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President's Note

Dear Cornell Club of Washington members and friends,

Greetings to you on behalf of CCW and its Board of Directors – an extraordinary group of volunteers who help steer and organize club efforts to keep the Cornell connection strong in DC, Maryland and Virginia and the camaraderie ever present throughout the alumni base in the greater Washington area. Many thanks to you and our 1,000-strong membership for your continuing support of the club year after year. We could not exist without you!

This year CCW celebrating 50 years as a consolidated group derived from two separate university alumni chapters – The Cornell Club of Washington and the Cornell Women's Club. With this golden anniversary upon us, we have an exciting year planned with activities and joyous occasions that will help us celebrate how far we've come as an organization. I invite you to join us in the myriad events and programs we'll be offering around the region.

The Cornell Club of Washington is proud to be one of the largest – and one of the longest running - Cornell alumni organizations in the world. Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, CCW supports student scholarships awarded bi-annually to local Cornell undergraduates and Cornell-in-Washington students. Here are just a few upcoming programs you won't want to miss:

- Outings to the Kennedy Center
- Gettysburg tour
- Fourth Celebration of Scholarship Gala

As I dive into my final term in office, I'd like to say a big thank you to my Board of Directors for their tireless hard work on the club's behalf. Their dedication and passion remind me daily of how lucky we are to have this awesome Cornell alumni network here in DC. I'd also like to thank our members for ongoing support and contributions to the club, which in turn will ensure that we continue to show our Big Red spirit en masse in the greater Washington metropolitan area for decades to come! I hope to C U at various CCW events throughout the year.

Best wishes and Let's Go Red,

Grace Jean '00
President
Cornell Club of Washington



Pictured Above: CCW President
Grace Jean '00

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Events at a Glance...

November

- 17 Third Thursdays: Macon Bistro + Larder
Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgs6@cornell.edu
- 19 Walking the Battle: Seeing Gettysburg 153rd Anniversary
Questions: Jim Schoonmaker at president@cornellclubdc.org
- 19 Tree Planting Service
Questions: Laura Gonzales Meyers '04 at communityservice@cornellclubdc.org
- 29 CCW Book Club - The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen
Questions: Facebook Group
- 29 A Christmas Carol - Ford's Theater
Questions: Kerry Kooi at programming@cornellclubdc.org

December

- 02 Ivy Singles Holiday Event
Questions: Kerry Kooi at programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 03 Young Alumni Holiday Party
Questions: Laura Stokes at lstokes14@gmail.com
- 06 CWN-DC/PWN Event
Questions: Melanie Tu at mct37@olcornell.edu
- 12 iHeartRadio Jingle Ball Concert
Questions: Kerry Kooi at programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 13 CCW Monthly Programming Meeting @6:30PM
Questions: email programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 13 CCW Monthly Board Meeting @7:30PM
Questions: Grace Jean at president@cornellclubdc.org
- 18 The Washington Ballet's Nutcracker
Questions: Kerry Kooi at programming@cornellclubdc.org
- Future CALC conference: February 03 - February 04, 2017 in Baltimore Maryland

