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CCW Welcomes Dr. Ryan Lombardi, Cornell's VP for Student and Campus Life

On August 1, 2015, Cornell University selected Dr. Ryan Lombardi to be the new Vice President for Student and Campus Life and we are excited for his inaugural visit to DC on Thursday February 8th.



Dr. Ryan Lombardi, VP for Student and Campus Life

CCW will host an evening reception with Dr. Lombardi starting at 6:30 pm and the program will follow at 7:30 pm. The venue will be the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) building located at 1307 New York Avenue, NW.

As VP for Student and Campus Life, he plans to discuss a number of important issues facing the Cornell campus, including diversity and inclusion; health and wellness; the residential experience; and career services. The Division of Student and Campus Life provides a broad array of programs and services designed to support students and the campus community, including Athletics and Physical Education, Office of the Dean of Students, Gannett Health Services, Finance and Administration (including Campus Life Enterprise Services), Public Service Center and Cornell Career Services. The Division comprises over 1,000 staff and has an annual operating budget of more than \$220 million.

Prior to joining Cornell, Dr. Lombardi served as the Vice President for Student Affairs and affiliated faculty in the Patton College of Education at Ohio University. He has also worked at Duke University and Colorado College. He received an undergraduate degree in Music Education from West Chester University and a master's degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Kansas. He completed a doctorate in Higher Education Administration at North Carolina State University.

He resides in Ithaca, NY, with his wife Dr. Kara Lombardi and his two daughters.

Remembering Esther Bondareff '37

On Dec. 19th, Esther passed away at the age of 102. She was CCW's first female President, and CCW and the greater Cornell community have lost a great treasure. We plan to remember and honor her in the February newsletter and would like to hear how her legacy has affected your life. Please email your comments by Jan. 15th to

newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

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CAAAN You Help?

Would you like to meet with accomplished young adults who are about to embark on one of the most exciting chapters of their lives? Are you looking to give back to the University that gave you so much? If so, volunteer now with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), a group of more than 12,000 alumni volunteers worldwide who assist Cornell's Office of Admissions by serving as ambassadors for prospective students in all 50 states and over 50 nations. Last year, over 1,300 students from the Washington, DC area applied for admission to Cornell!

Between October and April of each year, volunteers reach out to individual applicants and/or groups, occasionally attend high school college fairs as representatives of Cornell, and congratulate those lucky students who are admitted. We are **always** in need of more alumni to become involved in this rewarding activity. Please register at <http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu/> so you can be assigned to an area committee. If you already are a CAAAN member, we are greatly appreciative and request your help in inviting your alumni friends to volunteer! If you have any questions, please contact Janet Cornfeld '72 (General Chair, DC/MD CAAAN) at janet.cornfeld@gmail.com or Matt Neiman '98 (General Chair, NoVa CAAAN) at matthew.neiman@gmail.com.

CCW Scholarship Funds

CCW is committed to helping current Cornell students afford their undergraduate education and through the generous donations of Washington, DC-area alumni, we have established and funded five scholarships for local students who attend Cornell. The scholarships mitigate the "self-help" portion of the students' financial aid packages and are awarded to students based upon their academic achievement and contributions to Cornell life. These annual scholarships honor some of CCW's beloved members who dedicated their time and talents to serving the local Cornell community:

- **Howard S. Epstein Cornell Club of Washington Federation Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded to two local area students and honors the late Howard Epstein '58, Law '61, a former President of the CCW and the Cornell Federation.
- **Kiplinger Scholarship.** This scholarship honors the late Austin Kiplinger '39, chairman emeritus of the Cornell University Board of Trustees, in recognition of his service to Cornell University and the greater Washington, DC, community. CCW awards this scholarship to one local area student.
- **Robert Ladd Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded to one local area student and honors Robert D. Ladd '43, who spent virtually his entire lifetime as a Cornell booster.
- **Robert McKinless Scholarship.** This scholarship honors Robert McKinless '48, a dedicated Cornellian and CCW past president and current member, and is awarded to a local area student who is actively involved in volunteer community service at Cornell.

Each semester, the CCW also gives alumni-funded stipends to two students in the Cornell-in-Washington program. The stipends honor the late Barber B. Conable '43 – a Congressman from western New York and President of the World Bank – for his contributions to our government and international relations. The stipends help defray the costs of living in DC and the potential loss of income from being unable to hold a work-study job while participating in an internship. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all of you who have given generously to these funds in the past. We hope that, in the future, you will consider donating – again or for the first time .

Donations can be made here <https://cornellclubdc.org> and for more information, please contact Lisa Burns Griffin at scholarship@cornellclubdc.org.

