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Pictured Above: Vice President Emerita Susan Murphy '73, PhD '92 addresses the crowd. (Photo credit: Sathi Soma '92, '94)

# CCW NEWS

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# Susan Murphy Delights Packed House at 2016 Annual Dinner

This year's CCW annual dinner was a rousing success. Vice President Emerita Susan Murphy's '73, PhD '92 enthusistically received remarks were the highlight of the evening. Susan has been a beloved figure on Cornell's campus for decades, and her speech to the club detailed the legacy of the late President Elizabeth Garrett, how the university continues to aspire to the promises made in its motto, and how diversity has improved on campus. Susan described major programs that were introduced or championed by President Garrett, including the upcoming Business College. She also described Cornell's continued leadership in providing opportunities for "any study" to "any person," with detailed historical context, including one of Ezra Cornell's letters to his eight year-old niece, whom he encouraged to pursue higher education. Finally, Susan described how Cornell has positioned itself as a leader in diversity in higher education, citing statistics on the proportion of engineering faculty members who are African-American and the relative demographics of this year's incoming freshman class, which is 50% larger and significantly more diverse than her own incoming class in 1969. Susan was accompanied to the dinner by her daughter, Sarah Taylor '86.

Approximately 150 Cornellians joined the board on May 9th at The Army and Navy Club in Northwest DC. Attendance was at capacity as the CCW recognized volunteers and award winners, welcomed new leaders, and discussed club and university business. Several notable Cornellians and guests were in attendance, including several members of the Kiplinger family, publishers of Kiplinger media, Mark Nakayama '95 of Central JR Railway Company and his wife, Seika, Lt. Colonel Mike Janay (USMC Retired), who was our Army Navy Club host, and General Jay Paxton MS '73, MEC '74 USMC (Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps), with his wife, Debbie McCoy Paxton, '75 & '77.

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Pictured Left: Bob McKinless '48 with Susan Murphy '73, PhD '92. Pictured Right: Bondareff Lifetime Achievement Award winner Knight Kiplinger '69. (Photo credit: John McShane '88)

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# Events at a Glance...

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	Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgs6@cornell.edu
08	CACWN Kick-Off Event in Cleveland Park
	Questions: Melanie Tu at mct37@cornell.edu
09	Cornell Reunion 2016 Begins in Ithaca
	Questions: TBD
10	Jazz Happy Hour at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden
	Questions: Kerry Kooi at kerry.kooi8@gmail.com
11	Cornell Alumni Softball versus Tufts
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	Josh Novikoff at joshua.novikoff@gmail.com
14	Book Club - Me Before You by Jojo Moyes
	Questions: Liz Pomper at ehp3@cornell.edu
15	Cornell Alumni Softball versus Boston University
	Questions: Keith Becker at keith.a.becker@gmail.com or
1.0	Josh Novikoff at joshua.novikoff@gmail.com
16	CCW Monthly Programming and Board Meetings *See Location on page 4*
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	Josh Novikoff at joshua.novikoff@gmail.com
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	Josh Novikoff at joshua.novikoff@gmail.com
10	Murder and Mayhem Tour
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	Questions: Grace Jean at gvj1@cornell.edu
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# \* Register for events on the CCW website at: http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events \*

# Welcome New CCW Members Kenneth Ballato '15 Prasad Gokhale '05 Ian Orrahood '17

Kwame Campos Rodriguez '15 Victoria Ifan '12 John Reardon '96 Heather Karpal Kathy Chiron '72 Lynette Saw '14 Irfaan Lalani '06 Stuart Chiron '71 Ewing Walker '57, '58 Gonzalo Martinez de Vedia '10 Darryl Zandstra Kathleen Donatiello '15 Grant Miller '16 Luna Zhang '15 Lidan Du '05 Alexander Morris '06 Leon Zhao'15 Barb Fallon '11

# Club Announcements...

# Susan Murphy Delights Packed House at 2016 Annual Dinner (Continued from page 1)

A special reception with Dr. Murphy fkicked off the evening for those alumni who were sponsors for the annual dinner including those who sponsored young alumni, many of whom may not have otherwise been able to attend. The dinner program was spearheaded by club President Grace Jean's recap of the club's banner year, which included maintaining over 1,000 dues-paying members. She also memorialized both President Garrett and longtime CCW champion Austin (Kip)

Kiplinger '39, who was remembered at an event in May.

