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The Cornell Glee Club Sesquicentennial Concert on January 12th!

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Praised by The Washington Post for its “virtuosic choral sounds” and its diverse and challenging repertoire, the Cornell University Glee Club is celebrating its sesquicentennial with a coast-to-coast concert tour. Please save January 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. for a special concert at the world-class Music Center at Strathmore Hall in Bethesda, Maryland followed by a gala reception where the singing will continue.



Founded in 1868 as the Orpheus Glee Club, Cornell’s oldest student-run organization once toured as the combined Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Club. It is now regarded as one of the nation’s premiere choral ensembles.

“Since the first days of the Orpheus Glee Club more than one hundred and twenty-five years ago, the Glee Club of Cornell has become a home to thousands of young men who have traveled in all walks of life, from music and medicine, to agriculture and astronomy. The group has performed songs of Bernstein on Malaysian television and songs of Shostakovich in the Moscow conservatory, sung in more than a dozen languages and logged hundreds of thousands of miles, brought music to millions of people as near and far as the students of Cornell and rural school children in Taipei.” (Michael Slon, '92, Songs From the Hill - A History of the Cornell Glee Club).

You may have been part of the Glee Club’s past sold out Washington shows at The Kennedy Center and the French Embassy. You will not want to miss the final East Coast stop of the Glee Club’s celebration of its 150th year. Stay tuned for ticket sale information and a special discount code for CCW members.

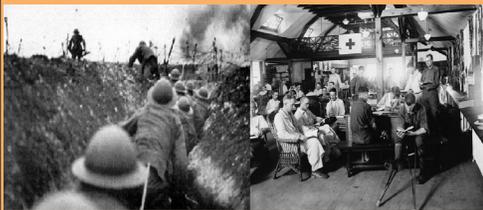
For more information about the concert and sponsorship opportunities, contact Gil Keteltas '86 at CUGCinDC@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar

Professor David Silbey enlightens
Cornellians about the Great War, a
century after the conflict

Wednesday, November 7, 2018
at 6:00 p.m.

Washington National Cathedral
3101 Wisconsin Ave NW
Washington, DC 20016



Honoring Past CCW Presidents: Gil Keteltas

CCW History

With the March 2017 issue of CCW News, we began a series to honor CCW's 32 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 for more CCW history.

If you are interested in interviewing a past CCW president for CCW News, please contact Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org

"Whoever has skills in music," claimed Martin Luther, "is fitted for all things" - a claim that is certainly true of Gil Keteltas '86, who served as CCW President from 1994 to 1996.

A graduate of Cornell's ILR School, Gil is also an alumnus of Cornell's musical community. He lent his voice to the prestigious Cornell University Glee Club as well as its subset, the Hangovers. His favorite memory—in fact—was performing with the Hangovers in an unplanned archiving at Balch Hall on the last day of classes in 1986.

Gil came to DC to attend Georgetown Law, and it wasn't long after that he joined CCW. "I believe I was asked to talk at an accepted student reception," he recalled, "and longtime CCW members involved in the event recruited me." Gil wanted to serve the CCW community as the Scholarship Chair and Vice-President before assuming leadership of the club. One of his favorite memories from that time was the CCW Father's Day Picnic hosted by Austin "Kip" Kiplinger '39 where then-Cornell President Hunter Rawlings attended during his visit to the nation's capital. "It was not my accomplishment, but a testament to the tireless work of many club members and officers who made President Rawlings visit a success."

Gil currently lives in Carderock Springs with his family and serves as partner in the DC law firm Baker Hostetler as well as Chair of its Commercial Litigation practice. His renown in electronic discovery and ample trial experience won him recognition as "the whole package" by Chambers USA this year. Alongside his litigation career, Gil also serves on the Cornell University Glee Club Alumni Board as well as the Alumni Board of the Cornell Speech and Debate Society.

"The CCW family," Gil said, "provides an instant and welcoming community of people who love Cornell," and he promises those hesitant about joining that the decision is worthwhile. You can catch Gil today on stage with The Tone Rangers around the DMV area, serenading Washingtonians with his resounding tenor and humoring them with his comedic style.



