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CAPITAL ROWING CLUB

www.capitalrowing.org

Welcome to On Tap's annual guide to DC's sports, social, charity, networking and alumni groups. Whether you are new to the area or just looking for a fun way to meet new people, contribute to the community or get outside we're sure you'll find plenty of options. A special thanks to all the groups who submitted information, we know most of you are volunteers and appreciate the extra effort. The guide will be on our website year round, if you know of a group or have one we didn't include, just email us at events@ontapline.com to get included. There is no charge for doing so, and no charge to post events with us. Happy new year and see you out and about!

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Capital Rowing Club (CRC) is comprised of men and women averaging from 25 to 40 years of age--all from different backgrounds and skill levels. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to bringing rowing opportunities on the Anacostia River to the Nation's Capital. CRC has made significant progress over the years in making rowing an accessible, affordable and fun activity for DC area residents. CRC regularly competes in local regattas, and national competitions, traveling up and down the 95 corridor. Each year we also host a large regatta and cookout at our own boathouse, which is attended by local rowers, as well as those from other east coast teams.

Social activities and CRC go together! There's something for everyone. We have happy hours, major fundraising parties, cookouts, and outings to professional sporting events. All social events generally take place in DC around Capitol Hill. CRC is located at the Anacostia Community Boathouse, 1105 O Street, SE, underneath the 11th St. Bridge next to the Washington Navy Yard.

You can join Capital Rowing Club by attending the annual organizational meeting on March 13th, 2006 (location TBD), or by enrolling in one of our Learn to Row programs. All of the necessary information regarding membership and programs can be found by visiting our website, www.capitalrowing.org, or by contacting membership@capitalrowing.org.

CRC 2006 CALENDAR

- March 13, 2006-- Club Wide Organizational Meeting
- March 2, 2006 -- Rowing season begins
- April 15, 2006 -- First Learn to Row Session
- April/May 2006 -- Spring Fundraiser Party
- June 11, 2006 -- National Learn to Row Day
- July 8, 2006 -- Capital Sprints Regatta on the Anacostia [Picnic]

Find more up-to-date event information as it becomes available at www.capitalrowing.org.

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1869 SOCIETY [CORCORAN]

www.corcoran.org/1869



The **1869 Society** is a membership group of young professionals, ages 25 to 42, who support the Corcoran's mission to sustain and enrich Washington's cultural life. Members are drawn together by their interest in art and by the opportunity to socialize in an artistic and sophisticated setting. Named for the year the Corcoran was founded, the 1869 Society provides members with diverse social, educational and networking opportunities, and, since 1991, has launched significant fundraising efforts on the Corcoran's behalf.

The 1869 Society hosts two large scale events per year (Fall Fête and Black Tie Gala), two on-site Cultural Cocktails (our version of Happy Hour with a twist), two member-only exhibition previews and reception (with the artists and/or curator in attendance), quarterly new member brunches, and additional cultural programs which include trips, tours and lectures.

The 1869 Society allows you to customize your museum experience and take advantage of all the Corcoran has to offer. Membership in the museum is a prerequisite to joining the 1869 Society, an additional \$50 on top of Corcoran dues. Members may join online (www.corcoran.org/1869), over the phone (202-639-1753), via fax (202-639-1750) or in person at the Museum.

CALENDAR FOR 2006:

Jan. 22, 2006	- 1869 Society Member Brunch
Feb. 2006	- Off-Site Happy Hour
March 4, 2006	- Annual Black Tie Gala & VIP Vintner Dinner
April 16, 2006	- Cultural Cocktails
May 11, 2006	- Special Interest Society Reception
June 2006	- Six Degrees of the 1869 Society

(80% of all programs and events take place at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.)

DC BOCCE LEAGUE

www.dcbocce.com



In its second year of play, the **DC Bocce League** continued to gain momentum and notoriety, completing two seasons in the summer and fall of 2005. With "Our Balls are Harder" displayed across their backs and a bag of red and green balls in tow, DC's first and only bocce league continued to thrive on the fields of Garfield Park in Southeast DC.

The DC Bocce League completed its second year with a record-breaking total of 350 members. Continuing in their commitment to the community, the League fully funded and successfully constructed two new bocce courts in Garfield Park, the first and only public courts in the District of Columbia. Regardless of membership status, the DC Bocce League invites all to embrace their inner Italian and enjoy a game of bocce on the new courts.

The DC Bocce League was happy to continue partnering with their favorite bar, Pour House, located on 3rd and Pennsylvania, SE. The League was also excited to join hands with Italian import beer Peroni, which is provided on special exclusively to League members at the Pour House during all post-game activities.

Bocce is certainly a competitive game of skill, but anyone at any age can enjoy it and it is perfect for those young professionals interested in joining a sport that doesn't require physical exertion. Coupled with the post-match drinking festivities, the DC Bocce League is one of the best ways to have fun in the District!

Visit www.dcbocce.com to learn more about the League and our upcoming seasons in 2006. Games are played once a week in Garfield Park, located at 2nd and F Street, SE. Feel free to contact the board at mail@dcbocce.com for more info.

DC BURN FOUNDATION

www.dcffburnfoundation.org



The **D.C. Firefighters Burn Foundation** is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization founded by active and retired Washington, D.C. Firefighters. The Foundation is dedicated to assisting in the recovery and rehabilitation of injured firefighters and burn patients in the D.C. Metropolitan Area. We support burn research, treatment, and rehabilitation programs at Washington Hospital Center as well as Children's Burn Camp Programs.

One of the most important programs that the Foundation offers is the Children's Burn Camp. Every summer the Foundation is proud to send young burn survivors ages 8-18 to Union, CT for a week long summer camp. The camp offers activities from swimming, boating, archery, and high ropes courses to firefighter games, and arts and crafts. We are proud to offer this program to any young burn survivor in the Washington Metropolitan area from ages 8-18 at no cost.

The Foundation's fundraising goal for 2006 is \$100,000. We hope to achieve this through donations from individuals, corporations, and community organizations. We have already received a \$40,000 donation from the Macy's Corporation that is expected to arrive in July of 2006. Some of our fundraising activities for 2006 are the 2nd Annual Fireman's and Nurses Bowling Tournament to be held at Strike Bethesda, a hockey tournament hosted by the D.C. Firefighter's Hockey Team at the Laurel Ice House, The D.C. Firefighters Local 36 Golf Tournament at Potomac Ridge Golf Course in September, and a bar fundraiser to be announced in the fall. The Hard Rock Café hosted our annual fall bar fundraiser in November of 2005 and helped us raise \$7,000.

For more information on our organization, view a list of sponsors and upcoming events, or to make a donation please view our website at www.dcffburnfoundation.org.

DINNER AT 8

www.Dinnerat8.com



Dinner at 8 provides busy single professionals in the Washington, DC and Baltimore metropolitan areas with the opportunity to meet and dine in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. An upscale dining club, Dinner at 8 offers members a different way to meet new people by arranging dinner parties of four single men and four single women who have similar backgrounds, interests, and lifestyles. Dinner at 8 introduces you to the single people you wish to meet, without awkward or embarrassing encounters. The 3000 active clients range in age from late 20's to 40's.

How Do I Become a Guest of Dinner at 8?

It's easy. Dinner at 8 does all the planning! Contact Dinner at 8 at 703-838-8038 or www.Dinnerat8.com and tell us your activities and interests. Let us know when you are available and your preferred cuisine. Dinner at 8 will design a private dinner party with your interests in mind. On the night of your dinner, a representative from Dinner at 8 will meet you at the restaurant, welcome you and introduce you to your new friends. We'll share a round of drinks and get to know each other better. At eight o'clock you and your new friends will be seated for dinner.

