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## Cornell Club of Washington Annual Dinner & 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration!

### Featuring Keynote Speaker Arvind Manocha '94

**Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**  
**Clyde's Restaurant at Gallery Place**

Please join us for CCW's Annual Dinner & 50th Year Celebration featuring Arvind Manocha '94, President & CEO of the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts. From major pop acts to children's shows to opera and more, Arvind directs the Foundation's year-round performing arts programming and educational activities. He graduated with honors from Cornell and earned his master's degree as a Marshall Scholar from the University of Cambridge. He is also a member of the Cornell Club of Washington.



**CEO Arvind Manocha '94**  
Photo: Teddy Wolff, Wolf Trap Foundation

The evening will include highlights from the Club's 50 years, a brief CCW business meeting, and the election next year's board of directors.

#### Program:

5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. – Registration and reception  
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. – Seated dinner and program

**Cost:** Please register early as we expect to reach capacity. Registration includes wine and beer, dinner, and dessert.

- CCW Members and Guests - \$75
- Young Alumni - \$25 (Classes of '13 to '17, limited registration)
- Sponsorships - your \$600 donation includes two regular tickets and underwrites the cost of six young alumni to attend this event. Help the club develop its new leaders for the next 50 years! Contact Melvin Zurn for details.

**Location:** Clyde's – the Piedmont Room, 707 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC

**Metro:** Gallery Place Metro (Red/Green/Yellow Lines) at the Verizon Center

**Questions:** Melvin Zurn '93 at [melvin.zurn@gmail.com](mailto:melvin.zurn@gmail.com)

### SAVE THE DATE

Father's Day Picnic

Sunday, June 18, 2017  
at

Fort Hunt Park

A family-friendly event to celebrate Bob McKinless ('48)'s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and honor Cornell fathers



## Board of Directors 2016-2017

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Chuck Schilke Law '88

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Drew Zukosky '13

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Christine Song '94, Gr '05

Ali Wright '11 Law '14

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### MAY

- 06 ..... The Gold Cup - University Row 2017  
Questions: *Todd Theringer* at [ttheringer@gmail.com](mailto:ttheringer@gmail.com)
- 07-08 .. *Angkor Awakens: An Inside Look At Cambodia* to debut in DC  
Questions: *Robert H. Lieberman* at [rhl10@cornell.edu](mailto:rhl10@cornell.edu)
- 09 ..... CCW Monthly Program Committee and Board Meetings  
Questions: *Grace Jean* at [gvj1@cornell.edu](mailto:gvj1@cornell.edu)
- 10 ..... Nationals versus the Baltimore Orioles  
Questions: *Steve Piekarec* at [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net)
- 13 ..... Lasertag  
Questions: *Jim Schoonmaker and Kerry Kooi* at [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 14 ..... The Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers  
Questions: [dcjs.choir@gmail.com](mailto:dcjs.choir@gmail.com)
- 18 ..... Third Thursdays - Macon Bistro and Larder  
Questions: *Katherine Stifel* at [kgstifel@earthlink.net](mailto:kgstifel@earthlink.net)
- 19 ..... Ivy Singles - Woman's National Democratic Club, outdoor patio  
Questions: *Steve Piekarec* at [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net)
- 20 ..... Newseum Rock 'N Roll Tour  
Questions: *Julia Buffinton* at [jab684@cornell.edu](mailto:jab684@cornell.edu)
- 21 ..... CCW Brewery Tour – Denizens Bewing Company  
Questions: *Drew Zukosky* at [ajz37@cornell.edu](mailto:ajz37@cornell.edu)
- 23 ..... CCW Annual Dinner & 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration  
Questions: *Mel Zurn* at [melvin.zurn@gmail.com](mailto:melvin.zurn@gmail.com)
- 24 ..... John F. Kennedy's Centennial Celebration with Yo-Yo Ma (Sold Out)  
Questions: *Tomoko Morinaga* at [tm58@cornell.edu](mailto:tm58@cornell.edu)