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

Welcome New CCW Members

Sonaali Aggarwal '16	Zane Mokhiber '16
Azi Akpan '16	Macarena Moreno '16
Emily Berman '16	Cory Nissly '16
Thomas Bishop '16	Constance Nozriere '16
Blair Boyce '16	Kevin Palm '16
James Bradshaw '16	Zhiyin Pan '16
Daniela Cardenas '16	Meg Parker '16
Rebekah Catalana '16	Anitra Persaud '16
Paroma Chakravarty '16	Samantha Primeaux '16
Aimee Cho '16	Olivera Radic '16
Lauren Choi '16	Joshua Reichler '16
Jacob Cohen '16	Nicholas Ringelberg '16
Chad Crowley '16	Manuela Rios '16
Pooja Desai '16	John Roberts '16
Tyler Dolen '06	Natalie Rosseau '16
Katrina Donahue '16	Madeline Salinas '16
Daniel Donovan '16	Wesley Schnapp '16
Rachel Erlebacher '16	Kathryn Sheehan '16
Alexander Fields '16	Karen Shibuya '16
Clara Freeman '16	Danielle Sims '16
Hilary Gelfond '16	
Brian George '16	Jason Spencer '16
Mary Gibbs '16	Kripa Sreepada '16
April Gillis '16	Megan Suarez '16
Isabella Greenberg '16	Derek Sung '16
Christopher Gronberg '16	Kamil Turkmani '16
Andrew Gruseke '16	Laly Vandenberghe '16
Esther Han '16	Amanda Vargo '16
Linda He '16	Charlie Xu '16
Leigh Heidelberg '16	Evan Yetter '16
Christopher Hill '16	Wenqing Zhu '16
Emily Hoagland '16	Elizabeth (Betsy) Alley '91
Jessica Hubbard '16	Nancy Cutler '95
Zoe Jackson '16	Tyler Dolen '06
Eliana Jacobson '16	Jennifer Dumas '93
Michelle Juma '16	Shawna Evers '06
Zoe LaClair '16	Andrea Greene-Horace '92
Michael Levy '16	Lisa Griffin '87
Jixuan Li '16	Joseph Henderson '81
Mark Luzzi '16	Pamela Henderson '76 '81
Rachel Margolis '16	Luis Lopez-Calva '99
Kelly McDarby '16	David Marshak '07
Sean McNeil '16	Erica Taylor '95
Miranda Medrano '16	
Emily Miller '16	
Theodora Misthos '16	

Club Announcements...

On Thursday November 17th, our Third Thursday Happy hour event will be at Macon Bistro & Larder. The Happy Hour will take place in the magnolia room from 5:30PM – 7PM. Please email **Katherine Stifel '87** for more details: kgstifel@earthlink.net. We hope to see you there!

Join the Cornell and Columbia Clubs of Washington on **Saturday, November, 19** for an all-day guided bus trip to the Gettysburg National Military Park. We'll tour the battlefield on the day that Abraham Lincoln gave his iconic Gettysburg Address, led by the Associate Director of Cornell in Washington, David Sibley, who is a Cornell alumnus and military historian.

Date: Saturday, November 19, 8:00am - 8:00pm
Pickup location: Westfield Montgomery Mall, Bethesda, MD
Price: \$55 for round-trip bus and buffet lunch

Contact: Jim Schoonmaker (js378@cornell.edu)

Young Alumni Holiday Party

Kick off the holiday season with fabulous food, drinks, and music with fellow young alumni (2006-2016) at our annual holiday party. Enjoy the open bar (beer and wine) from 7-10 pm and heavy hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening. Cocktail or holiday attire is encouraged. Register here: <http://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-2365101>

Date: Saturday, December 3, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Location: Dirty Martini (1223 Connecticut Ave NW), 2 blocks north of Farragut North (red line) or 4 blocks north of Farragut West (blue, orange, silver lines)

Cost:
Before 11/18
\$35 for CCW members
\$40 for non-members

After **11/18** and at the door (cash only at the door)
\$45 for CCW members
\$50 for non-members
Contact: **Laura Stokes '13**, lstokes14@gmail.com Navy Club

Join CCW as we partner with Casey Trees and Rock Creek Conservancy to conduct an autumn tree planting!

Environmentally-minded Cornellians are invited to engage in light manual labor, mostly consisting of planting trees and adding mulch to trees. On-site instructions and supervision will be provided. This is a good event for families with children.

This event will accommodate up to 10 volunteers. Interested persons should register here on the CCW website. After registration, you will receive a link to RCC's eventbrite page, as we are participating as part of their group.

Special Instructions: Volunteers should wear comfortable clothes, closed-toe shoes, and are encouraged but not required to bring their own gardening gloves.