Outgoing board members Jonathan D. Simon '92, Drew McElhare '98, and Dorsy Yoffie '06 were recognized with a small gift, then the incoming slate of board members was approved by a unanimous vote of the attendees. The Best Program award was split into two categories: The Large Program award went to Linda Jarschauer Johnson '60 and Hussein Hirji '03 for welcoming former Cornell President and current Secretary of the Smithsonian David Skorton to DC via a reception at the Canadian Embassy, and the Small Program award was awarded to Jim Schoonmaker '74, Steve Piekarec '74, and Cornell in Washington Professor David Silbey '90 for their highly popular group trip to historic Petersburg.

Steve Piekarec '74 presented the Bondareff Lifetime Achievement Award to Knight Kiplinger '69, whose gracious acceptance speech recognized the hard



Pictured Above: Linda Jarschauer Johnson '60 and Hussein Hirji '03 receiving the Large Program award for the event that they planned, which welcomed former Cornell President David Skorton to DC. (Photo credit: Sathi Soma '92, '94)

work and institutional loyalty of Cornell alumni. Esther Bondareff's former daughter-in-law, Joan Bondareff accepted, on the behalf of Esther Bondareff '37, a special Lifetime Achievement Award. Esther Bondareff and Vice President Murphy were recognized by Gladys Stifel '58 for their contributions to CCW and presented with several gifts of historical significance.

Special thanks to the Annual Dinner Committee, the staff at The Army and Navy Club, Mike Janay for sponsoring CCW, day-of volunteers, and everyone who helped to make this year's annual dinner an enjoyable and memorable event. Thanks also to John McShane '89 and Sathi Soma '92, '94 for pictures. As always, the board of CCW is grateful to our active Cornell alumni who make our club one of the premier volunteer alumni organizations in the country. We were honored to celebrate Cornell and our alumni experience together with all of you.



Pictured Left: Phil Collins, Sathi Soma, Jim Schoonmaker, Liz Herman, Drew McElhare, Jon Simon, Terry Horner, A'ndrea Van Schoick, Mark Skerry, Dorsy Yoffie, Dan Murphy, Steve Piekarec, Katherine Stifel, Bob McKinless, Eliot Greenwald, Kerry Kooi, Elina Hum, Gladys L Stifel, Janet Cornfeld, Linda Jarschauer Johnson, Grace Jean; Pictured Right: Inside The Army and Navy Club.

# Heartfelt Tribute to Austin "Kip" Kiplinger brings CCW Together

It was a typical "Ithaca weather" day on Sunday, May 22nd, when CCW members and friends gathered in the barn at the Kiplinger family farm, Montevideo, in rural Maryland, to celebrate the memory of its most dedicated member, Austin "Kip" Kiplinger '39. who passed away last November at the age of 97. In his honor, all proceeds from this event will go to the Scholarship Fund.



The cold steady rain did not dampen spirits in the warm barn, stocked with plenty of food and drink and set with colored lights and enlarged photos of Kip's life, as three generations of Kiplingers – Kip's son Knight '69 and wife Ann, their son Brigham, and his son Callan listened as longtime Club members recalled their special memories of Kip.

Gladys Stifel, Club Historian, related the history of the Kiplinger Scholarship, including its first presentation on May 9, 1990 at the CCW Annual Dinner. She then described the first visit of former Cornell President Hunter Rawlings to one of the early family picnics held at the farm. Remembrances then proceeded in chronological order beginning with those of the most senior Club Member, Bob McKinless, '48, as read by Jim Schoonmaker '74. We learned that Kip was the only member who ever tried to become a life member TWICE. (Now that was dedication!) Others speaking included Bob Day '56, Linda Jarschauer Johnson '60, Carol Epstein '61, Art Spitzer '71, Dale Lazar '74, Jay Spiegel '74, Chuck Schilke '88, Club First Vice-President Terry Horner '92, and Club President, Grace Jean, '00. Knight's classmate, Gail Harrison '69, a surprise attendee, also added her remarks. (Please see the Special Edition Newsletter emailed May 18th for more remembrances of Kip.) In addition to those gathered on the main floor

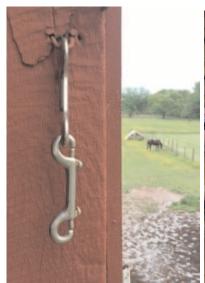
of the barn, the remarks were also enjoyed by the goats, piglets, chicks and two horses roaming on the lower barn level, whose "comments" could sometimes be heard amidst the stories!