Dinner at 8 Events

Dinner at 8 isn't just about dinner! Throughout the year Dinner at 8 hosts events that range from tubing adventures to cooking classes to wine tastings to cinema days at local theatres. Most notable is our annual Black Friday Valentine's Day Unhappy Hour – a friendly spoof on romance and relationships! Check our website for calendar updates www.Dinnerat8.com.

4 SINGLE MEN, 4 SINGLE WOMEN, ONE GREAT DINNER!

DINNER IN THE CITY

www.dinnerinthecity.com



Dinner In The City (DITC) revamps the entertainment-dining scene in the metropolitan Washingtonian, D.C area.

Dinner In The City hosts unique, upscale events paired with delicious food and networking – all with a stylish flare for fun. Events range from intimate members-only dinners and small after-work cocktail parties, to large galas and elegant evenings of fine wine tasting for both our members and their guests.

Dinner In The City is an elite yet gracious service; we bring people together through arranged dinners for groups of six to eight like-minded individuals, at top metropolitan Washington, D.C restaurants. DITC also welcomes and caters to couples interested in broadening their social circles and meeting new people. We select each of our gourmet restaurant venues based upon cuisine, reviews, service, ambience and location – we host events in DC, Northern Virginia and Bethesda, Maryland.

To discover more about Dinner In The City membership and our fabulous events, please visit www.dinnerinthecity.com or email us at info@dinnerinthecity.com. You may also call us at 202-349-4025.

EVENTS

Dinner In The City arranges regular members-only dinner parties every month. In addition, we host a variety of stylish eclectic cocktail parties for both members and guests over the course of the year, typically twice a month. DITC also hosts a variety of galas, Brunch a la Dinner In The City, fashion shows, shopping events and cocktail hours, art openings, wine tastings, and other unique events.

Sign up for our newsletter and check our calendar of events at www.dinnerinthecity.com.

EURONET INTERNATIONAL

www.euronetinternational.com



Euronet International is a unique organization for connecting international and internationally minded professionals through social, cultural and professional events in Washington, DC. Our membership exceeds 20,000 members in Washington DC with over 120 nationalities represented. Our membership age ranges from 21 to upper 40s. We have affiliates in London, Helsinki, Paris, Miami and San Francisco.

Please check our Web page www.euronetinternational.com or call Aki Partanen, 703-863-1199, for more information.

COMING EVENTS:

Winter:	Carnival Ball and Party, Evening in Finland - Embassy of Finland, Flamenco Night, Euro-Brazilian Party, Ski Trip, Mega Networking Event, Cognac Tasting, Languages of the World.
Spring:	Scandinavian Evening, Cherry Blossoms Fireworks Cruise & Picnic, Hiking Trip to Great Falls, Languages of the World.
Summer:	Water Sports Weekend at Deep Creek Lake, Summer Poolside Luau, Sunset Rooftop Happy Hours, Languages of the World, Screen on the Green.
Fall:	7th Anniversary Venetian Masquerade Ball, Languages of the World, Outdoor Activities.
Monthly Events:	Business Networking Events, International "After Five Unwind" Socials with DJ, International Dance Parties.

Our calendar of events concludes every year with a fantastic New Year's Eve Gala with Themes from Around the World!



Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the conservation, education, and science mission of the Smithsonian's National Zoo. Since 1958, FONZ has supported the Zoo by developing and implementing education, membership, and volunteer programs, hosting special events, raising funds for Zoo projects, and by providing grants for Zoo research, and concessions, merchandise, and other services to Zoo visitors. As a FONZ Young Professional member, you will enjoy exclusive opportunities, privileges, and discounts.

Tired of the same after-work scene? Check out Friends of the National Zoo's evening event series for young professionals. Mingle with friends, enjoy live music, and keep cool with an icy beverage from our cash bar while supporting wildlife conservation.

Events in 2005 included:

February's Tsunami Wildlife Benefit, August's Brew at the Zoo, October's Chef Geoff's Ghoulish Fest, and December's Jingle in the Jungle.

NOT A YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MEMBER YET?

Join now! Benefits include:

- Discounted ticket to an upcoming YP After Hours event
- Free parking while visiting the National Zoo
- 20-percent discount at Zoo stores
- Invitations to members-only events
- ZooGoer, our award-winning magazine
- Wildlife Adventures newsletter, with upcoming events and program listings
- Discounts on classes
- Travel opportunities

For more information please visit our website, www.fonz.org.



The International Club of DC (ICDC) is Washington's premiere organization for internationally-minded professionals. Our diverse and outgoing membership includes nearly 20,000 individuals in DC representing over 80 countries. Club events include cultural experiences and black tie galas at area embassies and museums, wine tastings and culinary experiences, dance lessons, professional development seminars, outdoor events and sports, performing arts, as well as volunteer and charitable events.

ICDC members enjoy a wide variety of events throughout the year. We limit the number of events we organize each month in order to focus our efforts and resources on quality activities that benefit our membership and the community. Our events reflect the diverse and wide interests pursued by our members. It is not uncommon for us to attend a black tie evening at an embassy or museum on a Friday night and get up at dawn the next morning to explore the beautiful Shenandoah valley or go spelunking at Luray Caverns! We invite you to get involved in our programs and pass the word to your friends.

Upcoming Events:

Viennese Ball at the National Museum of Women in the Arts; Tennis, Sailing, Golf, Roller Blading, Scuba Diving, Kayaking and Fencing Lessons; Wine Tastings, Art Gallery Tours, Embassy Concerts and Receptions; Formal balls and dance lessons; Happy Hours, hiking trips, and cooking lessons.

Please learn more about us at: www.internationalclubdc.com.



Hundreds of Singles mix and mingle and the Jewish Sports and Social Network's annual Chanukah Bash, which collects toys for local families in need.

The Jewish Sports and Social Network is Washington/Baltimore's biggest group for Jewish young professionals, young couples, and singles of all ages. With over 12,000 members, JSSN offers over 60 different programs monthly including happy hours, hikes, bike rides, tennis socials, volleyball, rock climbing, bowling, billiards, embassy and museum events, gallery receptions, film nights, pool parties (indoor, outdoor, and rooftop), dances, game nights, club parties, JDate events, Speed-Dating, Progressive Dinners, Shabbat dinners, potlucks, sailing, cruises, day trips, community service projects, networking, coffee houses, sing-alongs, wine tasting, lectures, mixers, book discussion groups, Judaic learning, and more. Events take place in Arlington, Bethesda, Columbia, DC, Baltimore and throughout the Metro Area.

Other annual events include our First Night Passover Seder, President's Day Soiree, Purim Ball, Tu B'Av Jewish Valentine's BBQ, Sukkot Shindig, Chanukah Bash, and the Gefilte Fish Gala. Most events are free, or under \$20, and are also used to collect donations of books, toys, school supplies, and toiletries for the needy.

Our mission is to bring Jewish singles and young couples together to promote Jewish continuity, in a warm, non-threatening atmosphere through social, educational, cultural, religious, and recreational activities, as well to raise funds for local and national charities.

JSSN is a independent organization that often partners with local institutions and organizations, Anyone can join the email events list by sending an email to info@jssn.org, visiting www.jssn.org, or calling 301-610-JEWS. You can also see our programs at our website at www.jssn.org. Special Lifetime VIP Memberships available for only \$18, and provide you with event discounts, advance notice of events, Member only events, restaurant and retail discounts, online dating, and more.