Contact: Laura Gonzales Meyers '04 at Lmg38@cornell.edu

Outreach

My name is Sandhya Ghanta and I am a 4th Grade Teacher at Democracy Prep Congress Heights, a K-7 public charterschool in Washington, D.C. that is part of the Democracy Prep network of charter schools (<http://democracyprep.org/>). The mission of our school is to educate responsible citizen scholars for success in the college of their choice and a life of active citizenship. We educate our scholars to and through college motivating them to work hard, go to college, and change the world. This mission is especially daunting because at Democracy Prep Congress Heights, we serve predominantly low-income students from Ward 8 in Southeast, D.C. Serving scholars from a historically underserved and marginalized community, our goal at Democracy Prep is not just to close the achievement gap; we also aim to equip our scholars with the personal characteristics that will prepare them for success in life. We seek to ensure that all of our students know that college is, for them, a question of WHEN, not IF. One way we do this is to incorporate college into their everyday lives in school. At Democracy Prep Congress Heights, we sing songs about college, we write chants about college, and we write letters to college presidents. To this end, we name each classroom after colleges and universities. This year the 4th grade named our classrooms after the Ivy League schools. Our classroom will be named Cornell Big Red!!

Because we want our students to live and breathe Cornell, on behalf of our future scholars, I humbly request that you consider donating any university themed items you can spare. Even a box of t-shirts from last year's class of 1965 Reunion will light up our scholars' faces. In the past, many of the universities have donated: shirts, hats, posters, jerseys, and other forms of college swag. We have used them all year with our scholars. Imagine: an 9-year old scholar in Southeast DC walking around in a t-shirt that says Go Big Red on the front! Our scholars, and our families would be most appreciative to receive anything that Cornell University is willing to donate. While we of course are more than willing to accept any donations at any time throughout the year, it would be very helpful to receive any donated items during the fall, the time when we will be setting up our classrooms and our school.

Best,
Sandhya Ghanta
c/o Cornell University
Democracy Prep Congress Heights
3100 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
Washington, DC 20032

Thank you very much for your consideration! Please contact me directly with any questions or comments.

Zinck's Night Recap



Freshman Send-Off Dinner Party 2016

The Cornell Club of Washington, Judy Gleklen Kopff '68, and Gary Kopff MPA '71 held the annual student send-off dinner party on August 14 for new Cornell frosh and transfer students from Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Washington, DC. About 50 matriculating freshmen and 6 new transfer students from our area attended the event and, by all counts, they enjoyed the evening immensely.

Grace Jean, CCW President, spoke briefly about the club's activities, and Janet Cornfeld, Regional Chair for Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) for DC/Maryland, welcomed students, offering them some advice about their transition to college. Janine Peyser Lossing, CAAAN Chair for Bethesda/Chevy Chase, also provided insight into the undergraduate experience. Judy Kopff is the CAAAN Chair for Washington, DC.

A panel of seven current undergraduates and recent grads described life at Cornell and discussed housing and meal plans, Greek life and alternatives, academics, extracurriculars, and miscellaneous information relevant to incoming students. The 2016 panelists were Irvin McCullough '17, rising junior in Industrial and Labor Relations; Natalie Rosseau '16, Kelly McDarby '16, Kate Donatiello '15, Teresa Danso-Danquah '15, Joe Nelson '14, and Kai Keane '14.

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 party for more than 40 years.

The freshmen send-off party panelists and alumni present are shown from left to right (top row): Janine Peyser Lossing, Judy Gleklen Kopff, and Janet Cornfeld. Second row from top (left to right): Kate Donatiello, Kai Keane, and Irvin McCullough. Second row from bottom (left to right): Natalie Rosseau '16, Teresa Danso-Danquah '15, and Joe Nelson '14. Bottom row (left to right): Grace Jean and Kelly McDarby '16. (Missing from photo: Gary Kopff)

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

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 president@cornellclubdc.org.

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red line)

Questions: Grace Jean at president@cornellclubdc.org or Jim Schoonmaker or Kerry Kooi at Programming@cornellclubdc.org



The DC Darlings

An Interview with Co - Founder Katie Kolbe '15

Q: Tell us about yourself and how you got to where you are today?

A: I was born in DC and I went to the Cornell University for my undergraduate degree in Hotel Administration. After 1 year of working in Boston, I decided to leave and move back to the district. Then I met up with a good friend from high school and discussed about starting a lifestyle blog. We started working on creating the website and before we knew it, the DC Darlings was live on the Internet!

Q: Why did you start the DC Darlings?