Honoring Past Presidents

As an undergraduate in Cornell's School of Engineering Physics, Joe Stregack '63 found the 1960s to be an exciting time for scientific discovery. With the Apollo program in full swing, jobs in engineering were plentiful. "As I was getting ready to graduate, many companies wanted to talk about potential employment," he said. But by 1970, when he completed his Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering at Cornell, the Apollo program had ended – and technical jobs disappeared with it. Fortunately for Joe, the Navy, which had sponsored his graduate work in support of the laser development program, offered him a job in DC at the Naval Research Laboratory. After settling in Washington in 1970, he continued his research before moving into management. In 1981, Joe left the government to go into industry, where he helped run a small government support contractor before retiring in 2004 and moving to Lake Worth, Florida, with his wife, Marlene Taylor '70. From there, he continues to support Navy laser programs as an independent consultant. Joe was involved in CCW from the beginning of his career in the DC area. It all started at a Father's Day picnic in 1971, when Esther Bondareff '37 – the first female CCW president – recruited him to support the Cornell Fund activities that she and her husband, Dan Bondareff '35, led in the area. He soon took the lead in phone-a-thons and became Dan's assistant on the Major Gifts Committee. From there, things progressed: Joe became a member of the CCW Board and eventually became Vice President and then President in 1982. At the time, CCW's offices were in the Bondareffs' room above their family grocery store in Northwest DC. But when the Bondareff family sold the property – and Cornell decided it needed a facility for its Cornell in Washington Program – the club secured its current offices near Dupont



Joe Stregack '63



(L to R): Marlene Taylor Stregack '70, the late Esther Bondareff '37, Joe, and Sylvia Sprecker, friend of Cornell.

Circle. There were several changes in the club at this time. Though it continued to host most events in central DC, it began to host dinners in the suburbs – up to 40 or 50 events each year. "We were probably one of the more active major clubs from Cornell," Joe said. "We were very influential and active in what was going on." Indeed, the club had several members, including Joe, on the Board of the Federation of Cornell Clubs. Joe also cited the diversity of CCW during his tenure as a major point of pride. "We were well ahead of the curve on a lot of things," he said. "When I was president, we had three members of the board who were minorities, one of whom became my successor. We were one of the first clubs to start getting a diversity of people – in age, gender and race." After his presidency, Joe remained on the Board and served as the head of the nominations committee several times. He also stayed active in supporting the Major Gifts activities and saw several of the younger members he helped recruit step into leadership roles in the club. While in DC, Joe chaired many major events honoring university leaders and prominent Cornellians in the area. He's been Vice President of the class of 1963 three times and currently serves as its President. When he moved to Florida, Esther Bondareff recruited him a second time – this time to the Board of the Cornell Club of Eastern Florida and to head its Major Gift activities. As an aside, Joe and Marlene were thrilled to attend Esther's 100th birthday celebration in Florida. Joe urges all Cornellians – especially young alumni – to get involved with CCW. "CCW serves as a great resource for getting into activities and meeting very neat people," he said. "It's just a really great opportunity to meet people with common interests, people whose viewpoints and horizons are well beyond what yours might be at any given time. You can't go wrong by getting involved."

- Sarah Cutler '16

CCW History

With the March 2017 issue of CCW News, we began a series to honor CCW's 32 Past Presidents.

After many years of two separate alumni clubs, one for women and one for men, the two boards approved a merger in December 1965, to create what is now the current CCW. The two presidents at the time, Edwin Miller '35 and Lori Eisenberg '50, completed their terms and Phillip Fleming '52 became the first president of the newly consolidated group for the 1966-67 year.

Visit www.cornellclubdc.org/history for more CCW history.

Interview a Past President!

Would you like to see CCW honor a Past President? We are always looking for suggestions and interviewers.

Email us at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

Past Event Highlights

Anderson House, Home of the Society of the Cincinnati Tour



On Saturday December 2nd, members of CCW joined fellow CCW member, Dan Sherman '86 MS, PhD Labor Economics, an extremely knowledgeable docent and Anderson House enthusiast, for a wonderful tour of the Anderson House on Massachusetts Avenue, NW, just north of Dupont Circle.

Built in 1905 and designed by architects Arthur Little and Herbert Browne of Boston, this house of Larz Anderson and his wife, Isabel, has been the home of the Society of the Cincinnati since 1938, when the House and its contents were donated to the Society by Isabel, who survived her husband, in 1937. As a dedicated member of this Society, Larz and Isabel welcomed many distinguished guests including, Presidents William Taft and Calvin Coolidge, Henry A. du Pont, members of the Vanderbilt family and many others. One of the founding Society members was George Washington. The Anderson's entertained many foreign dignitaries in an ambassadorial capacity. At this Dupont Circle Historic Landmark Building, one of the first American patriotic organizations, both the French and American flags still fly today due to the alliance created between these two countries during the war efforts.