See www.jssn.org for details.



Patricia Weeks-Coulthurst(left), National Association of Healthcare Service Executives / Robin Waller(right), J.D. President and CEO of Just Go Solo.com

Our company name "JUST GO SOLO" is our motto. This company was inspired by a group of Washington, D.C. area professionals, from ages 27-40+. All members are encouraged to come to an event on their own, "solo" and meet great new people with similar interests. The goal of this company is to plan the metropolitan's most exciting events for the DC, MD, VA professional. Although we are not a dating service we expect that this is a great conduit for singles to introduce themselves but we also expect that those who are dating or in committed relationships will enjoy our activities as well. In addition, this is an excellent way for those who are new to town to experience the area and expand their social circle.

Our members tell us they would prefer more sophisticated entertainment and share an interest in cultivating their knowledge and experience of art, music, great food, wine and the outdoors.

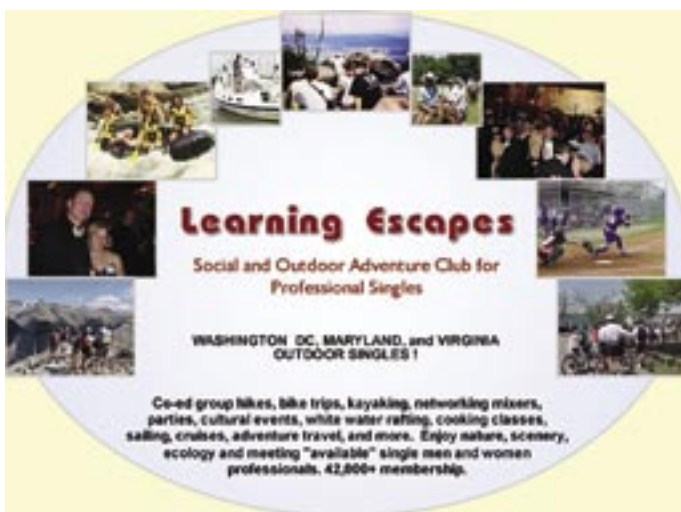
Our sponsors include: Gray Mosby of Mosby Wines, Orasure Technologies and The National Association of Healthcare Service Executives.

For more information you can reach us at www.justgosolo.com.



LEARNING ESCAPES

www.learningescapes.com



Want to "do things" instead of having to "think of things to do"? Tired of taking travel trips alone or being the "lone" single among a group of couples... or worse yet... not getting out and enjoying exciting things to see and do because you don't have companions to go with? If so, then Learning Escapes is for you.

Learning Escapes is an organization that brings singles together for unique experiences in and outside of the city and in the great outdoors. Our day adventure escapes include hiking the Appalachian Trail, learning how to hunt and collect rare fossils, white water canoeing, and day excursions to Amish Country, the bay, beaches and mountains. Fun social events emphasize learning about locally produced wines or boutique winery tours, learning the art of cooking from some of the areas' leading chefs, private tours of historic homes and estates with exclusive receptions just for us, country antique excursions with dinners at historic inns, and many more unique offerings. Of course our parties and mixers are fun ways to unwind and catch up with friends you've met during past outings.

We offer a variety of travel trips for solo travelers which include cruises, active vacations, cultural tours and world river cruises, and short city stays to places around the world. Take advantage of our "shoulder season" trips that are offered in January - May and November - December at substantial discounts and save.

A variety of events and trips are continually being planned. All registration and contact information is via e-mail. If you don't have access to a computer please select the No E-Mail? button to see how you can still participate.

LOVESEXYDC

www.LoveSexyDC.org



LoveSexyDC is a group of over 700 Washington DC area admirers of the musical artist, Prince. We were established in March 1994 and have been meeting monthly ever since. Our meetings have included: trips to Minneapolis, New York, Toledo, Las Vegas, and Philadelphia; attending concerts by Prince and related artists (such as The Time, Sheila E., Eric Leeds, etc.); album launch parties hosted by Paisley Park and Warner Brothers; parties hosted by our members in their homes and at various locales around the DC area.

The group has been featured on local TV and in the Washington Post. We maintain close ties to other regional fan groups. Aside from members within driving distance of our city, we have "honorary members" on our list from all over the USA and the world. Members are all ages, races, marital status, etc.

2006 EVENT DETAILS:

January 15, 2006	- MLK Weekend - Dance Party at Chief Ike's Mambo Room
March 2006	- Prince Fam Swap Meet
Summer 2006	- Prince Fam BBQ Housequake

A Tour? Another Celebration? We Wish!!!

Rest of 2006 events to be confirmed and announced soon!
Check out our website www.LoveSexyDC.org for more information and future events in 2006. LoveSexyDC will meet monthly for a dance party and there is a road trip to Minneapolis planned in summer 2006.

Disclaimer:

LoveSexyDC is an independent, nonprofit, and unofficial fan/enthusiast club. LoveSexyDC is not affiliated with, endorsed by, authorized by, sponsored by, or connected with Prince, NPG Records, Paisley Park Enterprises, or Warner Brothers Records.



The **MEETinDC** group brings people in their 20s and 30s together in the DC area. Whether you've recently moved to Washington or even if you've lived here a long time, this group can be a gateway to meeting new people in the area and forming lasting friendships.

Founded in April 2003, MEETinDC's membership continues to grow. Members come from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. MEETinDC is not a dating service. It is an organization where people can mingle and have fun without feeling the pressure of being in a pickup-scene environment.

MEETinDC is an organization created for and by its members, many of whom volunteer their time and energy to host events. The group hosts hundreds of events per year, big and small, and there's something for everyone. There is no charge to join, and most events are free or inexpensive. Events include happy hours, dance nights, barbecues, team sports, hiking, camping, concerts, museum visits, movie nights, and many others around the DC area.

The original MEETinDC was so successful that it was spun out to become the largest free social group in the world called MEETin.org. MEETin.org is now in 88 cities with over 43,000 members!

The events listed in the MEETinDC calendar are created by and for the members. Event listings are sent to members each week by e-mail and also are posted on the group's website. The group does not allow any form of commercial advertising. Past events have included weekends in Paris, camping and tubing trip, 80s-theme parties, MEETin Olympics, Karaoke, Art Walks, "Iron Chef" competition and many more.

To review details for events, please visit: www.meetindc.org.



Are we about Hawaiian shirts? You bet. Jimmy Buffett? Naturally. Do we take ourselves seriously? Rarely. We're teachers, software engineers, HR professionals, postal workers, military men and women, consultants, mortgage bankers and graphic designers. But, to us, most importantly, we're parrot heads.

Our club is one of more than 200 such clubs around the world. Our common ground is the music of Jimmy Buffett, and our common purpose is to give back to the communities that surround us. We call it party with a purpose.

In 2005, for example, we presented a check for \$3,500 to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as a result of our annual cruise down the Potomac to watch the mall fireworks. Club members also raised \$1,600 for the American Red Cross this year.

