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Cornell Notes

"Music is the passion of my soul," Thomas Jefferson declared, and many Cornellians share his sentiment. Despite whatever career path they've chosen, our graduates still find time to enable their musicality and entertain many Washingtonians with their music.



Gil Keteltas '86 (center right) and Kenyon Erickson '81 (center left) built on their experience in the famous Hangovers to launch a local D.C. A Cappella group called The Tone Rangers after graduation. It's a tight-knit group, Erickson said, with "a reputation for combining harmony and humor." That combination, he said, is the secret ingredient keeping the group fresh and fun for all nine members.

Alongside entertaining Washingtonians, Gil said, the group doesn't forget its origins. The Tone Rangers host an annual "Stampede," where they take a portion of revenue from the event and donate it to Cornell scholarships. The Tone Rangers have also hosted Cornell music groups over the years, particularly the Hangovers and the Cornell Chorus subset, After Eight. Gil fondly reminisced about sharing the stage with his daughter during one of those concerts, when she was singing with After Eight.

The District has no one arch-sing on North Campus and no semi-annual club fair at Barton Hall, so for those interested in singing here, they have to take the initiative. It isn't as daunting as one thinks; however, encourages After Eight alumna and On The Verge member Alison Torrillo French '95. Whether through Facebook groups or by other means, she says, "once you're plugged into the community and make a connection, you're going to get to know a lot of people very quickly." The A Cappella and music community in D.C. is easy to join and settle into.

"A lot of the groups are friendly with each other," said The Capital Hearings' Dileep Srihari '00, so if you don't get into one group, "ask the director to recommend some other groups." The nation's capital is also known as "the choral capital of the country," he said. For those interested in joining a singing group, the nation's capital has a lot to offer. The important thing to do is to get out there and try anything.

by Matthew S. Lynch '14

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fall Service Weekend

3 events on the same day
Saturday, Oct 13th
7:00-11am

Join fellow Cornell alumni for a weekend of service

Questions?

Laura Gonzales Meyers
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Honoring Past CCW Presidents: Jeff Goldstein '90, Call of Duty

For my first interview with a CCW Past President, I had the pleasure of speaking with CCW President Emeritus Jeff Goldstein who presided over the club from 1996-1998. He recalled the sbeginning of his involvement with CCW began at the invitation of his floor mate at Cornell, Carolyn DeWilde Casswell '90, with whom he developed a strong lifelong friendship. In 1993, at her urging, he came on board in programming and quickly followed her through every office she held, finally answering the call of duty three years later to ascend to the presidency.

It was a relatively younger board, he said, with the goal of reaching 1,000 members which the club couldn't quite reach in the pre-internet days. Goldstein fondly remembered what was likely his biggest legacy; introducing pizza into the monthly meetings in an effort to thank officers for devoting time each month and possibly to increase membership as well as meeting attendance.

During that time, the Club had a lot of annual events, but the Ivy League over-30 singles and Capital Alumni Network (CAN) softball were also just beginning. Jeff adds, "I became a life member in the late 90's. Although I don't attend many events, it's exciting to see the club continue to grow and offer many different activities. I recently went to a lecture by Professor David Silbey, and the Club has continuously evolved to offer so much."



The CCW Presidency was only one slice of Goldstein's history. Born in Albany, NY, he attended Niskayuna High School and then went on to the Cornell University "I Love Reading" School (ILR). While there, he was an active member in Beta Theta Pi on North campus, the Cornell Concert Commission and in the Parliamentary Debate club.

In contrast with "regular" debate, the parliamentary style has four debaters (two per side) to discuss the meaning of a quote or phrase unveiled at the forum, with no previous preparation. It's like "Who's Line Is It Anyway?" meets a Socratic seminar.

After Cornell, Jeff went to Syracuse University for his Masters in Public Administration. A Presidential Management Internship (now called the "Presidential Management Fellowship") brought Jeff to Washington D.C. after completing his masters in 1992. He worked for the Defense Department, followed by a stint with the Senate Appropriations Committee, and he finally ended up at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), where he is still today.

During his tenure there he also received another Master's degree from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He married his wife Samara Weinstein before the turn of the millennium, and with her, has two wonderful daughters as well as a lab mix named Leila. When not at work or with his family, one can find Jeff playing Call of Duty late at night on his computer.

Even though he is no longer the President of CCW, Jeff stays involved in the Cornell alumni community. After finishing his term as President of CCW, He was chosen to be a member of in the Cornell Alumni Federation (before its rebrand as the Association), followed by time on the Cornell Council, and then President of the Class of 1990.

Although he has now relinquished that role, he still serves on Class Council, and began planning his class' 35th reunion this year.

by Matthew S. Lynch '14

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CCW Family Picnic

It was a beautiful last day of September for our CCW Family Picnic held at Fort Hunt Park. This year our Picnic was more intimate than most with about a dozen plus gathering of all ages spanning 80 years of local & future Cornellians, two CCW Presidents & two CCW Programming VPs among them.

