the Death Penalty Information Center this semester.

Congratulations to our outstanding recipients!

CCW scholarships help bright and deserving area students pursue the many opportunities Cornell University has to offer. All of our scholarships and stipends are made possible through contributions from alumni such as yourself. Please consider giving a tax-deductible contribution today to CCW's scholarship fund online at <http://cornellclubdc.org/donate>.

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* Register for events on the CCW website at: <http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events> *

Save the Date

Tribute to Austin Kiplinger and Volunteer Appreciation
May 22, 2016
Kiplinger Farm

We are planning a special event to honor Austin 'Kip' Kiplinger '39. Support Kip's vision of volunteerism and stay tuned for more details on the event.

Club Announcements...

Pinstripes Bowling

Saturday, March 12th, 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Pinstripes- Georgetown Park, 1064 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Do you ever miss Helen Newman? Then join us for bowling in Georgetown at Pinstripes! We'll start the evening with a happy hour in the main restaurant (cash bar) followed by 2 hours of unlimited bowling! No need to bring your own equipment - we'll have bowling balls, shoes & even socks!

If you're up for some friendly competition and fun, register today.

Cost: \$32 Members, \$36 Non-Members

Metro: This event is not metro accessible

Questions: Kerry Kooi at kerry.kooi8@gmail.com

Port City Brewery Tour and Tasting



Wednesday, March 2nd, 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA

Join us for a tour and tasting at Port City in Alexandria. Sign up soon as this event is limited to 15 people.

Cost: \$25 Members, \$30 Non-Members

Metro: This event is not metro accessible

Questions: Kerry Kooi at kerry.kooi8@gmail.com

Yo-Yo Ma and Emanuel Ax at the Kennedy Center

Wednesday, April 13th at 8:00 p.m.

Kennedy Center Concert Hall, 2700 F Street NW, Washington, DC

Please join us for a special evening at the Kennedy Center featuring Yo-Yo Ma! This will be another sold-out concert featuring Yo-Yo Ma – take advantage of our ticket block now. The Kennedy Center currently is completely sold out of all tickets except for Box Seats.

Program: Beethoven Sonata No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 5, Sonata No. 4, Op. 102, No. 1, Sonata No. 5, Op. 102, No. 2 and Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Op. 69

There are a limited number of tickets in 2nd Tier Center available, and only 1 ticket left in 2nd Tier Side (\$52)! Tickets will be available only to Members and their guests until the end of March. First come, first served. 4 tickets per member limit.

Cost: \$67 2nd Tier Center, \$52 2nd Tier Side

Metro: Foggy Bottom-GW (Blue/Orange/Silver Lines)

Questions: Tomoko Morinaga at tm58@cornell.edu

Details Forthcoming on Professor Dan Schwarz Book Talk
“How to Succeed in College and Beyond: The Art of Learning”
Scheduled April 18th

Alumnus cooks with food rather than polymers

By Kathy Hovis

This article appeared in the January 2016 Edition of "Ezra" Magazine.

It is available at: <http://ezramagazine.cornell.edu/Update/Jan16/EU.Tony.Brown.html>

Tony Brown's deep understanding of the scientific method has served him well as he's pursued careers in chemistry, consulting and cooking.

Brown '86, executive chef and proprietor of Macon Bistro and Larder in northwest Washington, D.C., said he's used the following method in everything from recipe creation to parenting.

"The idea of making a hypothesis and then testing one variable at a time to see what does and doesn't work turns out to be effective in many things," says Brown, who graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences with a chemistry degree. "Bread making, for example, is very much like chemistry. It's about how you add the ingredients, when you add them and how you mix them together as you're adding them. All of those things make a big difference."



Tony Brown '86, above, has pursued careers in chemistry, consulting and cooking.

Image: Provided

After graduating from Cornell, Brown worked in technical sales for Union Carbide, where he enjoyed the entrepreneurial aspects of working with early-stage technology in water-soluble polymers. Those chemicals had applications ranging from moisturizing strips on razors to flavor enhancers in chewing gum.

Longing for a break from corporate life, he started working nights and weekends with a friend at the Union Square Café in Manhattan, doing kitchen prep like peeling potatoes and cleaning fish. "It was invigorating, and it lit a fire in me to see the fruits of your labor going out every night, creating wonderful food and happy people," he says.

He decided to quit his Union Carbide job so he could work full time at the restaurant and attend an immersive 12-week cooking school, where he fell most passionately in love with breads and pastries (the part of the kitchen where he says you'll most likely find him these days).

He moved to San Francisco for a short stint, immersed himself in the flavors of "real Mexican food," and then followed his wife, Kimberly Brown '90, to law school in Ann Arbor, Michigan. There, he founded what would become a string of burrito stores, named Burro -- the same name he had used for a hypothetical restaurant he created for a Johnson School entrepreneurship class for undergrads.