EVENTS ARE ALWAYS BEING PLANNED AND ADDED. EVENTS AND SOCIALS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED AND INCLUDE:

Monthly Happy Hours:	Mango Mikes(Alexandria) Every first Wed. Kilroy's (Springfield) Every third Wed.
February 28, 2006:	Fat Tuesday Party
April, 2006:	Potomac Watershed Clean Up.
June, 2006:	Race for the Cure and volunteering at the Red Cross Waterfront Festival
July 4, 2006:	Cruise to see the fireworks on the Cherry Blossom.
October, 2006:	Alzheimer's Memory Walk; Marine Corp Marathon Water Station
November, 2006:	Annual Convention in Key West, FL
December 31, 2006:	NYE Party

For more info or to join, (annual dues \$20) visit our web site, email Rock (President) at waphc@yahoo.com, Bob (Director of Membership) at bins@yahoo.com, call 703-801-3154, or show up to any social or event.

Look forward to seeing you in our hometown version of Margaritaville!

PROFESSIONALS IN THE CITY

www.prosinthecity.com



Professionals in the City's purpose is to introduce the District of Columbia's community of professionals to exciting and new cultural and social experiences in a relaxed and friendly setting. Currently with a local membership of over 50,000, it offers over 400 local events per year. Professional's in the City's (PNC) core group is comprised of individuals primarily between the ages of 25 and 39, but it also holds separate events for people ages 21 to 29 and for people ages 35 and up.

PNC members are a diverse group of individuals from an array of backgrounds, experiences, and professions. All of these individuals share the desire to have a good time and meet other professionals in the area. Members simply go to events that interest them and are able to meet people that share their interests. While PNC hosts some events specifically targeted at singles, PNC is not a singles organization. Singles, couples, and groups of friends attend its events. Membership is approximately 70% singles and 30% dating or married couples.

PNC organizes events throughout the area from all types of singles parties, embassy parties, sporting activities and lessons, wine and food tastings, cultural events, lectures and seminars, holiday-themed parties, charity events and much more. Part of PNC's goal of building community in the DC Metro area includes involvement with local charitable organizations. Each month, PNC chooses a different charity to benefit from its events. For more information on these and all PNC's upcoming events please visit www.prosinthecity.com.

Membership to Professionals in the City is free and people can sign up quickly on the website at www.prosinthecity.com.

For more information, please contact Colleen McNamara at colleen@prosinthecity.com or 202-686-5990.

RECLEAGUES

www.recleagues.com

As the leading provider of adult sports in the Washington-metro area recleagues has been organizing recreational leagues, tournaments and social opportunities since 1985 for thousands of active men and women throughout DC and Northern VA.

Offering programs in softball, volleyball, flag football, soccer, floor hockey and basketball for individuals, small groups and teams, their rates are reasonable, and all equipment, facilities, uniforms and referees are included at approx. \$60-70/person for 10-12 weeks. Typical participants include those who are new to the area or otherwise looking to meet like-minded singles while competing and socializing.

Recleagues' programs also attract established teams and local companies interested in sponsoring after-work events for their employees' fun and fitness. Ages range from recent grads. in their twenties interested in continuing their college intramurals experience to professionals in their thirties, forties and sometimes fifties, looking to recapture their past glory.

Regardless of skill level, everyone is welcome as most leagues include multiple divisions by age and ability, men's and co-rec. It's like summer camp for adults, except recleagues' programs run year-round. For sign-up and scheduling info, please visit their website at www.recleagues.com. You can also call 703-851-3332 or 202-857-8700. Just choose your sport...and get in the game!

SPH3.COM

Single Professional, Hot and Thirty Plus



Robin Waller, J.D. President and CEO of Sph3.com and Kenneth Nixon, Senior Manager The Acela Club - MCI Center

This site launches in 2006! Sph3 seeks to draw single professionals in the city together through common interests. We believe some of those interests include dating, dancing, business networking, travel, the arts and technology. Please visit Sph3.com to join the mailing list. There is no fee associated with membership.

SOCIAL SPORTS BETHESDA

www.socialsportsofbethesda.com



Social Sports of Bethesda (SSB) is a co-ed sports league for people who enjoy playing organized sports and hanging out with friends! The league was formed to provide a venue for people ages 21 and older to participate in football, softball, volleyball and other sports in a safe, co-ed, well-organized and social atmosphere. SSB also provides locally sponsored social events with an emphasis on having fun, networking, and meeting new people. Events generally take place in the Bethesda/Chevy Chase area.

Teams play every week followed a social hour at our sponsor bars. South Beach and Caddies on Cordell offer cheap Miller Lite drafts and other food and drink specials following the games.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Volleyball: Currently underway on Monday nights in Bethesda.
2. Non-Contact Football: Spring 2006 (March through June)
3. Softball: June through August 2006
4. Social Events scheduled throughout the year!

We are organizing teams for co-ed non-contact two-hand touch football this spring! Are you interested in putting together a team consisting of your friends and co-workers? Individuals are also invited to join. Individuals will be assigned to an existing team or grouped together to form a new team. Football games will be played on Saturdays for eight weeks, plus playoffs.

Please visit our website for details: www.socialsportsofbethesda.com, call 301-565-3837 or email: info@socialsportsofbethesda.com.

TASTEDC

www.tastedc.com



TasteDC.com creates exciting wine and food events for the lifestyle generation. We've been producing wine tastings and festivals for the past five years, so we know what you the consumer wants: fun events that mix tasting great wine with food and entertainment. In fact, our events are a non-intimidating way to learn about wine in a sophisticated but casual setting. Our events are perfect for beginners who just want to taste or more advanced wine people who want to get current on the wine scene. Like our motto says: "If It's Taste, We Have It!"

Interested in a private wine tasting for your organization? We're in the forefront of creating exciting wine and food events as entertainment. (Please note: our minimum size to organize an event is 35 people anywhere within the continental U.S.A.). To speak with one of our Special Event Coordinators, please phone 1-202-244-3700 or email us at special@tastedc.com.

UP COMING TASTE DC EVENTS:

- January 14th, 2006 – Introduction to Soul Food Cooking Class
- January 15th, 2006 – Introduction to Seafood Cooking Class
- January 18th, 2006 – Celebration of Piedmont 5-Course Barolo Wine Dinner
- January 19th, 2006 – Wine Basics 101: DC's Most Popular Wine Tasting
- January 21st, 2006 – Introduction to Tapas and Paella Cooking Class
- January 25th, 2006 – Cocktails 101: Classic and Trendy Mixed Drinks
- January 26th, 2006 – 4-Course Italian Wine Dinner at Centro Italian Grill

If you would like to subscribe to our Event Calendar, go to www.tastedc.com for more information and we can place you on our subscription list.

THINGS TO DO

www.thingstodoDC.com



Things To Do DC (TTD) is the largest social and networking organization for young professionals in the greater Washington, D.C. area (including Baltimore). With over 95,000 members, TTD strives to create an incredible diversity of events and experiences to cater to all interests of its ever growing list of young professionals.

Our mission is clear: to offer young professionals the opportunity to meet each other in a friendly, unique, stress free, fun and unforgettable setting. In the past year, TTD hosted such events as: a Black Tie Gala on the top of the Washington National Cathedral; a Sleepover at the National Aquarium; Hang Gliding; trips to Ireland, Oslo, Rio, Transylvania, Scotland, Costa Rica, etc.; Nightclub Openings; Wine Tastings; Seminars; Scavenger Hunts; Events for Young CEOs; Cultural Events at Embassies and Ambassador's Residences; and our huge New Year's Eve Gala.

The majority of our members are between the ages of 21 and 40. Approximately 65% of them are singles. We offer special bi-monthly events for our members age 40 and over. Many members attend events by themselves and our events have fostered long lasting friendships, business contacts, and several marriages.