Gil Keteltas '86, CCW President 1994-1996

Local Cornellian Spotlight: Rachel Rhodes

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Mary Bowman '87

Kwame Campos Rodriguez JGM '15

Lisa Griffin '87

Christine Song '94 GR '05

Dan Murphy '96



What is the role of academics and intellectuals in policy-making? For Rachel Rhodes, M.P.A '16, academics are critical resources on a wide range of topics such as science, inequality and sustainability and should play an active role in shaping the dialogue in their fields.

“When I think of crafting good policy that will work in the real world,” she says, “I want professors to be involved in the process.” To this end, Rachel explores paths that offer Cornell

University faculty member opportunities to engage on key policy issues. By injecting them early into political discourse, she hopes to ultimately drive policy conversations. Cornell and its faculty have unparalleled experience and research, Rachel explained, and “as a Cornellian, I believe our faculty deserve a seat at the table when policy-makers and thought leaders are thinking about new ideas.”

Rachel spends her days in the Washington D.C. office of the Division of University Relations establishing connections between D.C. thought leaders and Cornell professors, and also plays a role on the Media Relations and News team focused on the D.C. market. More than a marketer for Cornell, Rachel views herself as “an advocate for academic research and science-based policy.”

Her work at Cornell began during her graduate work with the Center for Regional Economic Advancement. Here, she focused on Cornell’s outward facing economic development initiatives in Ithaca as well as in the surrounding New York State area. “I enjoyed learning about the work Cornell does that no other organization does, particularly its capacity to foster cross-discipline collaborations that enable innovation,” she said. She became familiar with the Cornell outreach model, especially regarding its agricultural capacity, and witnessed the unique impact Cornell had on communities.

Through Rachel’s work, there are increasingly more ties between the campus nestled in the natural gorges beauty of central New York and the cherry blossom-lined streets of D.C. Her advice to current students looking for paths after college is to avoid the risk aversion that commonly strikes graduating students. “There’s a lot of pressure associated with getting a job right out of school, but there’s something to be said for resisting that pressure and looking for opportunities that are going to challenge you.” By keeping one’s mind open to the unknown and non-traditional, one could find a unique road, like Rachel has, that benefits both Cornell and the country.

By Matthew S. Lynch '14

Past Event Highlights

Fall Service Weekend - Apple Gleaning

Ten Cornellians had a great time Saturday, October 13 picking apples on behalf of the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) at orchards in Winchester, Virginia. Volunteers were able to take some of their pickings home, but the majority of their harvest went to AFAC. For more information on what AFAC does with the apples, visit <https://afac.org/>.



Fall Service Weekend - SHARE Food Network Packing



On October 13, ten Cornellians spent the day packing food on behalf of the SHARE Food Network. The CCW volunteers constructed hundreds of boxes in which other volunteers put packaged chicken that SHARE will be selling at discounted prices (making healthy food affordable).

For more information regarding the SHARE Food Network, visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/share/>.

CCW's International Spirit of Zinck's at James Hoban's Irish Restaurant and Bar

We'll all have drinks at Theodore Zinck's, when I get back next fall!" goes "Give My Regards to Davy," the timeless Cornell fighting song. But just who was Theodore Zinck, you ask? He was an Ithaca saloon owner whose Hotel Brunswick pub was a popular Cornell haunt in the 1890s.

When he died in 1903, a series of Collegetown bars adopted his name over the years. The last one closed in the 1960s, and Cornellians started commemorating the spirit of Zinck's Night by gathering at an establishment on a Thursday night, once a year. This tradition of coming together to enjoy camaraderie and refreshments has grown into a gathering for Cornellians of all stripes everywhere.