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CCW Monthly Board Meeting

March 8th: All CCW members are invited to participate in our monthly CCW Programming Meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please email Grace Jean at gvj1@cornell.edu. Meetings take place at 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 (side entrance of the Cornell Center).

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Questions: Grace Jean at gvj1@cornell.edu (Board); Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net or Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net (Programming)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**CCW Annual Dinner
Featuring Keynote Speaker
Vice President Emerita Susan Murphy
May 9, 2016**

Join us for an excellent meal and conversation with fellow Cornellians at our annual dinner. Details to be provided in next month's CCW Newsletter.

Questions: A'ndrea Van Schoick at andreavans@gmail.com

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The couple moved together to Washington, D.C., where Kimberly had a clerkship, and he opened three more Burro locations and attended business school at Georgetown University. He then sold his restaurants and started a government consulting practice, which he continues to this day, along with running Macon Bistro.

"For the last 10 years, I had been driving around my neighborhood looking for a location, knowing that it needed more restaurant options," Brown says. "This great location became available a couple of years ago, only about a mile from where I live."

Now he enjoys a busy life with both businesses, which he says challenge different parts of his brain.

"I feel lucky to have both because they keep me firing on all cylinders," he says. "While one is intellectual and strategic, the other is real and dealing with the immediacy of making people happy with good food and beverages."

The bistro melds influences from Brown's childhood in Macon, Georgia, with international flavors from his family's travels.

"We do try to impress people on the plate," he explains, "but it's not about showing something off. It's about meeting people where they are and letting the experience unfold. People come here for different reasons, so you can get a good burger and a beer, but you can also have a super nice dinner meant to impress someone."

From fried chicken to pan-seared sea scallops to authentic French Raclette and chicken pâté, the bistro is described as "Macon, Georgia, meets Macon, France ... southern garden party meets bistro luxe."

Brown said his varied careers are a carry-over from interests he had while growing up and at Cornell.

"Having different careers at different times has been quite a journey," Brown says. "I took a lot of chemistry at Cornell, but I also enjoyed the humanities. I took a class on Asian instruments and sang in the Glee Club."

"There were so many things that Cornell offered, from picking apples to swimming in Beebe Lake, that for me it was like living in this sort of paradise."

“All the Way” at Arena Stage

Sunday, April 3rd, 5:30 p.m. (pre-reception) 7:30 p.m.(show)

Arena Stage, 1101 6th Street SW, Washington, DC

Join us at Arena Stage for “All the Way.” We will meet at 5:30 p.m. for the pre-reception of collaborative cocktails and appetizers/light supper. Enjoy the view of the Potomac before walking to the 7:30 p.m. performance.

About the show: “It’s not personal, it’s politics in this 2014 Tony Award-winning drama. President Lyndon Baines Johnson had a way about him. He could massage a victory with one hand and sell you down the river with the other, but brokering a deal is like playing with dynamite. With the country still reeling from President Kennedy’s assassination, and a rising tide of bitterness over Civil Rights, it will take more than politicking to hold America together — it will take red, white and blue-blooded leadership. Go all the way with LBJ, Martin Luther King, J. Edgar Hoover and more in this ‘beautifully built dramatic piece’ (Variety) where the line between compromise and compromising your principles is as sharp as a knife.”

Stay tuned for details about this production at the Fichandler Stage!

Cost: \$65 Members, \$70 Non-Members

Metro: Waterfront (Green Line)

Questions: Karen O’Brien at 603-320-8803 or keob-cornell@usa.net

Ivy Singles Social Club Cathedral Tour & Tea

Tuesday, March 29th at 1:30 p.m.
National Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Enjoy a tour of the Cathedral with fellow Ivy alumni followed by a traditional English tea with sandwiches and scones. The tour begins at 1:30 p.m. followed by tea at 2:45 p.m. in the Pilgrim Observation Gallery halfway up the front towers with a scenic view of Washington.

This event will be limited to the first 45 people who sign up. Prepaid only, no walk-ins allowed.

Please arrive 15 minutes before the tour to check in. We'll meet at the northwest corner of the Cathedral, closest door to the elevator above the garage.

Cost: \$36

To Register: Go to the following site:
www.mitdc.org/IvyCathedral2016

Metro: The event is NOT metro accessible.

Questions: Greg Howland at greg@grghowland.com



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Welcome New CCW Members

Susan Alpern-Fisch	Mary Jane McKivnven '72
Carlos Berrios '75	Susan Milner '86
Diane Bolz '66	Sam Nazzaro '82
Michael Bruce '84	Cathy Pelletier '02
Brian Castro '95	Laurence Posorske '76
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Christina Lofton '04	Eric Wenger '90
Becky Lupes '97	Laurie Wenger '90
Diana Maxwell '07	Leslie Wheelock '84