The sixth annual Soup and Hope series will open with personal reflections from A. T. Miller, associate vice provost for academic diversity, Jan. 17, noon-1 p.m., at Sage Chapel.

The biweekly series is open to the public and serves up personal stories and music, along with a free cup of soup and a roll, during early winter. One of the two soup choices—which vary with each program—is vegetarian. Speakers are Cornell staff, faculty or students or local community members who share their life stories of finding pathways to hope and creating compassionate change in the world.

Sponsored by a number of Cornell organizations, the Soup and Hope series was inspired by the work of civil rights leader Vincent Harding, who delivered the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Lecture at Cornell in 2008, and his wife, Rosemarie Freeney Harding.

Approximately 100 people attend each Soup and Hope program, many from previous years. Miller came to Cornell in 2011 after serving as faculty director of the Center for Global and Intercultural Study and coordinator of Multicultural Teaching and Learning at the University of Michigan, 2000-2011, and as director of Africana Studies at Union College, 1992-2000.

For eight years he headed a rural high school in Kenya, East Africa, near the Uganda border. He worked for the National Music Festival of Kenya for 10 years. Miller is a part of Cornell's vice provost for undergraduate education unit, and is responsible for the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, the Center for Teaching Excellence, the new Cornell Intergroup Dialogue Project, the Learning Strategies Center and the Office of Internal Transfer. He also is part of a team of five executives who manage Cornell's approach to diversity and inclusion through the University Diversity Council.

In his spare time, Miller performs with his husband as a folk music duo, "Bridgewater." They live on an organic farm in Scipio, New York.

The first new Recognition Event Day (RED), developed by the Cornell Employee Recognition Team, will be held Jan. 15 to celebrate all Cornell employees. Members of the team will be on hand with free granola bars and donuts for employees who stop by at:

- Grounds Department, 307 Palm Road: 6:50 a.m.
- Humphrey Service Building Atrium: 7:15 a.m.
- School of Hotel Administration, Park Atrium: 7:30 a.m.
- College of Veterinary Medicine, Hagan Room: 7:45 a.m.
- CALS, Roberts Hall mezzanine: 7:45 a.m.
- College of Human Ecology, 142 Martha Van Rensselaer: 7:45 a.m.
- 230 King-Shaw Hall (ILR Conference Center): 7:45 a.m.
- East Hill Office Building: 8 a.m.
- Seneca Place, 4th Floor AA&D reception: 8 a.m.
- 20 Thornwood Drive: 8:15 a.m.
- Myron Taylor Hall Atrium: 9 a.m.
- Sage Hall Atrium: 9 a.m.
- Goldwin Smith Hall foyer: 9 a.m.
- 240 Carpenter Hall: 10 a.m.
- Geneva, Barton Lab: 10 a.m.

The team will hold four additional RED events in 2013. The RED events are part of a larger suite of "High Five" programs developed by staff, for staff, in response to feedback from last year's Employee Survey, to recognize employees for their good work.
From left: Kim Umbrell, Laura Bartholomew and Cheryl Karius

First row: Joyce Ward, Jason David, Yuriy Bindas, Emma Sherry, Melinda Allen. Row 2: Rob Osborn, Steve Keating, Rick Jordan, Phil Bartels '71, Susan Bartels, Steve Devlen, Julie Parsons '06, Maria Cimilluca

Kelli Lovejoy, Kevin Lovejoy, Larry Lockwood, Laura Lockwood

Roxanne Hills, Charlie Glowacki, Slavik Bindas

John Harbst

Mike Martin

KyuJung Whang, Vy Merritt
BY NANCY DOOLITTLE

More than 400 Building Care staff members gathered in Bartels Hall Dec. 3 to recognize the six recipients of this year’s Bartels Award for Custodial Service Excellence and the six recipients of the Bartels Scholarship for employees and their children.

Maria Cimilluca, senior director of facilities management, opened the event by thanking the Building Care staff members for their hard work, leadership and volunteer efforts in the local community. She also recognized several who became U.S. citizens this year — Dhia Waheed, Nikolay Kozak, Vy Merritt, Khin Khin Paw, Aye Lahpo Paw, Poe Htoo and his wife, Paw — and those who retired from the university this past year — Barb Atkins, Elaine Cole, Jim Evener, Sharon Griffin, Al Hand, Janet Hoag and Bill Anderson.