TTD takes an active role in charitable events throughout Washington and TTD works side by side with charitable organizations in such efforts as: delivering toys to hospitalized children with the Starlight Foundation; organizing a blood drive with the Red Cross; delivering food on Thanksgiving Day, and much more. To personally get involved not only makes a difference in our community, but it makes a personal difference in our hearts.

Membership is free. To sign up, visit the website at www.thingstodoDC.com, or send your email address to events@thingstodoDC.com. Editors note, the list of events was too long to print, please visit the group's website!

WASHINGTON NETWORK GROUP

www.washingtonnetworkgroup.com



Washington Network Group

The **Washington Network Group** is a networking organization of professionals in business, finance, technology, foreign and government affairs. Diversity is our strength. The WNG places an emphasis on bridging the boundaries between professional communities in the Greater Washington Region. Our membership spans the private, public, and non-profit sectors in the Greater Washington Region. Membership is by application and costs \$50 per year.

Observers have characterized our membership as "Washington's Next Insiders" and "DC's true movers and shakers". Indeed, Washingtonian magazine ranks the Washington Network Group as one of the best networking groups in our region.

WNG members are affiliated with business, law, consulting, public relations, media, marketing communications, and financial services firms. They represent the defense, aerospace, information technology, telecommunications, and software sectors. A core constituency makes their careers in trade associations, think tanks, multilateral institutions, government agencies, congressional offices, and the embassies. We include in our membership executive search and recruiting professionals.

We are dedicated to helping our members advance their business and career objectives by facilitating special networking events, innovative educational forums, and professional development opportunities. As a WNG member, you can build professional relationships, explore new opportunities, and share ideas with your colleagues in unique settings. Members have special opportunities to network face-to-face with other business executives, and to meet potential business partners, clients, and employers. In addition, WNG members may access our Member Directory via login with password.

We maintain a robust Regional Calendar and a popular Job Announcements site - both may be accessed through our home page.

WASHINGTON WINE ACADEMY

www.washingtonwineacademy.org



The **Washington Wine Academy** hosts public and private educational wine tastings in and around the Washington, DC Metro area. We are a 501(c) (3) non-profit founded in 1999 whose mission of wine education is evident in every detail of our events. Our faculty wine speakers include the wine columnists from the Washington Post, Washington Times and Washingtonian Magazine, WineReviewOnline.com and we have the only Master of Wine residing in the DC area on board. Our courses are the perfect way to augment a love of wine. Our public offerings feature our educational wine series Up to Speed on Wine, Wine and Jazz Receptions as well as regional-specific tastings featuring great wines from New and Old World Wineries.

Our events are orchestrated for beginners all the way to wine aficionados of all types. Attendees tend to be 21 - 55 with the bulk being 25-35, professionals, students, retirees and more. Social events such as our Wine and Jazz series, bus trips to Virginia wineries, boat cruises on the Potomac, happy hours and more are always on our calendar.

2005 brought a new angle to the Academy with our introduction of wine certification courses from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET). If you really want to learn a lot about wine and even perhaps go for your very own Master of Wine (MW) degree... these courses are for you. WWA's CORK Club is our membership portion of our organization with benefits such as wine discounts, discounted wine events, annual wine social and many many more amenities.

For more information about events or to sign up for our newsletter please visit our website, Everyone (over 21) is welcome to attend our events...see you there!

YNPNDC

www.ynpndc.org



A Community for Tomorrow's Nonprofit Leaders. **Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of DC's** mission is to promote the interests of and build opportunities for tomorrow's nonprofit leaders. Our aim is to develop and nurture entry to mid-level nonprofit professionals by providing: forums for networking, professional growth education activities, and a one-stop resource for information on professional advancement and the Washington, DC nonprofit community.

Though YNPndc welcomes people of all ages, most of our members are in their 20's and 30's or are transitioning into the nonprofit sector. For more information about our membership see the member survey results on our website. Entirely volunteer led and coordinated, YNPndc continues to develop new programs and has over 1500 members.

YNPNdc holds monthly happy hours at various locations throughout DC, making it possible for nonprofit professionals to network in a relaxed atmosphere. We also offer a book club. YNPndc members meet bi-monthly to discuss books related to issues in the nonprofit sector. These conversations are hosted by book club co-sponsor The Foundation Center. In 2006 we plan to meet in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, and Nov.

YNPNdc partners with professional leaders, organizations, and educational institutions to provide information and resources to our members. Past event topics have included: the impact of graduate school on advancement in the nonprofit sector, how to build skills and experience through volunteer work, assessing workstyles, savings and investing tips for nonprofit workers, and more. Breakfast Club meetings allow for peer to peer discussion of revolving topics.

Members can learn about special events, workshops, and post and receive job announcements through the YNPndc email listservs. Sign up on our website.

Please visit www.ynpndc.org to learn more about the organization, become a member, or for information about upcoming events. Membership is free.

YOUNG ASSOCIATES

www.wolftrap.org



KEITH BARRACLOUGH

As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. Through a wide range of artistic and education programs, Wolf Trap enhances our nation's cultural life and ensures that the arts remain accessible and affordable to the broadest possible audience.

The **Young Associates**, part of the **Wolf Trap Associates**, are young area professionals interested in meeting one another and supporting the performing arts and education programs at Wolf Trap. Young Associates are notified of exclusive gatherings, volunteer opportunities, eligibility for participation in the Young Associates Committee (who help determine future Young Associates programs), eligibility to take part in the America's Promise program and much more. The Young Associates is a dynamic group that includes emerging leaders in the local high-tech, nonprofit, government, and other sectors. Opportunities for Young Associates are planned throughout both the Filene Center and The Barns of Wolf Trap seasons. Age range of Young Associates is 21-39.

Our events, which range from black tie to happy hours in various locations around the area, raise money for our education programs. Wolf Trap Young Associates events include black tie functions, happy hours, and ample volunteer opportunities. Young Associates, a subgroup of the Wolf Trap Associates, celebrates the arts and creative spirit of Wolf Trap, having fun, helping out, and sharing the spirit with others. In addition to happy hours and galas, Young Associates partake in pre-concert gatherings, and many Associates provide support for Wolf Trap by donating their time to work as volunteers:

To join or for more information, call the Associates office 703-255-1940 or visit our website at www.wolftrap.org.

YOUNG BENEFACTORS

www.youngbenefactors.org



The **Smithsonian Young Benefactors (YBs)** is a membership organization managed by The Smithsonian Associates, the educational and outreach arm of the Smithsonian Institution, of more than 1,000 young, professional Washingtonians who are devoted to the future of the Smithsonian. Members are active young professionals, ranging in age from 21 to 45, who are interested in history, culture, science and the arts, and who support the institution through membership, fundraising, and volunteer activities.

Whether you enjoy art, science, or history, the Young Benefactors offer exclusive access to the best exhibitions, research, and experts that the Smithsonian Institution has to offer. From black-tie events to casual happy hours, volunteer events to unique and exciting members-only events and tours at the Smithsonian Museums, the Young Benefactors offer something for every young professional. With 60+ events a year, YB membership offers amazing opportunities to network, socialize, and support some of our nation's most treasured museums.

For more information, or to join, visit www.youngbenefactors.org or call 202-357-3030.





The Capital Alumni Network (CAN) fosters activities, networking, friendship and inter-collegiate spirit between local alumni club members. Our members consist of more than 215 local alumni chapters, which represent more than 1 million DC area alumni of all ages.

CAN monthly meetings are held in Arlington for representatives of local alumni chapters to share ideas and to partner on chapter events. In addition, a monthly email newsletter, CAN Happenings, is sent to all CAN members describing local alumni chapter events. Member schools are offered resources for expanding the scope of their respective chapter's events as well as a means to share ideas in the following areas: community service, membership, public relations, technology, sports and social events.

