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Glee Club Celebrates 150 Years on January 12th

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The Cornell University Glee Club celebrates its sesquicentennial with a coast-to-coast concert tour. Join us Saturday, January 12th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. for their final East Coast concert in the world-class Music Center at Strathmore Hall in Bethesda, Maryland. The Glee Club's last three Washington-area performances sold out, so we encourage you to order tickets early.



Praised by *The Washington Post* for its "virtuosic choral sounds," the Glee Club's program features many favorites from the past 150 years, including Franz Biebl's unforgettable Ave Maria. Highlights include the Washington premiere of a new commission by Julia Adolphe, Falling Water, and a nostalgic nod to the group's earliest days as the Cornell University Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Club. The program concludes with traditional Cornell Songs. Following the performance, the singing will continue with a champagne and dessert reception for all Cornellians in attendance.

Mark Your Calendar

~~Third Thursdays International
Washington DC Small Dinners~~

SOLD OUT
Thursday, January 17th
6:30 p.m. Lebanese Taverna



"[T]he 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, and brought music to millions of people as near and far as the students of Cornell and rural school children in Taipei." (Songs From the Hill - A History of the Cornell Glee Club).

Tickets are available online through Strathmore's box office at www.strathmore.org/events-and-tickets/cornell-glee-club or by phone at (301) 581-5100. Parking and the reception is included with your ticket. CCW Members may use promo code CCW2019 to receive a \$5 discount on all tickets.

As Glee Club President during the January 1992 East Coast tour, I fondly remember the warm welcome from Washington-area Cornellians. Let's extend that warmth to the current students on January 12th for this year's concert celebration!

If you would like to join me in sponsoring the concert and receiving select tickets not available to the public, please e-mail past CCW President Gil Keteltas '86 at CUGinDC@gmail.com.

By Terry Horner '92 PhD '98, CCW President

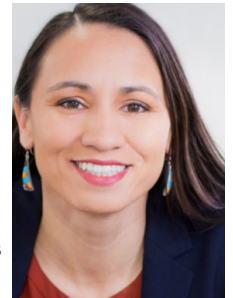
From the Slope to the Hill: Cornellians in Congress

On January 3rd, the 116th Congress was sworn in. It features five Cornellians among their ranks, including two veteran Members of Congress and three freshmen members. According to *The Cornell Chronicle*, this will be the first time in history that three Cornell women will serve in office together.



Rep. Katherine Clark JD '89 (D-MA) won a fourth term in Congress representing the Massachusetts Fifth Congressional District. She serves on the House Appropriations Committee and is a Senior Whip in the Democratic Caucus. In a conversation with *CCW News*, she reflected on her time at Cornell from "meeting my husband, running for office for the first time when I was elected to the Moot Court Board, and hosting a dinner with Sandra Day O'Connor." She also spoke about her time at the Cornell Law School, identifying her work at the Legal Aid Clinic as the genesis of her career in public service. "The work had a profound effect on me and gave me a passion for using the law to further social justice and led to a very rewarding career in public service."

Rep. Sharice Davids JD '10 (D-KS) will be a first-term member of Congress representing the Kansas Third Congressional District. A member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Rep. Davids will make history as one of the first two Native American woman elected to Congress and the first openly-gay woman to represent Kansas. During her time at the Cornell Law School, Rep. Davids was a member of the Cornell Native American Law School Association, Cornell Law Students for Reproductive Justice, and Cornell LAMBDA. In an interview with *The Cornell Daily Sun*, Davids credited her time at the Cornell Law School for changing the "trajectory of [her] career." The connections cemented here, she said, were critical to her success. "One of the first people to help me get ready and start this whole thing called 'getting ready for Congress,' I met at the Cornell Law School," Davids said.



Rep. Dan Meuser '88 (R-PA) will be sworn in as a first-term member of Congress representing the Pennsylvania Ninth Congressional District. At Cornell, Rep. Meuser studied economics in the College of Arts & Sciences and participated in the Navy ROTC program. Beginning in 2011, he served four years as the Pennsylvania Secretary of Revenue under Governor Tom Corbett. Prior to serving as Revenue Secretary, he was president of Pride Mobility, a motorized wheelchair manufacturer.

Rep. Kurt Schrader '73 (D-OR) won a sixth term in Congress representing the Oregon Fifth Congressional District. In Congress, he serves on the House Energy & Commerce Committee and is a member of the Blue Dog Coalition as well as the New Democrat Coalition. He majored in government during his time at Cornell, and spent 30 years as a veterinarian and farmer before entering politics. In an interview with *CCW News*, he said, "I knew that if I could graduate from Cornell, I could do anything. A Cornellian work ethic truly means something and helped me through veterinary school, my decades as a practicing veterinarian, my years as a legislator in Oregon, and now the United States Congress."