A: We saw an opportunity in the blogging space. Specifically speaking, there are not that many blogs in DC that focus on fashion, travel and food. Most DC bloggers are covering the current election race, so we thought it would be great to start an all-encompassing lifestyle blog for local millennials.

Q: What advice do you have for future graduate entrepreneurs?

A: Definitely do something risky while you are young. Me and my co-founder are both 23 and we would have regretted not doing this opportunity now as opposed to later when we are deep in either careers or family life. Any new venture will seem scary and at first, so be brave.

Q: What is your strategy to posting on Instagram?

A: We usually post at noon when people are on their lunch break or at around dinner time.

Q: Are there other social media outlets you are posting with? If so, name them.

A: We used word press to get our website started. We have used Pinterest to help supplement our material, but we do not tweet or snapchat. As much as we would like to be on YouTube and have our own channel, we are simply not ready for it yet.

Q: What is your future vision of the DC Darlings?

A: Hopefully to take over the blogging world one day! Our vision is to have satellite blogs in different cities so that we can partner with local brands there to show their material on our Instagram account, Facebook page and website.

Q: Is there anything else you would like your readers to know about you or your business?

A: We love getting our name out there, so if there is an event you would like to co-sponsor with us, please contact us. We love meeting new people and are excited to get to 10k followers by early 2017.



Fall 2016

CCW Alumna Spotlight: Esther Bondareff '37

We are celebrating the 50th year of the consolidated CCW by highlighting a series of alumni members who helped to shape the club over the years. We couldn't think of a better person to feature first than Esther Bondareff '37. Esther became the club's first woman president serving from 1971-1972. During her presidency, she provided the club with a meeting space and worked tirelessly to propel the club to one that would be more than just a sleepy social club. She helped to shape the club into one of distinction. She served the club in several different aspects before relocating to Florida where she now hosts the Cornell Club of Eastern Florida. Since 1984, CCW has conferred the Bondareff Award annually on a Club member who has given outstanding, significant, and continuous service to the Club. This award was created and named after Esther Schiff Bondareff '37 and her late husband, Daniel Bondareff '36. Esther has received numerous awards from Cornell University including the prestigious Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. She is also the only alum to have received a lifetime award from CCW. At the 2016 Annual Dinner, Esther was awarded the first Esther Bondareff Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to a Cornell Club of Washington member who has actively promoted and supported the club over the course of a lifetime. Esther embodies the letter and spirit of the award, and so it seemed appropriate to honor her contributions in perpetuity, by naming the award for her and by making her the first recipient.

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CCW Conable Stipends Awarded

The scholarship committee is pleased to introduce the Fall 2016 Barber S. Conable Stipend Awardees. The Conable Stipends are awarded to Cornell-in-Washington students in order to foster participation by CW students at CCW events and to allow students to maximize access to all that the DC community has to offer. The first awardee is Camille Edwards '18 in Arts and Sciences. Camille is a College Scholar and comes to DC from San Anselmo, CA. Camille is studying intellectual property law in the fashion industry and will be an intern at the Supreme Court during her time in Washington DC. Prior to coming to DC, Camille participated in the Cornell in Turin Program, worked at the Cornell Fashion Management Research Lab on campus and became a member in the Cornell Careers in the Fashion Industry Club. Camille also works as a tour guide while in Ithaca and is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Our second awardee is Emma Billmyer '18 in Arts and Sciences. Emma is studying statistics with a minor in policy analysis and management and comes to DC from Fayetteville, NY. Emma's passion for her major was evident and she described loving the "idea that statistics and data analysis can help make informed policy decisions". Emma also plays the Cello in the Cornell Symphony Orchestra where she also serves as its Librarian and is a member of Alpha Phi Omega Co-Ed Service Fraternity. This gives her an opportunity to spend 18 hours a month volunteering in the Ithaca community. When on campus, Emma works at the Pharmaceutical and Advertising Lab and will be interning at the Brookings Institutions in its economic studies department this fall. Please join the Scholarship Committee in congratulating Camille and Emma on their deserved recognition and our thanks goes to all of the amazing students who applied for the award! We would also like to thank our committee members (Carol Epstein, Bob McKinless and Dale Lazar) for their input and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Fields and Dorothy Jackman, Co-VPs, Scholarship