There is no fee for alumni chapters to join CAN. If your school or chapter is not yet a member of CAN please encourage your alumni board to join. If you're an alum from a CAN member school we hope to see you at an event soon! For more information about CAN or to join, please visit www.dcalum.org or email CAN@dcalum.org.

CAN sponsors the following events each year:

- Softball League and Tournament in the Spring/Summer – 55 Teams in 2005
- Team Flag Football League and Tournament in the Fall – 50 Teams in 2005
- Volleyball and Basketball Leagues in the Winter
- Post Season Player Parties for All CAN Sports at Various DC Area Bars
- CAN Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction Benefiting Hoop Dreams
- March Madness NCAA Basketball Viewing Party
- CAN Alumni Night at a Washington Capitals and Wizards Game in the Fall
- CAN Alumni Day at a Nationals and DC United Game in the Summer
- Community Service Events with Other DC Area Non-Profit Organizations

Visit www.dcalum.org for more information.



The American University Young Alumni Chapter (YAC) strives to utilize the energy, creativity, and enthusiasm of recent AU graduates (1996-2006) to build and strengthen the alumni-university bond. The chapter's mission is to enhance the educational, cultural, social, and professional lives of young alums through quality programs and events that provide real value to new graduates.

The alumni chapter sponsors social, sports, educational, and community service events and works with other alumni groups to create unique programs for young alumni in the D.C. Metro area. Membership is FREE and open to AU alumni (undergraduate and graduate) who graduated between 1996 and 2006. YAC events and activities over the past year have included happy hours, a sushi and sake demonstration and dinner, football and softball teams, pottery painting, a self-defense seminar, holiday party and silent auction, and much, much more.

For more information on the chapter or to view the latest events calendar visit www.alumni.american.edu.



The **Metro Washington Auburn Clubs** serves alumni and friends of Auburn University in the D.C. Area. The club was founded in 1957 for members of the Auburn family to stay in touch as well as network with other local alums. Today the membership has grown to over one hundred members that enjoy such events such as the Annual Club Picnic, Iron Bowl-ing Social with the University of Alabama, and dinners for guest speakers from the University.

In the fall football takes over with weekly viewing parties for the Tigers as well as fielding an Alumni Flag Football team that plays weekly on the Ellipse in front of the White House. Throughout the year the club also holds various fund-raisers in order to raise money for scholarships to the University.

For more information or to inquire about joining, please contact Mike Grinnell grinnellmj@aol.com.



The **Cornell Club of Washington (CCW)** offers programs and activities for alumni, students, parents, and friends of Cornell University in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. CCW is recognized year after year as one of the top three Cornell alumni clubs in the nation, offering its members over 100 events annually in collaboration with related clubs and alumni groups to strengthen the Cornell community in D.C.

The almost 800 active CCW members represent a broad range of age, backgrounds, occupations and experience. CCW has strong programs for everyone including young alumni, singles, families, and urbanauts such as enriching embassy and cultural events, seminars with renowned faculty and alumni, career networking events, as well as sporting and social outings. Events without fixed venues usually take place in the district, but occasionally occur in immediate suburbs such as Arlington and Bethesda. CCW members also have the opportunity to give back by participating in community service events and events that sponsor academic scholarships.

CCW PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE:

February 4, 2006:	Cornell Men's Hockey at Colgate. 7pm McFadden's (24th & Penn).
February 18, 2006:	Cornell Men's Hockey vs. Harvard. 5:30pm. McFadden's (24th & Penn).
Spring:	Yo Yo Ma, Faculty Speaker, Annual Dinner, Hiking Old Rag Mountain.
Summer:	Annual Picnic, Trips to see the Orioles at Camden Yards / Nationals and D.C. United at RFK, Potomac Boat Cruise, Kayaking on the Potomac.
Fall:	Cornell Entrepreneurial Network, Zinck's Night (always the third Thursday in October!), Cornell Annual Phone-a-thon.

CCW is Cornell's largest all-volunteer run organization in the world. Membership and event prices are inexpensive, making involvement affordable for everyone in the Cornell community.



EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

www.dcpirates.com



[DC ALUMNI AND PIRATE CLUB CHAPTERS]

Working Together for Tomorrow is our motto. It builds on the East Carolina University's Tomorrow Starts Here motto and notes that we want your after college experiences to be special as well. There are approximately 3,550 East Carolina Alumni and about 110 members of the Pirate Club in the immediate Washington metropolitan area. The Alumni and Pirate Club Boards sponsor events throughout the year, often participating with Capital Alumni Network (CAN) sponsored athletic and charitable events.

The **East Carolina Alumni and Pirate Club Chapters** sponsor co-ed sports teams for all four of the CAN sponsored sports: Basketball, Flag Football, Slow Pitch Softball and Volleyball. To contact the Coach(es) for a sport(s) you wish to participate with and other information, visit our website, www.dcpirates.com.

Each summer, ECU holds two Team Time Out events (cookout and ballgame for one low price) at RFK Stadium in conjunction with the Washington Nationals and an opponent which has one or more Diamond Pirates in their lineup. These family friendly social events are posted on the website and globally e-mailed to all Alumni who have a current address enrolled with the Office of Alumni Relations in Greenville (call 1-800-ECU-GRAD to enroll). Each December, in conjunction with the other North Carolina CAN Chapter Schools, ECU sponsors and participates in a Toys For Tots Party.

Pirates watch any football, basketball and baseball games which are televised at Stella's in Alexandria, Ventnor Sports Café in Adams-Morgan, DC and Bentz Street Sports Bar in Frederick, Maryland. For an up-to-date sports viewing calendar, visit our website, www.dcpirates.com.

We would love to have all East Carolina University Alumni join with us for these and other upcoming events and activities, check our website for details.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

www.alumni.northwestern.edu/washington_dc



Northwestern alumni and friends together at the Hotel Washington during our annual holiday gala

The **Northwestern Club of DC**, winner of the Northwestern Alumni Association's "Club of the Year" award in 2000, is one of Northwestern's most active alumni clubs outside of Chicago. We have hundreds of members and actively schedule events throughout the DC metro area that appeal to alums both young and "young at heart."

Over the past year, we hosted a panel on international affairs at the National Press Club featuring prominent alumni journalists and held a brunch discussion with alumni sportswriters Michael Wilbon & Christine Brennan. Alumni Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-AZ-8) hosted Northwestern students interning in D.C. this summer at his home on Capitol Hill, and we recently celebrated with nearly two hundred alumni and friends at our annual black tie holiday gala. This year, attendees brought toys to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. Other highlights included a happy hour and raffle to benefit Northwestern's Dance Marathon (one of the nation's largest student-run philanthropies) and the formation of several sports teams to compete in co-ed leagues, such as softball and flag-football.

Other activities also included a trip to watch the Nationals and several volunteering events co-hosted with other Big-Ten universities. Upcoming plans include a career networking night, Club-sponsored Wizards and Capitals game nights, joint activities with other universities to watch Big Ten basketball at DC bars, a spring gallery tour of Dupont Circle's Phillips Museum, young alumni happy hours at popular bars and lounges, and a local volunteering day.