Cimilluca also thanked Phil Bartels ’71 and his wife Susan. “They cherish Cornell University, they cherish the work that you do,” she said to the Building Care staff, “and that is clearly demonstrated through the awards and scholarship programs that are available to all of you.”

KyuJung Whang, vice president for facilities services, also extended his thanks to the Bartels family for their “tremendous generosity.” “Our employees look forward to this event every year,” he said.

Supervisors and colleagues provided the following reflections about Bartels Award for Custodial Service Excellence recipients:

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Charlene Finch takes great pride in her work. She is known for her positive attitude and sense of humor. She works in ILR School areas that are visited by top corporate recruiters.

Patrick Sherry has been promoted twice since returning to Building Care, and is well-liked and respected by everyone he works with. He has a “positive and upbeat attitude that is absolutely remarkable.”

Kim Cornell is an expert in custodial maintenance, especially known for her floor work in heavily trafficked areas, her dedication, professionalism and attention to detail.

Ted Fellows, known for his excellent cleaning, attendance and “great customer service,” has for the past three years serviced and maintained a “staggering number of machines,” such as vacuums, floor machines, burnishers, power washers and snowblowers.

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The award was first given in February 2008; the Bartels endowed it in 2009. Also in 2009, the Bartels established and endowed the scholarship programs to encourage custodians and their children to take classes and further their education.

Each of this year’s custodial and housekeeping awardees — Donna McLaughlin, Charlene Finch, Patrick Sherry, Kim Cornell, Ted Fellows and Gloria Grady — received a framed certificate, a cash award of $500 and congratulations from their colleagues, the Bartels and Building Care administrators.

The Building Care Bartels Scholarship awardees for 2012 were announced by program administrator Julie Parsons, who noted that since the scholarships were established, $75,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded. This year, Jason David and Joyce Ward each received a $1,500 Bartels Scholarship for Employees. In addition, four children of Building Care staff members each received a Bartels Children’s Scholarship of $5,000: Melinda Allen (father, Doug Allen); Yuriy Bindas (father, Slavik Bindas); Orlay Santa (father, Hector Santa) and Emma Sherry (father, Pat Sherry).

Phil Bartels recalled Reunion 2011, when he and his wife arrived at West Campus tired and late. They were immediately greeted by several Building Care employees, who helped them get checked in and settled. “You are a backbone department of the university,” he said. Supervisors and colleagues provided the following reflections about Bartels Award for Custodial Service Excellence recipients:

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FOR RENT
2 Bedroom apt. in Groton $750. Really nice, furnished. This house is new inside and out. Upper apartment in quiet two unit. rgkt@cornell.edu or 327-0488.

Looking for housemate, $650./mo. Apartment in downtown ithaca, near the Commons. Rent is $1300. to split. thf5@cornell.edu. 2BR/2Bath house $1200./mo. Electric & propane for hot water/cooking included. 1850 sq.ft., attached garage, blacktop drive. Pets welcome. sayst99@yahoo.com or 331-4276.

Room and House Share $800 includes utilities. Country home in Horseheads. spib8@cornell.edu or 255-1003.

FOR SALE
4 Mini Rex Rabbits, $20. I have 2 Bucks and 2 Doe Mini Rex Rabbits. Soft! Buy the one runt (doe) and the other doe and you can buy the runt for $10! 4 months. kmr28@cornell.edu.

Goldys Gym, $200. Works great, selling because we don’t use it. cmr47@cornell.edu or 229-0617.

Golden Retriever dog, $ negotiable. Young adult male “field” golden needs new home. Loving, smart & happy. Good watch dog. Dislikes cats & small dogs. Crate-trained. ijk1@cornell.edu or 539-6251.

Tires - 2 New Michelin Defender, $250. Size: 205 70R-15, all season tires. Purchased on 12/17/12 for $300 for the pair; 600 miles on the tires. Excellent condition! rlf@cornell.edu or 255-9334.

Snow tires, $180. Set of 4 snow tires in excellent condition. Used 2 seasons on a Nissan Versa, 185/65 R15. bk82@cornell.edu or 351-4159.

Yodel propane/natural gas stove, $400. or best offer. Cast iron enamel, heating capacity up to 600 sq. ft. 10,600 BTU per hour. winn2fail@yahoo.com or 607-233-5738.