### JUNE

- 04 ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar and Alice Dunbar-Nelson Walking Tour of LeDroit Park  
Questions: *Linda Jarschauer Johnson* at [lji1@cornell.edu](mailto:lji1@cornell.edu)
- 13 ..... CCW Monthly Program Committee and Board Meetings  
Questions: *Grace Jean* at [gvj1@cornell.edu](mailto:gvj1@cornell.edu)
- 15 ..... Third Thursdays – Macon Bistro and Larder  
Questions: *Katherine Stifel* at [kgstifel@earthlink.net](mailto:kgstifel@earthlink.net)
- 18 ..... CCW Father's Day Picnic Honoring Bob McKinless '48  
Questions: *Terry Horner* at [tnh1@cornell.edu](mailto:tnh1@cornell.edu)
- 25 ..... 14th Annual Cornell Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast  
Questions: *Molly Berger* at [msb279@cornell.edu](mailto:msb279@cornell.edu)
- 26 ..... Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
Questions: *Linda Jarschauer Johnson* at [lji1@cornell.edu](mailto:lji1@cornell.edu)
- 28 ..... The Battle That (Pretty Much) Ended World War II in the Pacific:  
Leyte Gulf, 1944  
Questions: *Jim Schoonmaker and Kerry Kooi* at [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

Register for events at <http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events>

## CCW History

With the March 2017 issue of CCW News, we began a series to honor CCW's 31 Past Presidents. For many years, the Cornell Women's Club and the Cornell Club of Washington (men only) sponsored their own programs and activities. In December 1965, both boards approved a merger agreement, and a referendum vote was mailed to the alumni. The two presidents at the time, Edwin Miller '35 and Lori Eisenberg '50, completed their terms. For the following year (1966-67), Phillip Fleming '52 was elected the first president of the newly consolidated group. Visit [www.cornellclubdc.org/history](http://www.cornellclubdc.org/history) for more CCW history.

## Welcome New CCW Members

Victoria Brailitsa

Julliard Del Rosario '15

Amy Freitag '08

Elizabeth Harnad '98

Kelsey Kruse '16

Savannah McCoy '07

Sameena Nazir '13

Robert Robbins '72

Katharine Schubauer '13

Hanqing Yang Gr '16

Ivy Singles—Woman's  
National Democratic Club,  
outdoor patio

May 19, 2017

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

<http://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-2523962> Questions:

Steve Piekarec at

[spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net)

## Honoring CCW's Past Presidents

It's easy for Charles "Chuck" Schilke JD '88 to remember moving to Washington, D.C.— it was November 1992 and the night when Bill Clinton was first elected president. Before moving to D.C., Chuck had only been here once, for Boy Scouts when he was 14 years old. With his strong interest in higher education, it was natural for him to look up CCW and attend a meeting. He knew a little bit about the Cornell Club having attended some of the events in Boston, where he began his legal career.

Chuck's favorite memory of Cornell is jogging from the Law School to the Plantations as an antidote to law school. "On a fall day when the leaves were turning colors, my jog was an idyllic experience." He majored in corporate and regulatory law and specialized in international law, in which Cornell has a great tradition. He had also been a doctoral student at Harvard in international relations. At Cornell, his favorite class and professor was Property with Greg Alexander. Professor Alexander exemplified how a great teacher could also be a great research scholar. Chuck also took Trusts and Estates with Professor Alexander, and those courses foreshadowed his career at real estate law firms, Exxon Mobil, Marriott, and The American National Red Cross. They also foreshadowed his other career as a law, real estate, and finance professor at Georgetown and Johns Hopkins. While in law school, Chuck made time in his busy schedule for the International Law Society, the Asian-American Law Association, and Moot Court. He also rented a house with five classmates on Collegetown's South Quarry Street, and they remain lifelong friends. Interestingly, Filiz Serbes JD '88, who heads one of the IRS's corporate tax divisions, lived next door to Chuck in the Law School dormitory and currently lives in the building next to him!