Dan Sherman, docent (far right side) docent
Photo credit: Katherine Stifel

This photograph looks back into the Main Living space that visiting guests would have seen ascending to the Dining Room on the second floor, once greeted by their hosts. The Dining Room contains an historic library with founding and current Society volumes therein that address topics of American independence and its authorship. Gilded Age Interior décor is eclectic and strongly influenced by English, French and Italian affects. The House benefited from electric light not common at this time, as well as two elevators and a telephone. Several large tapestries that now hang in the National Cathedral were donated by the Anderson's for the public to appreciate. A number of participants continued their discussion afterwards over lunch at Circa, a 5 minute walk away. Dan provided a wonderfully memorable tour and we will miss him as he moves away from our metropolitan area by year's end. We will always remember and be thankful to him for leading this tour and we'll certainly welcome him back whenever he visits DC. If you missed this tour and are interested in Revolutionary War history and that of Washington DC, please contact programming@cornellclubdc.org. We are always looking to organize another visit or to other destinations in and around our capital city.

- Katherine Stifel '87

Young Alumni Holiday Party

Over 100 young alumni (graduation years 2008-2017) gathered on Saturday, December 9th for the 5th annual Young Alumni Holiday Party. This year's event was in a new location, Town Tavern in Adams Morgan. The bar's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" themed private room was the perfect space for getting in the holiday spirit as guests enjoyed festive "Cornell Big Red" cocktails. Thank you to Cornell Student & Young Alumni Programming for co-sponsoring the event!



- Julia Buffinton '14

Cornell young alumni celebrate the holidays!

Cornell Cares Day

Join us for our annual Elizabeth Garrett Cornell Cares Day series that take place over the weekend of Saturday, January 6th and Sunday, January 7th. There will be three different events where you can show your Cornell community spirit!

The first event is with Catholic Charities on Saturday January 6th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the NY Avenue Men's Shelter, located at 1335 New York Avenue, NE. Volunteers will clean the shelter so it is as welcoming as possible to the men who will stay there that night. Volunteers will scrub, sweep, and dust from top to bottom. If time and numbers allow, volunteers could help organized storage areas, tear sheets, and other tasks. A location tour will be provided. Up to 15 volunteers are needed and volunteers should wear closed toe shoes and long pants. Teen volunteers (ages 12 and up) accompanied by parents or guardians and with a signed parental waiver are welcome. All adult volunteers will sign the Catholic Charities standard liability waiver, confidentiality agreement and media release form when they check in.

The second event is with the Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation (LDCRF) on Saturday January 6th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Petco Rockville, located at 1507 Rockville Pike in Rockville, MD. Since 2001, LDCRF has been taking in abandoned or displaced dogs and cats facing euthanasia, and placing them in loving foster and permanent homes. All animals in the care of LDCRF have been spayed or neutered, and are up-to-date on vaccinations. At this adoption event, each volunteer will be assigned a dog to watch over at a pet adoption event. Each volunteer will walk the dog around the store, introduce the dog to prospective adopters, answer questions, and help the potential adopters with the adoption process. Up to 8 volunteers are needed for this event. Children are permitted, but should not be listed separately in your registration count as they must be supervised at all times. Metro: Twinbrook (Red); Petco Rockville is located in Congressional Plaza (with Staples and Michaels), a half mile from the Twinbrook Metro Station.

The third event will again be with the Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation (LDCRF) on Sunday January 7th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the PetSmart Sterling, located at 46220 Potomac Run Plaza, Sterling, VA. At this adoption event, each volunteer will be assigned a dog to watch over at a pet adoption event. Each volunteer will walk the dog around the store, introduce the dog to prospective adopters, answer questions, and help the potential adopters with the adoption process. Up to 8 volunteers are needed for this event. Children are permitted, but should not be listed separately in your registration count as they must be supervised at all times.

Questions: Contact Laura Gonzales Meyers '04 at lmg38@cornell.edu.

Volunteer Corner



Communications

Are you a fan of Instagram and Facebook? Help CCW with our communications efforts including our social media and email updates. Please contact communications@cornellclubdc.org.

Community Service

We are always looking for community service ideas and volunteers! To learn more, contact Laura Gonzales at communityservice@cornellclubdc.org.

Finance Committee

Do you have a background in accounting or tax law? Or want to become more familiar with these areas and how they work in the non-profit context? Then please consider joining us! Email treasurer@cornellclubdc.org with expression of interest or questions.

Programming

The CCW Programming Committee welcomes suggestions for programs and volunteers to help with them! Please contact programming@cornellclubdc.org.