After the "speechifying," the singing began, led by Knight (a former Glee Club member) who, with microphone in hand, started out with "Don't Send My Boy to Harvard." Other featured singers included Terry Horner, '92, Brad Spencer, '79, singing the "I am a freshman" verse of "Song of the Classes" with Gil Keteltas, '86, the "Sophomore" and "Junior" verses, and Knight, the "Senior" verse, with all present joining in on the "Alumni" verse. Other tunes included the "Crew Song" and "Fight for Cornell," with "Evening Song" and "Alma Mater" bringing the crowd to its feet.



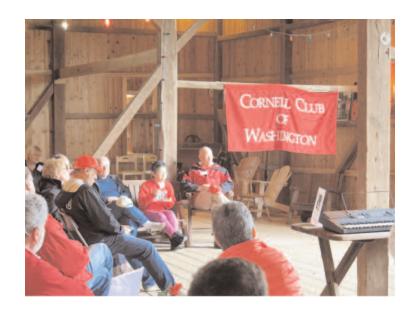














# CCW and CAAAN Host Program for Students Accepted to Class of 2020

On April 17th, an enthusiastic crowd of more than 120 students and parents from suburban Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Washington, DC attended the annual program for applicants recently accepted to Cornell's incoming freshmen class. Cornell parents Marc and Nancy Duber once again enabled us to host the event at the Courtyard Washington Embassy Row Hotel.

Janet Cornfeld '72, General Chair of the MD/DC Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) and CCW Vice President, CAAAN organized the program that included general remarks to a joint audience of admitted students and parents followed by two separate panel discussions.



Gratitude goes to alumni participants Matt Nieman '98 (General NoVa CAAAN Chair and CCW Vice President, CAAAN), local CAAAN Chairs Judy Kopff '68, Janine Peyser Lossing '89, Susan Ebner '89, Scott Kauff '93, Gary and Laurie Markin '87, alumni Jen Markin '15 and Kathy Orr Pomerenk '83, and Cornell parent Victoria Joseph. Special thanks to the exceptional group of Cornell in Washington student volunteers who served on both panels, providing reallife details about undergraduate life at Cornell. Without a doubt, these two groups of Cornellians are responsible for the success of this year's event.



# **Murder and Mayhem Tour**

Friday, July 10th, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Museum of Frederick County History, 24 East Church Street, Frederick, MD

If you like your history on the "wilder side," this 90-minute walking tour is for you! It features some of the most scandalous and nefarious - but true(!) - stories from the city's history. Immediately following our tour, the group will walk over to Bryan Voltaggio's Volt restaurant for drinks (each guest is responsible for his or her order).

Cost: CCW Member \$5, Non-member \$10

**Transportation:** This location is NOT metro accessible. Questions: Gabriela Cadena at ggc2@cornell.edu

# **CCW Monthly Board Meeting**

June 16th: 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 gvi1@cornell.edu. This month's meeting will take place at 1776 K St NW, Washington, DC (We will meet on the 7th floor in the "7 Large" conference room).

Metro: Farragut North (Red line) or Farragut West (Blue, Orange, and Silver lines)

**Ouestions**: Grace Jean at

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

# "Kinky Boots: the Musical" at the Kennedy Center

Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00 p.m. Kennedy Center Opera House, 2700 F Street NW, Washington, DC

CCW has a limited number of tickets in the Second Tier, Row A, for the 7:00 p.m. performance of Kinky Boots on Wednesday, July 6, 2016. Join us for what promises to be a great evening.

Kinky Boots is "Broadway's huge-hearted, high heeled hit! With songs by Grammy & Tony Award winning pop singer, Cyndi Lauper, this Tony winning musical celebration is about the friendships we discover, and the belief that you can change the world when you change your mind."