CCW President from 2001 to 2003

Before becoming CCW President in 2001, Chuck served as one of the first Co-Chairs of Programming with Bonnie Eissner '94. During his time at the helm of CCW, he laid the foundation for CCW's great Programming achievements and he recalled his great Programming Co-Chairs—Danielle Routt Gonzalez '00, now a real estate law partner at Greenberg Traurig in Miami and Melanie Acostavalle West '99, now a journalist in New York City. While CCW President, Chuck represented Cornell at the historic inauguration of John DiGioia as President of Georgetown University. He couldn't have foreseen it at the time that Georgetown would later hire him to create and direct its new graduate real estate program. After completing his term as CCW President, Chuck represented the Mid-Atlantic Region to the Cornell Alumni Federation Board, served three times on the Cornell University Council, and served on the Entrepreneurship@Cornell Board. He also served on the Law School Alumni Board and co-chaired the Law School fundraising in D.C. Chuck is currently CCW's Counsel, will continue on the Board in the coming year and said "I'm really looking forward to working with a new generation of Cornellians in DC." Before we closed, I asked Chuck why someone should join CCW and he said, "the more work I do on other nonprofit boards, the more I appreciate CCW's exceptional ability to serve Cornell and Cornell alumni I think, in part, because of Cornell's land grant outreach tradition, and its strong fraternity and sorority tradition." He added that CCW's monthly meetings include alumni from the Class of 1948 to the Class of 2016—a 58-year span in one room. "I know of no other alumni organization that commands this kind of loyalty."

By Terry Horner '92 PhD '98

## Conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Join the Cornell Club of Washington for a discussion of her book, "My Own Words," with Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 4:00 pm. You must be a current member of the Cornell Club of Washington to register. A member may bring only one guest. The event will be held in the Courtroom and attendance is limited to 250.



Registration is required and the names of all attendees must be included for nametags, which will be passed out upon check-in and will be required for admittance.

Please arrive no later than 3:30 pm in order to receive your nametag and go through security. Use the north door underneath the left side of the front steps of the Supreme Court building. Supreme Court Police will be on hand to direct the group upstairs and where to queue for entering the Courtroom. Photography is not permitted in the Courtroom. Cell phones/tablets/other electronics must be turned off, or silenced and not in use during the event.

**Cost:** Free

**Metro:** Capitol South (Orange/Blue/Silver Lines) or Union Station (Red Line)

**Questions:** Linda Jarschauer Johnson at [lj1@cornell.edu](mailto:lj1@cornell.edu)

**Members will receive an email message when registration opens during the first week of May**

### DOROTHY COTTON JUBILEE SINGERS

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

2700 F Street, NW Washington, DC

Performing on the Millennium Stage at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers (DCJS), founded in 2010 by Dr. Baruch Whitehead, associate professor of music education at Ithaca College, is dedicated to the preservation of the "Negro Spirituals." This group of community singers, directed by Dr. Whitehead, was named in honor of current Ithaca resident Dorothy Cotton, civil rights pioneer who served as education director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Cotton was Director of Student Activities at Cornell in the '80's. The DCJS currently perform at two semi-annual concerts and as invited participants for numerous community events and organizations in both Ithaca and beyond. They also perform in formal programs at Ithaca College and Cornell University, often in conjunction with Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and Black History Month celebrations.

**Cost:** Free

**Metro:** Foggy Bottom-GWU (Blue, Orange, and Silver lines). Free Kennedy Center shuttle buses available from Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro Station

**Questions:** [dcjs.choir@gmail.com](mailto:dcjs.choir@gmail.com)



Cornellians at the CCW tour of the District Distilling Company on U Street



CCW Small Dinner Series at Centrolina



Terry Horner '92 PhD '98, CCW's First VP, visiting with Cornell PhD students in March

## Club Announcements...

### Cherry Blossoms at Night for CCW Scholarship



Although Adams Morgan isn't usually considered a prime location for cherry blossom viewing, the flowers were on full display on March 23rd, as a dozen Cornellians raised paintbrushes to create their own "Cherry Blossoms at Night" masterpieces. The paint-and sip event — held at Uncork'd Art's cozy third-floor studio above Havana Village — raised money for CCW's scholarship fund. Cornellians in attendance ranged from 2016 graduates to alums who danced to the music of Michael Jackson and Madonna when they lived on the Hill. As usual, class year didn't matter, and the lively group of Cornellians chatted easily with each other and their talented instructor, Lionel.

Many thanks to all who attended!

By Lisa Griffin '87

### VOLUNTEER CORNER

#### Program Committee

The CCW Program Committee is always looking for new event ideas! Please submit your ideas to [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org) or attend the next Program Meeting on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Cornell-in-Washington Center located at 1341 22nd St NW, Washington, DC.