Technology

Looking for people with website experience to help in the redesign of the CCW website. Contact Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org.

Events at a Glance

JANUARY

Join CCW for a Unique
**Cornell Song Tradition
Reception & Singing
Event**



Listen to & Learn some Cornell Song standards in the company of fellow local Cornellians and friends around a Steinway piano with some special guests.

**Sunday March 4th
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm**

Participation in singing is optional, but we think you'll catch our Big Red Spirit.

Parking will be available.

Grace Chapel & Atrium
at the National Cathedral
School Woodley Road
Campus on the Cathedral
Close

Stay tuned for more details!

Questions?
Katherine Stifel
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- 06 Cornell Cares (1/3): Shelter Cleanup Event
Questions: Laura Gonzales Meyers at Lmg38@cornell.edu
- 06 Cornell Cares (2/3): Pet Rescue Rockville
Questions: Laura Gonzales Meyers at Lmg38@cornell.edu
- 07 Cornell Cares (3/3): Pet Rescue Sterling
Questions: Laura Gonzales Meyers at Lmg38@cornell.edu
- 09 CCW Monthly Board Meeting
Questions: Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org
- 18..... Third Thursdays
Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net
- 24..... Small Dinner Series: Bresca
Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net
- 25 CCW Book Club - "Swing Time" by Zadie Smith
Questions: Liz Pomper at ehp3@cornell.edu
- 26 Ivy Singles January Event - Woman's National Democratic Club
Questions: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@verizon.net

FEBRUARY

- 01-03..Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) 2018
Questions: Office of Alumni Affairs at calc@cornell.edu
- 08.....Evening Reception with Dr. Ryan Lombardi
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 13 CCW Monthly Board Meeting
Questions: Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org
- 13 Cornell in Washington Student/Alumni Mixer
Questions: Linda Jarschauer Johnson at ljj1@cornell.edu
- 15..... Third Thursdays
Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net
- 19 All-Ivy Badminton Tournament
Questions: Ken Meyercord at kiaskfm@verizon.net
- 24 Ivy / Seven Sisters Winter Indoor Tennis Party
Questions: Kuni Matsuda at stardust@smart.net
- 24 Advancing Civil Discourse - Public Debate
Questions: Ming Shiao at debate@cornell.edu

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

Club Announcements

Monthly CCW Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 9th, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cornell Center

1341 22nd St., NW, Washington DC

Monthly Cornell Club of Washington board meeting. Open to all Club members and alumni.

Cost: Free, light dinner provided

Transportation: Dupont Circle Metro (Red Line)

Questions: Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org

January Third Thursdays

Thursday, January 18th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Hank's Oyster Bar Dupont

1624 Q St., NW, Washington, DC

Following in the Spirit of Zinck's Night, join fellow Cornellians, who are in DC for a day or a lifetime, at a social event on the Third Thursday of each month. Get to know each other and unwind! Owner/Chef Jamie Leeds is a local DC community builder and Proprietor of Hank's Oyster Bar, named after her father Hank, opened in 2005.

Cost: Cash bar

Transportation: Dupont Circle Metro (Red Line)

Questions: Katherine Stifel at kgstifel@earthlink.net

CCW Book Club: "Swing Time" by Zadie Smith

Thursday, January 25th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Teaism Penn Quarter

400 8th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Join us to discuss Zadie Smith's sweeping novel about friendship, race, and class.

Cost: Free, pay for own drinks

Transportation: Judiciary Square Metro (Red Line)

Questions: Liz Pomper at ehp3@cornell.edu

Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) 2018

Thursday, February 1st to Saturday, February 3rd

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA

CALC is Cornell's flagship volunteer event! Volunteer leaders of numerous clubs, classes, associations, positions, and geographies come together to communicate, collaborate, brainstorm, learn, and share, creating connections and synergies that benefit all Cornellians. Among other activities, the conference will feature:

- Faculty presentations, with a Return to the Classroom experience.
- All-Alumni Event with President Martha Pollack.
- An engaging opportunity to meet with other Cornell Leaders and Volunteers who represent hundreds of Cornell Alumni organizations.
- Dynamic discussions, plenary gatherings, and hands-on learning opportunities.

Early bird registration ends on January 10th!

Questions: Office of Alumni Affairs at calc@cornell.edu

Do you have ideas for the CCW Newsletter? Email us at: newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

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Welcome New CCW Members

Alexander Iglesias '17	Jason Wright MBA'17	Michael Murillo MBA'17
Bhavya Paliwal CIPA'17	Judit Temesvary Gr '11	Molly Olonoff '17
Durreh Tabassum MBA'16	Kevin McKeever '17	Rachel Margolis '16
Emily Ruegger '13	Markus Burkardt '14	
George Melby '17	Michael Loveland '12	