To celebrate this long-standing tradition, Cornellians in the Washington DC area gathered at James Hoban's, an Irish bar on Dupont Circle, for some "face time" near the Cornell in Washington Center. The bartenders prepared a delicious signature CCW bourbon cocktail, along with a cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres that enlivened our conversations and sated our appetites. New and familiar Cornellian faces joined three past CCW presidents, our current President, Terry Horner '92 PhD '98, and members of CCW boards past and present. Others in attendance included Claudia Benack '74, Matthias Brown MPA '99, Brooks Harlow JD '81, Serena Li-Setzer '99 and Harris Setzer, Alessandro Macri JD '02, Jill Nunes '93, and Adele Zhou '18. The gathering stirred our Big Red spirit, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the next Zinck's Night on October 17, 2019.

CCW will continue the Zinck's tradition with monthly International Washington D.C. Small Dinners on Third Thursdays beginning November 15th at Jaleo in Bethesda, Maryland. Cuisines and neighborhoods will vary each month as we move around the Washington D.C. area.

Events At A Glance



Anything Goes

Join fellow Cornellians at the Arena Stage for a Pre-gathering before the performance.

Wednesday, November 9th

Reception: 6:00 p.m.
Performance: 8:00 p.m.

Questions:
programming@cornellclubdc.org

November

- 1...Cornell Trustee-Council Annual Meeting
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 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...Walking the Battle: Antietam at 155
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 13...CCW Monthly Board Meeting
Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org
- 13...CCW Monthly Programming Meeting
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 15...Third Thursdays International Washington DC Small Dinners
Questions: ssk16@cornell.edu

December

- 1, 2, 9...Christmas with the Washington Men's Camerata
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 3...CCW Book Club
Questions: ehp3@cornell.edu
- 11...CCW Monthly Board Meeting
Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org
- 11...CCW Monthly Programming Meeting
Questions: ehp3@cornell.edu
- 17...Cornell Holiday Reception
Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org
- 19...Washington Capitals vs. Pittsburgh Penguins
Questions: melvin.zurn@gmail.com
- 20...Third Thursdays International Washington DC Small Dinners
Questions: ssk16@cornell.edu

Save the Date: A Cornell Holiday Reception

Monday, December 17th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Questions:
president@cornellclubdc.org

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

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

The First World War at 100

Wednesday, November 7th 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

The Columbia Club of Washington, DC will convene a panel to discuss the war and reflect on what it means for America and the world a century later. Join Professor David Silbey, an expert on 20th century warfare, and Nicole Milano, an archivist and editor of a curriculum on the humanitarian activities of the war, at the Washington National Cathedral for a look back and discussion of lessons to be learned for today.

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org or Miyako Yerick at programs@columbiadc.org

Anything Goes at Arena Stage with Pre-Gathering

Friday, November 9th 6:00 p.m., Arena Stage, Washington, D.C.

Join us for an evening of Musical Theater and Conversation for this American musical comedy classic. The address is: 1101 Sixth Street Southwest, Washington, D.C.

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

Walking the Battle: Antietam at 155

Sunday, November 11th, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Sharpsburg, Maryland

Due to popular demand, the Cornell and Columbia Clubs of Washington present an all-day guided bus trip to the Antietam National Battlefield for a second time. Our guide will again be Cornell Professor David Silbey, a Cornell alumnus and military historian who has published widely on modern warfare and has long experience walking the Antietam battlefield.

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

Third Thursdays International Washington DC Small Dinners

Thursday, November 15th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Jaleo, Bethesda, Maryland

Join fellow Cornellians and friends for an intimate dinner at Jaleo in Bethesda. Consistently named as one of the best restaurants in the Washington D.C., Jaleo offers some of the best Spanish tapas in the city. We'll be gathering at the Bethesda location at 6:30 p.m.

Questions: Sara Keller at ssk16@cornell.edu

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Moved? New email? Update your record online at www.cornellclubdc.org

Do you have ideas for *CCW News*? Or corrections? Email us at: newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

Starting November

We are introducing CCW's monthly International Washington, D.C. Small Dinners

If you would like to lead a dinner, contact programming@cornellclubdc.org.

Event Ventures and Speakers Needed

Do you have a meeting space that CCW could use for lectures or receptions?

Do you know a local Cornellian who would be a great speaker?

Contact programming@cornellclubdc.org.

CCW News

Do you know a local Cornellian who should be featured in a future newsletter?

Contact Matthew Lynch at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org.