#### Father's Day Picnic Honoring Bob McKinless on June 18th

Volunteers needed for various tasks for the Father's Day Picnic at Fort Hunt Park. For questions or more details, please email Terry Horner at [tnh1@cornell.edu](mailto:tnh1@cornell.edu).

#### Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on June 26th

Volunteers needed for assistance with registration. For questions or more details, please email Jim Schoonmaker at [js378@cornell.edu](mailto:js378@cornell.edu).

#### Community Service

Cornell Cares with United Way: Elizabeth Garrett Service Event - volunteers needed for various tasks, event tentatively in June. For questions or more details, please email Laura Gonzales Meyers at [lmq38@cornell.edu](mailto:lmq38@cornell.edu).

#### Other Ways to Help

Contact the Outreach and Coordination Committee to be connected to the CCW vice president in your areas of interest. Please email Steve Piekarec at [spiekare@verizon.net](mailto:spiekare@verizon.net), Elina Hum at [ehum@humlawfirm.com](mailto:ehum@humlawfirm.com); or Drew Zukosky at [ajz37@cornell.edu](mailto:ajz37@cornell.edu).



### Paul Laurence Dunbar and Alice Dunbar-Nelson Walking Tour of LeDroit Park

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Shaw-Howard U Metro Station, Washington, DC

Paul Laurence Dunbar was the first nationally-known African American poet. Alice Dunbar-Nelson, his wife, was also an accomplished writer of poetry, fiction, and journalism. This tour tells the story of their accomplishments, their unhappy marriage, and his early death, and discusses the African American intelligentsia who were drawn to LeDroit Park and the Shaw neighborhood from the end of the Civil War to World War I. Kim Roberts, our tour leader, is a literary historian who specializes in writers from Washington, DC. She is the author of five books of poems, the editor of the anthology *Full Moon on K Street: Poems About Washington, DC*, and co-editor of the literary journals *Beltway Poetry Quarterly* and *The Delaware Poetry Review*, and the web exhibit *DC Writers' Homes*.



Stops on the tour include the Dunbar Theater; Howard Theater; Lucy Diggs Slowe Hall; and the homes of the Dunbars; Robert and Mary Church Terrell; Christian and Sara Fleetwood; and James E. Walker and Anna Julia Cooper. (This event is recommended for adults only due to frank discussions of domestic violence.)

**Cost:** \$16 members; \$20 non-members

**Metro:** Shaw-Howard U (Green/Yellow Lines)

**Questions:** Linda Jarschauer Johnson at [ljj1@cornell.edu](mailto:ljj1@cornell.edu)

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## The CCW Nominating Committee Presents the 2017-2018 State

### Officers

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VP CAAAN/VA: Matt Neman '98  
VP Communications: Liz Herman '01  
VP Community Service: Laura Gonzales Meyers '04  
Co-VP Membership: Julia Buffinton '14  
Co-VP Membership: Drew Zukosky '13  
VP Program: Jim Schoormaker '74  
VP Scholarship: Lisa Burns Griffin '87  
Immediate Past President: Grace Jean '00

### Directors

<u>Terms End June 2019</u>	<u>Terms End June 2018</u>
Tonique Hay Gr '12	Jill Fields '88
Linda Johnson '60-'63	Christine Song '94, Gr '05 *
Steve Plekarec '74	Katherine Rogers '01 *
Chuck Schilke Law '88	Ali Wright '11, Law '14 *
Mel Zurn '83	Kwame Campoo Rodriguez JGM '15

### \* Continuing in office

Other nominations may be filed with President Grace Jean '00 or Secretary Elisabeth Boas '71 not later than May 18, 2017 on petition of ten members in good standing. No nomination will be received from the floor at the Annual Election Meeting.

*Nominating Committee members: Eliot Greenwald '73, Chair; Elisabeth Boas '71, Julia Buffinton '14, Tonique Hay Gr '12, Terry Horner '92, PhD '98, Elina Hum '79, Grace Jean '00 (ex officio), Bob Mackless '88, Mark Steeny '07 and Katherine Stifel '87*