Rep. Elissa Slotkin '98 (D-MI) will be a first-term member of Congress representing the Michigan Eighth Congressional District. After graduating from Cornell with a major in Rural Sociology and working in the non-profit sector, Rep. Slotkin entered public service. For more than 15-years, Rep. Slotkin worked throughout the government as a national security expert, serving in the Central Intelligence Agency, the White House, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the State Department. During the final year of the Obama Administration, Rep. Slotkin was the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

Member Spotlight: Janine Peyser Lossing '89 & Matt Nieman '98

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Janine Peyser Lossing '89—Vice President for Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) for DC/MD

Janine Peyser Lossing '89 is Vice President of the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) for DC and Maryland. She was a Computer Science major in the College of Arts & Sciences and has her MBA from Duke's Fuqua School of Business. She currently works as a Marketing Consultant specializing in brand strategy, positioning, and messaging. Janine has been involved with CAAAN for over 20 years, starting off with applicant contacts, moving to become chair of the Bethesda/Chevy Chase committee and now as General Chair of DC and Maryland. She loves meeting with the applicants and learning about their passions and diverse backgrounds. She also enjoys going to admissions events and connecting with applicants there and answering questions about Cornell. Janine has been married to her husband, Howard, for 25 years and they have a daughter who is 23 and works in DC and a son who is a sophomore at the Cornell in Arts & Sciences.

Matt Nieman '98 is the Vice President of CAAAN for Northern Virginia. At Cornell, when not hitting the books for Industrial and Labor Relations, Matt spent many a day in Barton Hall and the surrounding countryside with Army ROTC. These days, Matt is a partner and litigator with management-side labor and employment law firm Jackson Lewis P.C. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Nieman was in public service as an active-duty U.S. Army Judge Advocate ("JAG") at Fort Benning, Georgia, and at Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq. Now married 18 years, Matt and his wife, Amy (ILR '98), are native Upstate New Yorkers who met their first day on campus. Amy and Matt started with CAAAN just months from graduation and marvel that not a single applicant they now get to interact with was born when Ithaca was home. They now live in Ashburn, Virginia, with their two elementary school-aged daughters.



Matt Nieman '98—Vice President for CAAAN for Northern Virginia

Past Event Highlights

Third Thursdays International Washington DC Small Dinners



On November 15th, CCW launched its Third Thursdays International Washington DC Small Dinners series at Ambar DC which specializes in Balkan cuisine. I was joined by Cornell alumni from various undergraduate and graduate programs. Ambar exuded a convivial atmosphere that embodied Balkan hospitality, which reminded me of my childhood travels in the former Yugoslavia.

By Matthias Brown CIPA '07

Washington Mens Camerata

On December 2nd, The Washington Mens Camerata (many of whom began as Cornell Glee Club members) performed at the Bradley Presbyterian Church in Maryland; one of three concerts locally. For those who missed this concert, there will be additional Camerata performances this spring. If you've visited the 1789 Restaurant over the holidays, you may have been serenaded by an a small a cappella contingent of this choral group.'

Join CCW for more choral music featuring Cornellians!

By Katherine Stifel '87



Front Row: Bob McKinless '48 and Satoshi Tozaki Grad. '07
Third Row: Brad Spencer '79, Camerata founder

CCW Holiday Party



Left to Right: Terry Horner '92 PhD '98, Ethan Wood-Thomas '23, Michelle Vaeth '98, Katherine Stifel '87

CCW held the 2018 Holiday Party on December 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the University Club with a sold-out crowd. CCW President Terry Horner '92 PhD '98 welcomed everyone on behalf of the club and announced special guests representing 75 years of Cornellians including Michelle Vaeth '98, Cornell's new associate vice president for Alumni Affairs, and Professor David Silbey '90, associate director for the Cornell in Washington Program. A more complete list can be seen online at www.cornellclubdc.org. Two lucky attendees—Gene Garner II '81 and Suzanne Heigh '84—won an Edmund, Cornell's 2018 holiday bear, and another attendee—Karen O'Brien '82—won a handcrafted, 24k gold plated ornament of McGraw Tower.

By Terry Horner '92 PhD '98

Washington Capitals vs. Pittsburgh Penguins

On December 19th, Cornellians and future Cornellians donned their Caps and Cornell gear to cheer on our Washington Capitals with enthusiasm, and yes, Big Red Spirit, and got to know each other better. John Bleiweis '67, Engr '68, his grandchildren, son and daughter-in-law, along with CCW's Hockey Operations fearless leader, Mel Zurn '93 and family, Doug Jimerson '73, Mara Osman '89, Katherine Stifel '87, Mike Flanagan '86 and family were some among the CCW Caps fans 'unleashing the fury' on Wednesday night. We look forward to one more Caps game this season

Lets Go Caps!!!

By Katherine Stifel '87



Events at a Glance



CCW Book Club: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Join us as we discuss Towles' tale about a count enduring house arrest in a grand hotel in 1920s Russia.

Teaism Penn Quarter, Washington, DC

Thursday, January 24
6:30 p.m.

