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WDCSA Featured Article:

WDCSA Unveils LinkedIn Group Page

You spoke and we listened! With the new year comes new beginnings, and your local Washington, DC Stanford Association is proud to announce its social networking presence. We have created a group page on LinkedIn and are happy to bring our alumni, parents, and friends new ways to network, share photos, discussions, and experiences, and learn about club events. Happy New Year from WDCSA!

Join the "Washington, DC Stanford Alumni Association" LinkedIn group:
http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Washington-DC-Stanford-Association-3728513?trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

WDCSA's Facebook page is currently under construction. Look for updates in future newsletters.

Book Club Discussion

Sunday, January 9

5-8 pm

Bethesda, MD,

The book group will meet at the home of Perry Seiffert to discuss *The Story of Lucy Gault* by William Trevor.

The February book is *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese.

To join the book group's list serve, enroll at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wdcsabooks>. For information, email alisoncolew@hotmail.com. The book group welcomes new members to its discussions.

Ivy Singles January Social**Friday, January 14 6:30-9 pm**

Woman's National Democratic Club at
the Whittemore House
1526 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Join the Ivy Singles Social Club at their January Event for an evening of exceptional non-partisan company and conversation. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

The Whittemore House is an elegant historic mansion centrally located in Washington's fashionable Dupont Circle. Built in the late 19th century as a private residence, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and pays tribute to the English Arts and Crafts movement and American "Shingle Style" architecture.

Reservations: Prepay \$30 by check to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181, by Monday, January 10th. Make checks payable to "The Cornell Club of Washington" and note your school on the check.

Online payments can be made on the Cornell Club Website (includes Paypal fee)
www.cornellclubdc.org/events.

\$40 for walk-ins, email (Spiekare@verizon.net), or phone reservations.

Metro/parking: The Whittemore House mansion is on New Hampshire Avenue, a half block Northeast off Du Pont Circle and 2 minutes walk from the Du Pont Metro Station (Red Line). For those driving, there are 3 parking garages nearby, and street parking, while always limited, improves after 6:30.

The Ivy Singles Social Club (<http://www.ivysinglesdc.com>) is a coalition of Ivy League, Seven Sister and other prestigious schools' regional alumni associations that sponsors social activities. Events are open to all single alumni of member schools and their guests.

Boomers to Busters: Winter Wonderland**Friday, January 28th 6-8pm**

The Army-Navy Club
901 17th St. NW
Washington, DC
Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

Have you used a card catalog or microfilm? Did you dance "The Bump" or "The Electric Slide"? If you can answer "yes" to those questions and were an undergraduate around the mid 1970s to the mid 1990s, a new group has started just for you. Those too old for the young alumni and too young for the seniors will feel right at home. Please take a respite from the winter cold and join us in a club with an impressive military history. Have a drink with people who are old enough to remember when the drinking age was 18, but too young to know that the voting age was once 21!

To RSVP, please send your name, university, graduation year, email address, and check for \$30 per person made out to The University of Chicago Club of DC to Gia Simms, 260 South Reynolds Street, #1609, Alexandria, VA 22304. Prepayment must be received by Monday, January 24th. Email reservations (to giasimms@aol.com) and walk-ins (if available) are \$40. To be added to the email list send information to dprigal@aol.com. The Army-Navy Club is on the east side of Farragut Square. Valet parking is available. "Proper attire", i.e. coat and tie, is required. Boomers to Busters is sponsored by the University of Chicago Club of DC and is targeted for its undergraduate and graduate alumni, and those of similar schools, who were undergraduates from the mid 1970s to mid 1990s, and their spouses and partners.

Ivy Tennis Party**Saturday, February 12 6:50-11 pm**

The Arlington Y Tennis & Squash Club
3400 N. 13th Street,
Arlington, VA

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

All levels and ages are welcome to join the Harvard and Yale Clubs of Washington D.C. for the Ivy Tennis Party.

Admission:

- Player - advance registration: \$25 per person by check or credit card

- Player - door admission: \$30 per person (cash or check; no credit card)
- Non-Player: \$10 per person (any circumstances)

Registration and Payment methods:

- Check: payable to Harvard Club of Washington D.C. and mail to:
Harvard Club of Washington, D.C., 3220 N Street, NW #295, Washington DC 20007
- Credit Card (in advance only, not at door), www.harvard-dc.org.

Tennis party policies:

- All payments must be received by 02/11/2011 to qualify for the advance registration price.
- Requests for refunds must be received by 3pm on 02/11/2011.
- Door admission available at the higher price noted above by cash or check only.
- Each attendee is responsible for any damage to the facility, injuries or accidents in connection with this function.

Passion and Practice: Haas Center Alumni Lives of Public Service

Wednesday, February 16 6:30-8 pm

Bing Stanford In Washington
2661 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, D.C.

Join your fellow Stanford Alumni for a screening of the Haas Center's 25th Anniversary Alumni Video documenting 10 alumni stories of social commitment and action.

The video highlights Stanford alumni working in five areas: Transforming Education, Defending Rights, Improving Health, Empowering Community, and Shaping Environments. Roopal Mehta Saran '94 (English; AM, Education) and Jason Snyder '94 (Public Policy), who are featured in the video, will be present for discussion/Q&A following the video. Roopal is currently Director of Client Services at KaBOOM! in Washington, D.C. and Jason currently serves as Chief of Staff in the US Department of Education's Office of the Deputy Secretary.

The video, produced and directed by Monica Lam '96, was inspired by the Haas Center's 20th Anniversary Alumni Survey Project, a research effort initiated in 2004 to strengthen relationships and more accurately trace the trajectory of public service

careers of Haas alumni. Monica was recently awarded a Stanford Associates Award of Merit for her volunteer leadership on this film.

Light refreshments will be available from 6:30 to 7:00. The video will be screened from 7:00 to 7:25 followed by discussion/Q&A with Roopal and Jason.

The cost to attend is FREE. RSVP to this event at <http://pgnet.stanford.edu/goto/event7378reg>.

Seating is limited. Questions? Contact David Gobaud '10 at gobauid@stanfordalumni.org.

Stanford In the News

- The National Center for Simulation in Rehabilitation Research is studying mobility disorders with 3-D simulations of movement.
- Professor Jennifer Aaker is spearheading a campaign relying on social media to increase participation in the national bone marrow donor registry.

Get Involved

Request for Alternative Spring Break Assistance

The Haas Center for Public Service has sponsored Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trips for undergraduates in the DC area for many years. This year, they will be returning from Sunday, March 20 through Saturday, March 26.

The ASB Program exposes students to complex social and cultural issues through community visits, service, group discussion, readings, and reflection activities. Sophomores Suril Shah (Computer Science) and Daniel Reynolds (MS&E) are leading a course/trip organized around the guiding question, "What can government do to reduce the number of homeless in our country in the next five years?" Participants will serve in homeless shelters to understand the homeless experience and the work being done by nonprofit and volunteer services. Students will meet with nonprofit advocates and policy makers to convert ideas into operational plans to tackle homelessness. The 14 students participating in the trip seek support from alumni in the following ways:

- Housing for one or more nights in private homes or community centers in close proximity to the metro. Students have sleeping bags, so all they need is a floor to sleep on, access to showers and a kitchen to make breakfast and pack lunches.
- Casual evening meals for the group for one or more nights.
- Suggestions for contacts with work experience in related government, advocacy and direct service organizations.

If you can help or if you have any questions, please contact Megan Fogarty at megan.fogarty@stanford.edu

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