We had a great smorgasbord of picnic food including Prof. Baker's Cornell Chicken, hummus & chips and a selection of Dunkin Donuts to share in addition to what members brought for themselves.

Iced Ithaca Beer Co. Apricot Wheat & Brew York Pale Ale driven down from Ithaca on Sunday of Homecoming where provided along with assorted fizzy waters & soda. We brought watermelon but the donuts could not be resisted.

A small group explored, on foot, a part of the Fort Hunt historic site and new friends were made around the picnic tables and CCW tent. We salute in particular, Julliard Del Rosario, Arts '15, who we met through the Young Alumni Happy Hour & previously, had hiked Old Rag the Day before (his 3rd summit) and came ready to lend a hand with both set up & break down/clean up. He has also asked to help CCW with Programming.

Other new friends include a CU couple, Joe Otchin Arts '04 and his wife Eve Chen, Engr'07, Engr '08 and their son Stanley (+/- 1Yr) among others. Those who came also got to visit with our Community Service VP, Laura Gonzales Meyers, Arts '04 & her husband, Robert 'RJ' Meyers' (Engr '04 AEP) whole family including young son Dennis & baby sister Claudia.

Look for our next CCW Family Picnic coming Spring 2019!

by Katherine Stifel '87



Past Event Highlights

Young Alumni Welcome to DC Happy Hour



This year, 75 young alumni (graduation years 2009-2018) gathered on Thursday, September 27th for the annual Young Alumni Welcome to DC Happy Hour at Blackfinn. This event, which has sold out the past three years, is a popular event for Cornellians to gather and welcome the newest class of alumni to the DC area. Half of the attendees were members of the class of 2018, who receive complimentary membership in the Cornell Club of Washington. Thank you to Cornell Student & Young Alumni Programming for co-sponsoring the event!

by Julia Buffinton '14

Old Rag LXVI

Sperryville, VA — Cornellians, friends, and family convened on Saturday, September 29th at Shenandoah National Park for our 66th hike up and around Old Rag Mountain. The weather effects Hurricane Florence had postponed the hike for two weeks.

For our rain date, 15 Cornellians, friends, and family—including one Cornell in Washington undergraduate—carpooled to our rendezvous point at Sperryville Trading (formerly the Emporium) and then on to the mountain parking lot. We were greeted by perfect weather—mostly sunny in the 70-degree range. The vistas were beautiful, and we managed to help out a gaggle of Boy Scouts who'd run low on water.



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This event would not have been possible without the generosity of multiple people who were willing to be carpool drivers: Adele Zhou, Julliard Del Rosario, Robin Zhang, and Hannah McKinney.

Thanks to all! Be on the lookout for Old Rag LXVII in April 2019!

by Clint Brass '90

WALKING THE BATTLE: ANTIETAM AT 155



Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD

Join fellow Cornellians for a
CCW tradition.

NEW DATE:
Sunday, November 11th

In the tradition, CIW Professor
David Silbey will guide
Cornellians through the battle of
Sharpsburg.

Questions?

programming@cornellclubdc.org

Events at a Glance

OCTOBER

18..... International Spirit of Zinck's

Questions: Katherine Stifel at vicepresident@cornellclubdc.org

NOVEMBER

1.....Cornell Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM)

7.....The First World War at 100!

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

9.....“Anything Goes” at Arena Stage with Pre-Gathering

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

11.....NEW DATE: Antietam National Battlefield Walk

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

13.....CCW Monthly Board Meeting

Questions: Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org

13.....CCW Monthly Programming Meeting

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

15.....Third Thursdays International Washington DC Small Dinners

Questions: ssk16@cornell.edu

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

Volunteer Corner

Communications

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

Community Service

We are always looking for community service ideas and volunteers! To learn more, contact Laura Gonzales Meyers at communityservice@cornellclubdc.org. We are looking for on site volunteers for the Fall Service in early October.

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! Contact Elina Hum at treasurer@cornellclubdc.org.

Programming

The CCW Programming Committee welcomes suggestions for programs and volunteers to help with them! Contact Jim Schoonmaker at 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.

Club Announcements

Washington Capitals Ice Hockey Champs vs the Golden Knights of Las Vegas

Wednesday, October 10th 7:00PM, CapitalOne Arena Washington, DC

Join fellow Cornellians in rooting for our own Washington “Red” (Capitals) as they battle the Las Vegas Golden Knights. This is the only game Vegas plays in DC this year, so come on out to see a rematch of the 2018 Stanley Cup finals!