Free membership is available to pre-1953 grads, recent grads (2004 and 2005), and parents of current students. For all other graduates, dues are \$15 for single memberships and \$25 for household memberships. To join the club online, and read more about upcoming events, visit www.alumni.northwestern.edu/washington_dc

PENN STATE

www.psuwashdc.org

SEMINOLE CLUB

www.dcnoles.org



WE ARE PENN STATE! It's not often that you hear our faithful cheer outside of Happy Valley, that is, of course, until you join the **Metro Washington Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association!** We provide social & community service events for Penn State alumni and friends each month, including happy hours, cultural events, volunteer opportunities and more. Every fall we set up Penn State viewing parties for all home and away football games and organize events in Happy Valley. We are also very active in the **Capital Alumni Network**. Through this organization we field teams in five different co-ed sports leagues (softball, flag football, basketball, volleyball & soccer) and participate in larger CAN-sponsored community service projects and social events such as Hands On D.C. and University Row at The Virginia Gold Cup.

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan:	Orange Bowl Viewing Parties; Penn State Musical Theatre Performance
Feb:	THON Fundraiser; Alumni Volleyball & Basketball Teams kick-off
Mar:	Shamrock Festival; Professional Development Seminar
April:	Hands on DC; Alumni Softball & Soccer Teams kick-off
May:	University Row at VA Gold Cup; Annual Chapter Meeting
June:	Alumni Night with the Nationals; CAN Bachelor Bachelorette Auction
July:	New Alumni Happy Hour; Tri-State Dewey Beach Weekend
Aug:	Annual Chapter Picnic; CAN Softball Tournament
Sept:	PSU Football Viewing Parties begin; Flag Football kick-off
Oct:	Homecoming Tailgate in Happy Valley; Halloween Ghost Tours
Nov:	Holiday Food Drive & Happy Hour; PSU Networking Social
Dec:	Candlelight Christmas Tours; Chapter Holiday Party

Details about events and how to get involved can be found on the chapter website at www.psuwashdc.org or by contacting Abby Fairman at abby@psualum.com. You can also join the Chapter's Executive Board of Directors for their monthly meeting at The Willard Conference Center, at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month.



The **Seminole Club of Greater Washington, DC (the DC Noles)** is the Washington Metro area's connection to all things FSU. We welcome all Florida State University alumni, boosters, and friends!

We have a range of events and activities to appeal to our diverse membership!

IN 2005, THEY INCLUDED:

- Our annual Wine Tasting at the Melting Pot in March
- Quarterly Networking Happy Hours
- The 2nd Annual Swinging with the Seminoles Golf Tournament in April
- Our annual Northern Virginia Winery Tour in July
- Our annual summertime Canoe Trip down the Rappahannock River
- Two choices for gathering to watch FSU football! Porter's in DC, and Grevey's in Northern Virginia
- Participation in the Fairfax County College Fair in October
- Access to home and away football tickets
- A weekend full of festivities for the FSU vs. UVA, including a huge tailgate in Charlottesville
- Participation in serving our community through Martha's Table, Special Olympics, Toys for Tots, and Food and Friends
- Contributions to the University through the Alumni Association and the Boosters
- A scholarship given to a local area high school student headed to FSU!

More exciting activities, including a fantastic football weekend at the University of Maryland, are planned for 2006.

An annual individual membership is only \$20 or the whole family can join for just \$30. For more information on Club events or membership, please visit www.dcnoles.org.



Alumni listen to Dr. Charles Cotrell, St. Mary's University president, at the 2005 Reconnect Reception at Andale.

The **St. Mary's University Alumni Association Washington, D.C. Chapter** represents hundreds of alumni that live in the metropolitan area. The group meets regularly throughout the year, hosting happy hours, receptions, and community service events. These events primarily take place in downtown D.C., but occasionally the Chapter will host events in Maryland and Virginia.

Membership dues are \$25 per year. The dues money goes toward Chapter events and its scholarship program. Scholarship is an important aspect of the University mission. The Chapter's scholarship program is used to encourage St. Mary's students to take advantage of the various internship programs in the District.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The chapter meets on the first Tuesday of every month for happy hour. Location varies.
- **Welcome reception for Dr. Larry Hufford** on Saturday, February 4th. Location: TBA
- **The Reconnect Reception** is Friday, March 24, 2006, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Tortilla Coast. University president, Dr. Charles Cotrell, will be on hand to visit with D.C. area alumni.
- **Homecoming** will be in San Antonio from April 6-10, 2006, with **Homecoming Oyster Bake** taking place on Saturday, April 8th.
- **The 90th annual Fiesta Oyster Bake** will fall on the first weekend of Fiesta this year: April 21-22, 2006. Visit www.oysterbake.com for more details.

If you are interested in attending Chapter events or updating your membership, contact Chapter president, Michael Kolenc (B.A. '03), at michael_kolenc@yahoo.com. Or you can visit the St. Mary's University Alumni website at www.stmarytx.edu/alumni.



The **UMass Amherst Alumni Club** aims to bring together members of the over 4,000 alumni who are now in the D.C. area. Made possible by the Alumni Association and area volunteers, the main objective of the group is to connect alumni through a variety of events, allowing them to relive old experiences and create new ones.

Club events range from low-key happy hours to larger scale events, such as the Red Sox bus trip or an evening at the Kennedy Center. The club is also affiliated with CAN, which provides a variety of social events, and league play for our softball team, and flag football team. The club is run by volunteers and is always open to accepting new members of the steering committee to help plan events.

Please contact acting club leader Shannon Aucoin at saucoin@gprep.org for more information or visit www.umassalumni.com to keep updated and/or register for area events.

DC GATOR CLUB

www.dcgators.com



The **University of Florida Alumni Association of Greater Washington DC** - better known as the DC Gator Club® - is the "Home of the Gators" in Northern Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. The focus of the Alumni Association is to support the mission of the University of Florida (teaching, research and service), and to enhance and cultivate relationships with alumni, students and friends.

The DC Gator Club offers a wealth of programs and activities in the DC Metropolitan Area and Baltimore for local alum of all ages; a Recreation Program encompassing outdoor activities such as Softball and Flag Football, a Networking Program offering opportunities to meet and work with Gator professionals in the DC Metro area, Happy Hours with other SEC clubs, and an Annual Gator Picnic.

In addition to taking part in our social and professional activities, members are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities for leadership and service that exist within DC Gator Club®. This includes service as an Officer or member of the Board of Directors, participation in the DC Gator's annual Charity Golf Tournament, and involvement on the club's Volunteer Committee. Interested DC Gator Club® members are encouraged to contact any Officer or Board Member for more information.

The DC Gator Club® is the Area's gateway to the Gator Nation! Whether you want to participate in Outreach Events, watch Gator sports, expand your business, or contribute to the DC Gator Club® Scholarship Program, there is opportunity for everyone to "get in the game." For more information go to www.dcgators.com or e-mail gatorinfo@dcgators.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January through March

- At least two Networking/Speaker Series events
- Volunteer Opportunities

April through June

- International Gator Day Picnic
- 4th Annual DC Gator Charity Golf Tournament
- DC Gator Club elections
- Volunteer Opportunities

September through December

- Game watching at an area Sport Bar for Gator Games
- At least 2 Happy Hours
- One University of Florida Outreach event
- Volunteer Opportunities

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

www.alumni.unc.edu/clubs/dc



UNC graduates can keep a hold of their Carolina Blue roots by joining the **DC-Metro area Carolina Alumni Club!** Alumni of all ages are welcome to participate in our activities that range from service projects and happy hours to game viewings and organized sports.