Questions: Liz Pomper '98 (ehp3@cornell.edu)

January

- 5...[Cornell Cares: Pet Rescue Events](#)
Questions: Laura Gonzales Meyers '04 at Lmg38@cornell.edu
- 8...CCW Monthly Board Meeting
Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org
- 8...CCW Monthly Programming Meeting
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 12...[Cornell Glee Club 150th Anniversary Concert](#)
Questions: <https://www.leeclub.com/contact>
- 17...[Third Thursdays International Washington DC Small Dinners](#)
Questions: kgs6@cornell.edu
- 19...[Cornell Cares: Capital Area Food Bank](#)
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- 24...[CCW Book Club A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles](#)
Questions: ehp3@cornell.edu
- 26...[CCW at the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum](#)
Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org

February

- 2...[CAAA 2019 NYC Pan-Asian Banquet](#)
Questions: diversity-aad@cornell.edu
- 8-9...[CALC 2019](#)
Questions: Office of Alumni Affairs at calc@cornell.edu or 607-254-7115
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- 12...[Cornell in Washington Student / Alumni Mixer](#)
Questions: Linda Jarschauer Johnson at lj1@cornell.edu
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Volunteer Corner

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.

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. Last year, over 1,300 students from the Washington, DC area applied for admission to Cornell!

There is still time to get involved with CAAAN before the spring 2019 Cornell admissions season. 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 Janine Lossing '89 (General Chair, DC/MD CAAAN) at lossing@verizon.net 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. Thanks to generous donations from Washington DC-area alumni, CCW established five scholarships for local students attending Cornell. The scholarships mitigate the "self-help" portion of the students' financial aid packages and are awarded to students based upon their academic achievement as well as 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:** awarded to two local students and honors the late Howard Epstein '58 Law '61, a former president of the CCW and the Cornell Federation
- **Kiplinger Scholarship:** awarded to a local student and honors the late Austin Kiplinger '39, chairman emeritus of the Cornell Board of Trustees, in recognition of his service to Cornell University and the greater Washington DC community
- **Robert Ladd Scholarship:** awarded to a local area student and honors Robert D. Ladd '43, who spent his entire lifetime as a Cornell booster
- **Robert McKinless Scholarship:** awarded to a local area student who is actively involved in volunteer community service at Cornell and honors Robert McKinless '48, a dedicated Cornellian and past CCW president

Each semester, CCW also awards stipends to two students in the Cornell in Washington program. The stipends honor the late Barber B. Conable '43—a congressman from New York and president of the World Bank—for his contributions to 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 interning in DC.

We express our sincere thanks to all who have given generously to CCW Scholarship funds in the past. We hope that you will consider donating to this worthy cause.

Donations can be made online at <https://cornellclubdc.org/donate/>.

For more information, please contact CCW Vice-President for Scholarship, Alex Payne '09, at scholarship@cornellclubdc.org.

Club Announcements

Cornell Cares: Pet Rescue Kennel Events

Saturday, January 5th at 8:00 a.m., 7C Kennels, Falls Church, VA

Saturday, January 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Rockville, MD, Petco

The Cornell Club of Washington will partner with the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation to help dogs and cats find new homes. Since 2001, this organization has been taking in abandoned or displaced dogs facing euthanasia and placing them in loving foster and permanent homes.

Volunteers in Falls Church will assist 7C Kennels by walking dogs on nearby trails, cleaning the facility, and performing other light labor. Volunteers in Rockville will be paired with a dog at a pet adoption event and will introduce the dog to prospective families. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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

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Questions: Gil Keteltas '86 at CUGCinDC@gmail.com

Cornell Cares: Capital Area Food Bank

Saturday, January 19th at 1:00 p.m., Bedford Falls Food Distribution Center, Washington DC

The Cornell Club of Washington will partner with the Capital Area Food Bank to pack and sort donated food at a food distribution center in northeast Washington. The Capital Area Food Bank is the region's largest organization working to solve hunger and related problems. Up to 15 Cornellians may participate in this event, which requires light labor and standing for three hours.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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

CCW at the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum

Saturday, January 26th at 1:30 p.m., Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum, Washington DC

Join CCW President Terry Horner, members, and friends for coffee in the Hirshhorn's reimagined lobby before embarking on a private tour of the Museum's largest interactive technology exhibition to date. Limited to 30 Members and guests.

Questions: Terry Horner '92 PhD '98 at president@cornellclubdc.org

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

Event Venues 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 Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org

CCW News

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

Contact Matthew S. Lynch at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

New CCW Members

Rosemary Amponsah MBA '18	Eathen Gums IV '01 MPA '03
Andy Baxevanis '84	Megan Joyce '17
Yasemin Biro '91	Amy Kim '18
Jamie Bonan '18	Emma Quilligan Gr '18
Philipp Burroughs MBA '72	Frederick (Rick) Reardon '69
Jennifer Carroll Archie JD '89	Filiz Serbes JD '88
Mark Gaesser '79	