Admiral VCR recorder/player, $5. It worked when last used in March 2011. hrb1@cornell.edu or 273-4040.

Inverness, Fl, home, $130,000. 2 bed,1 bath, 2 porches, 40’ x 70’ garage with attached apartment. mjz22@cornell.edu or 657-8379.

‘05 Ford Explorer, $ 8,000. New brakes, 95,000 miles, loaded with options. mz17@cornell.edu or 607-379-0941.

‘05 Chevy Silverado, $10,000. 1500 LS extended cab, 90,010 miles, 1 owner, loaded with options including tonneau cover. KBB $13,345. Great for work and driving! mz17@cornell.edu or 255-4047.

WANTED
Air hockey table, $100. Looking for a used air hockey table in good condition. Willing to spend more depending on the condition. Thank you ckp37@cornell.edu or 237-4327.

Tricycle for a 3 year old girl, $ negotiable. kwc3@cornell.edu or 255-7923.

Music stand, $ negotiable. Looking for a durable music stand for my daughters, who are trumpet players. We’ve tried the $15 variety and they just don’t hold up. kah53@cornell.edu or 254-2730.

Employee Assembly elections are coming up

Election materials for all staff members interested in running for the Employee Assembly (EA) will be posted online Jan. 16. Such staff members need to complete those materials by Feb. 4 and attend one of two information sessions, held Jan. 23 and 29. Elections will be held Feb. 11-22, with results announced by March 1. The elections and informational meetings have been moved up by a month to better align them with the elections of the other assemblies and make it easier to appoint new EA members to committees of the University Assembly and other organizations.

Anyone interested in running for the EA is encouraged to contact an Employee Assembly member, listed at http://assembly.cornell.edu/EA/Members#toc1, EA Chair Tanya Grove at t40@cornell.edu or 607-254-2719, or Vice Chair of Communications Eric Lee at ewl46@cornell.edu.

LIVING WITH CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS
A six-week program for people with an ongoing health condition such as arthritis, cancer, COPD, congestive heart failure, depression, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease and Parkinson’s disease will be held Wednesdays, 2:30-5 p.m., Jan. 16-Feb. 20, 343 East Hill Office Building.

You don’t have to stop doing all the things you love to do to enjoy a healthier life. Developed by Stanford University experts, this program helps anyone living with a long-term health condition; topics include coping, sleep, decision making, pain, fatigue, medications, healthy eating and emotions. Minimum of 10 must register for the class to run. Fee: $20; $10 refund if workshop is completed. Open to the entire community. Living Healthy Tompkins is sponsored by the Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County.

To register, contact Sue Olmstead, Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County, at 273-8686.

BUDGET MODEL DISCUSSIONS
Two upcoming panel discussions on the new budget model will be held to provide interested parties with an opportunity to ask specific questions and voice specific implementation concerns. Participants will also hear about the data and metrics used to inform the decision processes and will be walked through the model details. Forums are open to the campus. For event locations, see: http://events.cornell.edu/


Facilities and Administrative Cost (F&A), Research: Jan. 24, 9-11 a.m., location TBA. Panel: Elmira Mangum, Robert Burhman, Cathy Long and Davina Desnos

LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY BOOK READING
The Lab of Ornithology will hold a free book reading for children, K-5th grade, Jan. 17 at 3:30 in its Adelson Library (second floor), 159 Sapsucker Woods Rd., Ithaca. The book, “Counting for the Birds,” by Frank Mazzola, Jr., relates a story of birds visiting a feeder, while a hungry cat lurks nearby. Participants will also learn what they can do to help scientists with their bird counts. Information: 800-843-2473, cornellbirds@cornell.edu.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT
The Cornell University Glee Club will hold its Return-from-Tour Concert, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m., Sage Chapel, with John Rowehl, acting director of choral music, conducting. Admission: $10 adults; $5 students; http://www.gleeclub.com and at the door.

The glee club, the oldest student-run organization at Cornell, has performed and toured around the world since 1868. The first half of the concert will consist of all-male choral music from a variety of cultures, ranging from compositions from the European Renaissance to American spirituals. In the second half, the Hangovers, the a cappella subset of the Glee Club, will perform original arrangements of popular music. The final portion of the concerts will be devoted to traditional Cornell songs, including the Evening Song and Cornell’s Alma Mater. More information: Lorayn Light, 607-255-4760, email LL48@cornell.edu.

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