Cost: CCW Member \$68, Non-member \$75

Transportation: Foggy Bottom (Blue, Orange, and Silver lines). Free

Kennedy Center Shuttle from the Metro Station. Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgs6@cornell.edu

# 13th Annual Cornell Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast

Sunday, June 26th, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Walnut Grove Farm, 300 Walnut Grove Farm Lane, Centreville, MD

Phyllis and Bill Eaton '61 cordially invite you to the Cornell event of the summer!

The 13th Annual Cornell Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast is the perfect summer kick-off for the whole family! Join hundreds of Cornellians for the Maryland crab tradition at the Eaton's idyllic Eastern Shore estate, which boasts one of the oldest houses in Maryland, built in 1683. Bring your favorite dish-to-share, and enjoy summer barbeque fare and lawn games while catching up with fellow alums and friends.

Cost: \$30 (FREE for kids under 10)

**Transportation:** This event is NOT metro accessible

Questions: Molly Berger at msb279@cornell.edu or (410) 940-9064

# Capital Area Cornell Women's Network (CACWN) Kickoff Event

Wednesday, June 8th, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Kopff's, 2939 Newark Street NW, Washington, DC

Join CACWN for an intimate evening of networking. Connect with classmates and colleagues and set the foundation for long-term life and career success. Special thank you to our wonderful hosts Judy Gleklen Kopff '68 and Gary Kopff '71.

Cost: \$10 (covers light appetizers and drinks)
Transportation: Cleveland Park (Red line)
Questions: Melanie Tu at mct37@cornell.edu

# **Billy Joel at Nats Stadium**

Saturday, July 30th, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Nationals Stadium, 1500 South Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC

Billy Joel is back at Nationals Park this summer! See the Piano Man live on music's biggest stage in DC. We have a very limited number of tickets so act quickly!

Cost: CCW Member \$70, Non-member \$83

Transportation: Navy Yard-Ballpark (Green line)

Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net



# Book Club: Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

Tuesday, June 14th, 7:00 p.m.to 8:30 p.m. Teaism, 400 8th Street NW, Washington, DC

Join us as we discuss the New York Times best-selling novel that asks, What do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart?

We welcome new members! Join our Facebook group to RSVP:



https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornellclubdcbookclub

Cost: Free

**Transportation:** Archives/Navy Memorial (Green and Yellow

ines)

Questions: Liz Pomper at ehp3@cornell.edu

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# **June 2016**

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House Historical Association. The Jonathan Parker Ensemble will be playing combinations

of traditional hard hop and contemporary jazz. The band features alto saxophonist and

composer Jonathan Parker and his smoldering octet.

a tour of Decatur House. We are limited to the first 50

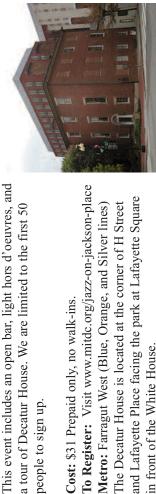
people to sign up.

Join fellow Ivy alumni for an evening at Jazz on Jackson Place sponsored by the White

Decatur House, 748 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC

Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Ivy Social Club: Jazz on Jackson



# Questions: Sally Elsadek at elsadek@gmail.com or 848-702-1085 To Register: Visit www.mitdc.org/jazz-on-jackson-place and Lafayette Place facing the park at Lafayette Square The Decatur House is located at the corner of H Street Metro: Farragut West (Blue, Orange, and Silver lines) Cost: \$31 Prepaid only, no walk-ins. in front of the White House.

# Seeking Volunteers to Research Andrew D. White

Washington from the American Embassies in Russia and Germany, and salient Ambassador Andrew D. White when the new U.S. Diplomacy Center opens at research to prepare for the occasion, which will feature White's reporting to the U.S. State Department next year. Please join CCW volunteers as they An event will honor Cornell University's founding President and former comments from his letters to family and media back home.

in researching White's time in pre-revolutionary Czarist Russia or his experience Contact Bob Day at red48@cornell.edu and indicate whether you are interested in post-Bizmarckian Germany