Questions: Mel Zurn at melvin.zurn@gmail.com or Keith Becker at keith.a.becker@gmail.com

Fall Service Weekend Events

Saturday, October 13th multiple times, multiple areas

Cornellians have the option of doing one of three events the weekend of October 13th: pack food boxes for neighbors in need at the SHARE Food network, improving the environment by participating in a tree planting at Dakota Crossing, or picking apples with AFAC.

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

International Spirit of Zinck's

Thursday, October 18th 6:30PM – 9:00PM, James Hoban's, 1 Dupont Circle NW, Washington DC 20036

CCW alums from around the world are welcome to jointly celebrate the legacy and tradition of Theodore Zinck, an Ithacan saloonkeeper and proprietor of the Hotel Brunswick which was a popular gathering place for Cornellians in the 1890s. While the last “Zinck’s” closed in the mid-60s, CCW keeps the spirit alive.

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

Coming in November

We are introducing on Third Thursdays an International Washington DC Small Dinner series

If you would like to lead one of these small dinners, contact programming@cornellclubdc.org

CCW Community Enrichment

Do you have a meeting space in the District that CCW could bring lecturers or receptions to?

Do you know a Cornellian who would lecture or speak on a panel?

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

Welcome New CCW Members

Brandon Adams '18
 Nadege Aoki '18
 Matthew Avila '18
 Kaleb Banks '15
 Sarah Barr Engel '18
 Alexander Baynes Ph.D. '04
 Nichole Bega '18
 Jason Ben Nathan '18
 Stuart Berman '79
 Joseph Binder '18
 Jocelyn Bravo '14
 Marissa Bray '18
 Michaela Brew '18
 Ralph Burglass '75
 Olivia Bundchuh '18
 Dara Canchester '18
 Samuel Chauvin '18
 Shun Chonabayashi '18
 Noah Chovanec '18
 Dylan Ciraldo '16
 Amdiel Clement '18
 Flory Correa '88
 Angel Deng '18
 Lauren Eisenberg '09
 Todd Eisenstadt
 Lovette Ekwebelem '18
 Jordan Epstein '18
 Kayleen Fan '18
 Olivia Foster '18
 Nichole Ghannam '15
 Meredith Glaze '18
 Madalene Goldberg
 Nathan Goldberg
 Julia Greenberg '18
 Emily Griep
 Berke Gursoy '18
 Seantyl Hardy LAW '18
 Russell Hedden GRAD '10
 Carrie Hellem '18
 Audrey Hiebert '18
 Ekemini Isaiah '16
 Christine Jannuzzi '13
 Ana Jimenez '18
 Emily Jones '18
 Nicholas Kalos '18
 Mary Kaminski '18
 Kendall Karr LAW '18
 Scott Kaufman '18
 Kiran Kaul '18
 Katherine Kazmin '18
 Andrew Kim '18
 Clara Lee '18
 Talia Lewis '18
 Christy Ley '08

Kristine Lister '18
 Taylor MacBain '18
 Jonathan Mares '17
 Greta Margaret '18
 Tavish McDonald '18
 Austin McLaughlin '18
 Meaghan McMahon '10
 Mary Melati '18
 Meredith Meyer '16
 Anne Miranda CIPA '18
 Akkad Moussa '15
 Kevin Mu VET '18
 Justin Murray-Frank '18
 Julie Nacos '90
 Shelley Nickles '86
 Thomas Noone '18
 Sam Odle '13
 Adeola Olabisi JGSM '18
 Joe Otchin '04
 Sage Patel '18
 Kangalla Pefok ENG '16
 Adwoa Perbi '06
 Cameron Pritchett '15
 Kristen Purvis GRAD '10
 Skyler Reinhardt '18
 Irwin Roberts '15
 Emily Rosenthal '18
 Gwendolyn Ruppert '18
 Nathan Sarkar '18
 Alexandra Sarlo '07
 Maxwell Schechter '14
 Hans Scheifele '02
 Ellen Schwartz
 Danny Sharp '18
 Kelsey Shields '12
 Caroline Sierks '18
 Mareshah Sowah '18
 Jamal Starling '18
 Cole Stefan '18
 Swati Sureka '15
 Annika Tomson '18
 Matthew Utterback JSJM '17
 Vivian Vazquez '18
 Ramji Venkatachan
 Andrew Vinegar
 Diem Vo JSJM '18
 Judith Wagner '66 ENG '72
 Xiaoyun Wang Architecture '18
 *Henry Webb '74
 *Jean Webb '78
 Angelica-Ruth Wekwete '15
 Carol Williams Roach '74
 Sheley Winkler '76
 Ryan Woolley '14

Daniel Wyleczuk-Stern '13
 Raymond Xu ENG '18
 Robin Zhang '18
 Yixin Zhang CIPA '18
 Adele Zhou AG '18
 Jenna Zitomer '18

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