Young and old alums can mix and mingle at social events across the DC area and cheer on the Tar Heels at the Crystal City Sports Pub in Arlington, VA. Our biggest game-viewing event is the Duke-Carolina basketball game, which includes Blue Cups straight from Chapel Hill! Another popular event is the annual BBQ (with real Carolina pork bbq) during the summer. True sports enthusiasts can also help represent our school in the CAN sports league-we have a strong presence in softball (spring) and flag football (fall).

Alumni interested in learning about club events should send an email to unc_dcalums@hotmail.com to subscribe to the listserv or visit our website at <http://alumni.unc.edu/clubs/dc>. With over a thousand Carolina alumni in the area, the UNC DC Alumni Club is a great way to keep in touch with old friends, make new ones, and keep the Tar Heel spirit alive in the nation's capital!

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CLUB

www.umdc.org



The **University of Michigan Club of Washington DC** is the local chapter of the **University of Michigan Alumni Association**. If you are a Michigan alum and would like to join, please visit alumni.umich.edu for an application.

Although we sponsor many activities, our main purpose is to raise money for the our club's scholarship fund. Every year, our club awards a \$20,000 scholarship to a DC area student to attend the University of Michigan. Our main fundraiser for this scholarship is our Congressional Breakfast and Silent Auction, which will be held on March 8, 2006. Our keynote speaker is typically a member of Congress; at this event we hold a silent auction to raise money for our scholarship fund.

Our club gathers to watch sports events. We have been gathering at Tommy Joes (4714 Montgomery Lane, Bethesda, MD), and the Pour House (319 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington DC) in recent years to watch our football games. We will gather to watch a few Michigan basketball games as well.

Our club also is active in community outreach activities. These include Hands on DC, USO care package stuffing parties for our troops, participating in the AIDS walk, just to name a few. We also offer a comprehensive list of social activities including happy hours, a club speaker series, networking events, and outings to local sports events (just to name a few). We have a diverse array of programming for our members because our membership includes people of a wide variety of age groups.

Our specific list of programming can be found at our website, <http://umdc.org>.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

www.uagrad.org/dccats



The **Washington DC Alumni Club** - also known as the **Capitol Cats** - is proud to represent almost 4000 University of Arizona graduates living in the Potomac Area, which includes the District of Columbia, as well as parts of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia.

We always try to have something happening for our group, be it social, cultural, athletic-related or professional networking, so be sure to check out our Events page at www.uagrad.org/dccats/events.shtml and join the Capitol Cats Sports Group, www.sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/CapCatsSports. We also have club volunteers who work on student recruitment with the UA Office of Admissions and New Student Enrollment. Although our main focus is not fundraising, we do have a modest scholarship program.

PAST EVENTS

- Help the Homeless Walk-a-Thon
- Football Game Watching: UA vs. ASU
- National Museum of the American Indian Tour
- U of A Women's Basketball at the University Maryland

ONGOING EVENTS

- Capitol Cats Sports with the Capitol Alumni Network
- Flag Football
- Basketball
- Softball
- Planned Events
- Capitol Cats Night with the Washington Wizards
- Mens Basketball Game Watching

We are always looking for volunteers to help plan activities and take on leadership roles. Please email dcazcats@yahoo.com if you want to get involved.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

www.dchoos.org



The **University of Virginia Club of Washington** is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to building and improving ties among area alumni and providing a life-long bond to the University through social, service, sports, cultural and networking opportunities. While the Club serves as the Washington, DC metropolitan area chapter of the U.Va. Alumni Association, it is a separate entity.

Events are open to all, except for a yearly members only barbeque. Members usually receive a discount to events that require a ticket purchase and receive priority registration for events with limited capacity.

Some examples of club events are happy hours, monthly restaurant dinners and cooking classes, ski trips, ice skating events, hiking outings, barbeques, holiday parties, galas, speaker events, book club meetings, UVA sports game watching, team sports participation, instructor led seminars and other networking events, sorting food for needy people, spending time with homeless children, attending college fairs, and making congratulatory calls to newly accepted students to UVA.

Members include alumni and students of both the undergraduate and graduate schools, and their family and friends. Members span all ages and the age of event attendees depends on the event. There are several committees you can join to help out with club activities, including social, service, and networking.

2006 CALENDAR OF KEY EVENTS:

Winter:	Basketball Game watching
Spring:	Inaugural Founder's Day Gala April, Cavalier's Care Week (service projects), Congratulatory Calls, Jefferson Book Awards
Summer:	Send Off Party For First Year Students, Members Barbeque
Fall:	Speaker Event, College Fairs, Football Gamewatching
Winter:	Nutcracker at the Kennedy Center, Holiday Party, Congratulatory Calls

More events are listed on the website. To sign up for our e-newsletter, send an email to: newsletter@dchoos.org. You can join the club online at www.dchoos.org/membership or print out a membership form and mail it to the address listed.

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

www.grwashdc.homestead.com



The **Villanova University Greater Washington, DC Alumni Chapter** provides information as well as social, academic and philanthropic activities for all local alumni of all ages and demographics in the D.C. area.

Our chapter focuses on activities that allow Villanovans to maintain contact with the University and other fellow Wildcats in the DC area. Our goal is to help each association member recall fond memories and create new ones that reconnect us to our Villanova heritage.

In the past year, we have held many different activities all over the DC area. Coaches Lunch, Outings to Wizards and Capitals games, community service events, social/networking happy hours, undergraduate recruiting opportunities, new student receptions, and the Villanova vs. Georgetown basketball game are just some of the highlights. This year the chapter is hosting a total of 9 Game Watch events for local alums at various locations in Northern VA, DC, and Maryland. Please check the Game Watch Schedule at this web site <http://grwashdc.homestead.com/mensbasketball.html>

In the Spring, Summer, and Fall we join in with 45 other Alumni Chapters for Co-Ed Alumni Sports. Our co-ed softball, co-ed flag football, and co-ed basketball compete against other alumni teams the likes of Georgetown, BC, Notre Dame, Florida State and Texas.

Up to date information on all our chapter events as well as resources such as employment and housing boards, photos, and contact information for the DC Leadership Team are located on our DC Chapter website. Or call 1-800-Villanova for any alumni questions.



The Hokie Bird makes new friends at the Fairfax Fair.

The **National Capital Region (NCR) Chapter of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association** is comprised of over 25,000 Virginia Tech alumni living in the Washington, DC area. This chapter includes the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, as well as Arlington and Fairfax counties in Virginia; the District of Columbia; and Prince George's and Montgomery counties in Maryland.

The purpose of the chapter is to serve the needs of the Virginia Tech alumni and the Washington, DC area, along with providing scholarships for graduating seniors in high school to attend Virginia Tech. The chapter has provided at least \$10,000 in scholarship money for the last eight years to deserving students. The chapter also has funded a \$25,000 endowment in Blacksburg.

The chapter holds events throughout the year in the northern Virginia and DC area, including monthly happy hours, regular community service projects, sports leagues, and professional development events. Major annual events include the NCR Chapter Job Fair being held on March 13, 2006 this year, Hokie Open golf tournament in May, awards and freshmen send-off picnic, as well as participation in University Row at Virginia Gold Cup. The chapter is also an active member of the Capital Alumni Network, a DC area organization of alumni chapters also featured in the On Tap Yearbook.

There is no fee to join the chapter. If you are a Virginia Tech alum, then you are a member! For more information about the NCR Chapter, please visit the website, www.ncrhokies.org or email vtaa@ncrhokies.org. Volunteers run the chapter, and the chapter is always looking for enthusiastic and dedicated Hokies to help out in any way they can!